Classic Australia
Blue Mountains, Cairns & O’Reilly’s
Thu 7th - Mon 25th November 2013

(Photos, clockwise from top left): A calling Blue-faced Honeyeater • The colourful Double-eyed Fig Parrot • The long-fingered and beady-eyed Little Red Flying Fox • Latham’s Snipe is always a good bird to see • A happy group on the Daintree River Cruise • The amazing wing-flicking display of a Victoria’s Riflebird © all photos Peter Taylor

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Peter Taylor
(Trip photos, clockwise from top left): The very smart Grey-headed Robin • Cute and crowd-pleasing Mareeba Rock Wallabies • Another of the many species of honeyeater - a Macleay’s Honeyeater • A well-marked Eastern Spinebill • Sooty Tern was numerous on our trip to the Great Barrier Reef • A fine view of the Three Sisters in the Blue Mountains © all photos Peter Taylor
Trip Diary

Tour Leaders: Peter Taylor as principal guide – aided by Rose Ferrell, Carol Probets, Alan Gillanders and Duncan Fowler
with David & Gillian Asher, Bill & Virginia Day, Mike Johnson, Dave & Anne Lloyd, Darrell Pickles, Alan Richenberg and Colin Wibberley

Australia’s East Coast is famous for its spectacular scenery and awesome wildlife and this year’s tour began as usual in Sydney, a city surrounded by the temperate forests of the Southern Highlands and Blue Mountains. From here we flew north to tropical Cairns where we spent a glorious week exploring the lush Atherton Tablelands and Great Barrier Reef, before completing our sojourn at O’Reilly’s Guesthouse, perched high in the Lamington Ranges south west of Brisbane.

To everyone’s surprise flights into Sydney were early, so both vehicles were packed and ready to roll soon, after 8am. Just south of Sydney airport lies the historic landmark where Captain Cook first came ashore in 1770. The parkland setting of the Kamay-Botany Bay National Park provided the ideal introduction to what was destined to be a bumper trip for Australian birdlife. Sulphur-crested Cockatoos and Little Corellas shrieked continuously, along with fast-flying Crimson Rosellas. Noisy Miners, our first species of Australia’s daunting array of honeyeaters, fed busily in the flowering shrubs while Pied Currawongs, Masked Lapwings and the more demure Crested Pigeons took second place. A short drive away at Cronulla, we enjoyed a cruise on Port Hacking, skirting the forested shores of the Royal National Park, Australia’s first National Park and just the second to be created in the world. While enjoying an onboard lunch and deckhand Kirsty’s delicious fruit salad, we were entertained by views of Australian Pelicans, four species of cormorant, Welcome Swallows and Australian Pied Oystercatchers.

A little over an hour’s drive further south (and a chance for some to catch up on a bit of shut-eye), lies the charming village of Jamberoo, nestled in the foot-slopes of the Southern Highlands. Once unpacked and revived, we had a pleasant stroll through the park across the road from the hotel. A stunning male Superb Fairywren perched up for all to see and it wasn’t long before we’d caught up with his mate and three fledglings. Other gems here were Eastern Spinebill, Satin Bowerbird, Yellow Thornbill, Olive-backed Oriole and the ubiquitous Magpie-lark. Barren Grounds was shrouded in mist and the constant drizzle made birding a challenge, but while sheltering under the eaves of a handily placed building we found an Eastern Yellow Robin, Brown Thornbills and Fan-tailed Cuckoos. At Minnamurra Rainforest Centre we were thrilled to come across a Superb Lyrebird as it raked the forest floor for grubs, almost unconcerned by our presence. Here also, numerous White-browed Scrubwrens, Brown Gerygones, Black-faced Monarchs and an Olive-tailed Thrush that obligingly sat on the path for us.

The Blue Mountains had been badly affected by bushfires only a couple of weeks before, but heavy rain as we arrived allayed any fears of a recurrence. The sheer expanse of the National Park meant there was plenty of unaffected areas for good birding. Dodging showers was the order of the day, however, and half a morning at the beautiful Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens was a good choice. Here we observed Rufous Fantail and Yellow-throated Scrubwrens flitting through the rainforest while Lewin’s and New Holland Honeyeaters searched for nectar filled flowers. A sumptuous lunch in the Gardens’ café was punctuated by a spectacular thunderstorm accompanied by hailstones! Lunch over and the skies had cleared, we opted for the lower tracts of the Megalong Valley and found a whole host of new species waiting. Red-browed Treecreeper, Crested Shrike-tit, Grey Shrike-thrush were added to the list, then an amazing number of honeyeaters at the Old Ford Reserve – including Noisy Friarbirds, a colony of Bell Miners as well as Yellow-faced, White-naped and White-eared Honeyeater. White-browed Woodswallows hawked for insects overhead then a surprise sighting of a huge Channel-billed Cuckoo, identified first by its awful honking call!
En route to the Capertee Valley we stopped off at the Lithgow Sewage Ponds where amongst the myriad duck species we discovered at least three Freckled Ducks, the rarest of Australia’s waterfowl; Pink-eared Ducks and Australian Shovelers had to settle for second place though not all would agree! Local guide Carol showed us another rarity in the form of Regent Honeyeater, an endangered species that breeds in the Capertee Valley when the eucalypt flowering is plentiful. This handsome bird adorned in yellow, black and white and with a pink face, is always a treasured addition to the avid birder’s list! Other special birds here were Painted, Fuscous and White-plumed Honeyeater, Hooded Robin, White-winged Chough and a single Plum-headed Finch (another ‘first-time species’ for this tour!). Our final morning in New South Wales saw us heading back to Sydney Airport, but not before taking the tourist route across the famous iron span that is Sydney Harbour Bridge and looking down on the iconic Sydney Opera House, as it passed by to our left. A nervous arrival at the airport, but we just made our flight to Cairns to begin the next chapter of our adventure.

As the Queensland slogan goes, ‘Beautiful one day, perfect the next’, and so it proved. The Daintree River cruise with Murray, the Daintree Boatman was just brilliant. Within minutes Murray had heard a Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher and it dutifully flew across the river and sat up for all to see. To top that, Murray’s next gem was a juvenile Great-billed Heron, a species we’d never seen before on this trip, sitting on a log on the edge of the river in plain view. More highlights included nesting Papuan Frogmouths, Large-billed Gerygone and Brown-backed Honeyeaters not to mention a Green Tree Snake, Wompoo Pigeons and Australian Swiftlets, aerobatically hawking for insects just millimetres above the surface of the water. After a late breakfast we ventured north of the river into the Daintree National Park where we found Spectacled Monarch and Little Shrike-thrush. Almost at the end of our stroll around the Marrdja Boardwalk we were treated to a magnificent sight of a huge female Southern Cassowary, warily watching us from the rainforest.

