



RAINFOREST RETREAT, VILLAS
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WILDLIFE WEEK

JANUARY 18TH - 24TH, 2009

This summer, escape to the rainforest and discover another world – the world of pademelons, bandicoots, echidnas, gliders, birds, reptiles and frogs. Join us for an exciting week of tracking, trapping and sneaking up on wildlife. The World Heritage-listed sub-tropical rainforest of Lamington National Park is a perfect environment for anyone keen to learn more about our wildlife and provides the ideal opportunity for us to view them in their natural habitat. Our comprehensive program caters for everyone from the novice to those with serious interests in researching threatened species. The program is a fantastic chance to discover many of the creatures that inhabit this unique and diverse region, and combines presentations with plenty of field trips to put newfound knowledge into practice.

LEADERS

Dr Ian Gynther is a Senior Conservation Officer with the Conservation Services Division of the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (Southern Region). Ian has a very broad knowledge of Australian fauna, and has previously been a leader of Mammal, Bird and Frog Weeks at O'Reilly's.

Melanie Venz is a Zoologist working with the Wildlife Ecology Unit within the Environmental Sciences Division of Queensland's Environmental Protection Agency. She has extensive fauna survey experience and has been a leader on many Mammal Week programs.

Harry Hines is one of our 'frogging gurus' and has been a leader at many of our previous Frog Weeks. Harry also works for the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and the South-east Queensland Threatened Frogs Recovery Team.

Ed Meyer works for the University of Queensland, and is another of our 'frogging gurus'. Ed is also an experienced Frog Week leader.

Tim O'Reilly, third generation family member and experienced rainforest guide, will have the task of coordinating the program, logistics, buses, food, guests, leaders and animals!

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr Steve Van Dyck is the Senior Curator of Vertebrates at the Queensland Museum. His research interests have included carnivorous marsupials in Australia and PNG and documentation of the status, distribution and ecology of various rare and threatened Queensland mammal taxa. He is also a committed whale-undertaker.

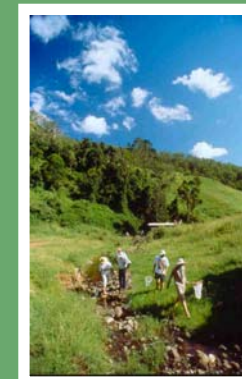
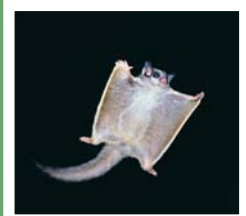
Martin Fingland is a Ranger with Geckoes Wildlife Presentations, a company that specialises in educating and entertaining the community with real Australian wildlife.

Scott Eipper is an experienced herpetologist from Nature4You and will be bringing a few of his snakey friends along to join us!

THINGS TO BRING

- Binoculars for spotting very small mammals at the top of very tall trees
- Ample warm clothing for evening excursions
- Raincoat (if we're lucky!)
- Torch – head torches are particularly good for seeing eye-shine
- Long trousers and sturdy footwear for scrub-bashing at trapping sites

Note: In an effort to reduce the chances of spreading diseases harmful to our wildlife, please ensure your footwear is cleaned of mud and debris before coming up to Lamington National Park.



WILDLIFE WEEK 2009

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH

- 4:00pm Introduction to Wildlife Week and an overview of the fauna of the Lamington area, by Ian Gynther
- 5:30pm Welcome drinks in the Rainforest Room
- 6:30pm Dinner
- 8:15pm Short spotlighting walk in the grounds & surrounding rainforest in search of mammals, frogs, reptiles and nocturnal birds.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH

- 6:30am Local bird walk
- 7:30am Breakfast
- 9:00am Setting of Elliott traps in the eucalypt forest
- 12.30pm Lunch
- 2:30pm Talk - Snakes alive! Snake awareness and safety in the bush with an emphasis on species from Lamington National Park, by experienced herpetologist Scott Eipper of Nature4You (and his snakes).
- 4:15 pm Talk – Finding and identifying frogs, by Ed Meyer
- 6:30pm Dinner
- 8:15pm Bus trip – frogging at Charlie's Waterhole, Lake Cainbale and spotlighting in the dry forest on the Canungra Road

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH

- 6:00am Bus trip – checking of Elliott traps in the eucalypt forest
- 7:30am Breakfast
- 9:30am Walk to Morans Falls (return by bus) to look for Marsupial Frog, Masked Mountain Frog, Land Mullet & other species
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 1:30pm Creature feature - display of animal captures
- 2:30pm Talk – Frogs of Lamington National Park, by Harry Hines
- 4:30pm Bat trap setting
- 6:30pm Dinner
- 8:15pm Bat trap checking and frogging at Stockyard Creek

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST

- 6:00am Bus trip – checking of Elliott traps in the eucalypt forest
- 7:30am Breakfast
- 9:30am Elliott trap checking and collection and pitfall trap checking in the rainforest near the guesthouse
- 11:00am Talk – Reptiles of Lamington National Park, by Ed Meyer
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 1:30pm Creature feature - display of animal captures
- 2:30pm Tree Top Walk and Botanic Gardens walk with focus on birds and reptiles
- 3.45pm Afternoon tea
- 4:15pm Mammal lecture or workshop with Steve van Dyck, Queensland Museum
- 6:30pm Dinner
- 8:15pm Bus trip – spotlighting for Greater Gliders on Duck Creek Road and a visit to Rose & Joe's dam, one of the best frogging locations on the mountain

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND

- 6:00am Bus trip – checking of Elliott traps in the eucalypt forest
- 7:30am Breakfast
- 8.30am Picnic Rock walk with second chance for Marsupial Frog and Masked Mountain Frog, plus other species
- 11.00am Presentation – 'Martin's Menagerie', by Martin Fingland, Geckoes Wildlife Presentations, featuring a diverse array of captive Australian mammal, frog and reptile species
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 1:30pm Creature feature - display of animal captures
- 2:30pm Bus trip to the Canungra and Kerry valleys, with dinner out. A tour of the lowland habitat surrounding Lamington featuring mammals such as Eastern Grey Kangaroo, a range of bats and possibly Platypus and Squirrel Glider. If conditions are suitable we'll also search for a range of lowland frogs and maybe a few birds if time permits! In between we'll squeeze in a barbecue dinner at Darlington Park.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD

- 6:00am Bus trip – checking and collection of Elliott traps in the eucalypt forest
- 8:00am Breakfast
- 9.30am Eucalypt forest bird walk and Koala search, with checking of pitfall traps in open forest.
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 1:30pm Creature feature - display of animal captures
- 2.00pm Take a break or join the Discovery Program
- 5:00pm Sunset Drinks at Moonlight Crag
- 7:00pm Wildlife Week Dinner, including feedback session and favourite animal stories of the week.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH

- 6:00am Clearing and collection of any remaining traps
- 7:30am Breakfast
- 9:30am Last ditch attempt at finding any species of interest. Any requests welcome.
- 12:15pm Final species list for Wildlife Week 2009

~ END OF WILDLIFE WEEK 2009 ~

Please note that this program is subject to change without notice

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