



**BIRDING AUSTRALIA: NORTHERN TERRITORY – TOP END
BIRDING TRIP REPORT**

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Rainbow Pitta gave excellent views during our Northern Territory birding tour of the Top End.

Overview

This Australia birding tour started in Darwin, Northern Territory on the 27th of September 2023 and ended back there on the 5th of October 2023. This Northern Territory birding tour visited some of the best birding sites in the Top End region, and included birding at Lee Point, Buffalo Creek, George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens, Mary River Wetlands, Kakadu National Park, Pine Creek, and Katherine.

Birding around the Top End of the Northern Territory resulted in many excellent birds, in fact we recorded 186 species during the tour (three of these were heard only).

Some of the highlight birds seen on this Top End bird tour included regional specials such as **Rainbow Pitta** (voted “bird of the trip”), **Chestnut Rail**, **Radjah Shelduck**, **Orange-footed Scrubfowl**, **Rufous Owl**, **Black-banded Fruit Dove**, **Chestnut-quilled Rock Pigeon**, **Partridge Pigeon**, **Chestnut-backed Buttonquail**, **Brolga**, **Black-necked Stork**, **Pied Heron**, **Hooded Parrot**, **Northern Rosella**, **Red-collared Lorikeet**, **Varied Lorikeet**, **Cockatiel**, **Blue-winged Kingfisher**, **Red-backed Kingfisher**, **Black-tailed Treecreeper**, **Great Bowerbird**, **Bar-breasted Honeyeater**, **White-lined Honeyeater**, **Red-headed Myzomela**, **Arafura Fantail**, **Arafura Shrikethrush**, **Sandstone Shrikethrush**, **Silver-backed Butcherbird**, **Northern Shriketit**, **Mangrove Golden Whistler**, **Paperbark Flycatcher**, **Broad-billed Flycatcher**, **Buff-sided Robin**, **Canary White-eye**, **Green-backed Gerygone**, **Mangrove Gerygone**, **Crimson Finch**, **Masked Finch**, **Long-tailed Finch**, and **Gouldian Finch**.



One of the special birds of the Top End, Varied Lorikeet, glowing in the early morning sunlight.

In addition to the great special birds of the Northern Territory Top End, we also recorded a long list of some exciting wide-ranging Australian birds, such as **Emu**, **Magpie Goose**, **Plumed**

Whistling Duck, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Rose-crowned Fruit Dove, Royal Spoonbill, Black-breasted Buzzard, Pacific Baza, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Grey Goshawk, Forest Kingfisher, Torresian Kingfisher, Azure Kingfisher, Rainbow Bee-eater, Red-tailed Black Cockatoo, Red-winged Parrot, Rufous-banded Honeyeater, White-gaped Honeyeater, Yellow-tinted Honeyeater, Banded Honeyeater, Silver-crowned Friarbird, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Grey-crowned Babbler, Black Butcherbird, Varied Triller, Green Oriole, Northern Fantail, Apostlebird, Lemon-bellied Flyrobin, and Chestnut-breasted Mannikin.



Rufous-banded Honeyeater was one of many species of honeyeater that gave us some great views during the tour.

In addition to the incredible birds, this Top End birding tour also proved great for crocodile sightings, with many huge **Saltwater Crocodiles** and several **Freshwater Crocodiles** seen from land and from our boat trip in the Mary River Wetlands. A few lizards were found too, with **Gilbert's Dragon** being rather attractive. Highlight mammals seen included **Agile Wallaby** and **Short-eared Rock Wallaby**, with thousands of flying foxes seen most days.

Species lists for birds, mammals, and reptiles recorded during this Australian bird tour follow the daily account, below.

Furthermore, this tour visited some of the most beautiful landscapes in the whole of Australia, with impressive sunrises and sunsets casting an incredible light over them twice a day. Add in the magical, ancient rock art dating back several thousands of years at several sites visited, and it all combined to make for a thoroughly enjoyable and interesting tour of the Northern Territory.

