



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

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Birds of Paradise in West Papua



Wilson's Bird of Paradise

This week's guest speaker at Friday Environment Forum will be keen bird observer Lynn Scott. Lynn spent time exploring the jungles of West Papua in search of the iconic Birds of Paradise. "Aptly named but their paradise is disappearing and with that these birds", reports Lynn.

She laments, "Reviewing my trip was sad as I know several of the birds' habitats that I photographed no longer exist and the birds are gone. Each Bird of Paradise is so niche specific it doesn't have a choice to move, it dies".

Lynn has captured stunning photographs of male birds dancing in the hope of impressing a female. She offers a window on the environmental destruction being wrought, not only on the Birds of Paradise but also the people who live in these pristine jungles as Indonesia strengthens its grip on this ancient island and life changes forever.

Join Lynn as she recalls her early morning forays into the environmentally unique mountain rainforests of West Papua in search of the elusive Bird of Paradise. Meet the local Bowerbird and learn more about the intricate bower it constructs. All are welcome to join the audience at Friday Environment Forum from 10.30am till 12.15pm. Come along to the Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive, Noosaville for morning tea and a friendly chat from 10am.

Investigate the birds of Wallace Park with Valda and the Interpretive Birding Group.
Meet at 8.30am in the car park.
All welcome



Bowerbird bower decorated with found objects.