

Byron Bird Buddies (BBB)
Monitoring & Presentation Program - January to June 2024
www.byronbirdbuddies.com.au

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 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
- **Brunswick Valley Landcare (BVL)** – BBB is a Special Interest Group of BVL
- **Richmond/Brunswick Birdwatchers (RBB)** - (no incorporated) Conducts fortnightly bird-watching outings. Contact 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 madzufi@gmail.com
- **Ballina BirdLife National Shorebird Monitoring** – monitoring shorebirds in Richmond River Estuary. Contact- Hans Wohlmuth hwohlmuth@gmail.com
- **BirdLife Northern NSW (BLNNSW) Branch** of BirdLife Australia – National Bird Conservation Organisation Contact – convener Richard Harris. Email: rha06927@outlook.com ph: 0438 133 334

Date & Time	Where	Why
January 2024		
BBB – Byron Wetlands and Vallances Rd Interim Report for Byron Shire Council for 2023 (Jan & Vicki) & Beach-nesting Bird Report for 2022-2023 (Jan & Reid)		
Monday 8th high tide -6:50	Ballina – Several sites to choose from – Contact Hans Wohlmuth hwohlmuth@gmail.com	Ballina Shorebirds - BirdLife National Shorebird Count
Saturday 13th 07.00 Start	Snipe Count - Seapeace & Byron Wetlands & Belongil Ponds - two groups, Meet at Seapeace gate (Vicki leader contact davvix1@gmail.com) – or Byron Wetlands & Belongil Ponds (Jan Leader - byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com) . - Must Register	BBB – Latham’s Snipe survey - Contact byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com Mobile 0428864378
Wednesday 17th 07.00 Start	Belongil Estuary – Meet at Elements Carpark end of Bayshore Drive - then to Byron Wetlands (10.30 – 14.00) - byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com Mobile 0428864378 Advised to register	BBB - BirdLife National Shorebird Monitoring Low Tide 07.30 -0.44m
Thursday 18th 07.00 start	Brunswick River & Brunswick Salt Marsh. Meet end of North Head Rd. byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com Mobile 0428864378 Advised to register	BBB - BirdLife National Shorebird Monitoring Low Tide 08.54 – 0.56m
Monday 22nd 07.00 Start	Seapeace - Private property - Meet at Seapeace gate – Must Register	BBB – Full site survey - Contact byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com Mobile 0428864378
Wednesday 24th 08.00 -	Upper Crystal Creek – private property richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com	RBB – outing and survey
Thursday 25th 17.00 (5pm) start	The Wallum – Crown land at Brunswick Heads	BBB – Monthly survey

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Tuesday 30th 15.00 (3.0pm) start	Vallances Road - Mullumbimby – off Coolamon Scenic Drive (Mullum/Ocean Shores end) – Drive to the pond at the bottom of hill & wait – Contact byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com or Vicki – davvix1@gmail.com - Must Register	BBB – Late afternoon survey – for BSC reporting
February 2024		
<p>World Wetlands Day (WWD), celebrated every year on 2 February, marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the same day in 1971. The focus for 2024 WWD is on Wetlands and Human Wellbeing – it is urgent that we raise national and global awareness about wetlands in order to reverse their rapid loss and encourage actions to conserve and restore them. BBB will be conducting a guided walk and presentation at Byron Wetlands on Sunday Feb.4th. https://www.worldwetlandsday.org/ Wetlands are the source of amazing biodiversity and are critical for the planet's sustenance. Let us all pledge to support, conserve and preserve them in every way.</p>		
 <p>Every wetland matters. Every effort counts.</p>		
Thursday 1st 10am – 14.00(2pm)	Byron Wetlands by invitation (Gareth Davies) interpretive Centre in the BBIWMR site	BBIWMR – Biodiversity Workshop
Sunday 4th 9am	Byron Wetlands – Celebrating World Wetland Day – Guided Walk and PowerPoint Presentation. Morning Tea provided	BBB Must Register - byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com Numbers Limited
Wednesday 7th 08.00	To be advised - next outing is decided at the end of each survey. richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com	RBB – birdwatching – Birddata entry -
Sunday 11th 08.00 - 12.00	Flat Rock – meet at the end of Flat Rock Beach Carpark. madzufi@gmail.com	BLNR survey & outing - Must Register
Tuesday 13th 10am start	Brunswick U3A - Uniting Church Hall, Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads	BBB - Presentation
Thursday 15th 07.00 start	The Wallum – Crown land at Brunswick Heads Meet at end of Omega Court .	BBB – Monthly survey Contact byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com
Tuesday 20th 07.00 start	Goonengerry NP – meet in the carpark at the end of Garrong Rd. Bring morning tea & lunch if you plan to stay a long day. To register & obtain more details. Contact Vicki - davvix1@gmail.com	BBB – KBA survey – both south and part of north boundary trails (4 hours) Must Register
Wednesday 21st 08.00 start	Private Property Tintenbar - contact Bruce for address details bruzamcnaughton@gmail.com	RBB – birdwatching – Birddata entry -
Tuesday 27th 15.00 (3pm) start	Byron Wetlands – meet at the gate (if no key) or park in carpark inside. - Contact Vicki - davvix1@gmail.com or 0482466350	BBB –Evening Survey - for BSC report - Must Register
Thursday 29th 07.00 am start	Montecolum – Must Register for address & details byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BBB – private property survey