Detailed Report

Day 1, 27th September 2023. Arrival in Darwin and birding at Lee Point

An arrival day in Darwin, Northern Territory. We spent an enjoyable couple of hours birding around the Lee Point Dam area near our hotel, and it was an excellent introduction to the birds of the region. Our nice and relaxing bird walk gave us our first sightings of many great birds, such as **Orange-footed Scrubfowl, Radjah Shelduck, Red-collared Lorikeet, Red-winged Parrot, Rainbow Bee-eater, Forest Kingfisher, Bar-breasted Honeyeater, Rufous-banded Honeyeater, White-gaped Honeyeater, Northern Fantail, Varied Triller, Paperbark Flycatcher, Leaden Flycatcher, Lemon-bellied Flyrobin, Masked Finch, and Long-tailed Finch.**

After our birding session, we had a welcome dinner together, catching up and discussing what we were hoping to see on this Australian birding tour of the Top End, Northern Territory.



*The attractive **Bar-breasted Honeyeater** was present in large numbers.*

Day 2, 28th September 2023. Birding the Darwin area

We spent the day birding at various sites around Darwin, a wonderful city for birders to visit, with loads of great birds on offer. We started the day birding near our accommodation at Lee Point and during the day also birded at Buffalo Creek and a couple of other mangrove sites, George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens, and the East Point area. The list of highlights was long, and we recorded a lot of birds across the day. Some of the best birds included **Chestnut Rail, Arafura Fantail, Mangrove Golden Whistler, Grey (Brown) Whistler, Canary White-eye, Broad-billed Flycatcher, Shining Flycatcher, Mangrove Gerygone, Large-billed Gerygone, Red-headed**

Myzomela, Helmeted Friarbird, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Azure Kingfisher, Blue-winged Kookaburra, Torresian Kingfisher, Pacific Reef Heron, almost 20 species of shorebirds roosting, including Great Knot, Terek Sandpiper, and Grey-tailed Tattler, Australian Tern, Magpie Goose, Red-tailed Black Cockatoo, Red-collared Lorikeet, Red-winged Parrot, and Osprey (catching a fish!).

Day 3, 29th September 2023. Darwin to Mary River area

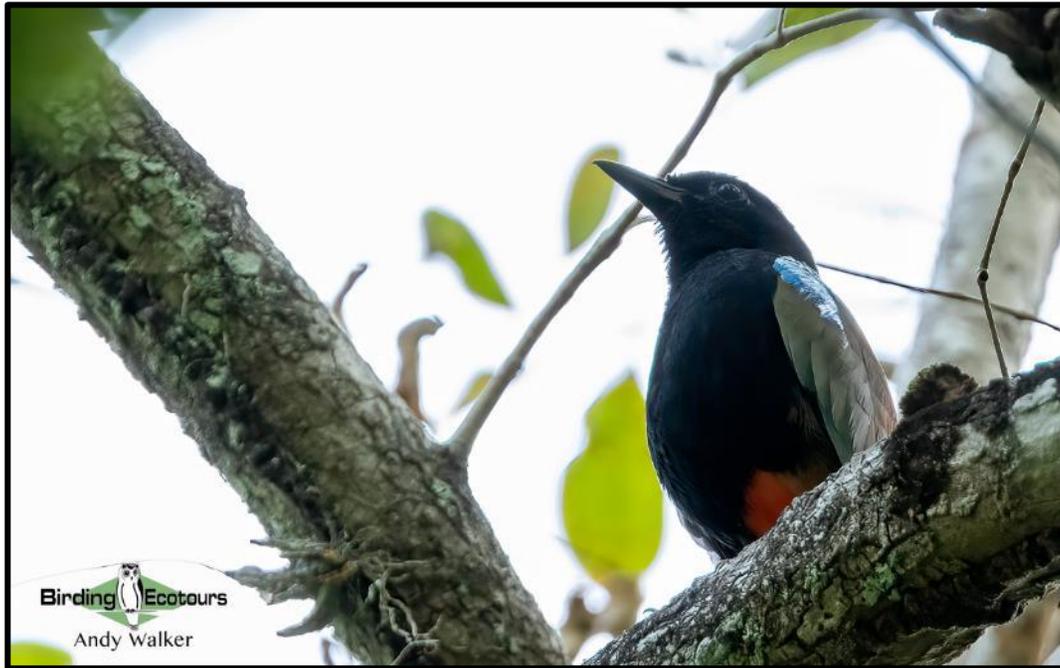
We had a short pre-breakfast birding session near our accommodation in Darwin, where we picked up some more new species, as well as gaining more views of some we'd seen over the previous days. Some of these birds included **Arafura Shrikethrush, Long-tailed Finch, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin, Forest Kingfisher, Green-backed Gerygone, Galah, Red-tailed Black Cockatoo, and Pacific Emerald Dove.**



