



RAINFOREST RETREAT, VILLAS
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31ST ANNUAL BIRD WEEK

NOVEMBER 2ND - 9TH, 2008

Now in it's 31st year, O'Reilly's Bird Week has become Australia's leading birding event. This year, we welcome back our old friend Dave Stewart, as well as a group of guides with vast local experience unprecedented in the history of the event. The program features ample opportunities to visit all the hot spots and uncover the special birds of the Lamington area. Registration fee applicable.



GUEST SPEAKERS

ROSIE BOOTH

Rosie is from Queensland National Parks and will speak on her work on introducing captive-bred Eastern Bristlebirds into the wild, which have sadly disappeared from most of their former range in Queensland.

LEADERS

TIM O'REILLY

As a regular guide at O'Reilly's, Tim often knows where those difficult birds are hiding. He guides many overseas birding groups during the year, and his experience and easy-going style are appreciated by Bird Week people.

GLEN TRELFO

Glen's natural ability in the field is such that his groups are often rewarded with special sightings. His enthusiasm is infectious and he willingly shares his love of the natural world with his Bird Week friends.

DAVE STEWART

Dave is Australia's premier bird sound recordist, having a library of over 600 species. His quest for sound has brought him into close contact with virtually all of Australia's land birds, and his wealth of experience makes him an invaluable asset to Bird Week.

ROY SONNENBURG

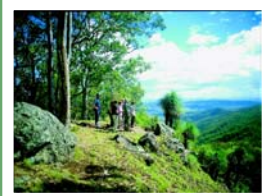
Roy is a wandering ornithologist involved in bird research, environmental consulting and birdwatching tours, and has hosted many tours to O'Reilly's over the years. Roy is a past president of Birds Queensland and a contributing facilitator on the 2003 Atlas of Australian Birds.

SEAN DOOLEY

Comedian and writer Sean Dooley is most famous for breaking the Australian twitching record in 2002, as chronicled hilariously in his famous book 'The Big Twitch'. We welcome his keen eye and enthusiasm to Bird Week.

DUNCAN FOWLER

As one of our experienced Activities guides, Duncan has a wealth of local knowledge of Lamington National Park and knows the current birding 'hot-spots'. His relaxed affinity with nature and passion for birds will be an asset this Bird Week.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND - INTRO TO BIRD WEEK

- 4:15 pm Meet fellow birders in the Theatre for an introduction to the leaders and the program, and short slide show 'Key birds and key spots'
5:15 pm Buses leave for sunset drinks at Lost World Spa
7:15 pm Dinner

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

LOCAL AREA DAY - FOCUSING ON CALLS

- 3:30 am Dawn chorus
5:30 am Early bird walk along the Border Track (2 hr)
6:30 am Short bird walk on the close rainforest tracks (1½ hr)
8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Choice of the following walks:
- Wishing Tree (1.5 km downhill, bus return)
- Python Rock (3 km return, graded track)
- Duck Creek Road eucalypts – rainforest edge to Kurrajong Lookout (2km downhill)
or bus to Balancing Rock and Moran's Falls
12:30 pm Lunch
2:00 pm Short session in the Theatre on bird calls, illustrating the birding benefits of learning their languages
2:30 pm Choice of the following walks:
- Wishing Tree (1.5 km downhill, bus return)
- Python Rock (3 km return, graded track)
- Duck Creek Road eucalypts – Kurrajong turnoff to Bellbird Ledge (2km downhill)
or bus to Luke's Bluff
6:30 pm Review of the Day in the Theatre – highlights, stories, questions, a few slides and bird count, with a free drink to the sighting of the day
7:15 pm Dinner

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

- 5:30 am Breakfast begins
6:15 am Bus leaves for the Gold Coast to observe waders and other coastal species in the Southport Broadwater, South Stradbroke Island and some productive coastal waterholes (lunch out)
7:00 am Walk down the Stockyard Creek track to the Kerry Valley, following the route the O'Reilly's guests rode in the 1920s and 30s (9 km, lunch out, downhill but the track is rough and loose underfoot)
8:30 am Kerry Valley bus trip – explore the bird-rich waterholes and dry forests on the western side of Lamington National Park (lunch out)
9:00 am West Cliffs walk (4 km, some uphill on return journey, back for lunch)
12:30 pm Lunch
2:00 pm Local bird walk – rainforest edges. The rainforest can be a quiet place in the afternoon, and often more activity can be found around its edges (local stroll, 2 hr)
6:30 pm Review of the Day, and 'The Birds of Talan Island, Russia', with Roy Sonnenburg
7:15 pm Dinner

