

**THE LIST OF BIRDS, MAMMALS, REPTILES
AND AMPHIBIANS RECORDED ON THE
GRAND AUSTRALIA PART II TOUR**

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TOUR REPORT

“Tick, tick, tickaroo,” became the chorus of our group as the fabulous, colourful, and rare birds of Australia focused sharply in our binoculars. After arriving in Melbourne and enjoying an audience with a large mob of eastern gray kangaroos, including some big bucks, we made our way to the Little Desert National Park. There were lots of great birds here with pride of place going to the Malleefowl—the enigmatic desert megapode. Other great sightings followed in rapid succession including point-blank views of Gilbert’s Whistler, Shy Heathwren, Rufous Fieldwren, Diamond Firetail, and the rare Slender-billed Thornbill. At Hattah Lakes we found Emus with striped chicks, delicate Mallee Emuwrens, unbelievable Splendid Fairywrens, the lightning-fast Striated Grasswren, fabulous parrots including both Mulga and Regent Parrots, and, on our last morning, some surprise Black Honeyeaters—always a special desert nomad.

We kicked off proceedings in Deniliquin with our good friend Phil Maher. Megabirds came fast and furious all day including Superb Parrot, Painted Buttonquail, Australian Spotted and Baillon’s crakes, Musk Duck, and White-backed Swallow in the morning session. After lunch we scoped Major Mitchell’s Cockatoo, Orange Chat, Diamond Dove, had a stunning Australian Owlet-Nightjar, and played cat-and-mouse with a Spotless Crake. During the evening we enjoyed four Plains-wanderers (a personal record for me) and a bonus small flock of Inland Dotterels, plus Stubble Quail. This was a great birding day!

Thanks to the wonder of the jet engine, the next day we were in sunny Queensland and, like the previous week, our roll of good luck continued. Exploring the Kerry Valley with good friend Tim

O'Reilly turned up the elusive White-eared Monarch, Speckled Warbler, and a Southern Boobook owl. At O'Reillys Guesthouse we had the most astonishing views ever of a male Albert's Lyrebird, a pair of Paradise Riflebirds with the male in display mode hanging off the side of a tree a couple of metres up and flashing his yellow gape, Spotted Quail-thrush at arms-length, and a Marbled Frogmouth that responded like a rocket. It was perhaps the koala with a joey that was the biggest highlight—one lady was reduced to tears of happiness—a special moment for all.

Winging our way to the tropical north, our stay at Kingfisher Park was wonderful, with good food, accommodations, and birds. One of our best sightings was of a Masked Owl (one of Australia's toughest birds to see) sitting in a tree hollow at dusk, while a White-throated Nightjar flew around us. There were lots of great birds, and we especially enjoyed excellent views of Chowchilla, Fernwren, Pied Monarch, Lovely Fairywren, Blue-faced Parrotfinch, Tooth-billed Bowerbird at the display ground, Yellow-breasted Boatbill at the nest, male Victoria's Riflebird, Squatter Pigeon, Black-throated Finch, Cotton Pygmy-goose, flocks of Sarus Crane and Brolga, Papuan Frogmouth, Black Bittern and Wompoo Fruit-Dove to mention a few.

Our tour concluded on the Great Barrier Reef with a visit to Michaelmas Cay. Thousands of tropical terns at arm's-length are always a special treat with sightings of Great Frigatebird, and Bridled, Black-naped, and Lesser Crested terns amongst the better birds. It was the snorkeling on Hastings Reef that perhaps made a lasting impression with dazzling fish and colourful corals. On my snorkel I spotted titan triggerfish, three species of anemone fish, a potato cod about two metres long, Moorish idol, beaked chetodon, humphead wrasse, numerous parrotfish, giant clams, and so much more! We finished our trip with 356 species of birds—a very good result.

This was a very special group of participants and I would like to thank everyone for the good laughs and camaraderie we enjoyed in the field. So special thanks to Jill Collyer, Sandra Dashney, Bill Kee, Frank Lee, and Grace Nutting. I look forward to traveling with you again in the future.

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ITINERARY

- 6 October:** PM Arrive Melbourne
7 October: AM Woodlands Historic Park then drive to Little Desert National Park via Grampians National Park.
8 October: Little Desert National Park with Gordon and Whimpey. PM Drive to Ouyen via Lake Hindmarsh.
9 October: Exploring Hattah Lakes National Park.
10 October: AM Ouyen Bushland Reserve. PM Drive to Deniliquin via Kerang.
11 October: Full day birding Deniliquin
12 October: Drive to Melbourne and fly to Brisbane.
13 October: AM Drive to Mount Tamborine and spend rest of day birding in Kerry Valley. Night O'Reillys
14 October: O'Reillys
15 October: O'Reillys to Brisbane. Fly to Cairns and transfer to Kingfisher Park.
16 October: AM Mount Lewis PM Mount Carbine
17 October: AM Daintree Cruise-Newell's Beach. PM Julatten
18 October: AM Kingfisher Park, Mt. Molloy, Big Mitchell Creek, Longlands Gap, The Crater, Hasties Swamp. PM Cairns Espalande.
19 October: Great Barrier Reef Michaelmas Cay and Hastings Reef
20 October: AM Cassowary House, Kuranda and Centenary Lakes. PM Fly to Sydney. Tour ends.