Date & Time	Where	Why
March 2024		
Birds in Backyards Program is a research, education and conservation program of BirdLife Australia focused on the birds that live where people live. You can learn about birds, participate in surveys or projects, and create habitat and take action for our feathered neighbors. www.birdsinbackyards.net .		
Birds in Backyard – Autumn Survey begins March 1 st & ends April 30th - check out the website https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/		
Sunday 3 rd	Clean-up Australia Day - BBB & Volunteers – Be involved - do your own thing or find an event close to you - https://www.cleanup.org.au/events . If you wish to organise a BBB event please contact me - Jan 0428864378	
Wed. 6 th 08.00 -13.00	To be advised richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com	RBB – outing - decided at the end of previous survey.
Sunday 10 th 8am start	Booyong Scrub, Booyong https://birdlife.org.au/news/nsw-northern-rivers-outings-for-2024/	BLNR survey & outing Must Register contact madzufi@gmail.com
Tuesday 12 th 07.00 start	Vallances Road - Mullumbimby – off Coolamon Scenic Drive (Mullum/Ocean Shores end) Drive to the pond at the bottom of hill & wait. Contact Vicki - davvix1@gmail.com	BBB – Morning survey – for BSC reporting - Must Register - if cannot contact Vicki contact byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com
Friday 15 th 07.00 start	The Wallum – Crown land at Brunswick Heads Meet at end of Omega Court.	BBB – Monthly survey Contact byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com
Tuesday 19 th - 07.00 start	Middle Ridge Rd – Meet at Main Arm Store and car pool if necessary. Advised to register	BBB – Survey of KBA area
Wed. 20 th 08.00 -13.00	To be advised richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com	RBB – outing decided at the end of previous survey.
Tuesday 26 th 07.00 start	Left Bank Road - Must Register for address & detail sbyronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BBB – private property survey.
April 2024		
Daylight Saving Ends 2am Sunday 7th April (move clocks back 1 hr)		
Do KBA – Easter check report (Jan) 2/4/24		
KBA - BBB April 2024-March 2025 biannual survey for KBA areas in Northern Rivers commences – Mt Jerusalem NP (Wilson's Creek, Koonyum Range & Middle Ridge Road) Goonengerry NP & Upper Coopers Creek Property) Cowan Creek Road – Nightcap NP – Mt Nardi & Rummy Park & Rocky Creek Dam with assistance of RBB		
Wed. 3 rd 08.00 – 13.00	To be advised or email richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com	RBB outing decided at the end of previous survey.
Tuesday 9 th 07.00 start	Settlement Rd - Must Register for address & details	BBB – private property survey.
Sunday 14 th 08.00 start	North Head Rd – for details go to https://birdlife.org.au/news/nsw-northern-rivers-outings-for-2024/	BLNR survey & outing. Must Register madzufi@gmail.com
Tuesday 16 th 08.00 start	Byron Wetlands Meet at gate contact Vicki – Contact Vicki - davvix1@gmail.com or 0482466350	BBB – Morning survey – for BSC reporting - Must Register for more details
Wed. 17 th 08.00 – 13.00	To be advised or email richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com	RBB outing decided at the end of previous survey.
Monday 22 nd 8.00am - 11.00am start	Seapeace. – need at least 12 people – NEEDS TO BE CONFIRMED Contact byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com or Mobile 0428864378	BBB- Full site survey Must Register for more details
Friday 26 th 08.00 start	The Wallum – Crown land at Brunswick Heads Meet at end of Omega Court.	BBB – Monthly survey Contact byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com
Tuesday 30 th 08.00 start	Goonengerry NP – meet in the carpark at the end of Garrong Rd. Bring morning tea & lunch if you plan to stay a long day. Contact Vicki - davvix1@gmail.com	BBB – KBA survey – both south and part of north boundary trails (4 hours) Must Register