Two nights at the birders’ paradise that is Kingfisher Park was a real highlight. Noisy Pittas feeding on the lawns around the orchard, nesting Barn Owls, a Pied Monarch, so many species of honeyeater and even an Echidna were all notable! A walk up Mt Lewis found us Chowchilla, and two special Tablelands endemics, the Atherton Scrubwren and Mountain Thornbill, as well as Brown Cuckoo-dove, the black form of the Brown Treecreeper and a glimpse of the curious Spotted Catbird. After a tip-off from Keith at Kingfisher Park we visited nearby Mt Molloy School where there was a resident Great Bowerbird attending his bower full of white objects, mostly bleached snail shells. Here also we found tiny Peaceful Doves, raucous Blue-faced Honeyeaters (known locally as banana-birds because of their love for banana flowers), a White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike and beautiful Red-winged Parrots.

A colony of Little Red Flying Foxes at Mareeba was an interesting distraction on our way up to Granite Gorge where the Mareeba Rock-wallabies never fail to impress. If they were tired of wallaby food, there was a contingent of Squatter Pigeons ready to swoop in and clean up! A field full of Broglas with a solitary Sarus Crane came next as we headed for Chambers Wildlife Rainforest Lodges at Lake Eacham where a Striped Possum and Sugar Gliders entertained us at the feeding station after dinner. From here we had a great day out with local guide Alan Gillanders, who is literally a walking encyclopedia! Alan showed us a magical Golden Bowerbird at his bower at Mt Hyipipamee, Freckled Ducks amongst hundreds of Whistling Ducks at Hastie’s Swamp, Tooth-billed Bowerbirds and a Yellow-breasted Boatbill at Lake Barrine, Blue-faced Parrot-finches and at Lake Tinaroo numerous waders most notably three Black-tailed Godwits, Limosa limosa! In the evening he took us spotlighting and we were fortunate to see both Green Ringtail and Coppery Brushtail Possum, as well as a male Platypus and even some strange little Fishing Bats. Back at Chambers and we were entranced by resident Grey-headed Robins, a pair of very obliging Wompoo Pigeons and a Grey Whistler with its beautiful song. On our last morning we managed to track down a male Victoria’s Riflebird as he displayed on his forest perch, dancing from side to side and flicking his wings open like a pair of fans.

On the famous Cairns Esplanade we sorted through flocks of waders: Sharp-tailed Sandpipers, Red-necked Stints, Bar-tailed Godwits, Red and Great Knots, Grey-tailed Tattler, Eastern Curlew and Whimbrel and the cute Terek Sandpiper; while in the mangroves we found Varied Honeyeaters and a
Mangrove Robin. At nearby Centenary Lakes were Radjah Shelduck, Striated Heron, Green Orioles and Collared Kingfisher. Some were lucky enough to catch a glimpse of the tiny blue flash that is the almost mythical Little Kingfisher.

From Cairns, the giant catamaran Ocean Spirit took us out to Michaelmas Cay on the Great Barrier Reef where thousands of Common Noddies and Sooty Terns breed amongst the Brown Boobies and marauding Great Frigatebirds. This year we were to be surprised by the addition of two new species for the Classic tour, a lone Masked Booby and some Lesser Frigatebirds. A tour of part of the reef in the glass-bottomed submersible was memorable for views of Giant Clams and Green Sea Turtles, and an amazing array of tropical fish, too many to name!

The finale to this trip is at the splendid O’Reilly’s Guesthouse, perched atop the Green Mountains within the Lamington Ranges National Park. A mid-morning flight to Brisbane was in order for all but Alan, who had organised an earlier flight in order spend time watching the start of the First Cricket Test of the Ashes Series at the ’Gabba (eventually won by Australia quite convincingly, well very convincingly actually but no need to dwell on that). As we pulled into the airport carpark to drop off our vehicles, a flock of Red-tailed Black Cockatoos magically appeared on top of several lamp posts, giving us our one and only view of this most classic Australian species. Once in Brisbane, we were whisked away by private transfer through green rolling farmland and up the incredibly narrow, winding road, where Whiptail Wallabies were feeding on the short grass, and on into the high rainforest. On cue, the black and gold ambassador of O’Reilly’s, the Regent Bowerbird was there to greet us along with a horde of Crimson Rosellas and Australian King Parrots.

A late afternoon jaunt along the Boardwalk trail was relaxing, with birds aplenty: a party of Australian Logrunners foraged noisily; all three species of Scrubwren came to investigate us; as evening approached the diminutive Red-legged Pademelons ghosted out of the forest to feed on the lawns. We had a morning out with local guide Duncan who took us down the goat track known as Duck Creek Road, where he found for us a pair of secretive Glossy Black Cockatoos with a youngster, quietly feeding on the cones of the local Casuarinas. Other highlights included a male Rose Robin, a speedy Grey Goshawk, a male Cicadabird and the spectacular display of a male Paradise Riflebird. Left to our own devices to explore the various mountain and forest trails we discovered both Olive-tailed and Russet-tailed Thrush, Black-face Monarchs, White-headed Pigeons and a flock of Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos, bringing our cockatoo tally for the trip to an impressive seven species!

As always, the meals at O’Reilly’s are sumptuous, so much so that Alan, unable to convince anyone to share an Irish Stew for two, went it alone and stunned everyone by demolishing an entire double serving! Understandably, he was excused from attempting one of O’Reilly’s famous desserts. By the morning of our last day we getting desperate to see the iconic Albert’s Lyrebird, sometimes an infuriatingly secretive bird but one we had seen twice on previous trips. An early start was in order and the keen members of the group were dutifully gathered outside before 6am. Incredibly, a mere 50 yards from the Guesthouse along the Border Track, a female and a large juvenile lyrebird were busy scratching away at the forest litter, giving fantastic views and totally unphased by our battery of optics. What a finale and a fitting end to a great trip. Before we knew it, our transfer coach was whisking us all back down the mountain to Brisbane airport where we bid our farewells, some returning home to England, others on to more adventures in Tasmania, Ayers Rock and New Zealand. Many thanks to one and all for a memorable trip!

