



BYRON BIRD BUDDIES (BBB)

# **MONITORING PROGRAM**

July to December 2023

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**Monitoring & Presentation Program – July - December 2023**  
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**General Info** - This program may change, but will be up-dated as much as possible. If you wish to attend any outing, please phone or email the contact number provided. If it's raining the event may also be cancelled. The Calendar also includes outing dates for other groups in the Northern Rivers (if known), any questions 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 Activities - [byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com](mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com) - Mobile 0428864378. **All welcome.**

**Wet Weather Policy** – Take a risk or phone 0428864378

**NSW Far North Coast Birding Groups**

- **Byron Bird Buddies** – bird monitoring, education & conservation projects in Byron Shire
- **Richmond/Brunswick Birdwatchers (RBB)** - (not incorporated) Conducts fortnightly bird-watching outings. [richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com](mailto:richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com)
- **BirdLife Northern Rivers (BLNR)** - sub-branch of BirdLife Northern NSW. All BirdLife Australia members are members - especially suits members north and west of Evans Head to Qld border. Conducts monthly birdwatching outings in Northern Rivers and a number of conservation projects in the Tweed area. Contact [tweedbirds@bigpond.com](mailto:tweedbirds@bigpond.com) or please call
- **Ballina BirdLife National Shorebird Monitoring** – monitoring shorebirds in Richmond River Estuary. Contact- Hans Wohlmuth [hwohlmuth@gmail.com](mailto:hwohlmuth@gmail.com)
- **BirdLife Northern NSW (BLNNSW)** Branch of BirdLife Australia – National Bird Conservation Organisation. **Contact** – convener Richard Harris Email: [rha06927@outlook.com](mailto:rha06927@outlook.com) ph: 0438 133 334

Date & Time	Where	Why
<b>End of June 2023</b>		
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 08.00</b>	<b>Goonengerry NP – must register</b> - contact Vicki Mobile 0482466350	<b>BBB - survey – KBA site</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> survey for 2023/24)
<b>July 2023</b>		
BBB – July & August - biannual survey for KBA areas in Northern Rivers – <b>Mt Jerusalem NP</b> (Wilson Creek, Koonyum Range & Middle Ridge Road & Cowan Creek Road) <b>Goonengerry NP</b> & Upper Coopers Creek Property) – <b>Nightcap NP</b> – Mt Nardi, Protestor Falls, Rummery Park & Rocky Creek Dam with assistance of RBB		
<b>Be a citizen scientist and count birds in your backyard during July -</b> <a href="https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/content/article/Winter-survey-time-Who-visiting-your-garden">https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/content/article/Winter-survey-time-Who-visiting-your-garden</a> –		
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 08.00 start Completed Anne+1</b>	<b>Byron Wetlands &amp; Belongil Estuary</b> – Meet at Byron Wetlands (08.00–10.00) – then Belongil Beach -meet at Elements Carpark end of Bayshore Drive <a href="mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com">byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com</a> Mobile 0428864378 - <b>Booking necessary</b>	<b>BBB - BirdLife National Shorebird Monitoring</b> High Tide 0.6.01 -1.12 m Low Tide -11.51 - 0.31 m
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 09.00 Completed Anne +2</b>	<b>Brunswick River &amp; Brunswick Salt Marsh.</b> <b>Booking necessary</b> Meet end of North Head Rd – New Brighton. <a href="mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com">byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com</a> or 0428864378	<b>BBB - BirdLife National Shorebird Monitoring</b> High Tide 06.57 – 1.23 m Low Tide 12.38 – 0.26 m
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 8.00 start - cancelled -rain</b>	<b>Vallances Road - Mullumbimby – must register</b> off Coolamon Scenic Drive (Mullum/Ocean Shores end)	<b>BBB – Morning survey –</b> for BSC reporting -
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> – Meeting</b> Mullumbimby 9.30 with Harry from Wild BB regarding update of Glossy Back Cockatoo surveys & Program –preliminary planning for GBC surveys in September		
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 08.00 – 12.30</b>	<b>Birdi Wetland - Pottsville</b> - It is accessed from the cul de sac at the end of Lomandra Ave in Koala Beach. Contact madzafi@gmail.com	<b>BLNR- survey &amp; outing</b>

