

Byron Bird Buddies (BBB)
Monitoring & Presentation Program July to December 2018
www.byronbirdbuddies.com.au

General Info - This program may change over the next six months, but we will try to up-date it monthly. If you wish to attend any outing, best to please phone or email the contact number provided. If it's raining the event may also be cancelled or you can take the risk and turn up. The Calendar also includes outing dates for other groups in the Northern Rivers, any questions regarding these outings please contact the number provided.

What To Bring - Always wear covered shoes and bring water, hat, sunscreen and insect repellent and something to eat for morning or afternoon tea and lunch if it's over the lunch period.

Contact - for all BBB & BVBW Activities - byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com or 02 66803279 or Mobile 0428864378 or hans.lutter@bigpond.com All welcome.

Wet Weather Policy – Take a risk – or phone 0428864378. Check the BLNR site for their wet weather policy.

Other NSW Far North Coast Birding Groups

- **Brunswick Valley Birdwatchers (BVBW)** - (not incorporated) Fortnightly bird-watching outings – see dates below. Contact Hans Lutter at hans.lutter@bigpond.com
- **BirdLife Northern Rivers (BLNR)** All BirdLife Australia members are members, & will especially suit members living north of Evans Head. The group conducts a monthly monitoring program in Northern Rivers and a number of conservation projects in the Tweed area. Contact tweedbirds@bigpond.com or please call Linda Brannian on 0409 833 888
- **Ballina BirdLife Shorebird 2020** – monitoring shorebirds in Richmond River Estuary. Contact-Hans Wohlmuth hwohlmuth@gmail.com
- **BirdLife Northern NSW (BLNNSW)** - sub-branch of BirdLife Australia – National Bird Conservation Organisation – contact Richard Jordan - northernsw@birdlife.org.au
- **Northern Rivers Regional Shorebird Group** – platform for Community groups, Shire Councils, interested people and NPWS to discuss shorebird issues in the Northern Rivers (currently in abeyance)



Albert's Lyrebird – Nick Talbot

The Nightcap KBA consist of the Nightcap NP, Whian Whian State Conservation Area, Goonengerry NP and the Mt Jerusalem NP (10 sites are regularly surveyed within these Parks)
There are 6 target species – Albert's Lyrebird, Green Catbird, Paradise Riflebird, Australian Logrunner, Regent Bowerbird & Pale-yellow Robin.

Byron Bird Buddies (BBB) – Schedule July to December 2018		
KEY: Purple shading – BBB survey days for BirdLife Shorebird 2020 (Shorebird 2020) and Byron Shire Council STP monitoring Project (BSC) or survey in a Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) Contact - for all BBB & BVBW Activities - byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com or 02 66803279 or Mobile 0428864378. All welcome.		
Date & Time	Where	Why
July 2018		
Sunday 1st - 09.30	Byron Wetlands & Belongil Estuary	BBB – Shorebird 2020 – completed
Monday 2nd - 08.00	Brunswick River & Brunswick Salt Marsh	
Wednesday 4th 08.00 -13.00	Brunswick – Tyagarah (surf club end) & Brunswick River Walk	BVBW – completed
Sunday 8th 7.30 am – 12.30	Goonengerry NP tweedbirds@bigpond.com	BLNR & BBB- KBA survey & meeting for details go to http://www.birdlife.org.au/events/detail/birdlife-northern-rivers-outing48/birdlife-northern-nsw/
Wednesday 18th 08.00 -13.00	Casino Wetlands byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BVBW – outing and survey for BirdLife Atlas
Monday 20th 7.30 – 12.30	Sth Chowan Road Meet Main Arm Store (7.30) or South Chowan Road exit off Manns Road (8am).	BBB & BLNR - KBA survey Contact byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com if interested
BBB – Last week of July or early August – Preparation for Shorebird breeding season and return of migrating shorebirds - place signage at beach access points & commence monitoring of Aust. Pied Oystercatcher & Beach Stone-curlew breeding sites. Prepare the 2018-2019 BBB online Excel spreadsheets & commence recording breeding observations. Please contact Jan at byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com if you wish to participate in a nesting bird-watch during the beach-nesting bird season – August to Dec.		
August 2018		
BBB – commence monitoring of Aust. Pied Oystercatcher & Beach Stone-curlew breeding sites and record site visit on BBB online Excel spreadsheet. Please, contact Jan at byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com if you wish to participate in a nesting bird-watch during the beach-nesting bird season – August to Dec.		
Wednesday 1st 08.00 -13.00	To be advised byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BVBW – outing and survey for BirdLife Atlas – contact as above
Friday 10th	Upper Coopers Creek – Private property – details to be decided	BBB – KBA - contact Jan at byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com
Sunday 12th – 7.30 am – 12.30	Old New Brighton Road	BLNR- survey & meeting. For details go to http://www.birdlife.org.au/events/detail/birdlife-northern-rivers-outing48/birdlife-northern-nsw/
Wednesday 15th 08.00 -13.00	To be advised	BVBW – outing and survey for BirdLife Atlas
Monday 20th	BBB – check shorebird breeding site at Belongil – meet Elements carpark at 9am – Low tide at 9.15 - 0.48m byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	
Tuesday 21st	BBB –check shorebird breeding sites at Brunswick Heads – meet carpark; end of North Head Road New Brighton at 9am - Low tide at 10.16 - 0.47m	
Wednesday 29th 08.00 -13.00	To be advised	BVBW – outing and survey for BirdLife Atlas
September 2018		
BBB – continue monitoring of Aust. Pied Oystercatcher & Beach Stone-curlew breeding sites and record site visit on BBB online Excel spreadsheet. – Contact as above.		
1st – 12th – Birdwatching at Bowra & Kilcowera Stations, Western Qld. – All booked out		
3-9 September 2018 International Shorebird Week – BBB will not be participating this year – however if you wish to be involved - Contact byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com before Sept 1st or go to https://worldshorebirdsday.wordpress.com/		
Wednesday 12th 08.00 -13.00	To be advised	BVBW – outing and survey for BirdLife Atlas