Long-tailed Finch gave us great close views.

After breakfast, we left Darwin behind until the end of the tour. We then drove east to Fogg Dam and along the way we found a pair of nest-building **Pacific Baza**. We spent the rest of the morning birding at Fogg Dam. Birding at Fogg Dam always turns up some interesting species. Today we found lots of birds in the wetland and forest, with some of the highlights including **Brolga, Black-necked Stork, Little Curlew, Australian Pratincole, Plumed Whistling Duck, White-necked Heron, White-faced Heron, Pied Heron, Great Egret, Intermediate (Plumed) Egret, Little Egret, Eastern Cattle Egret, Royal Spoonbill, Glossy Ibis, Comb-crested Jacana, Magpie Goose, Radjah Shelduck, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Whistling Kite, Black Kite, Grey (Brown) Whistler, Lemon-bellied Flyrobin, Arafura Fantail, Golden-headed Cisticola, Zitting Cisticola, Crimson Finch, and Willie Wagtail.**

After lunch with the temperature soaring, we continued our journey to Point Stuart Wilderness Lodge area. A fortuitous stop yielded a couple of **Black-breasted Buzzards** and a family group of **Black-tailed Treecreepers** along with **Weebill**, Australia's smallest bird, and a hunting **Brown Falcon** not far away. Once we'd checked into our accommodation, we had a short walk before dusk, where we found the stunning **Rainbow Pitta**. One individual was hopping along the trail as soon as we hit some monsoon forest, and thereafter, they took to the trees, where they gave some fleeting but repeated views. We also noted **Little Bronze Cuckoo**, **Varied Triller**, **Black-faced Cuckooshrike**, **Spangled Drongo**, and **Mistletoebird** during the walk.



Rainbow Pitta teased us a little before giving some good views.

Day 4, 30th September 2023. Mary River to Kakadu National Park

We enjoyed an early morning boat trip in the Mary River Wetlands. The boat trip was an excellent way to observe a wide range of waterbirds and we also had close views of both **Saltwater Crocodile** and **Freshwater Crocodile**. During the boat trip, we saw the following birds: **Radjah Shelduck**, **Plumed Whistling Duck**, **Magpie Goose**, **Pied Heron**, **Intermediate (Plumed) Egret**, **Comb-crested Jacana**, **Glossy Ibis**, **White-bellied Sea Eagle**, **Brown Goshawk**, **Collared Sparrowhawk**, **Blue-winged Kookaburra**, **Sacred Kingfisher**, **Azure Kingfisher**, **Greater Coucal**, **Paperbark Flycatcher**, **Shining Flycatcher**, **Rufous-banded Honeyeater**, **Little Bronze Cuckoo**, and **Brush Cuckoo**.

After the Mary River birdwatching boat trip, we had a quick look in the rainforest near our accommodation, where we again saw **Rainbow Pitta**. We commenced our drive across to Kakadu National Park where we arrived for lunch and a siesta (the mercury was hitting 39°C). Along the way a quick stop at a billabong (waterbody) gave us the staggering sight of 173 **Black-necked Storks**.

In the late afternoon we visited the highly impressive Nourlangie Rock in Kakadu National Park. While we enjoyed looking at the ancient rock art, we also sought out a couple of the target birds of the region. After some effort, we located both **Black-banded Fruit Dove** and **White-lined Honeyeater**, and eventually we got great views of both.



Black-banded Fruit Dove has a small global range and is restricted to the area around Kakadu National Park, and thus a top target. We got some good views of this one feeding.