<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8.00 start</b> <b>Completed by Vicki</b>	<b>Seapeace. – private property - must register</b> <b>contact:</b> <a href="mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com">byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com</a> for directions. Or Mobile 0428864378	<b>BBB</b> Full site survey
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8.00 –to finish</b> <b>Completed</b>	<b>Crabbes Creek – Private Property</b>	<b>BBB</b> Full site survey
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>08.00 – 13.00</b> <b>Completed</b>	To be advised - for more information <a href="mailto:richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com">richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:bandjmcnaughton@bigpond.com">bandjmcnaughton@bigpond.com</a>	<b>RBB</b> – outing will decide at the end of previous survey.
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>08.00 – 13.00</b>	WB&B – installed nest boxes in Byron Wetlands	<b>BBB - Completed -Jan</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Completed by Vicki</b>	<b>Vallances Road - Mullumbimby – must register. Contact: Vicki</b>	<b>BBB</b> – Morning survey – for BSC reporting -
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>11.30am</b> <b>Completed</b>	<b>Ballina – Several</b> sites to choose from or a site will be allocated – Contact Hans Wohlmuth <a href="mailto:hwohlmuth@gmail.com">hwohlmuth@gmail.com</a>	<b>Ballina</b> - BirdLife National Shorebird Monitoring
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>08.00am start</b> <b>cancelled</b>	Where: Koonyum Range & Wilson’s Creek – Mill Rd - <b>Booking necessary</b> Meet: – Wilson Creek Rd & Koonyum Range Rd & carpool. Contact: <a href="mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com">byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com</a>	BBB – survey KBA – monitoring (2 <sup>nd</sup> survey for 2021-22)
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tintenbar – Private Property <b>must register</b> contact: <a href="mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com">byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com</a> for directions. Or Mobile 0428864378	BBB – Survey
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> 8am – to finish	Suffolk Park-Old STP site. Meet at the bike track entry. Contact: <a href="mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com">byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com</a>	BBB - survey
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>08.00 -13.00</b>	To be advised - <b>Crams Farm Reserve</b> off Commissioners Creek Road, Doon Doon. <a href="mailto:richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com">richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:bandjmcnaughton@bigpond.com">bandjmcnaughton@bigpond.com</a>	<b>RBB</b> – outing will decide at the end of previous survey.
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9.30 – Council Depot</b>	<b>Meeting - AWC &amp; BSC – regarding Management of Byron Wetlands</b>	
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Arts and science working together</b>	<b>Climate Conversations</b> - Sustainability Grant from Byron Shire Council - awarded to 3 artists Sam Collyer/Moss, Jess Poulsen and Shona Wilson. The project will be conducted and displayed in Torakina Park, Brunswick Heads and Lone Goat Gallery, Bryon. BBB has been invited to collaborate as a conservation group who plays a role in the conservation of our natural local environment. The Exhibition will be in both the gallery & Torakina Park, & will run from July 28- Aug26th. An onsite workshop is planned in Torakina on the weekend of Sunday the 30th July - <a href="https://www.lonegoatgallery.com/exhibitions/sam-moss-jess-poulsen-shona-wilson">https://www.lonegoatgallery.com/exhibitions/sam-moss-jess-poulsen-shona-wilson</a>	<b>BBB</b> – Stall, activity, information and guided walk. Any offer of assistance would be greatly appreciated.



