

Friday 3rd November – Main Lecture Theatre

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Join the Canon Collective ambassador Scott Stramyk and Emma Desira for a morning of bird photography from keen enthusiasts to special children's sessions (must register).

Join the bird experts taking part in important bird surveys (must register).

09:30 - 10:45am

Eco Tourism Presentations

Working together to promote and support wildlife conservation

- **The Birds and other Wildlife of Taiwan**
Kuan-Chieh (Chuck) Hung, Taiwan Bird Guide
- **Sri Lanka – The Ultimate Island Safari**
Riaz Cader, Natural World Explorer
- **Mallee Birds of South Australia**
Helga Kieskamp, Bellbird Birding Tours
- **Kakadu, a World Heritage National Park and Birders Delight**
Luke Patterson, NT Birding Specialists
- **The North Peru Birding Route**
Detlef Davies, Birding North Peru
- **Making tourism work for birds and wildlife: lessons from Australia and the world**
Dr Rochelle Steven, Researcher - University of Qld, Co-convenor - BirdLife Southern Queensland

12:00 - 1.30pm

Lunch time viewing

A special screening of an amazing new documentary 'Secrets At Sunrise'

The Australasian Bird Fair and Wildlife Expo is pleased to announce that Secrets at Sunrise will be screened as part of our 2017 program.

Secrets at Sunrise tells the fascinating story of a team of people working together to save one of the world's rarest birds, the Western Ground Parrot. Filmmaker Jennene Riggs (www.riggsaustralia.com) has spent the past three years following scientists from Department of Parks and Wildlife in remote Cape Arid National Park where the only known population of the critically endangered parrot survives, to Perth Zoo where attempts are under way to breed the birds in captivity. The film captures the challenges of working in remote environments trying to save a cryptic bird whose numbers are likely less than 150 individuals.

There are moments of high drama when a series of bushfires wipes out 90% of the last known habitat.

Jennene has teamed up with Friends of the Western Ground Parrot (www.western-ground-parrot.org) and half the profits of the film go back into the Western Ground Parrot Recovery Project. Bookings essential.

You can watch the trailer here - <https://vimeo.com/219382181> The film is supported by the Western Australian governments State NRM Program.

Due to limited seating Bookings are essential (Screening Sponsored by Avifauna Research & Services)

2:00 - 3:30pm

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- **Gouldian Finches of Jawoyn Country**
Mick Jerram, Top End Birdfinder
- **Bird watching in Sarawak, Borneo**
Yeo Siew Teck, Cat City Holidays
- **Broome Bird Observatory – Shorebird Capital of Australia**
Emilia Lai
- **Birding and Wildlife NT**
Mark Carter, Birding and Wildlife
- **Personalised and Exceptional, Inala Nature Tours: Specialities of each State and our outstanding Tasmanian reputation**
Emma McLeod, Inala Nature Tours
- **Sarawak - the Jewel of Birding in Borneo**
Yeo Siew Teck, Cat City Holidays

Kids Corner

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Maximum 20 children –
(adults can come too – not counted in the 20)
Kids Workshops Register on-line or sign up on the day.

10:00 – Litter Search

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11:15 – Owl Kites

Make an owl kite to take home. It really flies.

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1:45 – Pellet Pickers

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Make a mask, make a nest, colour a picture ... and more

Nestlings (2-5 years) Puppets and toys Drawing and colouring table Floor puzzles and games Dress-up bird wings Totem poles – add your hand print to make bird wings Help make a frog pond	Fledglings (6-12 years – and anyone) Microscopes and Dinolite – looking closely Study bones, feathers, nests Paper folding birds and other animals I saw, I learned, I liked – add your thoughts Make it Wear it – Regent Honeyeater mask
Nest Fest Make your own nest to take home Learn about nestboxes, who uses them and how to make them Have your photo taken in the BIG NEST Write your name and colour an egg to add to our nests Who made this nest?	An Amazing Journey Colour your own godwit to add to our flock Add your message wishing the godwits well on their journey Learn about “Dog saves Bird” Make a flapping bird
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Schools and communities – Conservation at the Grass Roots

- 'Dog Saves Bird!' - involvement of the Abbotsford School to save the Bar-tailed Godwit!
Chris Johnson, Principal, Abbotsford Public School
- The Birds in Schools program: citizen science and the creation of bird friendly school grounds
Monica Awasthy, Birds in Backyards Program Manager & Elizabeth Noble, (previous) Birds in Schools Project Officer
- The Parramatta River Councils Alliance - to make a river swimmable and fit for migratory shorebirds
Jacinta Green, Parramatta River Keeper, Parramatta River Catchment Group
- Questions and Panel Discussion

