

Eurobodalla Natural History Society
Program of Field Meetings
July – November 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 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.
Sunday 23 July, 9am Reedy Creek Road, Eurobodalla Meet opposite the Bodalla Police Station.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 3-4 km Unsealed road with moderate slopes.	A walk down a quiet road. Farmland and bush birds with the possibility of Flame and Scarlet Robin, Jacky Winter, Whistling Kite, Wedge-tailed Eagle, White-eared Honeyeater
Saturday 12 August, 2pm Mummaga Lake Meet at the Bodalla Park Rest Area on the Princes Hwy just south of Brou Lake Rd.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km Narrow forest track, moderate slopes.	Walk through bush along the edge of the lake. Wonga Pigeon, Brown Gerygone, Eastern Whipbird, White-winged Chough, Silvereye, White-naped Honeyeater, Striated Thornbill, cormorants and raptors.
Sunday 27 August, 9am Benandarah/Boyne State Forest Meet at the turnoff to Long Beach, intersection of Cullendulla Dr and the Princes Highway.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km Unsealed forestry road, moderate slopes.	A choice of where to go will be made closer to the time depending on conditions. Migrating honeyeaters, Crescent and Yellow-tufted Honeyeater, Gang-gang Cockatoo, Superb Lyrebird, Eastern Shrike-tit, Rose Robin, possibly Swift Parrot.
Saturday 9 September, 2pm Pedro Point Road, Moruya Heads Meet at Moruya South Head Beach carpark, Cnr Charles Moffitt Dr and Coronation Dr, Moruya Heads.	Grade 1 - Easy. Approx. 4-5 km. Mainly flat, unsealed track, with trip hazards.	Walk along Pedro Point Road towards Congo Creek through Bangalay sand forest. White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Eastern Shrike-tit, Red-browed Treecreeper, Variegated Fairy-wren, Pied and Sooty Oystercatcher.
Sunday 24 September, 9am. Bingie Meet at the Bingie turnoff, intersection of Princes Hwy and Bingie Rd.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx 2-3kms. Some steep areas, uneven surfaces and trip hazards.	A visit to a private property on the northern side of Coila Lake with grassy woodland, casuarina stands and remnant wet forest. Various raptors, Azure Kingfisher, Australasian Figbird, Eastern Whipbird, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Jacky Winter, Australasian Pipit and water birds.
Saturday 14 October, 2pm Broulee Meet at the corner of George Bass Drive and Broulee Rd.	Grade 1 - Easy. Approx. 1-2 km. Mainly flat, unsealed path.	Coastal Sand Bangalay Forest with a mix of honeyeaters, Sacred Kingfisher, Bar-shouldered Dove, Spotted Pardalote, Yellow-tailed and Glossy Black Cockatoo, Olive-backed Oriole.
Sunday 29 October, 9am To be advised.	Members will receive an email in the week leading up to this field meeting which will outline the details.	

<p>Saturday 11 November, 2pm Tuross/Coila Lake Meet on the corner of Tuross Boulevard and Bridges Avenue, Tuross Head.</p>	<p>Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km Formed footpath with some short steep slopes.</p>	<p>A walk along the pathway alongside Coila Lake. Pied Oystercatcher and shorebirds, Caspian Tern, Australian Pelican, mix of bush birds, Eastern Whipbird, Wonga and Topknot Pigeon.</p>
<p>Sunday 26 November, 9am Waders An email will be sent out after November 23, or you can call Julie or Mandy for the venue.</p>	<p>Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-4 km. Beach and/or lakeshore walk on sand, soft in places.</p>	<p>The venue for this walk depends on wader activity, weather and water levels in the estuaries. Depending on conditions, this walk may be cancelled and an alternative walk will be proposed.</p>

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.