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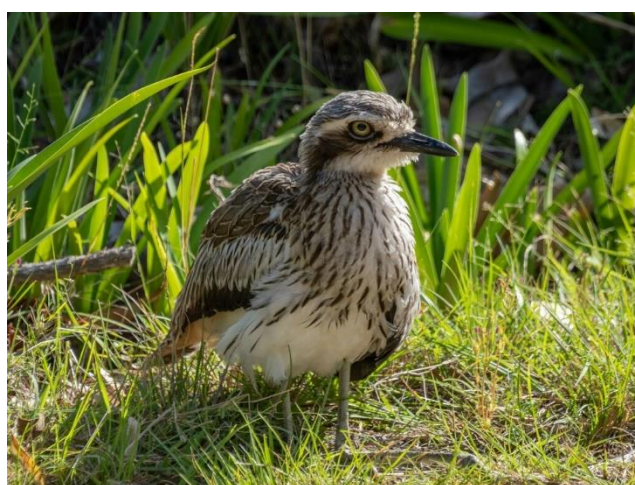
NEWSLETTER JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025

Bush Stone-curlew

Most of us are familiar with the endangered Beach Stone-curlews that we have seen fairly regularly along our south east NSW coast in recent years and the far south coast of NSW is now regarded as the known limit of their normal range. A more unusual visitor to this region and well out of its normal range is the Bush Stone-curlew and a sighting in late January at Wonboyn has created a lot of interest.

It has been seen regularly near the store since the first report in iNaturalist by Paul Whittington on January 24 when it had already been present for a few days.

I can't find any previous sighting in our club records but BioNet has an earlier record at Bermagui in December 2003. Local ecologist Steve Sass recalls seeing one west of South Pambula on Mount Darragh Road in 2018.



Bush Stone-curlew

Image: Paul Whittington



Bush Stone-curlew *Image: Steve Sass*

The Bush Stone-curlew is also known as the Bush Thick-knee, and more colloquially, murderbird. This nickname comes from their haunting call, which sounds like a human scream.

It is a terrestrial forager. It runs or walks about on long legs, digging in soft soil, leaf litter and rotting wood at night for frogs, lizards, insects, and spiders. Birds living on the coast will also eat molluscs.

Nests are a scrape on the ground and the parents take turns incubating and caring for their young. Bush Stone-curlews are cryptic, and when threatened, they will adopt an odd pose or lie perfectly still and rely on their plumage for camouflage.

The Bush Stone-curlew is endangered in NSW due to the threat of predation and habitat loss. They were reintroduced to the Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary near Canberra between 2014 and 2016.

The bird at Wonboyn may be an immature bird that has been forced out of its home territory. Tracking of the resident birds at Mulligans Flat has shown that one bird travelled 600km to the Hunter Valley which is much further than the 120 – 180km that was previously thought to be their limit of movement. The following link gives more information on the work being done with the birds at Mulligans Flat. [Bush Stone-curlew research](#)

Message from Hayden Hayden Kingston

Welcome to another year of birding in our patch and to Far South Coast Birdwatchers 30th year. I'm looking forward to another great year of birdwatching and catching up with members at our activities. Once again your committee is preparing a program of interesting events for the coming year.

Our AGM was held prior to the December evening meeting and the group remains in a strong financial position with sales of our book providing the ongoing basis of this strength.

Committee changes

There were some changes to the committee at the AGM.

Several members have retired from the committee – Liz Allen, Alison Hayes and John Weckert – I would like to thank them all for their valuable contributions over the years and look forward to seeing them at future activities.

Jan Reed is one of our founding members and has been on the committee since the beginning as our Treasurer. Jan will continue to serve the group as a committee member but has decided to step back from her role of Treasurer. On behalf of the members I would like to thank Jan for her ongoing service and contribution to the success and running of the group.

Rob Mansfield has joined the committee and has taken on the role of Treasurer, thank you Rob. Thanks also to Barbara Jones who has returned to the committee and will continue to do sightings and coming events and will also look after the member register.