Day 5, 1st October 2023. Birding Kakadu National Park

An early morning walk along a river in Kakadu National Park resulted in the sighting of almost 20 **Saltwater Crocodiles** lounging on the riverbanks, an impressive sight indeed. The avian highlight, however, was a pair of **Rainbow Pittas** that showed incredibly well (see trip report cover image!) and we watched this pair for quite a while, and it was evident they had a nest nearby. As we birded our way along the riverbank, we found a large flock of **Varied Lorikeets** that were feeding in a eucalyptus tree and nearby we also found **Red-collared Lorikeet**, **Little Corella**, **Sulphur-crested Cockatoo**, **Red-tailed Black Cockatoo**, **Peregrine Falcon**, **White-bellied Sea Eagle**, **Brahminy Kite**, **Blue-winged Kookaburra**, **Forest Kingfisher**, **Azure Kingfisher**, and some stunning **Crimson Finches**.

A change of location had us walking around some beautiful rock outcrops, where we had an excellent sighting of a pair of **White-lined Honeyeaters** that gave great, close, and prolonged views. After a bit of a search, we found our main target, the range-restricted **Chestnut-quilled Rock Pigeon**, and we saw five birds at very close range. When we arrived back at our accommodation, we were greeted by the sight of a flock of nine **Partridge Pigeons** that showed well.



*The localized **White-lined Honeyeater** showed well.*



***Chestnut-quilled Rock Pigeon** gave us very good views as they came down to the ground to drink.*

In the late afternoon, we went to a gorgeous lookout to admire the sunset and ancient rock art and saw a few more good birds too! It was a great way to end the day.

Day 6, 2nd October 2023. Birding Kakadu National Park

We spent the morning walking around some more rocky outcrops, eventually finding our main target of the morning. We started off with sightings of several **Chestnut-quilled Rock Pigeons** and several other birds we had seen the previous day, such as **Rainbow Bee-eater**, **Green Oriole**, and **Blue-winged Kookaburra**. Walking around the rocks (which looked stunning in the early morning light), we found **Short-eared Rock Wallaby**, but still no sign of what we were really looking for! Pretty distractions abounded, such as **Red-backed Fairywren**, **Crimson Finch**, **Double-barred Finch**, and **Long-tailed Finch**. Finally, we heard our main target – **Sandstone Shrikethrush**; however, there was no way to get to it, and it wouldn't come to us. Very frustrating. One final bit of excitement here involved a white bird sat in a bare tree along the trail, not the usual **Little Corella**, **Sulphur-crested Cockatoo**, or **Torresian Imperial Pigeon** that we had been seeing over the previous days, but rather a beautiful white-morph **Grey Goshawk**.



The striking white plumage of a white-morph Grey Goshawk.

As the heat started to build again, we decided to change locations. This brought about the sight of a flock of 19 **Chestnut-quilled Rock Pigeons** feeding out in the open on a lawn, an impressive sight indeed. As we commenced another walk around yet more beautiful landscapes, we again heard a **Sandstone Shrikethrush**; this time we were able to follow the sound and after a short look around some rocks, we were able to get some brief views. After a short wait, we gained several other gradually improving views of the bird as it came a bit closer, but it always remained a bit distant. Happy with our success, we made our way back to Jabiru to sit out the heat of the day (where **Red-backed Fairywrens** and **Grey-crowned Babblers** showed nicely).

In the afternoon, we explored a billabong (wetland) and got to watch an interesting mix of species. **Little Corellas** were numerous (and noisy), but we also had several majestic **Red-tailed Black**

Cockatoos coming down to drink from various pools. Several species of ducks were present and included **Plumed Whistling Duck**, **Radjah Shelduck**, **Pacific Black Duck**, **Grey Teal**, and **Green Pygmy Goose**. **Magpie Geese** were also present in big numbers, always nice to see. Numerous herons, egrets, and ibis were present and showing well, and we found our first **Black-fronted Dotterels** of the trip. Some interesting behavior was noted too, with several of the **Little Corellas** acting very aggressively to the **Agile Wallabies** that wanted to come and get a drink!