Peter Taylor
SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED
(Total number of species recorded by the group – 276)

Southern Cassowary *Casuarius casuarius*
Fantastic views of a female off the Marrdja boardwalk in Daintree National Park.

Australian Brush-turkey *Alectura lathami*
Common in Queensland.

Orange-footed Scrubfowl *Megapodius reinwardti*
Fairly common in the rainforests in Tropical North Queensland.

Magpie-goose *Anseranas semipalmata*
Relatively common in Queensland, particularly at Lake Mitchell and Hastie’s Swamp.

Plumed Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna eytoni*
A large flocks were seen at Hasties’ Swamp and Lake Tinaroo.

Wandering Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna arcuata*
Numerous at Lake Mitchell and several more at Hasties Swamp.

Black Swan *Cygnus atratus*
Many at Lake Mitchell in Queensland.

Freckled Duck *Stictonetta*
At least three of these rare ducks were seen at the Lithgow Sewage Ponds in NSW and another two at Hasties Swamp in Queensland.

Radjah Shelduck *Tadorna radjah*
Two were seen at the Centenary Lakes in Cairns.

Pink-eared Duck *Malacorhyncus membranaceus*
Possibly 20 or more seen at the Lithgow Sewage Ponds, NSW and several at Hasties Swamp.

Maned Duck *Chenonetta jubata*
First seen Jamberoo golf course. Widespread on farm dams and wetlands in New South Wales.

Cotton Pygmy-goose *Nettapus coromandelianus*
About six of these not so common waterfowl seen at Lake Mitchell in Queensland.

Green Pygmy-goose *Nettapus pulchellus*
Plentiful at Lake Mitchell.

Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa*
Widespread in NSW and Queensland, seen most days on farm dams and wetlands.

Australian Shoveler *Anas rhynchos*
At least a dozen at the Lithgow Sewage Ponds, NSW

Grey Teal *Anas gracilis*
Common at Lithgow Sewage Ponds, NSW.

Chestnut Teal *Anas castanea*
A male seen and photographed by Colin before breakfast at Jamberoo, NSW.

Hardhead *Aythya australis*
Numerous at Lithgow Sewage Ponds, NSW, many also at Hastie’s Swamp in Queensland.

Musk Duck *Biziura lobata*
A single male was seen Lake Wallace, NSW.

Australasian Grebe *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*
Several at Lithgow Sewage Ponds, NSW.

Hoary-headed Grebe *Polioccephalus poliocephalus*
Many seen at Lake Wallace, NSW.

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*
At least three were seen at Lake Wallace, NSW.

Australian (White) Ibis *Threskiornis molucca*
Common and widespread especially around Sydney.

Straw-necked Ibis *Threskiornis spinicollis*
Seen every day in North Queensland from Mossman to the Tablelands.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*
Several birds were seen at Lake Mitchell, Queensland.
Royal Spoonbill *Platalea regia*
A single bird was first seen at Lake Mitchell then another at Brady’s Swamp near Mareeba. Another two at Hasties Swamp.

Yellow-billed Spoonbill *Platalea flavipes*
A couple seen at Hastie’s Swamp.

Rufous Night Heron *Nycticorax caledonicus*
Three birds were flushed on the Daintree River cruise.

Striped Heron *Butorides striata*
A single bird spotted first by Darrell at Centenary Lakes, Cairns.

Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus*
First seen near Jamberoo in NSW then widespread in northern Queensland.

White-necked Heron *Ardea pacifica*
This species has been unusually plentiful in Australia this year. Seen well on several occasions in NSW and Queensland.

Great-billed Heron *Ardea sumatrana*
Fantastic views of a juvenile on the Daintree River cruise with Murray – a first for this trip!

Great Egret *Ardea alba*
Several individuals seen throughout the trip except at O’Reilly’s.

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*
Four or five at Abattoir Swamp and very common at Lake Mitchell.

White-faced Heron *Egretta novaehollandiae*
A couple at Jamberoo firstly then individuals on a few occasions, mainly in NSW but a couple in North Queensland too.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*
Single birds only on the Daintree cruise and another on the Cairns foreshore in Queensland.

Lesser Frigatebird *Fregata*
A first for this tour, a couple of males were seen over Michaelmas Cay.

Great Frigatebird *Fregata minor*
Two females seen on Michaelmas Cay.

Australian Pelican *Pelecanus conspicillatus*
Several on the Port Hacking cruise and numerous in Queensland at Lake Mitchell and Hastie’s Swamp.

Masked Booby *Sula*
A great sighting on Michaelmas Cay when we did a private boat tour to the other side of the island.

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*
Common and seen to be breeding on Michaelmas Cay.

Little Pied Cormorant *Phalacrocorax melanoleucos*
Common cormorant of lakes, dams and wetlands seen on several days throughout.

Little Black Cormorant *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*
Common in both Queensland and New South Wales.

Pied Cormorant *Phalacrocorax varius*
Seen only on the first day on the Port Hacking cruise.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*
A few seen on the Port Hacking cruise in NSW and several at Lake Tinaroo in Queensland.

Australasian Darter *Anhinga melanogaster*
One seen on the Port Hacking cruise in NSW. Seen at several locations in Queensland.

Australian Kestrel *Falco cenchroides*
Single birds seen in the Capertee Valley, NSW and near Kingfisher Park in Queensland.

Australian Hobby *Falco longipennis*
A single bird was seen at Lake Mitchell.

Brown Falcon *Falco berigora*
One was seen briefly in the Capertee Valley.

Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus axillaris*
Individuals seen on a number of days in North Queensland only. Surprisingly uncommon this year.
Black Kite *Milvus migrans*
A few individuals seen near Mossman in Queensland. Several at Abattoir swamp and around the Atherton Tablelands in Queensland.

Whistling Kite *Haliastur sphenurus*
Several at Abattoir swamp, Lake Mitchell and Lake Tinaroo, all in Queensland.

Spotted Harrier *Circus assimilis*
Great views of a single bird quartering a paddock near Yungaburra with Alan Gillanders.

Grey Goshawk *Accipiter novaehollandiae*
A single bird flew over near O’Reilly’s on our morning with Duncan.

Wedge-tailed Eagle *Aquila audax*
Individuals seen twice each in NSW and North Queensland.

Australian Bustard *Ardeotis australis*
Two individuals seen on the roadside at Maryfarms, north Queensland.

Buff-banded Rail *Gallirallus philippensis*
One first seen having a bath in Bushy Creek at Kingfisher Park. Several others elsewhere in North Queensland.

Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio*
Two seen firstly on the Jamberoo golf course. Also seen at Lake Wallace in NSW but very plentiful at Hastie’s Swamp in North Queensland.

Dusky Moorhen *Gallinula tenebrosa*
One at the Nepean River Reserve near Penrith enroute from Jamberoo to Katoomba.

Common Coot *Fulica atra*
Common at Lithgow Sewage Ponds and Lake Wallace in NSW and Lakes Mitchell and Barrine in Queensland.

Sarus Crane *Grus antigone*
One bird was noted in a flock of Brolga in a paddock along Chewko Rd near Mareeba in north Queensland.

Brolga *Grus rubicunda*
A flock of 40 or so were seen in a paddock along Chewko Rd near Mareeba in north Queensland.

Painted Buttonquail *Turnix varius*
Two were flushed from tufty grass near Carol’s house in the Capertee Valley.

Bush Thick-knee *Burhinus grallarius*
Heard calling eerily at night at Kingfisher Park. Common around Yungaburra and especially good views at Atherton where we stopped to buy lunches!

Australian Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris*
Two seen flying at the Captain Cook landing, one seen later on a sandbar during the Port Hacking cruise.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*
A couple were seen at Lake Mitchell in north Queensland. Very common at Hastie’s Swamp.

Masked Lapwing *Vanellus miles*
Very common, seen every day, either the northern subspecies in Queensland or the southern in NSW.

Red-kneed Dotterel *Erythrogonys cinctus*
Three of these attractive resident shorebirds were seen at Hastie’s Swamp and a couple more later at Lake Tinaroo.

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*
Thirteen or more seen at Lake Tinaroo in North Queensland.

Lesser Sand Plover *Charadrius mongolus*
A small flock of 15 or so seen at high tide on the Cairns foreshore.

Oriental Plover *Charadrius veredus*
A single bird was spotted firstly by Bill at Lake Mitchell and scoped from the causeway.

Black-fronted Dotterel *Elytornis melanops*
One was seen at Brady’s Swamp near Mareeba then a couple more again at Hastie’s Swamp in North Queensland.
Comb-crested Jacana *Irediparra gallinacea*
Quite common at Lake Mitchell in north Queensland.

*Latham’s Snipe* *Gallinago hardwickii*
One flushed from the edge of Lake Wallace in NSW but great views were had of two birds from the hide at Hastie’s Swamp in North Queensland.

[Eastern] *Black-tailed Godwit* *Limosa [limosa] melanuroides*
Three were seen at Lake Tinaroo. Also seen on the Cairns foreshore.

*Bar-tailed Godwit* *Limosa lapponica*
Many at the Cairns foreshore.

*Whimbrel* *Numenius phaeopus*
Several seen on the Cairns foreshore.

*Far Eastern Curlew* *Numenius madagascariensis*
A single bird seen first by Mike along the Cairns foreshore then by others later.

*Marsh Sandpiper* *Tringa stagnatilis*
At least two at Lake Tinaroo, in Queensland.

*Common Greenshank* *Tringa nebularia*
A single bird seen on the Cairns foreshore.

*Grey-tailed Tattler* *Heteroscelus brevipes*
One seen on the Cairns foreshore on our last morning there.

*Terek Sandpiper* *Xenus cinereus*
Single birds seen on the Cairns foreshore on two mornings.

*Common Sandpiper* *Actitis hypolecos*
A single bird was seen flying along the Saltwater Creek at Centenary Lakes in Cairns.

*Ruddy Turnstone* * Arenaria interpres*
At least five spotted on Michaelmas Cay.

*Great Knot* *Calidris tenuirostris*
Several on the Cairns foreshore at high tide.

*Red Knot* *Calidris canutus*
Several on the Cairns foreshore at high tide.

*Red-necked Stint* *Calidris ruficollis*
Several seen at Lake Mitchell, Lake Tinaroo and along Cairns foreshore.

*Sharp-tailed Sandpiper* *Calidris acuminata*
Several seen at Lake Mitchell and along the Cairns foreshore.

*Australian Pratincole* *Stiltia Isabella*
At least five seen on Brady’s Swamp in North Queensland.

*Brown Noddy* *Anous stolidus*
Literally thousands nesting on Michaelmas Cay.

*Black Noddy* *Anous minutus*
One or two birds were seen perched on the water taxi at Michaelmas Cay as we arrived.

*Silver Gull* *Larus novaehollandiae*
Australia’s commonest gull, seen often in Cairns and around Sydney.

*Sooty Tern* * Onychoprion fuscata*
Very common and breeding on Michaelmas Cay.

*Bridled Tern* * Onychoprion anaethetus*
Several seen on the tenders and perched on buoys at Michaelmas Cay.

*Little Tern* *Sternula albifrons*
A few distant birds scoped on the Cairns foreshore on our last morning.

*Gull-billed Tern* * Gelochelidon nilotica*
A few on the Cairns foreshore.

*Caspian Tern* *Hydroprogne caspia*
A single bird was seen at Lake Tinaroo in North Queensland

*Crested Tern* *Thalasseus bergii*
Several on Port Hacking cruise. Common at Michaelmas Cay.

*Lesser Crested Tern* *Thalasseus bengalensis*
Very common on Michaelmas Cay.
Black-naped Tern *Sterna sumatran*  
Dozens seen on Michaelmas Cay.

**Whiskered Tern Chlidonias hybrida**  
At least five of these freshwater terns were seen flying around Lake Mitchell and a couple later at Hasted’s Swamp in North Queensland.

**Feral Pigeon Columba livia Introduced species**  
The familiar feral pigeon seen throughout.

**White-headed Pigeon Columba leucomela**  
One seen first at Mt Lewis then others well at O’Reilly’s.

**Spotted Dove Streptopelia chinensis Introduced species**  
Seen in Sydney on powerlines. Individuals also in Cairns in North Queensland.

**Brown Cuckoo-dove Macropygia amboinensis**  
Four seen at Mt Lewis. Quite common at Chambers.

**Emerald Dove Chalcophaps indica**  
Seen feeding at the bird table at Kingfisher Park.

**Common Bronzewing Phaps chalcoptera**  
Individuals seen at Glen Davis and in the Capertee Valley.

**Crested Pigeon Ocyphaps lophotes**  
First seen at the Captain Cook landing. Common pigeon of the Capertee Valley and open farmland of the Atherton Tablelands.