Our Conservation Officer, Pam Handyside, will be away for much of 2025. In her absence if members become aware of any local conservation issues please inform the committee of the issue so that a response can be made. Pam has also been looking after the Facebook page and doing regular updates, Barbara will take this on for now.

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Evening Meeting
Thursday 12 December 2024
Jill Burridge

Hayden opened the meeting and welcomed 18 members. There were 3 apologies.

Sightings:

White-bellied Sea-Eagle with two young on nest between “Watery Fowls” and the National Park. Cliff noted that this nest had been unused since the last burn off.

Hayden reported White-throated Needletails in South Pambula and they were also seen at Bournda and Tura.

Leo identified a Sharp-tailed Sandpiper at Mogareeka.

End of Year Photo Shoot

An interesting display of photos from FSCB members Rob Mansfield, Lynda Collins, Leo Berzins and Sam Nerrie.

Rob Mansfield has identified seventy-two species since coming to live in Millingandi bordering Bald Hill Creek. He started photography when he was fourteen years old and has not stopped since; using it to confirm the identity of many species of birds. He presented beautiful photos of the Common Bronzewing, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Grey Goshawk, New Holland Honeyeater, Crimson Rosella, an Eastern Spinebill which had recently arrived in his garden and “Crows” with attitude among others. Rob lamented that the Bell Miners chase everything away. In conclusion he recommended “A World on the Wing” by Scott Weidensaul and “Mozart’s Starling” by L. L. Haupt.



Beach Stone-curlew *Image: Lynda Collins*

Lynda Collins has been photographing birds and fungus and sent in a collection of recent sightings from the local area including: a pair of Beach Stone-curlews, Eastern Reef Egret and Nankeen Night-Heron, Bar-tailed Godwits, Gang-gang Cockatoos, Pied Oystercatchers, Eastern Osprey and Red-capped Plovers.

Leo Berzins entertained us from O'Reilly's, Lamington N.P. in south-east Queensland where he visited a raptor show of rescued birds that are unable to be returned to the wild. These included White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Brown Falcon, Powerful Owl, Barn Owl, Nankeen Kestrel and Wedge-tailed Eagle. Also great photos of Bush Stone-curlews snoozing, Crimson Rosellas, Bassian Thrush, a Christmas tree of King Parrots, a female Paradise Riflebird, a Regent Bowerbird and Welcome Swallows with young.

At Lord Howe Island in October, elegant Black Noddies showed their amazing flying skills and use seaweed to line their nests. Bar-tailed Godwits, Buff-banded Rails, Emerald Dove, Flesh-footed Shearwater, Golden Whistler on Kentia Palms and Grey Ternlets were encountered. Over 2000 Lord Howe Woodhens have come back to the island since feral animals have been eliminated. Pacific Island Plovers were plentiful at the airport. A Lord Howe subspecies of Currawong sounded more like a Channel-billed Cuckoo.



Lord Howe Woodhen

Image: Leo Berzins

Beautiful Red-tailed Tropicbirds and Azure Kingfishers were prolific, as were Sooty Terns: a census recorded over 100,000 on the island.

The highlight of the trip: White Terns, which nest in town, lay an egg on a branch (no nest) and are the most photographic of all.



White Terns

Image: Leo Berzins



Double-eyed Fig Parrot

Image: Sam Nerrie

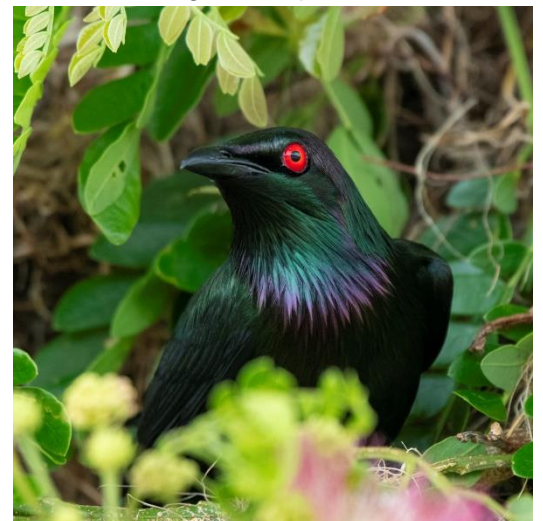
Sam Nerrie took us to a wildlife and birders paradise - Cairns and the Atherton Tablelands - to see red-headed and black-headed Gouldian Finches, Long-tailed Finches bathing, diamond spotted Star Finches all lined up together, a Catbird that sounded like a cat and a Cassowary at Etty Bay with a striped chick. We saw Victoria's Riflebirds with emerald green throat flash practicing flying, an Olive-backed Sunbird in a nest hanging on a branch, a Black Butcherbird with lizard and a Chestnut Mannikin.