Day 7, 3rd October 2023. Kakadu National Park to Katherine

We spent the day driving out of Kakadu National Park across to Pine Creek, then south to the town of Katherine. We made multiple short stops along the way and each of these yielded something different from new birds, better views of previously seen birds, or some beautiful scenic views.

Our breakfast spot gave some of the group a sighting of the spectacular **Rose-crowned Fruit Dove**, and this was followed up by a walk to a river where we saw another huge **Saltwater Crocodile**, along with **Green Oriole**, **Rufous Whistler**, and **Leaden Flycatcher**. Another roadside stop gave us some great looks at a pair of **Emu**, the first of our trip. We watched them feeding and going about their business for as long as they would allow. Moving further towards the edge of Kakadu National Park, we made a few more stops, where we found **Buff-sided Robin**, **Silver-backed Butcherbird**, **Northern Fantail**, **Arafura Fantail**, **Yellow-throated Miner**, **Black-breasted Buzzard** (on a nest), **Oriental Dollarbird**, **Blue-winged Kookaburra**, and plenty more.



*We found the secretive **Buff-sided Robin** along a densely vegetated stream.*

We took a lunch break in Pine Creek, and a short while afterwards, we were getting super close views of several **Hooded Parrots**, including some gorgeous male birds. Here too we got to see an

impressive **Great Bowerbird** bower, and even saw the male bird attend the bower – he also flashed his rather extravagant pink tuft of “hair”! A sprinkler in the police station garden was attracting all sorts of birds, including **Silver-crowned Friarbird**, **Little Friarbird**, and **Blue-faced Honeyeater**.



*We had some good views of **Hooded Parrots** as they sought shelter in the heat of the day.*

Continuing our journey south towards Katherine, we made a stop at some pools, where we sat and waited to see what would come in for a drink/wash. Finches were numerous and we saw **Crimson Finch**, **Double-barred Finch**, **Long-tailed Finch**, **Masked Finch**, and a single **Gouldian Finch** (a young bird). Several honeyeaters visited the pools too, and included **Banded Honeyeater**, **Rufous-throated Honeyeater**, and **Bar-breasted Honeyeater**, amongst the more common and widespread species. A **Brown Goshawk** was hanging around and the birds were a little skittish, so we left the site and arrived in Katherine in time for a quick shower before a wonderful dinner.

Day 8, 4th October 2023. Birding Katherine area

We spent the day birding around Katherine and found several new birds for the trip. As we were driving to our first spot, we had a stream of **Red-tailed Black Cockatoos** flying over as they left their roost site and found a few small flocks of **Cockatiels** and **Galahs**. A small group of **Apostlebirds** were noted foraging along the side of a road too.

Once we arrived at our birding site, we started our walk, noting **Black-tailed Treecreeper**, **Pied Butcherbird**, **Black-faced Woodswallow**, **Yellow-tinted Honeyeater**, **Black-chinned Honeyeater**, **Banded Honeyeater**, **Jacky Winter**, **Cockatiel**, **Varied Lorikeet**, **Long-tailed Finch**, **Masked Finch**, **Australian Hobby**, and finally our main target, **Northern Shriketit**,

formerly part of the Crested Shrike-tit complex. The shrike-tit took some locating in the vast area of suitable habitat, but when we heard it, we were able to locate a pair of birds, which then gave some good views. Driving around Katherine just before lunch, we picked up a pair of **Red-backed Kingfishers**.



We enjoyed watching a pair of Northern Shrike-tits near Katherine.

In the afternoon, we kicked around in some bush near Katherine, where, after a fair bit of effort, we were successful in locating both of our target species; **Northern Rosella** and **Chestnut-backed Buttonquail**. Satisfied with finding these species, we made our way back to the hotel to freshen up after another hot day.