**Squatter Pigeon Geophaps scripta**  
Locally very common at Granite Gorge.

**Wonga Pigeon Leucosarcia melanoleuca**  
One at Mt Tomah and another seen at O’Reilly’s.

**Diamond Dove Geopelia cuneata**  
Several seen near Maryfarms in North Queensland.

**Peaceful Dove Geopelia placida**  
Heard in the Capertee Valley with Carol. Seen well at Mt Molloy School.

**Bar-shouldered Dove Geopelia humeralis**  
A single bird was scoped on our morning walk with Carol at Glen Davis, NSW. A common visitor to the feeding table at Kingfisher Park and seen regularly throughout North Queensland

**Wompoo Fruit Dove Ptilinopus magnificus**  
We had excellent views of two birds on the Daintree River cruise, another two in the Daintree National Park from the Marrdja Boardwalk and even better views of two more at Chambers.

**Pied Imperial Pigeon Ducula bicolor**  
Many seen around Cairns and Daintree.

**Topknot Pigeon Lopholaimus antarcticus**  
Four seen flying overhead at Minnamurra Rainforest centre. Small flocks also seen flying overhead in North Queensland on at least two occasions but never landing!

**Red-tailed Black Cockatoo Calyptorhynchus banksii**  
Great views of seven of these cockatoos perched on lamp posts at Cairns Airport as we arrived for our flight south!

**Glossy Black Cockatoo Calyptorhynchus lathami**  
Great views at the bottom of Duck Creek Road with Duncan at O’Reilly’s of a pair with a youngster feeding in a sheoak.

**Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo Calyptorhynchus funereus**  
Opportunistic roadside sighting of a couple of birds between Capertee and Lithgow then closer views of a flock flying over O’Reilly’s, two of which perched close enough to see.

**Galah Eolophus roseicapilla**  
Widespread in NSW.

**Long-billed Corella Cacatua tenuirostris**  
Several seen feeding on the golf course at Jambrero.

**Little Corella Cacatua sanguinea**  
Numerous at Captain Cook’s landing and in the Blue Mountains.
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo *Cacatua galerita*
Very common, recorded most days.

Rainbow Lorikeet *Trichoglossus haematodus*
Common, recorded most days.

Scaly-breasted Lorikeet *Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus*
Mostly seen flying over, uttering their noticeably less raucous call than the Rainbow Lorikeets. However one bird was eventually seen perched on Cairns foreshore.

Musk Lorikeet *Glossopsitta concinna*
Plenty of these bright green parrots in flowering ironbark trees in the Capertee Valley

Little Lorikeet *Glossopsitta pusilla*
One or two of these tiny birds were noted feeding in a eucalypt in the Capertee Valley along with numerous Musk Lorikeets.

Crimson Rosella *Platycercus elegans*
First seen at Captain Cook’s landing. A very common parrot both in the Blue Mountains and at O’Reilly’s.

Eastern Rosella *Platycercus eximius*
One seen at Captain Cook’s landing.

Red-rumped Parrot *Psephotus haematonotus*
Fairly common in the Capertee Valley.

Australian King Parrot *Alisterus scapularis*
A single bird was seen at Jamberoo. Very common and very tame at O’Reilly’s!

Red-winged Parrot *Aprosmictus erythropierus*
Four birds were seen at Mt Molloy School in north Queensland.

Double-eyed Fig Parrot *Cyclopsitta diophthalma*
At least three of these tiny parrots were seen feeding on small fruits at Kingfisher Park. Great views with Alan Gillanders of a flock feeding in a fig tree at Lake Eacham.

Fan-tailed Cuckoo *Cacomantis flabelliformis*
Two individuals were seen at Barren Grounds in NSW and excellent views of a juvenile at O’Reilly’s in Queensland.

Shining Bronze Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx lucidus*
Two individuals were seen at O’Reilly’s.

Australian Koel *Eudynamys cyanocephala*
Heard firstly in the park at Jamberoo, we had various sightings of males, females and a juvenile throughout the trip.

Channel-billed Cuckoo *Scythrops novaehollandiae*
One was seen flying over the Old Ford Reserve in the Megalong Valley in NSW, after they were heard honking loudly nearby.

Pheasant Coucal *Centropus phasianinus*
Two sightings of single birds, one flying in front of the minibus near Lake Mitchell and another seen perched in a tree on the side of the road near Canungra as we drove up to O’Reilly’s.

Barn Owl *Tyto alba*
Before dinner one night, Keith showed us two individuals at Kingfisher Park.

Papuan Frogmouth *Podargus papuensis*
Excellent views of two birds on nests over the Daintree River with Murray, the Daintree Boatman

Australian Swiftlet *Aerodramus terraereginae*
Reasonably common over Cairns and the Atherton Tablelands.

White-throated Needletail *Hirandapus caudacutus*
Several of these incredibly fast fliers were seen hawking high over O’Reilly’s on a couple of occasions, usually before thunderstorms.

Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*
One was seen in the Capertee Valley NSW, with Carol and others at Lake Mitchell and Brady’s Swamp in North Queensland.

Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher *Tanysiptera Sylvia*
Surprise views of one of this spectacular kingfisher on the Daintree River cruise with Murray as one flew over our heads and perched nearby.
Laughing Kookaburra *Dacelo novaeguineae*
Heard during bird call at Jamberoo! Common and widespread, seen nearly every day.

**Forest Kingfisher** *Todiramphus macleayii*
A few individuals seen around the Atherton Tablelands and Daintree.

**Collared Kingfisher** *Todiramphus chloris*
Possibly as many as three were seen in mangroves along the saltwater creek at Centenary Lakes, Cairns.

**Sacred Kingfisher** *Todiramphus sanctus*
One at Old Ford Reserve, Megalong, another in the Capertee Valley and again on the Daintree River cruise with Murray.

**Azure Kingfisher** *Alcedo azurea*
A couple of birds flying along the Daintree River on our cruise, and another at the dock as we left.

**Little Kingfisher** *Ceyx pusilla*
Two very brief glimpses of a single bird at the Cairns Centenary Lakes.

**Rainbow Bee-eater** *Merops ornatus*
Good views at the Capertee River in NSW and also at Granite Gorge and Centenary Lakes in Queensland.

**Noisy Pitta** *Pitta versicolor*
A pair was seen in the orchard at Kingfisher Park. One was also seen standing on the Border Track at O’Reilly’s.

**Albert’s Lyrebird** *Menura alberti*
Fantastic sighting of two birds close to the resort early on the final morning at O’Reilly’s!