There were colonies (up to 20,000) of Brown Boobies with blue faces on low-lying sand cays. One was observed feeding a chick and carrying nesting material.

In a Cairns cemetery Sam found the smallest Australian parrot - a Double-eyed Fig Parrot with a bright blue patch on its head.

There were iridescent, migrant Metallic Starlings which come in summer to breed and a Sacred Kingfisher with crab. Sam recommended the Botanic Garden tours.

Many thanks to all the photographers who presented their magnificent photos.



Metallic Starling

Image: Sam Nerrie

Raffle

Thank you to Pambula/ Merimbula Mitre 10 for donating all the native plant prizes in 2024. Two native plants and honey donated by Cliff and Sayaka Wallis were won by Hayden, Jenny and George.

A festive spread of delicious food was enjoyed by the guests. Thanks go to the supper organizers - Jenny and Norm, Helen and David and all other contributors.

NEW MEMBERS We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Sarah Hilton and Matthew Smyth from Tathra

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Brogo

Saturday 14 December 2024

Barbara Jones

Members came from far and wide, 27 in total. We were greeted by the constant call of a Brush Cuckoo, so loud it overpowered other calls from around the Brogo Fire Shed, not to mention all the human chatter. We did hear Rufous and Golden Whistlers and Laughing Kookaburras and saw Crimson Rosellas and Grey Fantails. As usual we ignored the Bell Miners and set off for the Dam.

We drove in a slowish well-spaced convoy in the hope of seeing birds on the way, with a long stop near Number 709 where we have always had success by walking along the road. Birds were scarce it seemed until we spotted a Crested Shrike-tit, Eastern Spinebills, Australian King-Parrots, Rufous Whistlers and Black-faced Cuckoo-shrikes and heard many more including a kookaburra trying hard to sound grown up.

On arrival at the dam we walked up to the manager's cottage checking all the huge angophora trees. No White-throated Gerygone nest today but the call was heard several times. Grey Fantails were swapping nest duties in a large shrub. A Sacred Kingfisher sat staring at us while his position was conveyed to observers. Describing 'Where is it' can be tricky. Maybe we need to spend some time learning techniques, improving on the 'on that tree and pointing' message!



Grey Shrike-thrush

Image: Rob Mansfield

After a morning tea break with a lone Noisy Friarbird above us, Grey Shrike-thrushes calling as well as Jacky Winters and Olive-backed Orioles, a walk to the dam wall turned up a few Great and Little Black Cormorants. Some members walked to the boat ramp and found 12 Varied Sittellas and Black-faced Monarch. Most of us settled for lunch in the unique picnic shelter, filling all four tables and benches and enjoying our final lunch together until 2025. An unfortunate slip for Norm ended in a visit to Bega Hospital for repairs, nothing broken. Thank you to all who assisted him.

We notched up 43 species and continue to comment about a decline in species seen. Fewer birds, less breeding – are we seeing a permanent trend downwards?

Panboola Summer Survey

16 January 2025

Robyn Kesby

Conditions were perfect at Panboola as 10 of us met at 7am for our summer survey. Gumboots were not required (as they were the previous summer), and recent rains ensured that the lagoons and ponds were full. Golden-headed Cisticolas, an Australian King-Parrot, Grey Butcherbird and a Golden Whistler were calling. A Dusky Moorhen, Eurasian Coots and Purple Swamphen were recorded on and around the waterhole.

