



## Noosa Parks Association Inc.



### BIRD OBSERVERS GROUP – 2023 PROGRAM

All Sunday outings commence at **8am**. I will send out details closer to the dates.

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 **fourth** 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.

Date	Event/Speaker	Details
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Bird Observers meeting</b>	9am at the Environment Centre
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Speaker Gillie Matthew	'Bird Research and Banding'
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Outing Pomona	Tuchekoi National Park, Mount Cooroora, Site 5 of Noosa Bird Trail
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Speaker Robyn Combes	'Backyards for Biodiversity'
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Bird Observers meeting</b>	9am at the Environment Centre
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Outing Peregian	Peregian Springs
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Speaker Andrew Thelander	'Traveling and birding in the Amazon local-style'
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Outing Ringtail State Forest	Cooloothin Creek. We will re-survey a section of the Noosa Koala Corridor to see what birds have been attracted to plantings
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	<b>Bird Observers meeting</b>	9am at the Environment Centre
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Speaker Alan Franks	23 years of working for hollow dependant species
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Outing Eumundi	Re-visit private property at Eumundi Range Road
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Speaker Gaz & Deb Quirk	'Finding and photographing Australian birds'
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Bird Observers meeting</b>	9am at the Environment Centre
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Outing Peregian	Noosa National Park Peregian. Di Shun Wah will be our host.

**ALL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO**

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## Noosa Parks Association Inc. Bird Observers Group ANNUAL REPORT 2022



Throughout 2022, the general public has again benefited from the collaboration this group has with Friday Forum. The five bird related speaker subjects provided, attracted good numbers. Professor Richard Fuller's presentation covered details of local and migratory birds seen at sea, as well as seabird conservation on Raine, Lord Howe and Macquarie Islands. Sunshine Coast Ground Parrot status was the subject of Kieran Aland's presentation. The distribution of the S. C. population has declined. Habitat size and connectivity matters to this species. Angus Innes spoke of how millions of migrating land and water birds are killed annually. His presentation titled 'Carnage on the Flyways' was particularly about the African Eurasian Flyway including Malta Cyprus and Italy. New laws with heavier penalties are now in place. Peter Odekerken's presented beautiful bird photos of Columbia and the Amazon. Columbia is the location of the country containing the most bird species. It boasts of 1,884 bird species, which is 16.9% of global total! Richard Howard's presentation of 'Noosa's Threatened Shorebirds' concentrated on the waders of the Noosa River. There are 66 Ramsar sites in Australia. The Noosa estuary is between the Great Sandy and Moreton Bay Ramsar sites. Woondum National Park, Cooran was a new and interesting outing site attended by 17 people, recording 38 bird species. Thanks to Russ for this suggestion and leadership. The May outing to survey the Koala Corridor was cancelled due to heavy flooding rain. The narrow Emu Mt. track, a section Noosa National Park, attracted 18 observers who recorded 42 bird species. A group of 19 enjoyed visiting the private 'Hidden Valley' property to observe an amazing 65 bird species. Another private property, at Cooloothin also attracted 19 members recording 37 bird species. Butterfly sightings and the hospitality of property owners was enjoyed and appreciated by everyone. The average attendance for the four outings was 18, while the average specie count was 45 – both slightly lower than the previous year. The number of Flying Fox visiting Wallace Park in 2022 was less than the previous huge colony of 2021. That has allowed the Melaleuca trees to slowly recover. An average of 12 people attended the 16 surveys to record an average of 25 species. Butterfly sightings and interesting bird activities make this walk a popular exercise. Members also surveyed Harry Springs, Kauri Park, Noosa Banks, Eumundi Conservation Park, and Great Sandy National Park, during the year to record an average of 28 bird species. All data has been entered to eBird thanks to Angela. As Spencer and Maxine continue to fight for Glossy Black-Cockatoo habitat, their request to have the species 'declared' has been successful. Not only has the South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo now been listed as vulnerable on the threatened species list under Environmental law. This listing is supported by a commitment of more than \$200 million to help arrest species decline and restore populations of endangered plants and animals. Spencer also proposed that we form a Threatened Species group to educate and promote awareness. NPA Management has given approval for the formation of a group within Noosa Parks Bird Observers. It will be known as Noosa Parks Ass. Threatened Species Group. The 2022 year has been interesting and rewarding for this group as new members join and we continue to study and understand our local birds and protect their habitat. V.McLean