Friday 21 st – to Monday 24 th	BLNNSW Spring Campout Mt Seaview Resort near Wauchope – 'Early Bird Discount' for registration & payment before 1st August	BLNNSW - http://www.birdlife.org.au/locations/birdlife-northern-nsw/birdlife-northern-rivers - then click on 'Campouts'
Wednesday 26th 08.00 -13.00	To be advised	BVBW – outing and survey for Birdlife Atlas
Long week-end starting Sept 29 th to Monday October 1 st	Brunswick Nature Sculpture Walk BBB – workshops on Saturday and Sunday – clay modelling – drawing – and learning about the local birds and habitats. Please contact Jan byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com if you would like to assist with the stall on the day, or come and find us somewhere along the sculpture walk!	
October 2018 - Daylight Saving starts 2am Sunday 7/10/18		
BBB – continue monitoring of Aust. Pied Oystercatcher & Beach Stone-curlew breeding sites and record site visit on BBB online Excel spreadsheet. – Contact as above.		
Monday October 1st	BIRD TOUR Meet at the Sound Shell at Terrace Park, Brunswick Heads @ 8.00am – Pre-booked places of 15 - Charge - Gold coin donation. Bookings required https://www.brunswicknaturesculpturewalk.com/	
Sunday 7th 07.30 -12.30	Vallances Road - tweedbirds@bigpond.com	BLNR & BBB - survey & meeting http://www.birdlife.org.au/events/detail/birdlife-northern-rivers-outing48/birdlife-northern-nsw/
Wednesday 10th 08.00 – 13.00	To be advised or email byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BVBW - survey for BirdLife Atlas
Sunday 14th 4.00pm	Stories in the Club – celebrating the shorebird story - Mullum Ex-Services Club Entry donation: \$10/\$5.	BBB with Jenni Cargil-Strong as curator
Sunday 14th All day -	Glossy Black-Cockatoo Birding Day – Byron Coast. Participating in this survey contributes to the knowledge of these threatened species. More details nearer the date and at http://www.birdlife.org.au/events/detail/birdlife-northern-rivers-outing48/birdlife-northern-nsw	BBB – Are you able to help - please contact byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com if you know of habitats in Byron Shire where Glossy Black Cockatoos feed - it would be wonderful if we could conduct a survey on the day in the Shire.
Sunday 21st	Big Scrub Day – Rocky Creek Dam Early morning bird walk – stalls and bird presentation with guest speakers. Come and find us!	BBB & BLNR & BVBW Please contact Jan byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com if can assist with the stall on the day
Monday 22nd to 28th – Commencement of Australia Bird Week & Aussie Backyard Bird Count – https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/ BBB will develop a special program for the week that will include some surveys and presentations of some of our habitats and bird species, providing an opportunity for people to learn about local birds in their habitat. The Program to be advised end of September.		
November 2018		
Wednesday 7th 08.00 – 13.00	To be advised – contact byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BVBW - survey for BirdLife Atlas
Sunday 11th 7.30 -11.00	Rocky Creek Dam tweedbirds@bigpond.com or byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BLNR-BBB survey & meeting. Morning 4 - 6h survey for BSC p-project
Wednesday 21st 08.00 – 13.00	To be advised or email byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BVBW - survey for Birdlife Atlas
December 2018		
Wednesday 5th 08.00 to 13.00	To be advised or email byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BVBW – year break-up & Xmas party
Sunday 9th 07.30 - 12.00	Brunswick River Cruise – To book a place please contact Linda at tweedbirds@bigpond.com	BLNR – year break-up & Xmas party, survey & meeting http://www.birdlife.org.au/events/detail/birdlife-northern-rivers-outing48/birdlife-northern-nsw/
Wednesday 19th 08.00 to 13.00	To be advised or email byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BVBW