Highlights for the day were mainly around the old racecourse. The Black-shouldered Kite adults with their two young flew into the trees near the old Show Pavilion (barn) and Leo spotted a Southern Emu-wren in the bushes below. Close examination of the ponds inside the racecourse failed to find White-fronted Chats, but we were delighted to see two of them flying east over the track. A Nankeen Night-Heron was spotted and Dot spied a very interesting bird some distance away on the far side of the racecourse. After watching

for a while and checking Max's photo, it was identified as an Australasian Pipit. Thirty Masked Lapwings roosted on an island within the racecourse ponds, and 21 Pacific Black Duck were counted not far away. A White-headed Pigeon at Watsons Waterhole was an uncommon sighting.

An Australian Raven was in the Waterbird Sanctuary, Australian Reed-Warblers were calling and we saw a pair of Golden Whistlers and a pair of Rufous Whistlers. Around 10,000 grey-headed flying-foxes are camped in the northern section of this block. Their numbers have been building since late December.

We returned to the start along the newly constructed path along the rear of Robert Smiths Furnishings to Watsons. It provides views into Tips Billabong looking south. The final count was 48 species on this clear, sunny day.

Panboola Start-up

Sunday 26 January 2025

Helen Merrick

It was a lovely, mild summer's day when we gathered at the shelter near Watsons Waterhole at Panboola. A small group at first grew to 17 participants among whom we welcomed two visitors, Vaughan and his teenage son Judah who, as a family, had just returned from a twelve-month tour around Australia. Judah, an avid birdwatcher, had recorded more than 400 species on their trip.

Some of the group stayed at the shelter whilst the rest went on a walk along various tracks around the perimeter of Panboola.



Southern Emu-wren

Image: Lynda Collins

A short way along, great excitement when two Southern Emu-wrens were spotted. Among the waterbirds were Black Swan, Eastern Great Egret, Purple Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, White-faced Heron and Pacific Black Duck to name a few. A small mob of kangaroos grazing and resting were greeted by Jenny with a polite "Good afternoon"! They didn't reply, although I thought I heard a snort.

Twenty Little Corellas flew overhead - probably decided that Bega was too busy for them. Superb Fairy-wrens were seen and heard in the vegetation and on the tracks. Some notable sightings were a female Mistletoebird, spotted high up in a tree by Leo and Judah, and four Brown Quail which scuttled away quickly into the vegetation.

Amongst the honeyeaters were 10 Brown-headed, a Yellow-faced, a New Holland and a Crescent Honeyeater, the latter also spotted by Judah. Also present were a European Goldfinch and some Red-browed Finches, Golden-headed Cisticolas, Brown Thornbills and a Silvereye.

A very pleasant walk ended at the picnic area near the car park where we caught up with the rest of the group for a picnic tea. A Gippsland Water Dragon awaited us having been tempted to stay by being plied with lettuce and other picnic delicacies.

Thank you, Leo for guiding the walk and entering the bird list to Birdata. 35 species were recorded

Message from the Treasurer

Membership subscriptions were due on 1 Jan 2025.

Fees remain the same at \$15 for a single and \$20 for a family.

Payment can be made to BSB 062 649. Account number 2800 1376. Reference - your name please

Bemm River, East Gippsland

December 2024

Lizzie Simkus

On a trip to Gunnai Beach, near Bemm River, Victoria, it was great to see 3 pairs of Hooded Plovers, spread over 3 kilometres. A pair of Sooty Oystercatchers foraged at the water's edge with a family of Pied Oystercatchers, a juvenile White-bellied Sea-Eagle flew along the shoreline and Dusky Woodswallows made forays above the dunes. At the campground there were Eastern Whipbirds, a Shining Bronze-Cuckoo and a Fan-tailed Cuckoo, just some of the many species living in the wattles and banksias. It was a lovely, peaceful week, just before the Christmas holiday rush started.



Sooty Oystercatchers Image: Lizzie Simkus

FSCB GOOGLE GROUP and FACEBOOK

Go to the welcome page at <http://groups.google.com/group/fscb?hl=en> and follow the instructions. If you have trouble contact David on dpadams@gmail.com or Barbara. In the set-up process you will be asked to give your email address and a password which will be yours just for the chat line (not your personal email password).