August 2023		
BBB – commence monitoring of Pied Oystercatcher & Beach Stone-curlew breeding sites and record site visit on BBB online Excel spreadsheet. Please, contact Jan at <a href="mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com">byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com</a> if you wish to participate in a nesting bird-watch during the beach-nesting bird season – August to Dec.		
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shorebird ‘Teams’ meeting with Brad Nesbit – National Parks	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> 8am – 13.00	Byron Wetlands - booking essential and numbers limited <a href="mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com">byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com</a> Mobile 0428864378 – to register with Vicki <a href="mailto:davvix1@gmail.com">davvix1@gmail.com</a>	BBB – Morning survey – for BSC reporting -
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> 8.00 – 13.00	To be advised - for more information <a href="mailto:richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com">richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:bandjmcaughton@bigpond.com">bandjmcaughton@bigpond.com</a>	RBB – outing will decide at the end of previous survey.
Friday – 11 <sup>th</sup> 9am	Shorebird Stakeholder Work Bee – realign fence, place signs. Meet at creek mouth – Bring sun screen PPE and water.	BBB- Belongil Estuary
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> 08.00 – 12.30	Cutter Camp – Mebbin NP - booking essential Contact – Madeleine <a href="mailto:madzufi@gmail.com">madzufi@gmail.com</a>	BLNR- survey & outing
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Koonyum Range & Wilson’s Creek – Mill Rd - Booking necessary Meet: – Wilson Creek Rd & Koonyum Range Rd & carpool. Contact: <a href="mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com">byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com</a>	BBB – survey KBA – monitoring (1 <sup>st</sup> survey for 2023-24)
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> 9.am to 12md Guided walk only.	Byron Wetlands – Part 3 – Wetland Birds <b>Bookings Essential</b> - For those without a key wait at the gate at end of Wallum Place off Bayshore Drive in the Byron Industrial estate. Contact <a href="mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com">byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com</a>	BBB –Guided Walk
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 8am	Nightcap NP – Big Scrub – Gibbergungah Rd off Rocky Creek Dam Road. Contact 0428864378 <a href="mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com">byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com</a>	BBB – survey KBA – monitoring (1 <sup>std</sup> survey for 2023-24)
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 8.00 – 13.00	To be advised - for more information <a href="mailto:richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com">richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:bandjmcaughton@bigpond.com">bandjmcaughton@bigpond.com</a>	RBB – outing will decide at the end of previous survey.
29 <sup>th</sup> Tentative date only – 8am	Private property – Federal	
September 2023		
BBB – continue monitoring of Pied Oystercatcher & Beach Stone-curlew breeding sites and record site visit on BBB online Excel spreadsheet. – Contact as above.		
1 <sup>st</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 Global Shorebird Week – BBB will organise two days – details will be advised in September update Contact <a href="mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com">byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com</a> before Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> or go to <a href="https://worldshorebirdsday.wordpress.com/programs/">https://worldshorebirdsday.wordpress.com/programs/</a>		
Birds in Backyard – 1 <sup>st</sup> September - Spring Survey begins - check out the website <a href="https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/">https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/</a>		
September 1 <sup>st</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	Count shorebirds and enter on ebird database. <a href="https://ebird.org/australia/home">https://ebird.org/australia/home</a> - NOTE Sept 6 <sup>th</sup> is World Shorebird Day	
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 0.8.00 start	Belongil Estuary & Byron Wetland - <b>Booking necessary</b> . 08.00 am Belongil Estuary - meet at Elements Car park - then Byron Wetlands– end of Wallum Place off Bayshore Drive (10.30) <a href="mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com">byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com</a> Mobile 0428864378	BBB – World Shorebird Day Monitoring Low Tide – 05.00 -0.2 m High Tide 11.18 - 1.53 m
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> 08.00 .00	Brunswick River & Brunswick Salt Marsh. <b>Booking necessary</b> Meet end of North Head Rd – New Brighton. <a href="mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com">byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com</a> or 0428864378	BBB - World Shorebird Day Low Tide - 04.20 – 0.132 m High Tide -10.39 -1.53m

<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>08.00 – 13.00</b>	<b>To be advised or email</b> <a href="mailto:richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com">richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com</a>	<b>RBB</b> outing will decided at the end of previous survey.
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>BBB</b> – Snipe Count – Belongil Ponds, Byron Wetlands & Seapeace	<b>BBB</b> - Details to be decided and posted with September Update
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Glossy Black Cockatoo Survey dates</b> - go to <a href="https://glossyblack.org.au/">https://glossyblack.org.au/</a> for details	<b>BBB Sites to be decided</b>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>08.00 -12.00</b>	<b>Brunswick South – Boat ramp car park</b> <b>Booking necessary</b> - or Madeleine Murray - <a href="mailto:madzofi@gmail.com">madzofi@gmail.com</a>	<b>BLNR</b> survey & outing.
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>14.00 (2pm)</b>	<b>Vallances Road - Mullumbimby – Booking necessary.</b> off Coolamon Scenic Drive (Mullum/Ocean Shores end) – Drive to the pond at the bottom of hill & wait. <b>Contact: Vicki</b>	<b>BBB</b> – Morning survey – for BSC reporting -
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>08.00 – 13.00</b>	<b>To be advised or email</b> <a href="mailto:richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com">richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com</a>	<b>RBB</b> - survey for BirdLife Atlas
<b>October 2023 - Daylight Saving starts Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023</b>		
<b>BBB</b> – continue monitoring of Pied Oystercatcher & Beach Stone-curlew breeding sites and record site visit on BBB online Excel spreadsheet. – Contact BBB above.		
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>08.00 – 13.00</b>	<b>To be advised or email</b> <a href="mailto:richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com">richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com</a>	<b>RBB</b> - survey for BirdLife Atlas
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>7.30 -11.00</b>	<b>Tintenbar – Private Property _ booking necessary</b> <a href="https://birdlife.org.au/images/uploads/branches/N-N-BirdLife_Northern_Rivers_outings.pdf">https://birdlife.org.au/images/uploads/branches/N-N-BirdLife_Northern_Rivers_outings.pdf</a> or Madeleine Murray - <a href="mailto:madzofi@gmail.com">madzofi@gmail.com</a>	<b>BLNR</b> survey & outing.
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>14.00 (2pm) start</b>	<b>Byron Wetlands</b> - booking essential and numbers limited <a href="mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com">byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com</a> Mobile 0428864378 – to register with Vicki <a href="mailto:davvix1@gmail.com">davvix1@gmail.com</a>	<b>BBB</b> – Afternoon survey – for BSC reporting -
<b>The Aussie Backyard Bird Count is held for one week in October as part of National Bird Week. This year, the Aussie Backyard Bird Count will be held from 16-22 October 2023. BBB will be organizing some guided walks and presentation – updates will be provided in September update.</b>		
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Date to be confirmed</b>	<b>Seapeace. – private property - must register contact:</b> <a href="mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com">byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com</a> or phone - Mobile 0428864378	<b>BBB</b> Full site survey
<b>Bird Week – program to be confirmed</b>	<b>Commences 18<sup>th</sup> October to 24<sup>th</sup> – BBB will organise a program with a talk at the wetlands on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> -</b>	
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>08.00 – 13.00</b>	<b>To be advised or email</b> <a href="mailto:richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com">richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com</a>	<b>RBB</b> - survey for BirdLife Atlas
<b>November &amp; December 2023</b>		
<b>BBB</b> – continue monitoring of Pied Oystercatcher & Beach Stone-curlew breeding sites and record site visit on BBB online Excel spreadsheet. – Contact BBB above.		
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>08.00 – 13.00</b>	<b>To be advised or email</b> <a href="mailto:richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com">richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com</a>	<b>RBB</b> - survey for Birdlife Atlas
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Time to be decided</b>	<b>BBB</b> – Snipe Count – Belongil Ponds, Byron Wetlands & Seapeace	<b>BBB</b> - Details to be decided
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>7.30 -11.00</b>	<b>South Ballina Beach</b> <a href="https://birdlife.org.au/images/uploads/branches/N-N-BirdLife_Northern_Rivers_outings.pdf">https://birdlife.org.au/images/uploads/branches/N-N-BirdLife_Northern_Rivers_outings.pdf</a>	<b>BLNR</b> survey & outing.
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>07.00 start</b>	<b>Vallances Road - Mullumbimby - Must register</b> - off Coolamon Scenic Drive (Mullum/Ocean	<b>BBB</b> – Morning survey – for BSC reporting –

