



The Bellingen Birders

This brochure has been produced in cooperation with Bellingen Birders. This is a sociable and informal group which has a monthly outing (usually on the third Sunday of the month).

For details phone Richard Jordan (02) 6655 9456 or Mandy Wright (02) 6655 7172. They are happy to answer any of your birding questions such as the best spots to find particular species. For those with 4WD vehicles you might like to search for the local population of the endangered **Rufous Scrub-bird**.

Birders are kindly asked to report to Richard or Mandy any unusual sightings, especially of birds shown with an asterisk (*) in the list or which are not listed at all. Written records can be submitted to: PO Box 449 Bellingen NSW 2454 or richardandroz@wirefree.net.au



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HOW TO GET HERE

Waterfall Way connects the ocean beaches and the rainforest of Coffs Coast with the Great Dividing Range, Armidale and the New England Tableland. Find yourself in Australia's best semi-tropical climate, midway between Sydney and Brisbane on the sun soaked Coffs Coast.

CAR

Drive the coastal route (Pacific Highway) from Brisbane or Sydney or travel the New England Highway to Armidale and explore the chain of superb national parks bordering Waterfall Way en route. Combine an inland and coastal circuit from Sydney or Brisbane to enjoy this dramatic landscape and altitude change.

AIR

Fly direct to Coffs Coast Airport (20 mins from Waterfall Way) from Sydney, Brisbane or Melbourne.

TRAIN

Countrylink trains daily – stop at Urunga by appointment.

BUS

Sydney-Brisbane buses stop at Urunga. BYBUS runs buses along Waterfall Way on Mon, Wed and Fri. Go to www.bybus.com.au

Visitor Information Centres

Bellingen Shire
Pacific Highway, Urunga
Phone: 02 6655 5711

Coffs Coast
Cnr Pacific Hwy & McLean St
Phone: 02 6648 4990

Waterfall Way Centre
Hyde Street, Bellingen
Phone: 02 6655 1522

Dorrigo Rainforest Centre
Dome Road, Dorrigo
Phone: 02 6657 2309

Dorrigo
Hickory Street, Dorrigo
Phone: 02 6657 2486



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NORTH BANK ROAD TO BELLINGEN

This is the best route for the birder from the Pacific Highway to Bellingen. Take the Bellingen turn from the highway then follow the route shown on the map to the start of North Bank Road. There are several wetlands both sides of the road – worth a stop. Look



BLACK-NECKED STORK



WOMPPOO FRUIT-DOVE

especially for **Brolga** and **Black-necked Stork (Jabiru)**, and **Chestnut-breasted Mannikin** in areas of roadside long grass.

Once in Bellingen look for **Square-tailed Kite** cruising low overhead. Turn into Dowle Street (see detailed map) there is a grassy area on the left, just before the Christian Life Church. You will be amongst a colony of **Grey-headed Flying-foxes** (often with a few **Black Flying-foxes**). Check out the information display then walk into the forest on Bellingen Island to look for rainforest birds. You might find **Wompoo Fruit-dove**, **Barred Cuckoo-shrike** and **Regent Bowerbird** when the fig trees are fruiting.

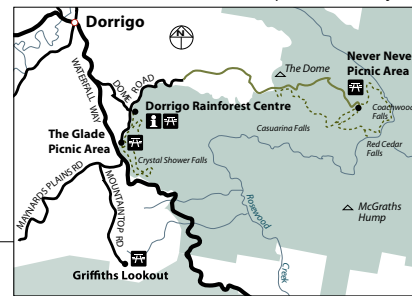
DORRIGO NATIONAL PARK

Take the Waterfall Way climbing up the coastal escarpment towards Dorrigo plateau. Turn right 2 kms before town to Dorrigo Rainforest Centre. From here the short walk to The Glade is one of the best short rainforest bird walks in NSW. You may see, amongst other species, **Pale-yellow Robin**, **Green Catbird**, **Paradise Riflebird**, **Grey Goshawk** and **Noisy Pitta**. There are longer walks as well. Excellent maps of the tracks and advice are available at the Rainforest Centre, which is operated by the National Parks and Wildlife Service of NSW.



GREY GOSHAWK

If you have time for a long forest drive and have a car with reasonable clearance ask at the Rainforest Centre about the 'loop' road in Nymboi Binderay National Park, via Platypus Flat, Cascade and Megan. You can be assured of a good bird list.



