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Bird Walks in Brisbane's Inner West — Nov 2022-April 2023

**Saturday, 26th Nov 2022—7:00am
Tarcoola Track, St Lucia**

We'll visit one of our beautiful areas along the Brisbane River, full of bird life from tiny wrens to large raptors. It's always a joy to walk here, marvel at the rehabilitation work done by local bushcarers and discover the many avian species which frequent the location, and just enjoy the vista of our main waterway. St Lucia Esplanade rehabilitation work already does, but St Lucia Golf Links and Handel Street Park rehabilitation will also benefit our birdlife in the medium to long term.

Meeting Point: Entry to Tarcoola Track off St Lucia Esplanade, opp. Tarcoola Street

**Saturday, 10th Dec 2022—7:00am
Rainbow Forest and beyond, Indooroopilly and Fig Tree Pocket**

Another gem in rehabilitation and birdlife terms will be visited. This location hosts a multitude of birds, some changing as the site is used as habitat by seasonal and altitudinal movements of birds. One of our longest operating bushcare groups works here with amazing results and despite regular flood inundation. The group's work is now complemented by rehabilitation along Cubberla Creek at the Brisbane Girls Grammar's Rangakarra sports fields, used as recreational and environmental education centre.

Meeting Point: Entry to park off Dobell St, opp. Clandon Street, Indooroopilly

**Saturday, 21 January 2023 – 7:00am: Moore Park
Indooroopilly, Indooroopilly**

A bushland remnant in the Witton Creek catchment with a rich and amazing history. Moore Park has undergone immense rehabilitation over the last 20 years and still requires more. Boobook Owl, Channel-billed Cuckoos and Curlews have only recently been heard calling. The park that is highly valued by local residents and considering the surrounds of Freeway, Moggill Road and high density living it is a little oasis connecting to other natural areas nearby. Not all areas are easily accessible in Moore Park, so the walk may well be a little shorter, but to survey bird populations will allow us a better insight into the environmental health of the bushland remnant.

Meeting Point: Little wooden bridge towards school and zig zag track (entry via Russell Tce), Indooroopilly

**Saturday, 4th February 2023 – 7:00am: LfW properties,
Fig Tree Pocket**

Three connected Land for Wildlife properties are being visited, known for their rich biodiversity and birdlife. The owners have been putting a lot of effort into rehabilitation and have achieved miracles. Around them large properties make way for development and the fear is that nearby loss of habitat will have an effect on the diversity and numbers of species, and on connectivity for wildlife movement. As these are private properties, the address will only be provided once you have registered with Lyn. Thank you for your understanding.

Meeting Point: as per above.

**Saturday, 25th February 2023 – 7:00am: Toowong
Creek and beyond**

A delightful bushland close to Brisbane's CBD, part of Brisbane Forest Park albeit separated from it by the Western Freeway. Rehabilitation work has already made quite a difference, and we are keen to see the effects of developed habitat structure take effect for our avian friends. Having said that, Powerful Owls are regularly heard calling, and other birdlife, small and large, is seen and heard. Our visit will extend to Anzac Park. Who knows what we'll see. Will it be Rufous Fantail, a Yellow-tailed Black-cockatoo, a Tawny Frogmouth, a Pardalote.....?

Meeting Point: Cr Broseley Rd and Kent Street, Toowong

**Saturday, 11th March 2023 – 7:00am: Clarina
Street Park, Chapel Hill**

A gem in the Witton Creek catchment, Clarina Street Park has enormous potential as bird habitat, especially for small birds. However, it requires lots of rehabilitation work to get to that stage. The local bushcare group knows the value of their bushland remnant and puts a lot of effort and enthusiasm into their amazing park. We'll be visiting regularly and are certain that we'll gradually see a lot of birdlife return to safe and beneficial habitat.

Meeting Point: Park entry at end of Clarina Street, Chapel Hill



Saturday, 25 March 2023 – 7:00am: Biami Yumba Park and beyond, Fig Tree Pocket

A wonderful location to observe waterfowl, the lagoon is usually brimming with life from ducks, moorhens, to cormorants, herons, often spoonbills, and even pelicans have previously been observed. Of course, once we reach different habitat types closer to the Brisbane River, other avian fauna including smaller birds or the odd raptor can be observed. The area is rich in birdlife and continues to be a gem for birders.

Meeting Point: Lagoon near playground, end of Fig Tree Pocket Rd, Fig Tree Pocket

Tuesday(!!!!), 4th April 2023 – 7:00am: Chapel Hill reach of Mt Coot-tha, Chapel Hill

We have chosen a weekday for our bird walk as the walking tracks on this side of the mount are heavily frequented by walkers which not only makes it difficult to hear bird calls but also leads to small birds re-treating. Nevertheless, our local bushcarers know of the amazing birdlife and are keen to share their knowledge and hopefully their sightings with others. This is Lyn Cole's own rehabilitation area. Her intimate knowledge of habitat and known birdlife will enhance the experience for everyone.

Meeting Point: Carpark off Fleming Road (opp. Greenford St), Chapel Hill

Saturday, 15th April 2023 – 7:00am: Merri Merri and Dillingen Street Parks, Chapel Hill

The last bird walk of this season will take place across two rehabilitation sites. We'll start at Merri Merri Park which has a long rehabilitation history and is linked to Mt Coot-tha. We will follow Cubberla Creek parallel to Greenford Street and along the bikeway. We are keen to assess how all bushcare efforts have already improved habitat for bird communities, especially as the area functions as a corridor for other wildlife.

Meeting Point: Entry to Merri Merri Park off Greenford St, Chapel Hill

Join us for another round of bird walks in Brisbane's beautiful inner west. Lyn Cole will again guide us and share her vast knowledge about birds and habitat needs.

Everyone is welcome. You don't need any prior knowledge. We all learn while doing, and there are usually other birders generously sharing what they know.

Please wear protective clothing and closed walk-ing shoes. BYO water and your own binoculars (if you have).

Kindly register with Lyn on 0427 599 890.

See you at many of our events!

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