

Eurobodalla Natural History Society
Program of Field Meetings
Part One: February – July 2025

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
Saturday 8 February, 2pm Captain Oldrey Park, Broulee Meet at the carpark near the netball courts, end of Frances Street, Broulee.	Grade 1 - Easy. Approx. 2-3 km. Mainly flat, narrow unsealed tracks, with trip hazards.	A walk in Broulee Bangalay sand forest that is home to Gang-Gang Cockatoo, White-cheeked, Scarlet and Crescent Honeyeater, Sacred Kingfisher, Black-faced Monarch, Variegated Fairy-wren.
Sunday 23 February, 9am Wallaga Lake Reserve and Muranna Point Meet at the carpark at the end of Wallaga Street (which runs off Wallaga Lake Road), Wallaga Lake.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 3-4km. Narrow track with moderate slopes.	A formed track and headland walk. Hooded and Red-capped Plover, Pied and Sooty Oystercatcher, Far Eastern Curlew, Bar-tailed Godwit. The area is also frequented by a number of raptor species, including Black-shouldered Kite, White-bellied Sea-Eagle.
Saturday 8 March, 2pm Benandarah (east), Murramarang National Park Meet at the turnoff to Long Beach, intersection of Cullendulla Drive and the Princes Highway.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km Unsealed forestry road, moderate slopes.	A walk through the tall forests of Murramarang National Park. Black-faced Monarch, Rufous Fantail, Superb Lyrebird, Eastern Shrike-tit, Eastern Whipbird, Rose Robin, various honeyeater species, Varied Sittella, Mistletoebird.
Sunday 23 March, 8.15am to 12.30pm. Wagonga Inlet Boat Trip, Narooma. Numbers are limited. The first 9 members to register and pay in advance will attend this walk.	Grade 1 – Easy. To express your interest and organise payment, please contact Mandy Anderson via email mandy-anderson@bigpond.com	The boat will cruise along the shoreline of the Wagonga Inlet which is home to a variety of waterbirds, shorebirds and seabirds. Various cormorants, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Bar-tailed Godwit, Striated Heron, Pied and Sooty Oystercatcher and bush birds.
Saturday 12 April, 2pm Pedro Swamp/Pedro Point, Moruya Heads Meet at Moruya South Head Beach car park, near the corner of Charles Moffitt Drive and Coronation Drive, Moruya Heads.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 3-4 km. Mainly flat, wide unsealed tracks, with trip hazards.	Walk along Pedro Point Road out to the point and then back along the track towards Congo Creek and Pedro Swamp. White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Square-tailed Kite, Eastern Shrike-tit, Red-browed Treecreeper, Variegated Fairy-wren, Pied and Sooty Oystercatcher, Eastern Reef Egret, cormorants, Hooded Plover.
Sunday 27 April, 9am Moruya Ramble Meet at the Eurobodalla Council Chambers car park, near the library entrance, Vulcan Street, Moruya.	Grade 2 – Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km. A decision of where to go will be made closer to the time. Likely to be a walk along a track.	Jacky Winter, Scarlet and Flame Robin, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, White-eared Honeyeater, Nankeen Kestrel, Black-shouldered Kite, Whistling Kite, White-necked Heron, Tree Martin, Little Raven.

Date/ Location	Grading and Distance	Habitat/Birds
Saturday 10 May, 2pm Grandfathers Gully, Lilli Pilli Meet at the corner of George Bass Drive and Denise Drive, Lilli Pilli. Parking along Denise Drive.	Grade 2 to 3 - Moderate with some steep sections. A series of undulating tracks down to the beach and through the gully with short steep sections. After we cross the gully, there is a series of steep stairs (grade 3) that people can choose not to climb.	A walk through coastal Spotted Gum/cycad forest to the black sand/rock beaches of Grandfather's Gully. A combination of dry forest, wet gully and beach/coastal vegetation and birdlife. Great Cormorant, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Pied and Sooty Oystercatcher, Common Bronzewing, Golden Whistler, Brown Gerygone.
Sunday 25 May, 10am Annual General Meeting Banksia Room, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens, Princes Highway, Batemans Bay.	Grade 1 – Easy. Approx 1-2 km. Formed tracks, some steps. AGM at 10am, followed by a talk, then the opportunity to have lunch and a walk in the gardens.	We will begin with the AGM which will be followed by a talk on the Gang-Gang Cockatoos of Broulee by Gee Hounsell and Bill Platts. We will then have lunch and people can choose whether to walk through the gardens, which is home to many species of local native plants and birds.
Saturday 14 June, 2pm Burrewarra Point Meet at the car park at the end of Burri Point Road, Guerilla Bay.	Grade 1/2 – Easy/Moderate. Approx. 2-3 km Formed track with trip hazards. Includes a section of narrow track along cliff edge.	Coastal and headland walk. Whales should be moving north at this time. Eastern Whipbird, Little Wattlebird, White-cheeked Honeyeater, Large-billed Scrubwren, Australasian Gannet, Pacific Gull, albatross species, White-fronted Tern.
Sunday 29 June, 9am Gulaga – lower area Meet near the community oval which is on an unnamed road that runs east off Corkhill Drive, 100 metres to the south of Pam's Store, Tilba Tilba.	Grade 2 to 3 – Moderate to strenuous. Approx 3-5km. The initial part of the walk along Dromedary trail is a moderate walk along a formed track. It becomes more strenuous as we get closer to the mountain and includes a long-steep climb.	We walk across farmland and then up into the lower reaches of Gulaga. Black-shouldered Kite, Satin Bowerbird, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Yellow-throated and Large-billed Scrubwren, Superb Lyrebird, Crescent and Yellow-tufted Honeyeater, with the possibility of Noisy Pitta, Green Catbird, Olive Whistler and Pilotbird.
Saturday 12 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, Little 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.