



Noosa Parks Association Inc.



BIRD OBSERVERS GROUP – 2022 PROGRAM

All Sunday outings commence at **8am**. Friday morning's guest speakers will form part of the Friday Environment Forum (on the given days). A quarterly meeting will be held at the Environment Centre to deal with bird-related matters. All members are welcome to attend.

An Interpretive Birding Walk takes place every **second** and **forth** Friday only before each Friday Environment Forum. Meet in the Environment Centre car park at Wallace Park, Eumundi Road, Noosaville beside the Library at 8:30am. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DAYS AGAIN FOR THIS YEAR**

Date	Event/Speaker	Details
Tuesday 1st February	Bird Observers meeting	9am at the Environment Centre
Friday 11 th February	Speaker Richard Fuller	'Seabirds of the Sunshine Coast'
Sunday 20 th March	Outing Woondum National Park Cooran	This is a new site for this group - west of the township of Cooran
Friday 8 th April	Speaker Peter Odekerken	'Visits to the Central Amazon Basin'
Tuesday 3 rd May	Bird Observers meeting	9am at the Environment Centre
Sunday 15 th May	Outing Ringtail State Forest	Cooloothin Creek. We will re-survey a section of the Noosa Koala Corridor
Friday 10 th June	Speaker Kieran Aland	'Current status of Eastern Ground Parrot on the Sunshine Coast, as indicated by acoustic recordings'
Sunday 17 th July	Outing Emu Mountain Coolum	No, we will not be climbing the mountain but rather looking for birds in an area of very interesting vegetation
Tuesday 2 nd August	Bird Observers meeting	9am at the Environment Centre
Friday 12 th August	Speaker Angus Innes	'Carnage on the Flyways - the illegal killing, trapping and taking of migratory birds in the Mediterranean Region, the centre of the African-Eurasian Flyway'
Sunday 4 th September	Outing Maroochy River	'Hidden Valley'. We will visit a secluded private 'Land for Wildlife' property nestled within the Maroochy River valley
Friday 14 th October	Speaker Richard Howard	An update on NICA projects of the Noosa River
Tuesday 8 th November	Bird Observers meeting	9am at the Environment Centre
Sunday 20 st November	Outing Cooloothin	Private property. Nori has offered a return visit to see all the birds on her property. Our last visit was 12 years ago.

ALL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO

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As most members have spent more time at home this past year, the garden has been a sanctuary. Our February speaker, Steve Popple gave excellent advice on how to 'Birdscape' gardens to attract more bird species. In April, Lisa Ryan told how everyone can become Citizen scientists with Climate Watch. Yandina Creek Wetland was the subject for June, when Judith Hoyle presented the history behind the new reserve, and explained the 'Blue Heart' initiative of the S.C. Council. Daniella Teixeira was unable to give an update on Malleefowl recovery in August. Alex Western spoke of studies undertaken on the effect of fire on Glossy Black-Cockatoo habitat on 8th October. The final speaker for 2021 was Russell McGregor. He reflected on the centenary of the rediscovery of the Paradise Parrot. 'Today, the Paradise Parrot has the lamentable status of being the only mainland Australian bird species listed by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, as extinct.' Russell reminded the audience that just having laws in place is not enough to save species, and we must all be vigilant. The March field outing for 2021 was cancelled after heavy rain waterlogged the Eumundi property. The May outing to Kin Kin, Site 15 of the Noosa Bird Trial, was very successful attracting 21 participants and recording 65 bird species. In July, the group revisited private property at Ash Lane, Black Mountain where 22 observers, rugged up against the windy winter's day, recorded 41 bird species. September's outing to another Noosa Bird Trial site, Boreen Point, was pleasant with 21 people recording 49 species. The November outing site was Cilento Bushland Conservation Reserve in Nambour. An amazing 62 bird species were recorded by the 25 participants who, for some, were visiting this interesting area for the first time. The average attendance for the four outings was 22, while the average specie count was 54 – both slightly higher than the previous year. Wallace Park surveys were again reduced to 19 for the year. The average attendance was down to 13 people, with travel restrictions effecting some visiting observers this year. An average of 25 species was recorded, which is similar to the previous two years. The weight of the Flying Fox colony in the Melaleuca trees early in the year stripped the trees and caused many to fall. With reduced Wallace Park surveys, observers were keen to survey other local sites. The first one was Kauri Park at Cooroy, which now has become the first Bush Care site for Cooroy. An amazing 64 species was recorded for Grasstree Court where the team continue to battle to save Glossy Black-cockatoo habitat. An average of 41 species was recorded for eleven surveys. Thanks to Angela for leading these extra surveys and entering the data to eBird. I have continued monthly newsletters and recorded unusual sightings. Pale-vented Bush-hen, Little Grassbird, Painted Button-quail, and King Quail are just some recorded for the Noosa area. Thanks to everyone who have helped make 2021 a successful year of birding in Noosa. Valda McLean.