KEY

- Woodlands Historic Park= WHP
Grampians National Park=GNP
Little Desert National Park=LDNP
Hattah Lakes National Park=HLNP
Deniliquin = Deni
O'Reillys=OR including Duck Creek Road and Kerry Valley
Kingfisher Park=KP
Mt. Lewis=ML
Mt. Molloy=MM
Quaid Dam=QD
Daintree River=DR
Cairns Esplanade=CE
Cassowary House, Kuranda=CH
Michaelmas Cay=MC
E=Endemic

BIRDLIST

- 1 **Emu *Dromaius novaehollandiae*: E** (20) HLNP and (10) Deni.
- 2 **Hoary-headed Grebe *Poliiocephalus poliocephalus*: E** (10) at Nhill Sewage Farm on 8 Oct; (15) at HLNP on 9 Oct and (10) Deni on 11 Oct.
- 3 **Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*: (20)** at Lake Boort in Victoria on 10 Oct and (1) KV on 13 Oct.
- 4 **Australasian Grebe *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*:** Recorded on 5 days with max. (10) at Deni.
- 5 **Australian Pelican *Pelecanus conspicillatus*:** Recorded on 6 days with max. (50) on 10 Oct near Kerang.
- 6 **Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*: (10)** MC
- 7 **Darter *Anhinga melanogaster*:** Recorded on 4 days with max. (5) Hasties Swamp.
- 8 **Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*: (2)** HLNP and (4) Deni.
- 9 **Pied Cormorant *P. varius*: (20)** Lake Boga on 10 Oct.
- 10 **Little Black Cormorant *P. sulcirostris*:** Recorded on 3 days with max. (10) Deni.
- 11 **Little Pied Cormorant *P. melanoleucos*:** Recorded on 5 days with max. (10) on 15 Oct.
- 12 **Greater Frigatebird *Fregata minor*: (3)** MC
- 13 **White-necked Heron *Ardea pacifica*:** Recorded on 5 days with max. (10) Deni.
- 14 **Great Egret *Ardea alba*:** Recorded on 5 days with max. (10) CE.
- 15 **Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*:** Recorded on 4 days with max. (10) Hasties Swamp.
- 16 **White-faced Heron *Ardea novaehollandiae*:** Recorded on 5 days with max. (4) HLNP.

- 17 **Little Egret *Egretta garzetta***: (2) Quaid Dam on 18 Oct.
- 18 **Little Heron *Butorides striatus***: (1) Newell's Beach on 17 Oct and (1) studied closely at CE on 18 Oct.
- 19 **Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis***: Recorded on 4 days with max. (100) on 17 Oct.
- 20 **Rufous Night Heron *Nycticorax caledonicus***: (1) DR
- 21 **Black Bittern *Ixobrychus flavicollis***: (1) female gave a great view on DR.

- 22 **Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus***: (2) KV, looked superb in afternoon light.
- 23 **Australian White Ibis *Threskiornis molucca***: Recorded on 6 days with max. (20) Kerang on 10 Oct.
- 24 **Straw-necked Ibis *T. spinicollis***: Recorded on 6 days with max. (300) at Kerang on 10 Oct.
- 25 **Royal Spoonbill *Platalea regia***: Recorded on 5 days with max. (50) on 13 Oct in KV.
- 26 **Yellow-billed Spoonbill *P. flavipes***: E Recorded on 4 days with max. (3) in Deni.

- 27 **Magpie Goose *Anseranas semipalmatus***: (5) Quaid Dam and (500) Hasties Swamp on 18 Oct.

- 28 **Plumed Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna eytonii***: E (500) KV and (10) Hasties Swamp.
- 29 **Wandering Whistling Duck *D. arcuata***: (3) KV, (50) Quaid Dam on both 15 and 18 Oct and (2) Hasties Swamp.
- 30 **Black Swan *Cygnus atratus***: E Recorded on 5 days with max. (20) on three dates.
- 31 **Australian Shelduck *Tadorna tadornoides***: E Recorded on 5 days with max. (12) near GNP.
- 32 **Green Pygmy-Goose *Nettapus pulchellus***: (20) AT Quaid Dam on both 15 and 18 Oct.
- 33 **Cotton Pygmy-Goose *N. coromandelianus***: (2) at Quaid Dam on 15 Oct gave a great view.
- 34 **Maned Duck *Chenonetta jubata***: Recorded on 6 days with max. (50) on 13 Oct in KV.
- 35 **Pink-eared Duck *Malacorhynchus membranaceus***: E (50) Deni
- 36 **Australian Grey Teal *Anas gracilis***: Recorded on 6 days with max. (200) Deni.
- 37 **Chestnut Teal *A. castanea***: (5) Deni

- 38 **Pacific Black Duck *A. superciliosa***: Recorded on 9 days with max. (30) Deni
- 39 **Australasian Shoveler *A. rhynchotis***: (10) Deni
- 40 **Hardhead *Aythya australis***: Recorded on 3 days with max. (30) HLNP common
- 41 **Musk Duck *Biziura lobata***: **E** (1) male Deni was well spotted by Frank.
- 42 **Pacific Baza *Aviceda subcristata***: (2) KV, (2) Big Mitchell Creek gave close up perched views.
- 43 **Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus axillaris***: **E** Singles seen on 4 days.
- 44 **Black Kite *Milvus migrans***: Recorded on 8 days with max. (20) Deni.
- 45 **Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus***: (2) on 15 and (4) on 17 Oct.
- 46 **Whistling Kite *Haliastur sphenurus***: Recorded on 8 days with max. (6) Kerang on 10 Oct.
- 47 **White-bellied Sea-eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster***: (1) Deni on 11 Oct was a surprise with (1) at Quaid Dam on 18 Oct giving a great perched view.
- 48 **Swamp Harrier *Circus approximans***: Recorded on 3 days with max. (4) at Deni.
- 49 **Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatus***: Singles seen on three dates.
- 50 **Collared Sparrowhawk *A. cirrhocephalus***: (1) Deni and (1) KV
- 51 **Wedge-tailed Eagle *Aquila audax***: Recorded on 5 days with max. (4) Deni.
- 52 **Little Eagle *Hieraaetus morphnoides***: Singles seen on 4 dates
- 53 **Osprey *Pandion haliaetus***: (2) on 17 and (2) on 18 Oct including an inland sighting at Quaid Dam.
- 54 **Brown Falcon *Falco berigora***: Recorded on 4 days with max. (10) at Deni.
- 55 **Australian Kestrel *F.cenchroides***: Recorded on 6 days with max. (6) near Kerang on 10 Oct.
- 56 **Australian Hobby *F. longipennis***: (1) on 10 Oct and (1) 11 Oct at Deni.
- 57 **Peregrine Falcon *F. peregrinus***: (1) Cairns on 19 Oct.