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May 2024		
BBB - Pick up BBB shorebird signs from beach access points		
Mistletoe and birds' workshop – Alstonville School – to be confirmed		
Wed. 1st 08.00 – 13.00	To be advised or email richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com	RBB outing decided at the end of previous survey.
Tuesday 7 th 14.00(2pm) start	Vallances Road - Mullumbimby – off Coolamon Scenic Drive (Mullum/Ocean Shores end) – Drive to the pond at the bottom of hill & wait	BBB – Late afternoon survey, for BSC reporting. Must Register contact Vicki davvix1@gmail.com
Sunday 12 th 08.00 start	Vallances Road - Mullumbimby – off Coolamon Scenic Drive (Mullum/Ocean Shores end) – Drive to the pond at the bottom of hill & wait	BLNR survey & outing. Must Register – contact madzufi@gmail.com
Tuesday 14 th 08.00 start	Koonyum Range & Mill Rd Must Register for address & details byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BBB – KBA survey
Wed. 15 th 08.00 – 13.00	To be advised or email richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com	RBB - outing decided at the end of previous survey.
Sunday 19 th 08.00 – 13.00	Middle Pocket - Must Register for address & details byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BBB – Private Property survey
Tuesday 21 st 08.00 start	Durrumbul – to be confirmed. Must Register for address & details byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BBB – Private Property survey
Friday 24 th 14.00 (2pm) start	The Wallum – Crown land at Brunswick Heads Meet at end of Omega Court. byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BBB – Monthly survey Contact byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com
Tue 28 th 08.00 start	Mt Nardi – to be confirmed. Must Register byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BBB – KBA survey.
Wed. 29 th 08.00 – 13.00	To be advised or email richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com	RBB - outing decided at the end of previous survey.
June 2024		
Focused Albert's Lyrebird surveys – Goonengerry and Tooloom NP – to be organized and confirmed by Vicki.		
Tuesday 4 th 14.00 –(2pm) start	Byron Wetlands Must Register contact Vicki davvix1@gmail.com	BBB – Late afternoon survey, for BSC reporting - Must Register
Sunday 9 th 7.30 -11.00	Uki – private property – for more details https://www.birdlife.org.au/locations/birdlife-northern-nsw/birdlife-northern-rivers	BLNR survey & outing. Must Register madzufi@gmail.com
Tuesday 11 th 08.00 start	Upper Coopers Creek – Must Register for address & details byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BBB – KBA survey
Wed. 12 th 08.00 – 13.00	To be advised or email richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com	RBB - outing decided at the end of previous survey.
Tuesday 18 th 08.00 start	Tintenbar – private property - to be confirmed. Must Register for address & details byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BBB – survey
Friday 21 st 08.00 start	The Wallum – Crown land at Brunswick Heads Meet at end of Omega Court. byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BBB – Monthly survey Contact byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com
Wedn'day 26 th 08.00 – 13.00	To be advised or email richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com	RBB - outing decided at the end of previous survey.
Friday 28 th 08.00 start	Big Scrub – Gibbergunyah Rd - tentative date only	BBB – KBA survey
Next outing for the diary – 1 st week of July will be the bi-annual Shorebird survey – Sunday and Monday 7 rd and 8 th of July – details to be decided.		