**Superb Lyrebird** *Menura novaehollandiae*
Brilliant close-up views of a couple of birds at Minnamurra Rainforest Centre near Jamberoo.

**Green Catbird** *Ailuroedus crassirostris*
These clowns of the forest were seen well at O’Reilly’s.

**Spotted Catbird** *Ailuroedus melanotis*
Heard well at Kingfisher Park and Mossman Gorge, we eventually had good views of several birds at Chambers Rainforest Lodges.

**Tooth-billed Bowerbird** *Scenopoeetes dentirostris*
Brilliant views of a singing male at Lake Barrine, including a bower with local guide Alan.

**Golden Bowerbird** *Prionodura newtoniana*
Stunning views of this rainforest gem once again at one of Alan’s hotspots near Mt Hypipamee!

**Regent Bowerbird** *Sericulus chrysocephalus*
The emblem of O’Reilly’s and a regular visitor to the feeders.

**Satin Bowerbird** *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*
Several sightings of female/juveniles in NSW though it wasn’t until we got to O’Reilly’s that we enjoyed close-up views of the glossy black males.

**White-throated Treecreeper** *Cormobates leucophaea*
Single birds at the Old Ford Reserve in the Megalong Valley and along the Capertee River in NSW. Also another three seen well with Duncan near O’Reilly’s.

**Red-browed Treecreeper** *Climacteris erythrops*
Several birds were at Megalong Valley in the Blue Mountains, drowned out by the cicadas!

**Brown Treecreeper** *Climacteris picumnus*
At least three birds seen at Carol’s block and a couple along the Capertee River. One of the black form was seen on Mt Lewis.

**Lovely Fairywren** *Malurus amabilis*
Excellent sighting of a male and female in thick bush on the side of the Stewart Creek Road near Daintree.

**Superb Fairywren** *Malurus cyaneus*
A pair with 3 fledged young seen at Jamberoo. The common fairywren of south-eastern Australia, seen most days in NSW and at O’Reilly’s.

**Red-backed Fairywren** *Malurus melanocephalus*
A pair seen at Abattoir Swamp near Julatten and another three males at Lake Mitchell in north Queensland. A single male was also seen near O’Reilly’s with Duncan.
Macleay’s Honeyeater *Xanthotis macleayanus*

Common at the feed table at Kingfisher Park. Seen also at Lake Barrine.

Yellow-faced Honeyeater *Lichenostomus chrysops*

Several seen at Glen Davis and Kingfisher Park. Particularly plentiful near O’Reilly’s with Duncan.

Varied Honeyeater *Lichenostomus versicolor*

Four seen alongside the mangroves near the Esplanade in Cairns.

Yellow Honeyeater *Lichenostomus flavus*

Two seen at Abattoir Swamp North Queensland.

White-eared Honeyeater *Lichenostomus leucotis*

One seen at the Old Ford Reserve in the Megalong Valley, NSW.

Yellow-tufted Honeyeater *Lichenostomus melanops*

One seen with Carol at her block in the Capertee Valley.

Fuscous Honeyeater *Lichenostomus fuscus*

A single bird seen near the bird bath on Carol’s block of land in the Capertee Valley.

White-plumed Honeyeater *Lichenostomus penicillatus*

Very common in the Sydney region and the Capertee Valley.

Graceful Meliphaga *Meliphaga gracilis*

Many seen at Kingfisher Park.

Yellow-spotted Honeyeater *Meliphaga notata*

Many seen in the Daintree National Park along the boardwalks.

Lewin’s Honeyeater *Meliphaga lewinii*

In NSW seen at Jamberoo and Minnamurra. Common on both the Atherton Tablelands and at O’Reilly’s in Queensland.

Bell Miner *Manorina melanophrys*

A colony was heard at the Old Ford Reserve in the Megalong Valley and individuals could be seen now and then as they flew up and perched higher.

Noisy Miner *Manorina melanocephala*

Very common in NSW.

Blue-faced Honeyeater *Entomyzon cyanotis*

Close up views of three of these noisy honeyeaters at Mt Molloy School in north Queensland as we were observing a Great Bowerbird at his bower.

White-naped Honeyeater *Melithreptus lunatus*

A couple were seen at the Old Ford Reserve in the Megalong Valley in NSW

Little Friarbird *Philemon citreogularis*

Singles seen at Mt Lewis in North Queensland.

Helmeted Friarbird *Philemon buceroides*

Several of these noisy honeyeaters seen at Daintree and Centenary Lakes, Cairns.

Noisy Friarbird *Philemon corniculatus*

Many seen at Old Ford Reserve in the Megalong Valley, Blue Mountains. Also common in flowering ironbark in the Capertee Valley.

Little Wattlebird *Anthochaera chrysoptera*

Very common in the park at Jamberoo.

Red Wattlebird *Anthochaera carunculata*

Common in NSW, seen often in the Blue Mountains and the Capertee Valley.

Regent Honeyeater *Anthochaera phrygia*

Fantastic views in the Capertee Valley thanks to Carol!

Brown Honeyeater *Lichmera indistincta*

Seen at a number of places in North Queensland, including good views at Abattoir Swamp.

Painted Honeyeater *Grantiella picta*

Good views of a single bird at the Capertee River with Carol.

New Holland Honeyeater *Phylidonyris novaehollandiae*

Best views in the native flower beds at Echo Point, Katoomba in the Blue Mountains.

Brown-backed Honeyeater *Ramsayornis modestus*

Several seen on the Daintree River cruise with Murray. One also at Hastie’s Swamp, a first record there for Alan Gillanders.
Eastern Spinebill *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*
Two seen at Jamberoo park and another two at Fitzroy Falls. Fairly common at O’Reilly’s.

Dusky Myzomela *Myzomela obscura*
Several seen around Kingfisher Park feeding on flowering grevilleas.

Scarlet Myzomela *Myzomela sanguinolenta*
A stunning male was seen well feeding on a yellow Grevillea flower near Kingfisher Park.

Spotted Pardalote *Pardalotus punctatus*
One seen very well where we parked at Old Ford Reserve in the Megalong Valley, NSW.

Striated Pardalote *Pardalotus striatus*
Two observed along Duck Creek Road near O’Reilly’s with Duncan.

Atherton Scrubwren *Sericornis keri*
A single bird seen at Mt Lewis, on our walk up the hill.

White-browed Scrubwren *Sericornis frontalis*
Quite common at Minnamurra where several birds were seen foraging on the ground. Also common at O’Reilly’s.