- 58 **Orange-footed Scrubfowl *Megapodius reinwardt***: (5-10) daily at KP.
- 59 **Australian Brush Turkey *Alectura lathamii***: E OR (5-10) daily, KP (5-10) daily
- 60 **Malleefowl *Leipoa ocellata***: E (3) in LDNP in Whippey's fox proof sanctuary on 8 Oct.
- 61 **Brown Quail *Coturnix ypsilophora***: (1) crossing road on 16 Oct near KP.
- 62 **Stubble Quail *Coturnix pectoralis***: E (1) male spotlit at Deni gave a great view.
- 63 **Painted Button-quail *Turnix varia***: E (4) Deni and (1) female OR gave a great view.
- 64 **Brolga *Grus rubicundus***: (3) on 18 Oct near Atherton
- 65 **Sarus Crane *G. antigone***: (100) on 18 Oct near Atherton
- 66 **Red-necked Crake *Rallina tricolor***: (1) KP 15 Oct and (1) CH on 20 Oct.
- 67 **Buff-banded Rail *Gallirallus philippensis***: (4) on 18 Oct including Mount Molloy and Hasties Swamp.
- 68 **Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla***: (2) Deni
- 69 **Australian Spotted Crake *P. fluminea***: E (2) Deni
- 70 **Spotless Crake *P. tabuensis***: (1) Deni
- 71 **White-browed Crake *P. cinerea***: (2) CP on 20 Oct.
- 72 **Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio***: Recorded on 4 days with max. (20) at Hasties Swamp on 18 Oct.
- 73 **Dusky Moorhen *Gallinula tenebrosa***: Recorded on 4 days with max. (5) on two dates.
- 74 **Black-tailed Native-hen *G. ventralis***: E (2) Deni
- 75 **Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra***: Recorded on 3 days with max. (10) Deni
- 76 **Australian Bustard *Ardeotis australis***: (5) East Maryfarms Rd near Mount Carbine all adult males.
- 77 **Plains-wanderer *Pedionomus torquatus***: E (4) Deni; both paired up males and female gave wonderful views.
- 78 **Comb-crested Jacana *Irediparra gallinacea***: Recorded on 3 days with max. (10) Quaid Dam on 18 Oct including male with chicks.

- 79 **Bush Stone-curlew *Burhinus grallarius*: (4) DR**
- 80 **Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris*: E (2)**
Cooya Beach on 17 Oct
- 81 **Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*: (1) Deni**
and (5) KV
- 82 **Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*: (5) CE**
- 83 **Lesser Sand Plover *C. mongolus*: (10) CE**
- 84 **Greater Sand Plover *C. leschenaultii*: (4) Cooya Beach**
on 17 Oct and (20) CE on 18 Oct.
- 85 **Inland Dotterel *C. australis*: E (3) spotlit at Deni was a**
major bonus.
- 86 **Black-fronted Dotterel *Elseyornis melanops*: E**
Recorded on 3 days with max. (3) DR
- 87 **Red-kneed Dotterel *Erythrogonys cinctus*: E (4) Deni**
- 88 **Banded Lapwing *Vanellus tricolor*: E (15) LDNP and (2)**
spotlit Deni
- 89 **Masked Lapwing *Vanellus miles*: Recorded on 9 days.**
- 90 **Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*: (30) CE**
- 91 **Bar-tailed Godwit *L. lapponica*: (10) CE**
- 92 **Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*: (1) Cooya Beach, (20)**
CE and (2) in flight whilst cruising to MC.
- 93 **Eastern Curlew *N. madagascariensis*: (4) Cooya Beach**
and (20) CE
- 94 **Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*: (1) Cooya**
Beach and (4) CE
- 95 **Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*: (5) CE**
- 96 **Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*: (1) Newell's**
Beach
- 97 **Grey-tailed Tattler *Heteroscelus brevipes*: (10) Cooya**
Beach and (10) CE
- 98 **Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*: (4) MC**
- 99 **Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*: (50) CE**
- 100 **Red-necked Stint *C. ruficollis*: (3) Cooya Beach and**
(200) CE
- 101 **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *C. acuminata*: (20) CE**
- 102 **Curlew Sandpiper *C. ferruginea*: (20) CE**

- 103 **Silver Gull *Larus novaehollandiae***: Recorded on 5 days with max. (50) common
- 104 **Gull-billed Tern *Sterna nilotica***: (50) CE
- 105 **Caspian Tern *S. caspia***: (10) CE
- 106 **Lesser Crested Tern *S. bengalensis***: (30) MC
- 107 **Crested Tern *S. bergii***: (1) Hasties Swamp on 18 Oct was a rare inland record; (20) MC
- 108 **Black-naped Tern *S. sumatrana***: (2) MC
- 109 **Common Tern *S. hirundo***: (20) MC
- 110 **Little Tern *S. albifrons***: (20) MC
- 111 **Bridled Tern *S. anaethetus***: (20) MC
- 112 **Sooty Tern *S. fuscata***: (1000) MC
- 113 **Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus***: (50) Kerang on 10 Oct.
- 114 **Common Noddy *Anous stolidus***: (100) MC
- 115 **Rock Pigeon *Columba livia***: Recorded on 4 days with max. (20) in Ouyen on 10 Oct.
- 116 **White-headed Pigeon *C. leucomela***: E (4) OR on 14 Oct.
- 117 **Spotted Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia chinensis***: (2) Melbourne Airport on 7 Oct and (5) Brisbane on 13 Oct.
- 118 **Brown Cuckoo-dove *Macropygia phasianella***: E (1) OR on 14 Oct with (2) Julatten SF on 17 Oct.
- 119 **Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica***: (5-10) KP daily
- 120 **Common Bronzewing *Phaps chalcoptera***: E Recorded on 6 days with max. (10) HLNP on 9 Oct.
- 121 **Crested Pigeon *Ocyphaps lophotes***: E Recorded on 5 days with max. (50) on at least three.
- 122 **Squatter Pigeon *Geophaps scripta***: E (4) came into drink near MC on 16 Oct.
- 123 **Diamond Dove *Geopelia cuneata***: E (1) Deni was a bonus.
- 124 **Peaceful Dove *G. striata***: Recorded on 6 days with with max. (3) on 16 Oct near MC.
- 125 **Bar-shouldered Dove *G. humeralis***: Recorded on 5 days with max. (10) near KP.
- 126 **Wompoo Fruit-dove *Ptilinopus magnificus***: (1) DR watched calling. Also heard OR, ML and JSF.
- 127 **Superb Fruit-dove *P. superbus***: - heard only ML, JSF and CH
- 128 **Pied Imperial Pigeon *Ducula bicolor***: Recorded on 3 days with max. (50) DR- common in tropics