Day 9, 5th October 2023. Katherine to Darwin and tour conclusion

The final day of the tour didn't quite go as planned, as some very unseasonable heavy rain (probably the first rain in the area for many months) ruined our morning birding. We sat out the rain for a couple of hours, but there wasn't really much we could do. We gained further (and final) looks at several attractive species, such as **Long-tailed Finch**, **Crimson Finch**, **Double-barred Finch**, **Masked Finch**, **Leaden Flycatcher**, **Paperbark Flycatcher**, **Rufous Whistler**, **Red-collared Lorikeet**, **Varied Lorikeet**, **Hooded Parrot**, and **Great Bowerbird**.

Driving back to Darwin, a quick stop at a wetland gave us **Pied Stilt**, **Wood Sandpiper**, **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper**, **Australian Pratincole**, **Brolga**, **Australian Tern**, and **Whiskered Tern** as well as many other waterbirds. Our final birding of this Top End birdwatching tour involved a sighting of a young **Rufous Owl**. It was a great way to end what had been a fabulous tour.



*What a way to end the tour, with point-blank views of a young **Rufous Owl** in Darwin.*



*Kingfishers featured heavily on the tour, and the huge **Blue-winged Kookaburra** was recorded on most days, often given away by their raucous and far-carrying calls.*

Bird List – Following IOC (13.2)

Birds ‘heard only’ are marked with (H) after the common name, all other species were seen. The following notation after species names is used to show conservation status following BirdLife International: EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Cassowaries, Emu (Casuariidae)	
Emu	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>
Magpie Goose (Anseranatidae)	
Magpie Goose	<i>Anseranas semipalmata</i>
Ducks, Geese, Swans (Anatidae)	
Plumed Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna eytoni</i>
Wandering Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna arcuata</i>
Radjah Shelduck	<i>Radjah radjah</i>
Green Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus pulchellus</i>
Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>
Grey Teal	<i>Anas gracilis</i>
Megapodes (Megapodiidae)	
Orange-footed Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius reinwardt</i>
Pheasants & Allies (Phasianidae)	
Brown Quail	<i>Synoicus ypsilophorus</i>
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)	
Pheasant Coucal	<i>Centropus phasianinus</i>
Pacific Koel	<i>Eudynamys orientalis</i>
Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>
Little Bronze Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx minutillus</i>
Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosus</i>
Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)	
Pacific Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps longirostris</i>
Common Bronzewing	<i>Phaps chalcoptera</i>
Crested Pigeon	<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>
Partridge Pigeon	<i>Geophaps smithii</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Chestnut-quilled Rock Pigeon	<i>Petrophassa rufipennis</i>
Peaceful Dove	<i>Geopelia placida</i>
Bar-shouldered Dove	<i>Geopelia humeralis</i>
Black-banded Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus alligator</i>
Rose-crowned Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus regina</i>
Torresian Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula spilorrhoea</i>
Rails, Crakes & Coots (Rallidae)	
Chestnut Rail	<i>Eulabeornis castaneiventris</i>
Australasian Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio melanotus</i>
Cranes (Gruidae)	
Brolga	<i>Antigone rubicunda</i>
Buttonquail (Turnicidae)	
Chestnut-backed Buttonquail	<i>Turnix castanotus</i>
Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (Burhinidae)	
Bush Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus grallarius</i>
Oystercatchers (Haematopodidae)	
Pied Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus longirostris</i>
Stilts, Avocets (Recurvirostridae)	
Pied Stilt	<i>Himantopus leucocephalus</i>
Plovers (Charadriidae)	
Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>
Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>
Siberian Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
Black-fronted Dotterel	<i>Elsayornis melanops</i>
Jacanas (Jacanidae)	
Comb-crested Jacana	<i>Irediparra gallinacea</i>
Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)	
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Little Curlew	<i>Numenius minutus</i>
Far Eastern Curlew - EN	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Great Knot - EN	<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper - VU	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>
Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Couriers, Pratincoles (Glareolidae)	
Australian Pratincole	<i>Stiltia isabella</i>
Gulls, Terns, Skimmers (Laridae)	
Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>
Australian Tern	<i>Gelochelidon macrotarsa</i>
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
Storks (Ciconiidae)	
Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>
Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)	
Australasian Darter	<i>Anhinga novaehollandiae</i>
Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)	
Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo melanoleucos</i>
Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>
Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)	
Australian White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis molucca</i>
Straw-necked Ibis	<i>Threskiornis spinicollis</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Royal Spoonbill	<i>Platalea regia</i>
Hérons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)	
Nankeen Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
White-necked Heron	<i>Ardea pacifica</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
Pied Heron	<i>Egretta picata</i>
White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Pacific Reef Heron	<i>Egretta sacra</i>
Ospreys (Pandionidae)	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
Kites, Hawks, Eagles (Accipitridae)	
Black-breasted Buzzard	<i>Hamirostra melanosternon</i>
Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata</i>
Wedge-tailed Eagle	<i>Aquila audax</i>
Grey Goshawk	<i>Accipiter novaehollandiae</i>
Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>
Collared Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter cirrocephalus</i>
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
Whistling Kite	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga leucogaster</i>
Owls (Strigidae)	
Rufous Owl	<i>Ninox rufa</i>
Rollers (Coraciidae)	
Oriental Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)	
Blue-winged Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo leachii</i>
Forest Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus macleayii</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Torresian Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sordidus</i>
Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>
Red-backed Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus pyrrhopygius</i>
Azure Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx azureus</i>
Bee-eaters (Meropidae)	
Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>
Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)	
Australian Hobby	<i>Falco longipennis</i>
Brown Falcon	<i>Falco berigora</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Cockatoos (Cacatuidae)	
Cockatiel	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>
Red-tailed Black Cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus banksii</i>
Galah	<i>Eolophus roseicapilla</i>
Little Corella	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>
Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae)	
Red-winged Parrot	<i>Aprosmictus erythropterus</i>
Hooded Parrot	<i>Psephotellus dissimilis</i>
Northern Rosella	<i>Platycercus venustus</i>
Varied Lorikeet	<i>Psitteuteles versicolor</i>
Red-collared Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus rubritorquis</i>
Pittas (Pittidae)	
Rainbow Pitta	<i>Pitta iris</i>
Bowerbirds (Ptilonorhynchidae)	
Great Bowerbird	<i>Chlamydera nuchalis</i>
Australasian Treecreepers (Climacteridae)	
Black-tailed Treecreeper	<i>Climacteris melanurus</i>
Australasian Wrens (Maluridae)	
Red-backed Fairywren	<i>Malurus melanocephalus</i>