You won't be inundated with email. Maybe one or two a day, then nothing for a week/weeks, but the more people use the service the more useful it will become. Try it and see.

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Editor's note

I hope you have enjoyed this latest edition of the newsletter. I look forward to receiving more terrific local stories and photos for future editions so don't forget if you have any story suggestions, or better still if you can write the story, send them in.

Similarly, if you see something of interest, take a photo and submit it with some details for inclusion. Remember your smartphone can take a great photo suitable for the newsletter.

Contributions for the next newsletter need to be in by the 29th March 2025, send trip reports and articles to Sue on seromane@hotmail.com and send photos to me on president@fscb.org.au and please send sightings to Barbara on jonesbarbara@bigpond.com

Far South Coast Birdwatchers uses the nomenclature of birds as used by BirdLife Australia
They have released their **Working List of Australian Birds v4**
<https://birdlife.org.au/conservation/science/taxonomy>

A SELECTION of SIGHTINGS from December 2024/January 2025

Please report your sightings, especially threatened species

Threatened Species

This group are listed under the EPBC Act (Commonwealth) and the NSW Biodiversity Act

Date	Species	Count	Location	Observer	Notes
28/1/25	Black Bittern	1	Green Cape, along a creek	K Dodsworth	Rare Birds alert site
29/1/25	Bush Stone-curlew	1	Wonboyn Village	S Sass	
31/1/25	Bush Stone-curlew	1	Wonboyn Village	S Romane	
8/1/25	Eastern Osprey	2	Berrambool	S Romane	1 at nest, 1 nearby
9/12/24	Far Eastern Curlew	1	Merimbula	S Romane	Top Lake
2/12/24	Gang-gang Cockatoo	4	Nethercote	B Jones	most days
24/1/25	Gang-gang Cockatoo	15	Panboola	S Romane	
7/1/25	Hooded Plover	3	Bournda	J Plumb	800m sth of Hobart Bch
26/1/25	Latham's Snipe	1	Bega, 8 km east of Black Range	M Higgins	photo in flight.
2/1/25	Little Eagle	1	Tantawangalo	S Romane	Niagara Lane
29/1/25	Sooty Oystercatcher	1	Merimbula, Spencer Park	G Holden	regular here
16/1/25	Square-tailed Kite	1	Berrambool	M Sutcliffe	photo from window
14/12/24	Varied Sittella	12	Brogo Dam	FSCB outing	
25/12/24	Varied Sittella	sev	Frogs Hollow	S Middleton	Moorlands Lane
16/1/25	White-fronted Chat	2	Panboola	FSCB survey	flying east
3/12/24	White-th'd Needletail	6	Sth Pambula	Kingston/Reed	Summer Hill Rd
21/12/24	White-th'd Needletail	3	Sth Pambula	Kingston/Reed	Summer Hill Rd
26/12/24	White-th'd Needletail	1	Tanja	J Oakeshott	Barrabooka Rd
7/1/25	White-th'd Needletail	25	Tura Flora Reserve	S Romane	
7/1/25	White-th'd Needletail	25	Bournda	J Plumb	Bondi Lake
11/1/25	White-th'd Needletail	20+	Tura, Pacific Way	J Morrison	
13/1/25	White-th'd Needletail	7	Sth Pambula	J Reed	Summer Hill Rd
15/1/25	White-th'd Needletail	18	Sth Pambula	H Kingston	in storm front
26/1/25	White-th'd Needletail	40	Bournda NP	S Romane	Turingal Head