- 129 **Topknot Pigeon *Lopholaimus antarcticus*: E**
Recorded on 3 days with max. (5) ML on 16 Oct giving a great perched view.
- 130 **Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo *Calyptorhynchus funereus*: E** (4) GNP on 7 Oct were followed for 15 km before finally giving the desired perched scope views. Always a megabird.
- 131 **Galah *Eolophus roseicapilla*: E** Recorded on 7 days with over (200) on at least three dates.
- 132 **Little Corella *Cacatua sanguinea*: (1)** HLNP on 9 Oct and (1) feral in KV on 13 Oct.
- 133 **Long-billed Corella *C. tenuirostris*: E** Recorded on 4 days with max. (50) in GNP on 7 Oct.
- 134 **Major Mitchell's Cockatoo *C. leadbeateri*: E** (3) Deni perched long enough for a good scope view of this stunning bird.
- 135 **Sulphur-crested Cockatoo *C. galerita*: E** Recorded on 10 days with max. (50) in GNP on 7 Oct.
- 136 **Cockatiel *Nymphicus hollandicus*: E** (2) Deni
- 137 **Rainbow Lorikeet *Trichoglossus haematodus*: E**
Recorded on 6 days with max. (50) in KV.
- 138 **Scaly-breasted Lorikeet *T. chlorolepidotus*: E** (20) KV
- 139 **Musk Lorikeet *Glossopsitta concinna*: E** (6) GNP
- 140 **Purple-crowned Lorikeet *Glossopsitta porphyrocephala*: E** Recorded on 3 days with best views of (3) near Lake Hindmarsh feeding in flowering Eucalypt on 8 Oct.
- 141 **Double-eyed Fig-Parrot *Cyclopsitta diophthalma*: E**
Recorded on 4 days with best views of a male at Newell's Beach on 17 Oct and a female at CH on 20 Oct.
- 142 **Australian King Parrot *Alisterus scapularis*: E** (10-20) OR on both days landing on your head if necessary for close views. A magnificent bird.
- 143 **Red-winged Parrot *Aprosmictus erythropterus*: (1)** MM on 18 Oct.
- 144 **Superb Parrot *Polytelis swainsonii*: E** (20) Deni on 11 Oct
- 145 **Regent Parrot *Polytelis anthopeplus*: E** (4) HLNP on 9 Oct.

- 146 **Crimson Rosella *Platycercus elegans*: E** (6) GNP; (2) LDNP; (20-30) OR; heard only at ML.
- 147 **Yellow Rosella *Platycercus flaveolus*: E** Recorded on 3 days with max. (20) in Redgum forests at Deni. Often considered a subspecies of Crimson Rosella.
- 148 **Eastern Rosella *P. eximius*: E** Recorded on 4 days with max. (10) in GNP.
- 149 **Pale-headed Rosella *P. adscitus*: E** Recorded on 3 days with max. (20) near Mount Carbine on 16 Oct.
- 150 **Mallee Ringneck *Barnardius zonarius*: E** (10) HLNP and (1) Deni on 11 Oct.
- 151 **Mulga Parrot *Psephotus varius*: E** (6) HLNP
- 152 **Red-rumped Parrot *Psephotus haematonotus*:** Recorded on 5 days with max. (40) Deni.
- 153 **Blue Bonnet *Northiella haematogaster*:** Recorded on 4 days with max. (10) Deni.
- 154 **Pallid Cuckoo *Cuculus pallidus*: (1)** WHP
- 155 **Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo *C. castaneiventris*: (1)** taped in Julatten SF
- 156 **Fan-tailed Cuckoo *C. flabelliformis*: (1)** OR
- 157 **Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx basalis*:** Seen on 3 days with max. (2) Ouyen on 10 Oct.
- 158 **Shining Bronze Cuckoo *C. lucidus*: (1)** Deni and (2) ML including juvenile being raised by Mountain Thornbills.
- 159 **Little Bronze Cuckoo *C. minutillus*:** Heard in Kerry Valley with (2) at Cooya Beach and Daintree River on 17 Oct.
- 160 **Gould's Bronze Cuckoo *C. russatus*: (1)** Julatten was a very rusty individual; probably best lumped with the preceding species.
- 161 **Common Koel *Eudynamis scolopacea*: (2)** OR and (2) DR
- 162 **Channel-billed Cuckoo *Scythrops novaehollandiae*:** Excellent close perched views of (3) in fruiting fig tree below OR on 15 Oct.
- 163 **Pheasant Coucal *Centropus phasianinus*:** Seen on 3 days with max. (2) near KP on 17 Oct.
- 164 **Barking Owl *Ninox connivens*:** Heard only at KP on 15 Oct.

- 165 **Southern Boobook *N. novaeseelandiae***: (1) found in the day in Kerry Valley on 13 Oct gave a great view. Another (leader only) seen in the day on 14 Oct on Duck Creek Road.
- 166 **Lesser Sooty Owl *Tyto multipunctata***: E KP: heard only on 16 Oct.
- 167 **Masked Owl *Tyto novaehollandiae***: (1) spotlighted at dusk at the entrance to a Eucalypt hollow at KP on 15 Oct was a great bird to see and gave a superb view. Always scarce.
- 168 **Tawny Frogmouth *Podargus strigoides***: E Seen on 3 days with pair nesting at LDNP on 8 Oct; pair seen while spotlighting in Deni on 11 Oct and a solitary bird found nesting at OR on 15 Oct.
- 169 **Papuan Frogmouth *P. papuensis***: DR (1) nesting
- 170 **Marbled Frogmouth *P. ocellatus***: (1) male OR was responsive to playback and gave a mega view just after dusk.
- 171 **White-throated Nightjar *Eurostopodus mystacalis***: (1) KP on 15 Oct gave good flight views at dusk while we waited for the Masked Owl.
- 172 **Australian Owlet-nightjar *Aegotheles cristatus***: (1) flushed in the day in Deni on 11 Oct gave a super view of this elfin bird. Also heard at OR in the day on 14 Oct.
- 173 **White-rumped Swiftlet *Collocalia terraereginae***: Seen on 3 days with max. (100) DR.
- 174 **Azure Kingfisher *Alcedo azurea***: (1) DR
- 175 **Laughing Kookaburra *Dacelo novaeguinae***: E Recorded on 10 days with max. (10) on 3 dates. Watched at a nest in GNP on 7 Oct.
- 176 **Blue-winged Kookaburra *D. leachii***: Seen well on 2 days with max. (4) Mount Carbine and MM.
- 177 **Forest Kingfisher *Todirhamphus macleayii***: common in north Qld with up to (10) daily.
- 178 **Sacred Kingfisher *T. sanctus***: Seen well on 4 days with max. (4) Kerry Valley.