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Honeyeaters (Meliphagidae)	
Rufous-banded Honeyeater	<i>Conopophila albogularis</i>
Rufous-throated Honeyeater	<i>Conopophila rufogularis</i>
Bar-breasted Honeyeater	<i>Ramsayornis fasciatus</i>
Dusky Myzomela	<i>Myzomela obscura</i>
Red-headed Myzomela	<i>Myzomela erythrocephala</i>
Little Friarbird	<i>Philemon citreogularis</i>
Helmeted Friarbird	<i>Philemon buceroides</i>
Silver-crowned Friarbird	<i>Philemon argenticeps</i>
Brown Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera indistincta</i>
Banded Honeyeater	<i>Cissomela pectoralis</i>
Blue-faced Honeyeater	<i>Entomyzon cyanotis</i>
Black-chinned Honeyeater (H)	<i>Melithreptus gularis</i>
White-throated Honeyeater	<i>Melithreptus albogularis</i>
White-gaped Honeyeater	<i>Stomiopera unicolor</i>
White-lined Honeyeater	<i>Territornis albilineata</i>
Yellow-tinted Honeyeater	<i>Ptilotula flavescens</i>
Yellow-throated Miner	<i>Manorina flavigula</i>
Pardalotes (Pardalotidae)	
Striated Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>
Australasian Warblers (Acanthizidae)	
Weebill	<i>Smicronis brevirostris</i>
Mangrove Gerygone	<i>Gerygone levigaster</i>
Large-billed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone magnirostris</i>
Green-backed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone chloronota</i>
White-throated Gerygone	<i>Gerygone olivacea</i>
Australasian Babblers (Pomatostomidae)	
Grey-crowned Babbler	<i>Pomatostomus temporalis</i>
Woodswallows, Butcherbirds & Allies (Artamidae)	
White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>
Black-faced Woodswallow	<i>Artamus cinereus</i>
Little Woodswallow	<i>Artamus minor</i>
Black Butcherbird	<i>Melloria quoyi</i>
Silver-backed Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus argenteus</i>
Pied Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i>