Other Species

Date	Species	Count	Location	Observer	Notes
6/1/25	Australasian Figbird	1	Merimbula	G Holden	immature, Fishpen
9/1/25	Australasian Figbird	4	Berrambool	M Sutcliffe	north end of creek, 2 ad 2 y
16/1/25	Australasian Pipit	1	Panboola	FSCB survey	
2/1/25	Australasian Shoveler	4	Tantawangalo Mtn Rd	S Romane	'Willowdene'
16/1/25	Australian Reed-Warbler	6	Panboola	FSCB survey	5+juv
16/1/25	Australian White Ibis	22	Panboola	FSCB survey	
4/12/24	Black-faced Monarch	1	Brogo Dam	FSCB outing	
12/1/25	Black-faced Monarch	1	Millingandi	S Romane	
21/1/25	Black-faced Monarch	1	Nethercote Falls	P Merrick	
16/1/25	Black-shouldered Kite	4	Panboola	FSCB survey	2 + 2 immature
2/1/25	Boobook Owl	1	Nethercote	B Jones	
7/1/25	Brown Cuckoo-Dove	1	Berrambool	S Romane	
21/12/24	Brown Falcon	1	Nethercote Rd	B Jones	Greigs Flat
30/12/24	Brown Falcon	pr	Tanja, Barrabooka Rd	J Oakeshott	rabbit in its claws
18/12/24	Brown Gerygone		Towamba/Nullica Riv	S Norman	nest photo
30/1/25	Brown Goshawk	1	Berrambool	M Sutcliffe	eating Blackbird, photo from kitchen window
26/1/25	Brown Quail	4	Panboola	FSCB outing	
26/1/25	Brown-headed H'eater	10	Panboola	FSCB outing	
4/12/24	Brush Cuckoo	1	Nethercote	B Jones	very vocal still
14/12/24	Brush Cuckoo	1	Brogo Fire Shed	FSCB outing	heard all day
14/12/24	Buff-rumped Thornbill	3	Brogo Dam	FSCB outing	

17/12/24	Channel-billed Cuckoo	2	Nethercote	B Jones	loud arrival
17/12/24	Channel-billed Cuckoo	1	Panboola, calling	S Romane	
16/1/25	Chestnut Teal	24	Panboola	FSCB survey	
4/12/24	Collared Sparrowhawk	1	Mogilla	J Plumb	
18/12/24	Collared Sparrowhawk	1	Nethercote	B Jones	imm window hit, recovered
16/1/25	Common Blackbird	1	Panboola	FSCB survey	
14/12/24	Common Bronzewing	2	Brogo Dam	FSCB outing	
26/1/25	Crescent Honeyeater	1	Panboola	FSCB outing	
14/12/24	Crested Shrike-tit	1	Brogo	FSCB outing	Warrigal Range Rd stop
29/1/25	Diamond Firetail	3	Rocky Hall Res	S Romane	
28/12/24	Dollarbird	1	Yurammie	A Lindstrand	"Cowsnest"
15/12/24	Double-barred Finch	2	Frogs Hollow	S Middleton	Moorlands Lane
26/1/25	Dusky Moorhen	3	Panboola	FSCB outing	
26/1/25	Eastern Great Egret	1	Panboola	FSCB outing	
14/12/24	Eastern Koel	1	Brogo	FSCB outing	Warrigal Range Rd stop
3/1/25	Eastern Reef-Egret	1	Mogareeka	S Romane	
25/1/25	Eastern Spinebill	3	Nethercote	B Jones	immature
16/1/25	European Goldfinch	5	Panboola	FSCB survey	
16/1/25	Fairy Martin	1	Panboola	FSCB survey	
8/12/24	Fuscous Honeyeater	3	Bithry Inlet	J Oakeshott	near car park
14/12/24	Golden Whistler	1	Brogo Dam	FSCB outing	
16/1/25	Golden Whistler	3	Panboola	FSCB survey	
14/12/24	Golden Whistler	1	Brogo Fire Shed	FSCB outing	
14/12/24	Golden Whistler	1	Brogo	FSCB outing	Warrigal Range Rd stop
16/1/25	Golden-headed Cisticola	2	Panboola	FSCB survey	
14/12/24	Great Cormorant	2	Brogo Dam	FSCB outing	
7/1/25	Great Crested Grebe	1	Bournda	J Plumb	Bondi Lake
16/1/25	Grey Fantail	14	Panboola	FSCB survey	
26/1/25	Grey Fantail	2	Panboola	FSCB outing	
20/12/24	Grey Goshawk	1	Pambula River Bridge	V Szery	took an Azure Kingfisher
25/12/24	Grey Goshawk	1	Frogs Hollow	S Middleton	white, chased by Peregrine
25/12/24	Grey Goshawk	1	Frogs Hollow	A Reed	white
20/1/25	Grey Goshawk	1	Nethercote Road	B Jones	White, low beside road
2/1/25	Hoary-headed Grebe	8	Tantawangalo Mtn Rd	S Romane	'Willowdene'
14/12/24	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	1	Brogo	FSCB outing	Warrigal Range Rd stop
14/12/24	Jacky Winter	2	Brogo	FSCB outing	roadside stop
26/1/25	Jacky Winter	1	Panboola	FSCB outing	
14/12/24	Jacky Winter	2	Brogo Dam	FSCB outing	
25/12/24	Jacky Winter	2	Frogs Hollow	S Middleton	ad + y, Moorlands Lane
14/12/24	Little Black Cormorant	4	Brogo Dam	FSCB outing	
26/1/25	Little Black Cormorant	2	Panboola	FSCB outing	
26/1/25	Little Corella	20	Panboola	FSCB outing	
16/1/25	Masked Lapwing	35	Panboola	FSCB survey	
26/1/25	Mistletoebird	1	Panboola	FSCB outing	behind distillery
7/1/25	Musk Duck	7	Bournda	J Plumb	Bondi Lake
16/12/24	Musk Lorikeet	3	Merimbula	G Holden	Ford Oval
27/12/24	Musk Lorikeet	4	Tanja	J Oakeshott	Barrabooka Rd
14/12/24	Nankeen Kestrel	1	Warrigal Range Rd	B Jones	
16/1/25	Nankeen Night-Heron	1	Panboola	FSCB survey	
14/12/24	Noisy Friarbird	1	Brogo Dam	FSCB outing	
15/12/24	Pacific Baza	1	Candelo, Niagara Ln	S Romane	perched, grooming
16/1/25	Pacific Black Duck	30	Panboola	FSCB survey	
12/1/25	Pallid Cuckoo	1	Millingandi	S Romane	
26/1/25	Purple Swamphen	8	Panboola	FSCB outing	
26/1/25	Red-browed Finch	5	Panboola	FSCB outing	
14/12/24	Rufous Whistler	2	Brogo Dam	FSCB outing	
16/1/25	Rufous Whistler	5	Panboola	FSCB survey	
14/12/24	Sacred Kingfisher	1	Brogo Dam	FSCB outing	
15/12/24	Sacred Kingfisher		Frogs Hollow	S Middleton	Nesting, Moorlands Lane

