



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM NPA Environment Centre

5 July 2019

'Nesting Behaviour'



Lewin's Honeyeater nest

There is a logical reason why birds are the only vertebrates in which all species reproduce by laying eggs, their flight would be hampered if they had to carry their young! Most bird species build nests to protect their eggs from predators. Coming in all shapes and sizes, some nests can take weeks to build while others appear as a mere scrape in the ground. Eggs are invariably oval but differ in size, colour, markings and clutch number. Australian songbirds lay small clutches compared to Northern Hemisphere birds and the incubation period is longer.

The guest speaker at this week's Noosa Parks Association Friday Environment Forum is **Dr Richard Noske**. He is an expert in avian life histories and breeding biology in Australia, Indonesia and New Guinea and has written over 100 papers, three books and numerous other book chapters and articles.

Richard says, "After hatching, the young are usually provisioned by both parents, but in many Aussie birds, uncles and aunts also help." Dr Noske will focus on this particular type of cooperative breeding as well as what is still unknown concerning nesting habits of birds.

To learn more about all things avian, join the audience on **Friday July 19** at the **NPA Environment Centre**, 5 Wallace Drive, Noosaville from 10.30am to 12.15pm. Coffee will be on offer 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



Brown Gerygone nest