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Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)	
Black-faced Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>
White-bellied Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina papuensis</i>
White-winged Triller	<i>Lalage tricolor</i>
Varied Triller	<i>Lalage leucomela</i>
Shriketits (Falcunculidae)	
Northern Shriketit	<i>Falcunculus whitei</i>
Whistlers & Allies (Pachycephalidae)	
Grey Whistler	<i>Pachycephala simplex</i>
Mangrove Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala melanura</i>
Rufous Whistler	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>
White-breasted Whistler (H)	<i>Pachycephala lanioides</i>
Arafura Shrikethrush	<i>Colluricincla megarhyncha</i>
Grey Shrikethrush	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>
Sandstone Shrikethrush	<i>Colluricincla woodwardi</i>
Figbirds, Old World Orioles, Piopios (Oriolidae)	
Australasian Figbird	<i>Sphecotheres vieilloti</i>
Olive-backed Oriole	<i>Oriolus sagittatus</i>
Green Oriole	<i>Oriolus flavocinctus</i>
Drongos (Dicuridae)	
Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>
Fantails (Rhipiduridae)	
Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>
Northern Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufiventris</i>
Arafura Fantail	<i>Rhipidura dryas</i>
Monarchs (Monarchidae)	
Magpie-lark	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>
Leaden Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra rubecula</i>
Broad-billed Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra ruficollis</i>
Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto</i>
Paperbark Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra nana</i>

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Crows, Jays (Corvidae)	
Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus orru</i>
Australian Mudnesters (Corcoracidae)	
Apostlebird	<i>Struthidea cinerea</i>
Australasian Robins (Petroicidae)	
Mangrove Robin (H)	<i>Peneothello pulverulenta</i>
Buff-sided Robin	<i>Poecilodryas cerviniventris</i>
Lemon-bellied Flyrobin	<i>Microeca flavigaster</i>
Jacky Winter	<i>Microeca fascinans</i>
Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae)	
Tree Martin	<i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i>
Cisticolas & Allies (Cisticolidae)	
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis</i>
White-eyes (Zosteropidae)	
Canary White-eye	<i>Zosterops luteus</i>
Flowerpeckers (Dicaeidae)	
Mistletoebird	<i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i>
Waxbills, Munias & Allies (Estrildidae)	
Crimson Finch	<i>Neochmia phaeton</i>
Double-barred Finch	<i>Stizoptera bichenovii</i>
Masked Finch	<i>Poephila personata</i>
Long-tailed Finch	<i>Poephila acuticauda</i>
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	<i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i>
Gouldian Finch	<i>Chloebia gouldiae</i>

Total seen	183
Total heard only	3
Total recorded	186

Mammal List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Old World Fruit Bats (Pteropodidae)	
Black Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus alecto</i>
Little Red Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus scapulatus</i>
Suids (Suidae)	
Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>
Kangaroos, Wallabies, and Allies (Macropodidae)	
Agile Wallaby	<i>Macropus agilis</i>
Short-eared Rock Wallaby	<i>Petrogale brachyotis</i>
Equines (Equidae)	
Domestic Horse	<i>Equus caballus</i>
Bovids (Bovidae)	
Domestic Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>
Total	7

Reptile List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Crocodiles (Crocodylidae)	
Saltwater Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>
Australian Freshwater Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus johnstoni</i>
Skinks (Scincidae)	
Lowlands Plain-backed Ctenotus	<i>Ctenotus essingtonii</i>
Bauxite Rainbow-skink	<i>Carlia amax</i>
Six-toothed Rainbow-skink	<i>Carlia sexdentata</i>
Swanson's Snake-eyed Skink	<i>Cryptoblepharus cygnatus</i>
Geckos (Gekkonidae)	
Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>

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Dragons (Agamidae)	
Gilbert's Dragon	<i>Lophognathus gilberti</i>
Northern Two-line Dragon	<i>Diporiphora bilineata</i>
Total	9



Gilbert's Dragon was seen frequently during the tour.