	Shores end) – Drive to the pond at the bottom of hill & wait	<b>. Contact: Vicki 0482466350</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>h</sup> 08.00 – 13.00</b>	<b>To be advised or email</b> <a href="mailto:richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com">richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com</a>	<b>RBB</b> - survey for Birdlife Atlas
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Time to be decided</b>	<b>BBB</b> – Snipe Count – Belongil Ponds, Byron Wetlands & Seapeace	<b>BBB</b> - Details to be
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – 18.30(6.30pm)</b>	<b>Film - Message of the Lyrebird &amp; Presentation Fund Raising for Brunswick Valley Landcare</b> Tickets at; Brunswick Picture Theatre - \$25.00 <a href="http://www.brunswickpicturehouse.com">www.brunswickpicturehouse.com</a>	
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 14.00</b>	<b>Mullumbimby – Coastal &amp; ICOLL Meeting</b>	<b>BBB Representative</b>
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 07.00 start</b>	<b>Brunswick Heads – Private Property</b> <b>Must Register</b> <a href="mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com">byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com</a>	<b>BBB</b>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 18.45 -20.00 (6.45-8pm)</b>	<b>Bittern Survey – Byron Wetlands -</b> <b>Register with Vicki</b> <a href="mailto:davvix1@gmail.com">davvix1@gmail.com</a>	<b>BBB</b>
<b>December Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 07.00-13.00</b>	<b>Byron Wetlands</b> – to register with Vicki <a href="mailto:davvix1@gmail.com">davvix1@gmail.com</a>	<b>BBB</b> – Morning survey – for BSC reporting -
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 08.00 – 13.00</b>	<b>To be advised or email</b> <a href="mailto:richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com">richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com</a>	<b>RBB</b> - survey for Birdlife Atlas
<b>December Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 07.00-13.00</b>	<b>Byron Wetlands</b> - booking essential and numbers limited <a href="mailto:byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com">byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com</a> Mobile 0428864378 – to register with Vicki <a href="mailto:davvix1@gmail.com">davvix1@gmail.com</a>	<b>BBB</b> – Morning survey – for BSC reporting -
<b>December Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	8am start 2023 Christmas Party, Rocky Creek Dam	<b>BLNR</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>h</sup> 08.00 – 13.00</b>	<b>To be advised or email</b> <a href="mailto:richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com">richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com</a>	<b>RBB</b> - survey for Birdlife Atlas
<b>Merry Xmas Everyone and Wishing you all a fantastic 2024</b> <b>BBB First outing in 2024 – will be a snipe count on January 13<sup>th</sup></b>		