- 179 **Rainbow Bee-eater *Merops ornatus***: Seen on 7 days with max. (6) Kerry Valley.
- 180 **Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis***: (3) Kerry Valley and (2) Hasties Swamp.
- 181 **Noisy Pitta *Pitta versicolor***: (1) taped in well at OR on 14 Oct; heard daily at KP.
- 182 **Albert's Lyrebird *Menura alberti***: E (1) male gave a great view OR on 14 Oct; my best view ever!
- 183 **White-throated Treecreeper *Cormobates leucophaeus***: E (1) showed very well LDNP on 8 Oct. Heard on 2 other dates.
- 184 **Red-browed Treecreeper *Climacteris erythroptis***: E (2) OR: gave a great view.
- 185 **Brown Treecreeper *C. picumnus***: E Seen on 4 days with max. (6) Deni.
- 186 **Superb Fairy-wren *Malurus cyaneus***: E Seen on 5 days with max. (10) Deni.
- 187 **Splendid Fairy-wren *M. splendens***: E Seen on two days with max. (5) HLNP including stunning males.
- 188 **Variegated Fairy-wren *M. lamberti***: E (4) LDNP
- 189 **Lovely Fairy-wren *M. amabilis***: E (2) JSF
- 190 **White-winged Fairy-wren *M. leucopterus***: E (5) Ouyen and (4) Deni including great males.
- 191 **Red-backed Fairy-wren *M. melanocephalus***: E (6) in Kerry Valley on 13 Oct including super males.
- 192 **Mallee Emu-wren *Stipiturus mallee***: E (2) HLNP gave great views of this scarce skulker.
- 193 **Striated Grasswren *Amytornis striatus***: E (2) HLNP gave great views of this lightning fast megabird.
- 194 **Red Wattlebird *Anthochaera carunculata***: E Recorded on 4 days with up to (10) every day in Victoria.
- 195 **Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater *Acanthagenys rufogularis***: E Recorded on 4 days with max. (10) Ouyen on 10 Oct.
- 196 **Striped Honeyeater *Plectorhyncha lanceolata***: E Heard only on 3 days.

- 197 **Helmeted Friarbird *Philemon buceroides***: (5) DR and (5) CH.
- 198 **Noisy Friarbird *P. corniculatus***: **E** Recorded on 5 days with max. (10) near Mount Carbine drinking at a dam.
- 199 **Little Friarbird *P. citreogularis***: Recorded on 3 days with max. (30) near Mount Carbine drinking at a dam in late afternoon. Included a juvenile with a yellow throat after which the species gets its scientific name.
- 200 **Blue-faced Honeyeater *Entomyzon cyanotis***: Seen on 7 days-lots of good views of this handsome almost jay-like species.
- 201 **Bell Miner *Manorina melanophrys***: **E** (5)OR
- 202 **Noisy Miner *M. melanocephalus***: **E** Recorded on 8 days with most interesting observation of the scarce Cape York subspecies at MC on 16 Oct drinking at a dam.
- 203 **Yellow-throated Miner *M. flavigula***: **E** (20) seen on 10 Oct mostly around Ouyen.
- 204 **Macleay's Honeyeater *Xanthotis macleayana***: **E** KP (10) daily, CHK (10)
- 205 **Lewin's Honeyeater *Meliphaga lewinii***: **E** Recorded on 4 days with max. (20) OR.
- 206 **Yellow-spotted Honeyeater *M. notatus***: **E** Recorded on 3 days with max. (5) KP.
- 207 **Graceful Honeyeater *M. gracilis***: (2-5) daily KP
- 208 **Bridled Honeyeater *Lichenostomus frenatus***: **E** ML (5) KP (5) Longlands Gap (1)
- 209 **Yellow-faced Honeyeater *L. chrysops***: **E** Recorded on 5 days with best views GNP.
- 210 **Singing Honeyeater *L. virescens***: **E** (10) on 10 Oct mostly in Ouyen.
- 211 **Varied Honeyeater *L. versicolor***: Cooya Beach (2) and CE (2).
- 212 **Yellow Honeyeater *L. flavus***: **E** (1) CE and (2) CL on 20 Oct.
- 213 **White-eared Honeyeater *Lichenostomus leucotis***: **E** (2) LDNP on 8 Oct and (1) on 9 Oct.
- 214 **Purple-gaped Honeyeater *Lichenostomus cratitius***: **E** Heard only at LDNP, cold temperatures and strong winds spoiling our chances for this species.
- 215 **Yellow-plumed Honeyeater *L. ornatus***: **E** (20) HLNP
- 216 **White-plumed Honeyeater *L. penicillatus***: **E** Recorded on 4 days with max. (10) Deni.

