



## FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

17 August, 2018

### Latham's Snipe: A Mysterious Migrant

The Sunshine Coast will soon welcome up to 1500 migratory birds from Japan. These medium sized birds, Latham's Snipe will have flown over 7000 kilometres to spend summer in Australia. With a few days to recover in islands around New Guinea, they arrive in preferred wetlands along Australia's east coast, where the Sunshine Coast has become an important staging point. They



Urban wetlands are important habitat for Latham's Snipe.

then fly south to feeding grounds in Victoria, Canberra and Tasmania.

At Noosa Parks Association's Friday Environment Forum on August 17 the audience will hear from Dr Birgita Hansen, the scientist coordinating the Snipe Project both in Australia and Japan. **Meet local Snipe enthusiast, Lynn Scott** who will introduce the video of Dr Hansen and explain more about the fascinating life of this bird.

By successfully attaching radio trackers to birds Dr Hansen and her team in the Snipe Project have been able to follow the snipe's migratory paths and understand how they are able to make their way over the vast distances between Australia and Japan.

Join the audience at the Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive, Noosaville from 10 am for coffee with the forum commencing at 10.30am. To learn about the local Wallace Park bird population meet Valda and the Interpretive Birders in the car park at 8.30am.

All welcome.



Dr Birgita Hansen and volunteers use scientific methods to learn more about the flight paths and Australian feeding grounds of migratory Latham's Snipe.