

Eurobodalla Natural History Society
Program of Field Meetings
Part Two: July to November 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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Date/ Location	Grading and Distance	Habitat/Birds
Sunday 28 July, 9am Cadgee Meet opposite the Bodalla Police Station, on the corner of the Princes Hwy and Eurobodalla Rd. Cadgee is 15 minute drive west of Bodalla on bitumen and dirt roads.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km. Unsealed road with moderate slopes and paddocks.	A drive and walk in the Cadgee area. Open areas with treed sections. Farmland and bush birds including Flame, Rose and Scarlet Robin, Jacky Winter, Whistling Kite, Wedge-tailed Eagle, White-eared Honeyeater, Peaceful Dove, Superb Lyrebird, Yellow-rumped Thornbill.
Saturday 10 August, 2pm Potato Point 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 25 August, 9am Broulee Island Meet at the carpark at the end of Harbour Drive, Broulee.	Grade 3 – More strenuous. Approx. 2-3 km Walk along sand, beach and rocky shoreline plus rough track with some steep sections.	A walk to and around Broulee Island. Seabirds such as Australasian Gannet, terns, and possibly albatross. Pied and Sooty Oystercatcher, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, New Holland and White-cheeked Honeyeater and the possibility of whales and dolphins.
Saturday 14 September, 2pm 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 decision 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, and possibly Swift Parrot.
Sunday 29 September, 9am Belowra Meet opposite the Bodalla Police Station. Please note Belowra is a 1hr drive from the meeting place.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 3-4 km Walk along farm tracks and across paddocks.	Weather and road conditions permitting, Julie and Peter Collett will lead a walk on their farm. Rufous Songlark, White-winged Triller, Dusky Woodswallow, Diamond Firetail, Varied Sittella, Brown Falcon, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Australasian Pipit.
Saturday 12 October, 2pm Old Mill Rd, Turlinjah Meet at the car park at the Tuross turnoff, corner of Princes Hwy and Hector McWilliam Dr.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km. Unsealed forestry road, moderate slopes.	A walk along a dirt road in mixed eucalypt forest. Yellow-faced, Crescent and Fuscous Honeyeater, Red Wattlebird, Rose Robin, Superb Lyrebird, Pilotbird, Varied Sittella, Eastern Whipbird, Red-browed Treecreeper.

<p>Sunday 27 October, 9am Punkalla Creek Bridge, Narooma We will meet at Quota Park, Riverside Drive, Narooma. Our destination is a 20 minute drive from Narooma on both bitumen and dirt roads.</p>	<p>Grade1 – easy. Approx 2km, walk along unsealed forestry roads.</p>	<p>Punkalla Creek Bridge is a walk in forested and open areas. Nankeen Night Heron, Cattle Egret, Royal Spoonbill, White-headed Pigeon, various honeyeaters, Rose Robin, Black-faced Monarch, Variegated Fairy-wren, Magpie-Lark, Red-browed Finch.</p>
<p>Saturday 9 November, 2pm Bingie Point Geology Walk Meet at the Bingie turnoff, intersection of Princes Hwy and Bingie Rd.</p>	<p>Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2km. Unsealed bush track with narrow sections. Moderate slopes down to the beach. Some sections involve walking on sand and across rocks.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Sunday 24 November, 9am Waders An email will be sent out after November 19, 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 coastal 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.