16/1/25	Southern Emu-wren	1	Panboola	FSCB survey	
26/1/25	Southern Emu-wren	2	Panboola	FSCB outing	
19/1/25	Swamp Harrier	1	Candelo/Wolumla Rd	D Merrick	
16/1/25	Tree Martin	1	Panboola	FSCB survey	
14/12/24	Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	Brogo Dam	FSCB outing	
2/12/24	Whimbrel	1	Merimbula	S Romane	Top Lake
26/1/25	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	1	Panboola	FSCB outing	
14/12/24	White-throated Gerygone	1	Brogo Dam	FSCB outing	
27/1/25	White-throated Nightjar	1	Nethercote Rd	C Peters	
5/1/25	White-headed Pigeon	1	Merimbula	S Romane	Boardwalk
26/1/25	White-headed Pigeon	1	Panboola	FSCB outing	
16/1/25	Yellow Thornbill	5	Panboola	FSCB survey	
29/1/25	Yellow-tufted H'eater	3	Rocky Hall Reserve	S Romane	

Please email sightings to Barbara Jones jonesbarbara@bigpond.com



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COMING EVENTS

Saturday 8 February, 2025

GOODENIA RAINFOREST

Meet at 8:45 am in the parking area behind the Tea Tree Roadhouse, Mt Darragh Rd, Sth Pambula so we can car pool OR proceed independently to Goodenia Rainforest car park to meet by 9:30 am. Goodenia is on Chalkhills Rd, Lochiel. Take Mt Darragh Rd and drive 10 km from Sth Pambula/Princes Hwy corner. Turn right here and travel carefully, can be rough, for about 8 km. Take time to look for Spotted Quail-thrush along the roadside. There are two options for the walk, staying high and dry on the top road or walking a steep and often slippery track through the rainforest, but worth it. Bring a snack and lunch. Sometimes the Chalkhills sign is missing so if you reach Wyndham turn around!!!!!!