Yellow-throated Scrubwren *Sericornis citreogularis*
Two or three in the Blue Mountains but very common at O’Reilly’s, along the boardwalk.

Large-billed Scrubwren *Sericornis magnirostris*
Several seen at Kingfisher Park and at O’Reilly’s.

Weebill *Smicrornis brevirostris*
Many seen in the Capertee Valley in NSW.

Brown Gerygone *Gerygone mouki*
Heard frequently at Minnamurra before a couple were seen at close quarters. Common at O’Reilly’s in Queensland.

Large-billed Gerygone *Gerygone magnirostris*
Several seen along the Daintree River on the cruise.

White-throated Gerygone *Gerygone olivacea*
One was seen by some in the Capertee Valley with Carol.

Mountain Thornbill *Acanthiza katherina*
Several seen at Mt Lewis, usually high up in the canopy.

Brown Thornbill *Acanthiza pusilla*
First seen at Barren Grounds in the rain! Common in the Blue Mountains and also at O’Reilly’s.

Buff-rumped Thornbill *Acanthiza reguloides*
Several down along Duck Creek Rd at O’Reilly’s with Duncan.

Yellow Thornbill *Acanthiza nana*
Several around Jamberoo, seen feeding in casuarinas.

Striated Thornbill *Acanthiza lineata*
Common in eucalypts both in NSW and at O’Reilly’s.

Grey-crowned Babbler *Pomatostomus temporalis*
Several of these large, raucous babblers seen at Lake Mitchell in Queensland.

White-browed Babbler *Pomatostomus superciliosus*
A party of these gregarious birds were seen on early morning walk at Glen Davis with Carol.

Australian Logrunner *Orthonyx temminckii*
Fantastic views of these busy forest floor foragers at O’Reilly’s, both the white-throated males and their orange-throated mates.

Chowchilla *Orthonyx spaldingii*
A couple of these forest dwellers were seen foraging as we walked up Mt Lewis. Another was seen at Lake Barrine.

Eastern Whipbird *Psophodes olivaceus*
Heard everywhere there was forest in NSW. Best views at the Echo Point Lookout early one morning and along the boardwalk at O’Reilly’s.

Yellow-breasted Boatbill *Machaerirhynchus flaviventer*
A single juvenile was seen at Lake Barrine with Alan.

Black Butcherbird *Cricetus quoyi*
Two were observed at Daintree Village and more along the Marrdja Boardwalk in Daintree NP.
Grey Butcherbird *Cracticus torquatus*
- Seen briefly first at Captain Cook’s landing. Two were seen later at the park in Jamberoo and another in Glen Davis.

Pied Butcherbird *Cracticus nigrogularis*
- Three were seen at Lake Mitchell in North Queensland.

Australian Magpie *Gymnorhina tibicen*
- Reasonably common throughout the more open areas of NSW and Queensland.

Pied Currawong *Strepera graculina*
- Very common throughout NSW and at O’Reilly’s.

White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorynchus*
- Fairly common around Cairns and the Atherton Tablelands.

Masked Woodswallow *Artamus*
- Two seen perched in the Capertee Valley with Carol.

White-browed Woodswallow *Artamus leucorhyncus*
- Common in the Megalong and Capertee Valleys, NSW.

Dusky Woodswallow *Artamus cyanopterus*
- Three birds seen in the Capertee Valley.

Black-faced Cuckooshrike *Coracina novaehollandiae*
- A few sightings of individuals in NSW and Queensland.

White-bellied Cuckooshrike *Coracina papaensis*
- One was seen well at the Mt Molloy School in North Queensland.

Cicadabird *Coracina tenuirostris*
- A female was seen with Alan Gillanders near Yungaburra and a male at O’Reilly’s with Duncan.

Varied Triller *Lalage leucomela*
- One seen on the Daintree River cruise and numerous others at Kingfisher Park and Chambers in Queensland.

Shrike-tit *Falcunculus frontatus*
- Great views of possibly up to four birds at a roadside stop in the Megalong Valley, NSW.

Grey Whistler *Pachycephala simplex*
- One seen at Chambers while we were eating breakfast!

Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis*
- A resplendent male was first seen at Minnamurra in NSW. Other sightings in the Megalong Valley and at O’Reilly’s.

Rufous Whistler *Pachycephala rufiventrins*
- Both a male and a female were seen on Carol’s block in the Capertee Valley. A female was also seen well by some at Granite Gorge in Queensland.

Little Shrikethrush *Colluricincla megarhyncha*
- A few sightings from Kingfisher Park and Daintree National Park in North Queensland.

Grey Shrikethrush *Colluricincla harmonica*
- Singles at Jamberoo, Megalong Valley. The beautiful fluting call was also heard well at O’Reilly’s.

Australasian Figbird *Sphecotheres vieilloti*
- Very common throughout north Queensland.

Olive-backed Oriole *Oriolus sagittatus*
- A few individuals were seen in the Capertee Valley and at Jamberoo, NSW.

Green Oriole *Oriolus flavocinctus*
- Excellent views from the cruise along the Daintree River and also in Daintree National Park and Cairns Centenary Lakes.

Spangled Drongo *Dicrurus bracteatus*
- One at Marrdja Boardwalk in Daintree National Park and another at Chambers.

Willie-wagtail *Rhipidura leucophrys*
- Very common throughout.

Grey Fantail *Rhipidura albiscapa*
- First seen at the park in Jamberoo then further sightings in the Blue Mountains, Mt Lewis and at O’Reilly’s.
**Rufous Fantail** *Rhipidura rufifrons*  
Excellent views at Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens in NSW then at a number of locations in Queensland including O’Reilly’s.

**Spectacled Monarch** *Monarcha trivirgatus*  
Two seen at close quarters at the start of the Marrdja Boardwalk in Daintree National Park, North Queensland. One was also seen at Kingfisher Park, coming in to bathe in Bushy Creek.

**Black-faced Monarch** *Monarcha melanopsis*  
A single bird was seen first at the Minnamurra Rainforest Centre in NSW then again at Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens. Plentiful also in the rainforest at O’Reilly’s.

**Pied Monarch** * Arsae kaupi*  
Great views of a single bird coming in to Bushy Creek at Kingfisher Park one evening.

**Magpie-lark** *Grallina cyanoleuca*  
Very common, seen nearly every day throughout.

**Leaden Flycatcher** *Myiagra rubecula*  
A pair were first seen at Lake Mitchell in North Queensland. A male was also seen in eucalypt woodland down the hill from O’Reilly’s with Duncan.

