

Eurobodalla Natural History Society
Program of Field Meetings
February – July 2022

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 12 February, 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 27 February, 9am Wallaga Lake, Long Swamp Turn off Princes Hwy into Bermagui Rd south of Tilba, cross the bridge over the lake and after 1km, turn left into Wallaga Street. Meet at the parking area at the end of the street.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 3-4 km Narrow track with moderate slopes.	A beach and headland walk. Hooded, Double-banded and Red-capped Plover, Pied and Sooty Oystercatcher, Far Eastern Curlew, Bar-tailed Godwit. Musk Duck, cormorants, egrets and Black Swan at the swamp.
Saturday 12 March, 2pm Meringo Meet at the Bingie turnoff, intersection of Princes Hwy and Bingie Rd.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km Bush tracks with moderate slopes.	Coastal forest and headland walks. Rufous Fantail, Scarlet Honeyeater, Cicadabird, Brown Gerygone and a variety of raptors.
Sunday 27 March, 9am Maloneys Beach Meet at the picnic shelter at the eastern end of the beach off Hibiscus Close, which runs off Maloneys Drive.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 3-4 km Unsealed forest track, moderate slopes.	Coastal forest and beach walk. White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Pied and Sooty Oystercatcher, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, New Holland Honeyeater, White-cheeked Honeyeater.
Saturday 9 April, 2pm Kianga Lake Meet at the old 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 24 April, 9am Deua National Park Meet at the car park outside the Eurobodalla Shire Council and the Library, off Vulcan Street, Moruya.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km Unsealed road and bush tracks with moderate slopes.	The national park is home to Large-billed Scrubwren, Superb Lyrebird, Pilotbird, White-cheeked and Crescent Honeyeater, Red-browed Treecreeper, Common Wombat and Dingo.
Saturday 14 May, 2pm Mynora, Moruya Meet at the car park outside the Eurobodalla Shire Council and the Library, off Vulcan Street, Moruya.	Grade 1 – Easy. Approx. 1-2 km through farmland. Unsealed track, flat, some trip hazards.	Farmland on the Moruya River flats which has a large area of saltmarsh. Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Nankeen Kestrel, Black-shouldered Kite, White-necked Heron, Intermediate Egret, Tree Martin, Straw-necked Ibis

Sunday 29 May, 11am Annual General Meeting Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens, Princes Highway, Batemans Bay.	Meeting at 11am, followed by lunch and a walk in the gardens. Grade 1 – Easy Approx 1-2km. Formed tracks, some steps.	Gardens and some bush. Sacred Kingfisher, White-throated Treecreeper, Spotted Pardalote, Golden Whistler, Eastern Shrike-tit, Rose Robin.
Saturday 11 June, 2pm Burrewarra Point Meet at the car park at the end of Burri Point Road, Guerilla Bay.	Grade 1/2 – Easy/Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km Includes a section of narrow track along cliff edge.	Coastal and headland walk. Eastern Whipbird, Little and Red Wattlebird, honeyeaters, Australasian Gannet, albatross and whales.
Sunday 26 June, 9am Wasp Head Meet at the entrance to Murramarang Resort, Banyandah St, South Durras.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 1-2 km over uneven surfaces. Climb down onto rocks.	Wasp Head provides a great vantage point for a number of sea bird species, including albatross, White-fronted Tern, Southern Giant-Petrel.
Saturday 9 July, 2pm Moruya Riverside Meet at the Moruya Swimming Pool car park, off Shore Street (east) Moruya.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km Mainly flat footpath and unsealed track.	Walk through Riverside Park east towards the Moruya River. Yellow Thornbill, Whistling Kite, Striated Heron, cormorants and Aust Darter.
Sunday 24 July, 9am Clyde River National Park Meet at the lookout 1.3kms along Rotary Drive, which is off the Kings Highway about 2.5 kms west of the intersection with the Princes Highway.	Grade 3 – more strenuous. Approx. 4-5 km Unsealed forest track, long moderate slope.	A walk along a track that leads to the Clyde River. Superb Lyrebird, Yellow-faced, White-cheeked and Crescent Honeyeater, White-throated Treecreeper, Eastern Whipbird, Osprey, Rose Robin, White-bellied Sea-Eagle.

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.