Thursday 13 February, 2025

EVENING MEETING

Meet in the Uniting Church Hall, Henwood St, Merimbula for a 7:30 pm start. Bring your friends and new members. Our Guest Speaker will be Michelle Richmond, Panboola Co-ordinator, who will give us a look at 'Panboola Past, Present and Future'. Her passion for the work she does there will show as she brings behind the scenes planning, changes over the years, results and future plans to life. Plenty of photos too. Alan Scrymgeour will also give a mini-presentation with the topic of Pelican Palace.

Sunday 23 February, 2025

BITHRY INLET AND MYER BLOCK, MIMOSA ROCKS NP

Meet Jenny (0428 211 005) at 9:00 am outside Navigate Arts, Three Ways Tanja on the Tathra-Bermagui Rd. A brief look around this junction then we'll proceed to Bithry Inlet for seabirds and bush birds. Lunch in the forest beside cars. Our walk there at the same time last year was voted the top venue.

Saturday 8 March, 2025

WOLUMLA, OLD MILL RD

Meet Barbara (0487 840 740) at 9:00 am on the corner of Princes Hwy and Old Mill Rd, Wolumla. Once assembled we will drive to the end of Old Mill Rd to the property of Wendy Noble. Have you ever seen a Muttonwood forest? FSCB visited this block about 27 years ago so there should be some changes! Bring snack, lunch and a chair.

Monday 17 March, 2025

COMMITTEE MEETING

Meet at 9:15 am for a 9:30 am start in the Panboola Centre, next to Idlewilde Motel, Bullara St, Pambula.

Sunday 23 March, 2025

GREEN CAPE

Meet Leo (6495 2189) at 9:00 am on the corner of Princes Highway and Edrom Rd (Chipmill Rd), 15 minutes south of Eden. We'll take in Bull Creek, Pulpit Rock and highlights around Green Cape. Bring chair, lunch etc, no shops anywhere!

Wednesday 9 April, 2025

PANBOOLA SURVEY

Meet Robyn (0414 864 873) at 8:00 am at Panboola Centre, Watsons Waterhole, next to Idlewilde Motel in Bullara St, Pambula for the autumn survey. Wear sturdy shoes and hat. Carry snack and drink, insect repellent. Takes about 3 hours.

Thursday 10 April, 2025

EVENING MEETING

Meet in the Uniting Church Hall, Henwood St, Merimbula for a 7:30 pm start. Guest speaker will be Darren Quin who is an ecologist and project officer with Birdlife Australia. Darren will talk about the responses of waterbirds to environmental water flows at Lake Cullen in Northern Victoria.

Saturday 12 April, 2025

'WATERY FOWLS' WALLAGOOT

Meet Cliff (6457 5222) at 8:45 am inside the gate of 'Watery Fowls'. Turn off Sapphire Coast Drive onto Bournda Road on the south side of Wallagoot Lake. Drive about 500m to just before Tickalara Close and turn left into the driveway to the home of Cliff Wallis and Sayaka Mihara. BYO snack and lunch and chair as usual, plus insect repellent. Always a good species count here and easy walking.

Wednesday 23 April, 2025

BERRAMBOOL OVAL

Meet John (0448 219 991) at 9:00 am in the car park within Berrambool Oval, accessed off Berrambool Drive, Merimbula. A surprisingly productive bird habitat including creek, open grassland and forest on level ground. An optional Rainforest Walk too. Will the Ospreys be adding on to last year's nest? Bring lunch for a stop on the lakeside.

*Held on the second Saturday and fourth Sunday of each month and odd weekdays.
Evening Meetings on the second Thursday of February, April, June, August, October and December.
Information about outings or help with transport contact anyone on committee (see FSCB Directory)*