Eurobodalla Natural History Society Program of Field Meetings August to November 2021

Field trips are held on the second Saturday and fourth (sometimes fifth) Sunday of the month from February to November. Saturday meetings begin at 2pm and finish around 4.30pm. Sunday meetings begin at 9am and finish at lunchtime, so we suggest that you bring along lunch and a chair. Visitors are welcome.

At each field meeting you will be asked to sign a registration form as an acknowledgment that you accept responsibility for your participation in the activity (see overleaf). A grade for each planned walk and an estimate of the distance is given in the program and the grading system is given overleaf. This is intended as an aid to deciding whether a walk is within your capabilities and that you come appropriately equipped. Please come prepared with insect and sun protection.

Bad weather or road conditions may make access to some of the proposed locations problematic. If this eventuates, alternative venues will be arranged and details will be emailed to members.

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Date/ Location	Grading and Distance	Habitat/Birds
Saturday 14 August, 2pm Ringlands Rainforest Meet at the end of Flying Fox Road, Narooma.	Grade 1 - Easy Approx. 1-2km Formed track, moderate slopes, some potential trip hazards.	Rainforest and bushland. Topknot Pigeon, Brown Gerygone, Superb Lyrebird, Large-billed Scrubwren, Wonga Pigeon, Brown Cuckoo-Dove.
Sunday 29 August, 9am South Durras Meet at Durras Oval, opposite the corner of Durras Drive and Durras Lake Road, South Durras.	Grade 2 - Moderate Approx. 3-4km Mainly flat, but one moderate slope and some of the walk may be on sand.	A look around Durras Oval, the creek and headland and continue to Fern Drive. After the walk along Fern Drive, drive to the lake where there are facilities for lunch.
Saturday 11 September, 2pm Jemisons Point, Potato Point Meet next to the Rural Fire Shed on Potato Point Rd.	Grade 2 - Moderate Approx 3-4km Formed bush track, rough in places.	Spotted Gum and Bangalay forest. Emu, Wonga Pigeon, Glossy Black-Cockatoo, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, New Holland Honeyeater, Red-necked Wallaby.
Sunday 26 September, 9am Gulaga – lower area Meet at the car park at Pam's Store, Corkhill Drive, Tilba Tilba.	Grade 3 - More strenuous Approx 3-5km Formed track, includes a long- steep climb.	Across farmland and up the lower reaches of Gulaga. Noisy Pitta, Green Catbird, Yellowthroated and Large-billed Scrubwren, Pilotbird.
Saturday 9 October, 2pm Coila Creek Road Meet at the corner of the Princes Highway and Coila Creek Road, just south of the Coila Creek service station.	Grade 1 - Easy Approx 2-3km Walk along a sealed road with moderate slopes.	Farmland and patches of bush White-throated Gerygone, Scarlet and Brown-headed Honeyeater, Jacky Winter, Rufous Songlark, Musk Lorikeet.
Sunday 24 October, 9am Comerang Farm, Bodalla. Meet opposite the Bodalla Police Station	Grade 2 - Moderate Approx 3-4km Walk along farm tracks and across paddocks,	Julie and Peter Collett will lead a walk on their farm next to the Tuross River. Rufous Songlark, Stubble Quail, White- winged Triller, Whistling Kite, Brown Falcon.
Saturday 13 November, 2pm Kianga Lake Meet at the Narooma Visitors' Centre on the Princes Highway.	Grade 1 - Easy Approx 1km Walk along a flat sealed road.	Coastal forest and lake walk. White-bellied Sea-Eagle, many waterfowl including Black Swan, cormorants, ducks, grebes and coots, Yellow Thornbill and honeyeaters in the forest.

Sunday 28 November, 9am	Grade 2 - Moderate	The venue for this walk depends on wader
Waders	Approx 2-4 km.	activity, weather and water levels in the
Check the Field Meetings page of the	Beach and/or lakeshore walk on	estuaries. If it is cancelled, an alternative
website or call Julie or Mandy after	sand, soft in places.	walk will be proposed.
November 24 for the venue.		

Grading of Walks

Grade 1 Easy

The track is a hardened or compacted surface, is generally well maintained, with minimal intrusions. It may have a gentle hill section or sections and occasional steps

Grade 2 Moderate

The track is a modified surface, generally formed earth, kept mostly clear of intrusions and obstacles. It may be less than 1.2m wide in places, may have short steep hill sections, a rough surface, steps or sections of soft sand. On occasions walks in this grade may involve crossing paddocks with no defined path.

Grade 3 More strenuous

The track is distinct but may be rough and very steep in sections. Encounters with fallen debris and other obstacles are likely.

Participants at Field Meetings will be required to sign the following statement

I am participating in this Field Meeting as a volunteer in all respects.

I have read the description of this Field Meeting and have assessed myself as physically capable and appropriately equipped to undertake it.

I am aware that my participation may expose me to risks that may lead to injury, illness, or to loss of or damage to my property.

I undertake to stay with the group and to advise a Committee Member if I decide to leave the group for any reason.

I accept responsibility for any injury howsoever incurred, and absolve the Eurobodalla Natural History Society Inc., and its office bearers, from any liability in respect of injury, damage or loss suffered while engaged in, or travelling to or from, a Field Meeting.