- 217 **White-throated Honeyeater *Melithreptus albogularis***: HS, FD, KP etc
- 218 **White-naped Honeyeater *M. lunatus***: E OR 3
- 219 **Brown-headed Honeyeater *Melithreptus brevirostris***: E (5) LDNP on 8 Oct.
- 220 **Brown Honeyeater *Lichmera indistincta***: Recorded on 5 days with max. (10) Kerry Valley.
- 221 **New Holland Honeyeater *Phylidonyris novaehollandiae***: E Recorded on 2 days with max. (20) LDNP.
- 222 **White-fronted Honeyeater *Phylidonyris albifrons***: E (4) LDNP and (5) Ouyen.
- 223 **Tawny-crowned Honeyeater *P. melanops***: E Heard only LDNP.
- 224 **Brown-backed Honeyeater *Ramsayornis modestus***: E (2) DR, (1) MM and (10) CL agitated in response to Brush Cuckoo song.
- 225 **Eastern Spinebill *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris***: E Recorded on 5 days with max. ((2) GNP and OR.
- 226 **Black Honeyeater *Certhionyx niger***: E (3) including two song displaying males at Ouyen was a surprise record of this scarce desert nomad.
- 227 **Dusky Myzomela *Myzomela obscura***: E (2-5) KP-MM daily
- 228 **Scarlet Myzomela *M. sanguinolenta***: E (5) Kerry Valley gave a good view for all.
- 229 **White-fronted Chat *Epthianura albifrons***: E (2) on both 7-8 Oct in LDNP with one pair attending nest. Also (4) Deni gave great views of this beautiful little bird.
- 230 **Orange Chat *E. aurifrons***: E (2) males north of Deni was a major bonus bird.
- 231 **Spotted Pardalote *Pardalotus punctatus***: E Recorded on 5 days including watching at the nest at ground level in LDNP on 8 Oct. Yellow-rumped subspecies *xanthopygus* also seen in LDNP.
- 232 **Striated Pardalote *Pardalotus striatus***: E Recorded on 6 days with max. (4) seen in Deni.
- 233 **Fernwren *Oreoscopus gutturalis***: E (2) ML
- 234 **Yellow-throated Scrubwren *Sericornis citreogularis***: E Seen on 3 dates with max. (10) at both OR and ML.

- 235 **White-browed Scrubwren *S. frontalis*: E** (1) Deni and (10) OR daily.
- 236 **Atherton Scrubwren: *S. keri*: E** (2) ML, responded well to playback.
- 237 **Large-billed Scrubwren *S. magnirostris*: E** Seen on 4 days with max. (10) OR.
- 238 **Speckled Warbler *Chthonicola sagittarius*: E** (1) nest building in Kerry Valley.
- 239 **Rufous Fieldwren *Calamanthus campestris*: E** (2) LDNP on 7 Oct responded to playback well.
- 240 **Shy Heathwren *Hylacola cauta*: E** (1) LDNP on 8 Oct gave a great view.
- 241 **Weebill *Smicrornis brevirostris*: E** Recorded on 5 days with max. (10) on 8 Oct LDNP.
- 242 **Brown Gerygone *Gerygone mouki*: E** (5) OR and heard only ML.
- 243 **Western Gerygone *G. fusca*: E** (2) nest building Deni.
- 244 **Large-billed Gerygone *G. magnirostris*: E** (2) DR and (2) CL on 20 Oct.
- 245 **Fairy Gerygone *G. palpebrosa*: E** (2) KP on both 16 and 18 Oct.
- 246 **White-throated Gerygone *G. olivacea*: E** (1) tracked down by song in Kerry Valley gave a great view.
- 247 **Mountain Thornbill *Acanthiza katherina*: E** (10) ML
- 248 **Brown Thornbill *A. pusilla*: E** (2) GNP and heard OR.
- 249 **Inland Thornbill *A. apicalis*: E** (2) LDNP
- 250 **Chestnut-rumped Thornbill *A. uropygialis*: E** Recorded on 3 days with max. (5) HLNP.
- 251 **Buff-rumped Thornbill *A. reguloides*: E** (3) Deni
- 252 **Slender-billed Thornbill *A. iredalei*: E** (2) of the rare subspecies *hedleyi* responded to playback in LDNP and gave a great view.
- 253 **Yellow-rumped Thornbill *A. chrysorrhoa*: E** Recorded on 4 days with max. (6) GNP.
- 254 **Yellow Thornbill *A. nana*: E** (2) LDNP on 8 Oct.
- 255 **Striated Thornbill *A. lineata*: E** Recorded on 3 Days with max. (4) LDNP on 8 Oct.
- 256 **Southern Whiteface *Aphelocephala leucopsis*: E** Recorded on 2 days with max. (5) HLNP.

- 257 **Jacky Winter *Microeca fascinans***: (1-2) seen on three dates including nesting in LDNP and Deni.
- 258 **Lemon-bellied Flycatcher *M. flavigaster***: (1) MM on 18 Oct finally gave a good view.
- 259 **Red-capped Robin *Petroica goodenovii***: E (2) Deni
- 260 **Scarlet Robin *Petroica boodang***: E (2) Mt. Ida on 12 Oct. Split now from Pacific Island birds.
- 261 **Rose Robin *P. rosea***: E (4) OR
- 262 **Hooded Robin *Melanodryas cucullata***: E (2) LDNP on 7 Oct.
- 263 **Pale-yellow Robin *Tregallasia capito***: E (4-10) KP daily.
- 264 **Eastern Yellow Robin *Eopsaltria australis***: E (1) GNP and (10) OR daily.
- 265 **Mangrove Robin *E. pulverulenta***: (2) Cooya Beach came into whistles and gave a great view.
- 266 **White-browed Robin *Poecilodryas superciliosa***: E MM (1) nominate subspecies now split from Buff-sided Robin.
- 267 **Grey-headed Robin *Heteromyias albispecularis***: E (6) ML
- 268 **Southern Scrub-Robin *Drymodes brunneopygia***: E (2) LDNP gave great views.
- 269 **Australian Logrunner *Orthonyx temminckii***: E (8) OR great views
- 270 **Chowchilla *O. spaldingii***: E (4) ML gave great views.
- 271 **White-browed Babbler *P. superciliosus***: E (10) Ouyen
- 272 **Eastern Whipbird *Psophodes olivaceus***: E (2) OR including the famous Mr. Whippy almost perching on our hand with (1) Longlands Gap SF on 18 Oct. Heard on 3 other days.
- 273 **Spotted Quail-thrush *Cinclosoma punctatum***: E (3) OR composed of 2 females and 1 male each giving a great view.
- 274 **Varied Sittella *Daphoensitta chrysoptera***: (1) LDNP and (5) Deni.