11:00am – 1:00pm

Migratory Shorebirds – the impossible journey

Chair: Dr Richard Fuller

Introduction – Richard Fuller

- Everything you wanted to know about migratory shorebirds but were too afraid to ask
Louise Duff - Secretary Australian Wetland Network and Program Manager, CVA
- Migratory shorebirds in the EAAF, sightings to satellites
Chris Hassell - Global Flyway Network and Australasian Wader Studies Group,
- Paradise - Stopover or final destination? Shorebird use of the intertidal area at Suva Point.
Mark O'Brien – Regional Programme Coordinator, BirdLife Pacific
- Shorebirds 2020 working with indigenous communities, monitoring international important sites across Australia
Dan Weller - Project Officer, Shorebirds 2020 project, BirdLife Australia
- The Power of Collaboration in the Dreaming of Conservation
Arkellah Irving
- Questions and Panel Discussion

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Lunch time entertainment and break

1:40pm – 2:00pm

Flock wiz – Sean Dooley entertains with an entertaining 'challenging the experts'

Key Biodiversity Areas – towards meaningful conservation

Chair: Mark O'Brien

- **KBAs – Three letters you won't want to forget!**
Golo Maurer – Key Biodiversity Area Program Manager (Birdlife Australia)
- **KBAs - Engaging with the main stakeholders**
Elisabeth Karplus – NSW KBA Coordinator
- **'Forests For All' plan**
Oisín Sweeney, Senior Ecologist, National Parks Association
- **New habitat clearing laws and what they mean for birds**
Daisy Barham, Campaigns Director, Nature Conservation Council of NSW
- **Adding water to KBA's in NSW: delivering water for birds, fish and native vegetation**
Terry Korodaj, Community Engagement & Communications Manager, OEH
- **How to mitigate seabird bycatch from tuna longline fisheries**
Dr Yuna Kim
- **Questions and Panel Discussion**

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Sunday 5th November – Main Lecture Theatre

Early morning activities (times to be advised):

Join the bird experts at Bicentennial Park and Newington to take part in important bird surveys.

Free event but must register. Heritage Train rides from 9.30 to 10.45 see areas of the Armory not otherwise open to the public (for ages 10+).

Shorter rides run every 30 minutes between 11 and 1.30 for all ages.

09:30 – 11:00pm

Life in the suburbs – sharing your space with birds

Chair: Darryl Jones

- **Why are we losing our garden birds?**
Holly Parsons, Birds in Backyards Project Program Manager
- **It's time to talk about bird feeding**
Darryl Jones, Deputy Director, Environmental Futures Research Institute
- **Habitat Network – corridors and connections for small birds**
Bev Debrincat, Habitat Network
- **Powerful Owl in a big city**
Dr. Beth Mott, Powerful Owl Project Manager, BirdLife Australia
- **Creating Superb Homes for Parrots**
Mick Callan, Environment & Waterways Alliance

11:15 – 11:30

Book launch – *Photographing Owls and Raptors*

Ákos Lumnitzer, A Matter of Light Photography

Afternoon session

12:00pm – 2:00pm

Threatened species – Research and Management

- **Protecting threatened woodland birds through science, conservation and community action**
Caroline Wilson - Woodland Birds Project Officer
- **Recovery of the critically endangered Regent Honeyeater**
Mick Roderick - Woodland Birds for Biodiversity Project Coordinator
- **Plains-wanderer – Under the Spotlight**
David Parker, Office of Environment & Heritage
- **“Preventing Extinctions in the Pacific - how are we doing?”**
Mark O'Brien, Regional Programme Coordinator, BirdLife Pacific
- **BirdLife Australia's Threatened Bird Network: the importance of volunteers in conserving threatened birds**
Caroline Wilson – Woodland Birds Project Officer
- **Conservation Action: the responsibility of the modern zoo**
Leanne Elliott and Monique Van Sluys, Taronga Conservation Society Australia

2:30pm – 4:30pm

Bird recording and citizen science

Introduction

- **Birddata – Make Your Birding Count**
Andrew Silcocks, Atlas & Birddata Project Manager, BirdLife Australia
- **eBird Australia**
Richard Fuller, Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation Science, University of Queensland
- **Flag re-sightings – citizen science efforts spanning the East Asian Australasian Flyway**
Joris Driessen, Database Manager, Australasian Wader Studies Group, BirdLife Australia
- **Survival estimates from banding and re-sighting studies**
Chris Hassell, Global Flyway Network and Australasian Wader Studies Group
- **Panel discussion**

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