

Eurobodalla Natural History Society
Program of Field Meetings
July – November 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 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.
Saturday 13 August, 2pm Big Rock Road, Bodalla Meet at the Bodalla Park Rest Area on the Princes Hwy just south of Brou Lake Rd.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km Unsealed road and bush tracks with moderate slopes.	Dry eucalypt forest with rocky outcrops. Swift Parrot have been seen in the area in the past. Superb Lyrebird, Pilotbird, Fuscous Honeyeater, Brown Gerygone.
Sunday 28 August, 9am Mogendoura Farm 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 track with moderate slopes.	A walk on private property that has a mixture of open land and forested areas. Herons, cormorants, egrets, Australasian Darter, Mistletoebird, Grey Goshawk, Peregrine Falcon, Wedge-tailed Eagle.
Saturday 10 September, 2pm Barlings Swamp and Bevia Road Meet at the corner of George Bass Drive and Bevia Road, next to Barlings Swamp.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km Rough track with some steep sections.	The swamp is home to a number of duck and waterfowl species, Swamp Harrier, Australian Hobby. The walk along Bevia Rd: Mistletoebird, various thornbills, Brown Gerygone.

Sunday 25 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, initially through farmland then through tall forest which includes a long, steep climb.	Across farmland and up the lower reaches of Gulaga. Green Catbird, Yellow-throated and Large-billed Scrubwren, Pilotbird, Superb Lyrebird, Olive Whistler.
Saturday 8 October, 2pm Bengello Meet at the corner of George Bass Drive and Broulee Road, Broulee.	Grade 1 – Easy. Approx. 2-5 km Unsealed forest track, mostly flat.	Follow a path behind the dunes, where Bangalays, Casuarinas and Banksias provide shelter and food for a variety of birds including Yellow-tailed and Glossy Black Cockatoos, many honeyeaters and other small bush birds.
Sunday 23 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, Eastern Rosella.
Saturday 12 November, 2pm 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, 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. Topknot Pigeon, Whistling Kite, Variegated Fairy-wren, Sacred Kingfisher.
Sunday 27 November, 9am Waders An email will be sent out after November 24, or you can call Julie or Mandy for the venue.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-4 km. Beach and/or lakeshore walk on sand, soft in places.	The venue for this walk depends on wader activity, weather and water levels in the estuaries. If it is cancelled, an alternative walk will be proposed.

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., its members and office bearers, from any liability in respect of injury, damage or loss suffered while engaged in, or travelling to or from, a Field Meeting.