- 275 **Crested Shrike-tit *Falcunculus frontalis*: E** (2) Deni gave great views.
- 276 **Crested Bellbird *Oreoica gutturalis*: E** Heard only HLNP but did not respond to playback.
- 277 **Gilbert's Whistler *Pachycephala inornata*: E** (2) LDNP gave megaviews and (1) HLNP was an immature male.
- 278 **Golden Whistler *P. pectoralis*:** Recorded on 4 days with max. (5) OR on 14 Oct.
- 279 **Grey Whistler *P. simplex*:** (1) KP on 16 Oct.
- 280 **Rufous Whistler *P. rufiventris*:** Recorded on 5 days with best views of (2) in LDNP on 8 Oct.
- 281 **Little Shrike-thrush *Colluricincla megarhyncha*: (2-5)** daily KP
- 282 **Bower's Shrike-thrush *C. boweri*: E** (1) ML
- 283 **Grey Shrike-thrush *C. harmonica*:** Recorded on 6 days with max. (3) OR on 14 Oct.
- 284 **Yellow-breasted Boatbill *Machaerirhynchus flaviventer*:** (2) feeding chicks in nest at KP with (1) male near CH on 20 Oct.
- 285 **Black-faced Monarch *Monarcha melanopsis*:** (1) Kerry Valley on 13 October; (4) OR ON 14 Oct and heard KP on 16 Oct.
- 286 **Spectacled Monarch *M. trivirgatus*:** (5) daily at KP.
- 287 **Pied Monarch *Arses kaupi*: E** (2) JSF were a real crowd pleaser-stunning birds.
- 288 **Leaden Flycatcher *Myiagra rubecula*:** (1) Kerry Valley and (1) OR.
- 289 **Satin Flycatcher *M. cyanoleuca*:** (1) male near MM on 16 Oct.
- 290 **Shining Flycatcher *M. alecto*:** (10) DR including at nest.
- 291 **Restless Flycatcher *M. inquieta*:** (1) GNP and (2) Deni.
- 292 **Magpie-lark *Grallina cyanoleuca*:** common, recorded almost daily
- 293 **Rufous Fantail *Rhipidura rufifrons*:** (5) OR and (1) JSF
- 294 **Grey Fantail *R. fuliginosa*:** Recorded on 6 days with max. (5) of the dark subspecies *keasti* ML.
- 295 **Willie Wagtail *R. leucophrys*:** common, recorded almost daily

- 296 **Spangled Drongo *Dicrurus bracteatus***: (100) DR included a flock of 50 on migration.
- 297 **Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina novaehollandiae***: Recorded on 6 days with max. (10) on 7 Oct.
- 298 **Yellow-eyed Cuckoo-shrike *C. lineata***: (2) KP on 15 Oct and (1) CH on 20 Oct.
- 299 **White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike *C. papuensis***: (1) Mount Carbine on 16 Oct and (4) MM on 18 Oct.
- 300 **Cicadabird *C. tenuirostris***: (1) male taped in at CL on 20 Oct- our last bird for the trip.
- 301 **White-winged Triller *Lalage sueurii***: (5) WHP and (2) Deni.
- 302 **Varied Triller *L. leucomela***: (1) Kerry Valley on 13 Oct and heard on 2 other days.
- 303 **Yellow Oriole *Oriolus flavocinctus***: Heard only DR.
- 304 **Olive-backed Oriole *O. sagittatus***: (2) Mount Ida on 12 Oct and (1) MM on 18 Oct.
- 305 **Figbird *Sphecotheres viridis***: Recorded on 5 days with max. (20) DR.
- 306 **White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorhynchus***: Recorded on 5 days with max. (20) DR.
- 307 **Masked Woodswallow *A. personatus***: E (200) HLNP and (500) Deni.
- 308 **White-browed Woodswallow *A. superciliosus***: E (100) HLNP and (500) Deni.
- 309 **Dusky Woodswallow *A. cyanopterus***: E (10) HLNP and (10) Deni.
- 310 **Black Butcherbird *Cracticus quoyi***: (1) immature DR
- 311 **Grey Butcherbird *C. torquatus***: E Seen on 3 days with max. (2) HLNP.
- 312 **Pied Butcherbird *C. nigrogularis***: E Recorded on 6 days with max. (10) HLNP.
- 313 **Australian Magpie *Gymnorhina tibicen***: Recorded on 8 days with max. (100) on 7 Oct.
- 314 **Pied Currawong *Strepera graculina***: E Recorded on 5 days with max. (10) OR. Also (1) drinking at Hurricane Dam near Mount Carbine on 16 Oct.

- 315 **Grey Currawong *Strepera versicolor*: E (1) HLNP**
on 9 Oct.
- 316 **Paradise Riflebird *Ptiloris paradiseus*: E (2) OR**
gave a sensational view of the male with female nearby.
- 317 **Victoria's Riflebird *P. victoriae*: E (1) male JSF gave**
a sensational view on display stump with great views of
female at CH on 20 Oct.
- 318 **Australian Raven *Corvus coronoides*: E (4) LDNP**
on 8 Oct and (5) Ouyen on 10 Oct.
- 319 **Little Raven *C. mellori*: E (100) on 7, 10 and 11 Oct.**
- 320 **Torresian Crow *C. orru*: Recorded on 4 days with**
max. (20) in Kerry Valley on 13 Oct.
- 321 **White-winged Chough *Corcorax melanorhamphus*:**
E Recorded on 5 days with max. (30) at Deni.
- 322 **Apostlebird *Struthidea cinerea*: E (20) near Mount**
Carbine on 16 Oct.
- 323 **Spotted Catbird *Ailuroedus melanotis*: (1) ML; (2)**
JSF and (2) CH.
- 324 **Green Catbird *A. crassirostris*: E (4) OR**
- 325 **Tooth-billed Bowerbird *Scenopoeetes dentirostris*:**
E (1) ML watched singing from his stage after a bit of
patient stalking.
- 326 **Regent Bowerbird *Sericulus chrysocephalus*: E (5-**
10)OR daily; sometimes feeding from our hands.
Sensational.
- 327 **Satin Bowerbird *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*: E (10-**
30)OR daily including watching a male renovating his
bower.
- 328 **Great Bowerbird *Chlamydera nuchalis*: E (1) on 16**
Oct near Mount Carbine and (2) on 18 Oct at MM, where
we studied the bower of this amazing bird.
- 329 **Singing Bushlark *Mirafra javanica*: (10) Deni: spotted**
at night whilst plains-wandering.
- 330 **Richard's Pipit *Anthus novaeseelandiae*: Recorded**
on 5 days with max. (10) Deni.