**Shining Flycatcher** *Myiagra alecto*  
Excellent views of a male and a female on a nest over the Daintree River with Murray.

**Restless Flycatcher** *Myiagra inquieta*  
Several seen at the Capertee River with Carol.

**Torresian Crow** *Corvus orru*  
The common corvid seen in Brisbane and at O’Reilly’s.

**Little Raven** *Corvus mellori*  
Several seen in the Capertee Valley with Carol.

**Australian Raven** *Corvus coronoides*  
The common corvid of Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

**White-winged Chough** *Corcorax melanorhamphos*  
Several seen around the Capertee Valley and Glen Davis on our walk before breakfast with Carol.

**Paradise Riflebird** *Ptiloris paradiseus*  
Good views of a male at O’Reilly’s spotted by Rose on our morning out with Duncan.

**Victoria’s Riflebird** *Ptiloris victoriae*  
A female was seen feeding at Chambers Rainforest Lodges. Great views of a male displaying at Chambers just before we departed.

**Grey-headed Robin** *Heteromyias cinereifrons*  
A few birds were seen briefly on the walk up Mt Lewis. Fairly common at Chambers Rainforest Lodges.

**Mangrove Robin** *Peneoenanthe pulverulenta*  
Good views of a single bird at the edge of the mangroves near the Cairns foreshore.

**Pale-yellow Robin** *Tregellasia capito*  
Fairly common in rainforest at Kingfisher Park, Lake Barrine and Chambers Rainforest Lodges.

**Eastern Yellow Robin** *Eopsaltria australis*  
One was first seen at Barren Grounds. Excellent views also at Minnamurra with a bird on a nest. Very common also at O’Reilly’s.

**Hooded Robin** *Melanodryas cucullata*  
One sighting of a male bird in the Capertee Valley with Carol.

**Jacky Winter** *Microeca fascinans*  
Good views of one of these flycatchers in the Capertee Valley with Carol.

**Rose Robin** * Petroica rosea*  
Excellent views of a male along Duck Creek Road near O’Reilly’s with Duncan.

**Welcome Swallow** *Hirundo neoxena*  
Common throughout the trip.

**Fairy Martin** *Petrochelidon ariel*  
Very common and nesting under a culvert on the Capertee River, NSW.

**Tree Martin** *Petrochelidon nigricans*  
Several around Jamberoo, but surprisingly not seen elsewhere this trip.
Golden-headed Cisticola *Cisticola exilis*  
Two seen in fields near Yungaburra in Queensland with Alan Gillanders.

**Rufous Songlark *Cincloramphus mathewsi***  
Common in the Capertee Valley.

**Australian Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus australis***  
Many heard and a couple seen nest building at Lake Wallace, NSW. Also at the Lithgow Sewage Ponds.

**Silver-eye *Zosterops lateralis***  
Two birds seen firstly at the park in Jamberoo. Other good sightings from Kingfisher Park and O’Reilly’s.

**Metallic Starling *Aplonis metallica***  
Common around Kingfisher Park and along the Daintree River.

**Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis***  
Seen most days but not at O’Reilly’s.

**European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris***  
Common in NSW.

**Russet-tailed Thrush *Zoothera heinei***  
One seen along the Wishing Tree Track at O’Reilly’s.

**Bassian (Olive-tailed) Thrush *Zoothera lunulata***  
First seen in NSW at Minnamurra. Also seen along the Border Track at O’Reilly’s.

**Eurasian Blackbird *Turdus merula***  
Common in urban NSW and also the Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens.

**Mistletoebird *Dicaeum hirundinaceum***  
Both male and female seen firstly in the Capertee Valley. Common also in North Queensland.

**Olive-backed Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis***  
Great views of both males and females at Kingfisher Park and at Chambers.

**House Sparrow *Passer domesticus***  
Common in NSW and Cairns.

**Diamond Firetail *Stagonopleura guttata***  
Two birds seen very well in the Capertee Valley with Carol.

**Red-browed Finch *Neochmia temporalis***  
A couple first seen at Jamberoo. Very common around the feed table at Kingfisher Park and also at O’Reilly’s.

**Plum-headed Finch *Neochmia modesta***  
A single bird eventually sat up for us at a roadside stop in the Capertee Valley with Carol.

**Zebra Finch *Taeniopygia guttata***  
Several in the Capertee Valley.

**Double-barred Finch *Taeniopygia bichenovii***  
Singles seen at Glen Davis then several at Granite Gorge in North Queensland.

**Blue-faced Parrotfinch *Erythrura trichroa***  
Brief views for some on our day out with Alan Gillanders in the Atherton Tablelands.

**Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata***  
Two birds were seen perched on power lines near the Cairns foreshore on our last morning there.

**Chestnut-breasted Mannikin *Lonchura castaneothorax***  
A small flock seen with Alan Gillanders on private property near Yungaburra.

**Australian Pipit *Anthus australis***  
Common along the roadsides in the Capertee Valley.

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**MAMMALS**

**Little Red Flying Fox *Pteropus scapulatus***

**Spectacled Flying Fox *Pteropus conspicillatus***

**Red-necked Pademelon *Thylogale thetis***
Red-legged Pademelon *Thylogale stigmatica*
Mareeba Rock Wallaby *Petrogale mareeba*
Eastern Grey Kangaroo *Macropus giganteus*
Whiptail Wallaby *Macropus parryi*
Red-necked (Bennett’s) Wallaby *Macropus rufogriseus*
Mountain Brushtail Possum *Trichosurus caninus*
Coppery Brushtail Possum *Trichosurus vulpecula*
Green Ringtail Possum *Pseudocheiropus archeri*
Striped Possum *Dactyopsilia trivirgata*
Sugar Glider *Petaurus breviceps*
Northern Brown Bandicoot *Isodon macrourus*
Duck-billed Platypus *Ornithorhyncus anatinus*
European Rabbit *Oryctolagus cuniculus*
Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes*
Short-beaked Echidna *Tachyglossus aculeatus*

**REPTILES and TURTLES**

Boyd’s Forest Dragon *Hypsilurus boydii*
Eastern Water Dragon *Physignathus lesueurii*
House Gecko *Gehyra sp.*

Green Tree Snake *Boiga irregularis*
Keelback Snake *Tropidonophis mairii*
Northern Saw Shelled Turtle *Myuchelys latisternum*
Green Sea Turtle *Chelonia mydas*

**AMPHIBIANS**

Cane Toad *Bufo marinus*