

**Eurobodalla Natural History Society**  
**Program of Field Meetings**  
**Part One: February – July 2024**

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. 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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<b>Date/ Location</b>	<b>Grading and Distance</b>	<b>Habitat/Birds</b>
Saturday 10 February, 2pm <b>Bingie Point Geology Walk</b> Meet at the Bingie turnoff, intersection of Princes Hwy and Bingie Rd.	Grade – Moderate. Approx. 2km. Unsealed bush track with narrow sections. Moderate slopes down to the beach. Some sections involve walking on sand and across rocks.	A headland walk to Bingie Point and a talk on the geology of the area with geologists Judith Egan and Geoff Scott. White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Superb Fairy-Wren, Eastern Reef Egret, Pied Oystercatcher, Hooded Plover and a number of honeyeater species.
Sunday 25 February, 9am <b>Long Nose Point, Barlings Beach</b> Meet at the carpark at the end of a track that runs along the northern boundary of the Barlings Beach Holiday Park. This track is unnamed and runs east off George Bass Drive.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km. Narrow coastal track with a short, steep climb on well formed steps. Uneven surfaces and trip hazards, soft sand and rock platform.	A walk along the coastline among Bangalay Sand Forest with spectacular views, and on Barlings Beach and the rock platform. Eastern Yellow Robin, Brown Gerygone, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Great and Little Pied Cormorants and other seabirds, New Holland and White-cheeked Honeyeater.
Saturday 9 March, 2pm <b>Kianga Lake</b> Meet on Dalmeny Drive just north of the Kianga Lake Bridge, near the public toilets.	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 various honeyeaters in the forest.
Sunday 24 March, 9am <b>Moruya Ramble</b> 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 some trip hazards.	Depending on conditions at the time, we will visit a few locations in the Mogendoura and Glenduart area. Yellow Thornbill, Rose Robin, Scarlet Honeyeater, Eastern Shrike-tit, Eastern Rosella, Jacky Winter, Black-fronted Dotterel, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike.
Saturday 13 April, 2pm <b>Mummuga Lake Fungi Walk</b> 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. We may need to walk off the track to see fungi.	Local fungi expert, Teresa van der Heul, will lead the fungi walk. In addition to fungi, Wonga Pigeon, Brown Gerygone, Silvereye, White-naped Honeyeater, Rufous Fantail, Black-faced Monarch, Eastern Whipbird.
Sunday 28 April, 9am <b>Deua National Park</b> 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, Varied Sittella, Common Wombat and Dingo.
Saturday 11 May, 2pm <b>Potato Point</b> Meet at the toilet block near the intersection of Riverview Rd and Blackfellows Pt Rd, near the bridge.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km Unsealed road and bush tracks with some uphill sections.	A walk amongst Spotted Gum/Cycad coastal forest and fringing Swamp-oak Forest as well as dune vegetation with views of the ocean. A mix of sea birds, shorebirds, water birds and forest birds.

Sunday 26 May, 11am <b>Annual General Meeting</b> 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.	A guided walk through the gardens which is home to many species of local native plants and birds. 130 species of birds have been sighted at the gardens over the years.
Saturday 8 June, 2pm <b>Runnyford Road</b> Meet at the corner of Runnyford Road and the Princes Hwy, just north of Mogo.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km. An unsealed road with moderate slopes.	We will drive along Runnyford Road to the bridge that crosses the Clyde River. Scarlet Robin, Little Eagle, Brown Goshawk, Striated Heron, Southern Emu-wren, Black-fronted Dotterel, Great Cormorant.
Sunday 23 June, 9am <b>Wasp Head</b> Meet at the carpark near the entrance to Murramarang Resort, Banyandah St, South Durras.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx 3-4 km. Formed bush track, uneven in places. Steep track down to the beach and rocks platform.	Wasp Head provides a great vantage point for a number of sea bird species, including albatross, Australasian Gannet, White-fronted Tern, Southern Giant-Petrel. In the forest, Varied Sittella, Eastern Spinebill and other honeyeaters.
Saturday 13 July, 2pm <b>1080 Beach, Mystery Bay</b> Meet at the carpark on Mystery Bay Rd just past the campground, opposite Lamont Young Drive, in Mystery Bay.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km. An unsealed forest track and there are a number of steps down to the beach.	A walk through coastal forest to 1080 Beach. Hooded Plover, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Red-browed Finch, various honeyeaters, thornbills and fairy wrens, Australasian Gannet, as well as macropods.

### 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.