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

- 5:30 am Breakfast begins
6:00 am Birds of the Eastern Lagoons – a bus trip to the waterholes of the Canungra Valley and towards the coast (6 hr, home for lunch)
6:30 am Local bird walk (1½ hr)
7:30 am Breakfast
8:00 am Walk to the temperate beech forest of Mt Bithongabel – home of Rufous Scrub-bird and Olive Whistler (13 km return, graded track, lunch out)
9:00 am Rainforest birding on Duck Creek Road (3½ hr, back for lunch)
12:30 pm Lunch
2:30 pm Open activity – destination to be advised
2:30 pm Walk to Moran's Falls (2.5 km downhill, bus return)
2:30 pm 'Birding without binoculars' – we'll see how many species we can ID from call and behaviour
6:30 pm Rosie Booth from Queensland National Parks will speak on her exciting work on introducing captive-bred Eastern Bristlebirds into the wild. This species, once a regular on our Bird Week lists, sadly has disappeared from most of its former range in Queensland.
7:15 pm Dinner

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

LOCAL AREA DAY - FOCUSING ON HABITAT

- 6:00 am Bus to Bradfield's Farm area for dry rainforest species (2 hr, back for breakfast)
6:30 am Rainforest bird walk – lower Wishing Tree track (1½ hr)
6:30 am Local bird walk (1½ hr)
8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Choice of the following walks:
- Python Rock (3 km return, graded track)
- Border Track (approx 3.5km, graded track)
- Wishing Tree (1.5km downhill, bus return)
12:30 pm Lunch
2:00 pm Short theatre presentation: 'Birds and habitats'
Walks to:
- Rainforest stroll with Bill McDonald – for those who can't see the forest for the birds!
- West Cliffs (4km, some uphill on return journey)
- Local bird walk, rainforest edges
Bus to:
- Belson's Road
6:30 pm Review of the Day
7:00 pm Barbecue dinner in the Pavilion
8:15 pm Spotlight for Sooty Owl and Marbled Frogmouth - Canungra Road or Wishing Tree track.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

- 5:30 am Breakfast begins
6:00 am Birds of the Lowland Forests – a bus ride down Duck Creek Road and a walk into the low-level scrub along lower Cainbale Creek and dry woodland areas (6 hr, home for lunch)
7:00 am Walk down the Stockyard Creek track to the Kerry Valley, following the route the O'Reilly's guests rode in the 1920s and 30s (9 km, lunch out, downhill but the track is rough and loose underfoot)
8:00 am Walk to the temperate beech forest of Mt Bithongabel – home of Rufous Scrub-bird and Olive Whistler (13 km return, graded track, lunch out)
9:00 am Canopy birding – get a bird's eye view by spending some time on the famous Tree-top Walk (1½ hr)
11:00 am Stroll along the Border Track (approx 2 km, graded track)
12:30 pm Lunch
2:30 pm A session on wildlife photography with our resident expert Glen Trelfo – all levels of experience welcome!
2:30 pm Open activity – destination to be advised
2:30 pm Bus to Luke's Bluff
6:30 pm Review of the Day, and Dave Stewart's 'Bird (and other!) Sounds of Australia'
7:15 pm Dinner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

- 5:30 am Breakfast begins
6:00 am Birds of the Western Lagoons – a bus trip to the waterholes of the Beaudesert area (6 hr, back for lunch)
6:30 am Python Rock circuit – down the old track, back the new (1½ hr, 2 km, back for breakfast)
9:00 am Rainforest stroll with Bill Mc Donald.
9:00 am Elabana Falls walk – beautiful rainforest walk with a lovely waterfall (7km, but return earlier if you wish. Back for lunch)
9:00 am West Cliffs (4 km, some uphill on return journey, back for lunch)
12:30 pm Lunch
2:30 pm Final species count for Bird Week 2008, in the theatre
3:30 pm Walk to Moonlight Crag via Wishing Tree (2km), Red Road (1½ km) or Moran's Falls (2 km), getting a lift up the last hill in the bus
4:30 pm Bus leaves for Moonlight Crag with stops along the way
5:30 pm Sunset drinks at Moonlight Crag lookout
7:00 pm 31st Annual Bird Week dinner in the Dining Room, including the BW awards

PLEASE NOTE - PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE



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