

Eurobodalla Natural History Society
Program of Field Meetings
February – July 2023

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 11 February, 2pm Square Head Meet at the entrance to Cullendulla Nature Reserve, Blairs Road (near corner with Mary Street) Long Beach	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km Formed tracks with a moderate slope in sections.	A combination of Spotted Gum and Burrawang forest, rainforest gully and creek edge vegetation. Black-faced Monarch, Rufous Fantail, Scarlet Honeyeater, Pied Oystercatcher and other shorebirds.
Sunday 26 February, 9am Mystery Bay Meet at the entrance to the camping ground on Mystery Bay Rd.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km Road and formed tracks with moderate slopes.	A mix of shorebirds, White-bellied Sea Eagle, honeyeaters, robins, thornbills, Olive-backed Oriole, fairy-wrens and fantails.
Saturday 11 March, 2pm Coila Creek Road Meet at the corner of the Princes Hwy and Coila Creek Road, just south of the Coila Creek service station.	Grade 1 – Easy. Approx. 2-3 km Walk along a sealed road with moderate slopes.	The walk is along the road with farmland and patches of bush. White-throated Gerygone, Scarlet and Brown-headed Honeyeaters, Jacky Winter, Rufous Songlark, White-breasted Woodswallow, Olive-backed Oriole, Crimson and Eastern Rosella.
Sunday 24 March, 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-checked and Crescent Honeyeater, Red-browed Treecreeper, Varied Sittella, Common Wombat and Dingo.
Saturday 15 April, 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 30 April, 9am North Durras Meet at the NPWS pay station on North Durras Rd.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km Unsealed forestry road, moderate slopes.	Walk through coastal forest with Rose Robin, Superb Lyrebird, White-naped Honeyeater, Scarlet Honeyeater, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Eastern Whipbird.
Saturday 13 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 28 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 1-2 km. Formed tracks, some steps.	Gardens and some bush. White-throated Treecreeper, Spotted Pardalote, Golden Whistler, Eastern Shrike-tit, Rose Robin, Purple Swamphen, White-eared Honeyeater, Brown Gerygone, Lewin's Honeyeater.

Saturday 10 June, 2pm Ringlands, Narooma Meet at the end of Flying Fox Road, Ringlands Estate, Narooma.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 1-2 km Formed track, narrow, moderate slopes, some potential trip hazards.	The rainforest is home to Topknot Pigeon, Brown Gerygone, Superb Lyrebird, Large-billed Scrubwren, Wonga Pigeon, Brown Cuckoo Dove, Powerful Owl and Grey-headed Flying-fox.
Sunday 25 June, 9am Bumbo Road Meet at the corner of Bumbo Road and the Princes Highway, Trunketabella, which is just north of Bodalla.	Grade 1 – Easy. Short walks along an unsealed road and across grassy areas. Some potential trip hazards.	Drive along Bumbo Road with stops along the way by the edge of the Tuross River and Bumbo Creek. White-eared Honeyeater, Rose Robin, White-bellied Sea-Eagle and other raptors, Darter, cormorants, ducks, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Azure Kingfisher.
Saturday 8 July, 2pm Cloutts Road, Moruya Meet at the car park outside the Eurobodalla Shire Council and the Library, off Vulcan Street, Moruya.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km Sealed road with moderate slopes.	Walk along a rural road with bush and farmland areas. Australasian Pipit, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Whistling Kite, Scarlet and Flame Robin, Jacky Winter, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Little Raven.

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.