



Noosa Parks Association Inc.



BIRD OBSERVERS GROUP – 2025 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 4 th February	Bird Observers meeting	9am at the Environment Centre
Friday 14 th February	Speaker Adrian Gallagher	'Metabolic Bone disease in juvenile birds, and the likely effects of feeding wild birds, a Veterinary perspective'
Sunday 16 th March	Outing Carter's Ridge	Private property. Tim Gilder will be our host
Friday 11 th April	Speaker Simone Bosshard	'Shorebirds of the Sunshine Coast Region'
Tuesday 6 th May	Bird Observers meeting	9am at the Environment Centre
Sunday 18 th May	Outing Imbil	Yabba Creek and Borumba dam area
Friday 13 th June	Speaker Bryan Walsh	"Natures Boarding House"
Sunday 20 th July	Outing Nambour	Cilento Bushland Conservation Reserve Waterfalls Road Nambour
Tuesday 5 th August	Bird Observers meeting	9am at the Environment Centre
Friday 8 th August	Speaker Russell McGregor	'Enchantment by Birds'
Sunday 21 st September	Outing Amamoor	We will visit Amama day-use area
Friday 10 th October	Speaker Carol Pople	'Birding in the Pantanal and Amazon of Brazil'
Tuesday 11 th November	Bird Observers meeting	9am at the Environment Centre
Sunday 16 th November	Outing Tinbeerwah	Private property. Alison and Peter Upton will be our hosts

ALL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO

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As I reflect on the year past, I believe this group has been able to help more people understand, enjoy and protect Noosa's birdlife. Members have again enjoyed following the daily lives of Wallace Park birds, and the results of those 19 surveys have been entered into the eBird database. The resident Tawny Frogmouth pair have again successfully raised two chicks. Our program included speakers to present bird related topics at Friday Forum.

February's topic was about the good bad and ugly of living with wildlife thanks to Adrian Caneris. He covered a range of topics and said 'We need better knowledge and understanding of urban wildlife and accept that some species (weeds) are habitat/resource. Our dumps are even important places for some wildlife.

In April, Gillian Matthew spoke of the seven groups of islands south of New Zealand reputed to be 'the most diverse collection of seabirds in the world'. These islands are now protected by UNESCO World Heritage, rough seas and isolation.

Russell McGregor, our June speaker, gave an interesting presentation of the history of bird feeding in Australia.

Raptors can be hard to identify in flight, but Jon Norling presented helpful tips and pointers to make it a little easier, when he spoke in August.

Gary Quirk returned in October to show photos and speak of their special bird encounters as he and Debbie travelled Australia. Steve Pople added to this Friday Forum by telling us how to use eBird to learn where and how to find birds.

The March outing was to Shepperson's Park at Kin Kin, which is one of the Noosa Bird Trail sites. Twelve people attended and recorded 50 bird species as well as our first sighting of a Tawny Coster butterfly.

The Imbil-Brooloo Rail Trail outing in May was very popular. Fourteen people enjoyed great birding and recorded 70 bird species.

Woodland Drive section of Noosa National Park is another Noosa Bird Trail site a group of 17 enjoyed visiting in July. We recorded 53 bird species in the diverse habitat.

In September, a group of 18 had the privilege of visiting 'Danger Bridge' at Cootharaba which is a private 'Land for Wildlife' property. The bird list of 53 species included several raptors.

The final outing for 2024 was to an interesting old forestry trail at Black Mountain which is transitioning to National Park. The group of 18 observers recorded 44 bird species, several of which were busy nesting.

This year members have surveyed another 15 sites around the shire, including the Ringtail Creek Koala Corridor where the revegetation plantings are well established, and Lake Macdonald where water levels have been lowered for the dam wall reconstruction. An average of 10 people participated to record an average of 42 bird species.

In September I agreed to a request to survey Bushcare sites in Noosa Shire. Nine coordinators so far, have asked our group to visit their site and four have been surveyed. The reports have been shared with the coordinators, Emma Smith as Community Bushland Care Officer, and entered into eBird database. Extra surveys including Bushcare sites will continue in 2025.

Each year, our program includes meetings and newsletters to kept members informed, and aware of the birdlife of Noosa we all enjoy.

A special thanks to Angela for leading outings and recording data, and to everyone who have helped make 2024 a very successful birding year.

Valda McLean