- 331 **House Sparrow *Passer domesticus***: Recorded on 6 days with max. (50) Deni.
- 332 **Double-barred Finch *Taenopygia bichenovii*: E** (10) Kerry Valley on 13 Oct and (6) near Mount Carbine on 16 Oct.
- 333 **Black-throated Finch *Poephila cincta*: E** (4) near Mount Carbine were well spotted by Sandra.
- 334 **Red-browed Finch *Neochmia temporalis*: E** Recorded on 6 days with max. (50) daily KP.
- 335 **Diamond Firetail *Stagonopleura guttata*: E** (2) LDNP gave great views; also heard Deni.
- 336 **Chestnut-breasted Munia *Lonchura castaneothorax*: (1-2)** KP daily.
- 337 **Blue-faced Parrot-finch *Erythrura trichroa*: (4)** feeding on seeding fireweed between KP and MM was a great tip off from Keith for this rarely seen bird in Australia.
- 338 **European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*: (10)** WHP
- 339 **Olive-backed Sunbird *Nectarinia jugularis*: (4)** DR
- 340 **Mistletoebird *Dicaeum hirundinaceum*: (2)** 10 Oct at Ouyen and (2) DR. Heard on three other dates.
- 341 **Welcome Swallow *Hirundo neoxena***: Recorded on 8 days with max. (20) on 10 Oct.
- 342 **Tree Martin *H. nigricans***: Recorded on 4 days with max. (20) WHP.
- 343 **White-backed Swallow *Cheramoeca leucosternus*: (2)** Deni
- 344 **Australian Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus australis*: E** (5) Kerang and (10) Deni.
- 345 **Tawny Grassbird *Megalurus timorensis*: (1)** Kerry Valley
- 346 **Little Grassbird *M. gramineus***: Heard at Kerang and (4) Deni.
- 347 **Rufous Songlark *Cincloramphus mathewsi*: E** (1-2) around the hotel in Deni on 10-11 Oct.
- 348 **Brown Songlark *C. cruralis*: E** (1) female spotted in Deni.
- 349 **Golden-headed Cisticola *Cisticola exilis*: (2)** Deni

- 350 **Silvereeye *Zosterops lateralis***: Recorded on 4 days with max. (10) Kerry Valley.
- 351 **Bassian Thrush *Zoothera lunulata*: E** (2) OR in the botanic gardens and (1) Longlands Gap SF on 18 Oct of the subspecies *cuneata*, was leader only.
- 352 **Russet-tailed Thrush *Z. heinei*: E** (2) OR on 14 Oct were both responsive to playback.
- 353 **Common Blackbird *Turdus merula***: (10) Ouyen on 10 Oct.
- 354 **Metallic Starling *Aplonis metallica***: (50-100) KP, DR daily
- 355 **Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris***: Recorded on 5 days with max. (200) near Melbourne on 7 Oct.
- 356 **Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis***: Recorded on 3 days with max. (20) near Melbourne on 7 Oct.

NATIVE MAMMALS

- Echidna *Tachyglossus aculeatus***: (1) LDNP on 8 Oct gave a great view.
- Yellow-footed Antechinus *Antechinus flavipes***: (1) Deni: seen in the day
- Northern Brown Bandicoot *Isodon macrourus***: (2) KP
Long-nosed Bandicoot *Perameles nasuta*: (2) KP
- Koala *Phascolarctos cinereus***: (2) female with large joey OR on 15 Oct was a great spot by Jill
- Mountain Brushtail Possum *Trichosurus caninus***: (3) OR
- Musky Rat Kangaroo *Hypsiprymnodon moschatus***: (4) CH
- Red-legged Pademelon *Thylogale stigmatica***: (1) OR
Red-necked Pademelon *T. thetis*: (10) daily OR
Pretty-faced Wallaby *Macropus parryi*: (10) OR
Red-necked Wallaby *M. rufogriseus*: (2) OR
Agile Wallaby *M. agilis*: (2) JSF and (1) Mareeba.

Eastern Grey Kangaroo *M. giganteus*: (50) WHP; (50) Deni; (10) Kerry Valley and (10) Mount Tamborine.

Western Grey Kangaroo *M. fuliginosus*: (5) HLNP and (2) Deni on the eastern edge of their range.

Red Kangaroo *M. rufus*: (2) Deni

Spectacled Flying-fox *Pteropus conspicillatus*: (1) Newell's Beach was roosting in a small fig giving a great view.

Bush Rat *Rattus fuscipes*: (2) KP

White-tailed Rat *Uromys caudimaculatus*: (1) KP

NATIVE REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

Desert Tree Frog *Litoria rubella*: (1) KP

Saltwater Crocodile *Crocodylus porosus*: (1) DR and (1) CL on 20 Oct.

Common Scalyfoot *Pygopus lepidopodus*: (1) Kerry Valley

Gould's Sand Goanna *Varanus gouldii*: (3) HLNP

Shingleback *Tiliqua rugosa*: (8) LDNP

Major Skink *Egernia frerei*: (1) OR and (1) KP

Land mullet *Egernia major*: (1) OR

Eastern Water Skink *Eulamprus quoyii*: (1) OR

Murray's Skink *Eulamprus murrayi*: (1) OR

Blind Snake *Ramphotyphlops bituberculatus*: (1) Deni

Green Tree Snake *Dendrelaphis punctulatus*: (1) DR

Red-bellied Black Snake *Pseudechis porphyriacus*: (2) ML

Eastern Brown Snake *Pseudonaja textilis*: (1) Nhill and (1) Kerry Valley