EBOR FALLS AND POINT LOOKOUT

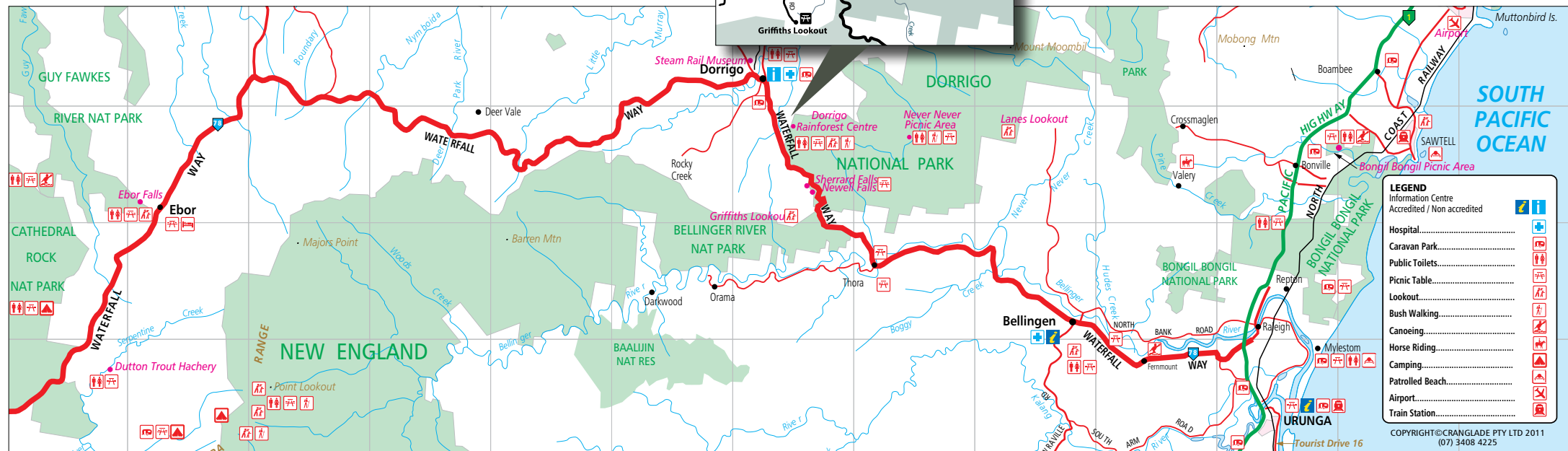
Between Dorrigo and Armidale you should stop at Ebor Falls. This is drier country and you will find some birds that do not occur closer to the coast, such as **Red-browed Treecreeper** and **White-eared Honeyeater**. The lower picnic area is often the best for birding.



SUPERB LYREBIRD

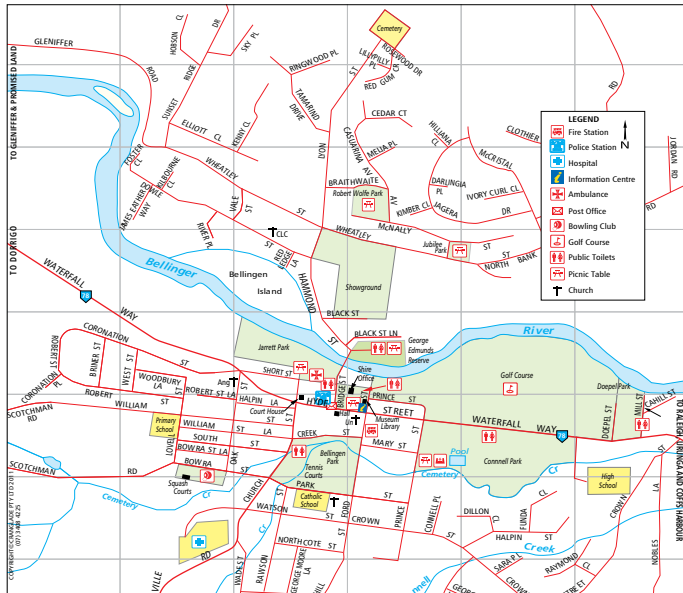
Further on take the left turn to Point Lookout (it also goes to the Trout Hatchery). Though mostly unsealed it is usually fine for 2WD and leads to a spectacular viewpoint looking over the forested ranges to the coast. In summer look for **Flame Robin**, whilst in the cold months the male **Superb Lyrebirds** are at the peak of their displays. They are tame enough for you to approach quite closely. Listen for the melodic 'flute' call, which is special to the area, as well as a wide range of mimicry of other birds.

If you are driving on to Armidale look for TSR (Travelling Stock Reserve) signs on gates. You can enter here and the birding can be excellent as the habitat will be relatively undisturbed.

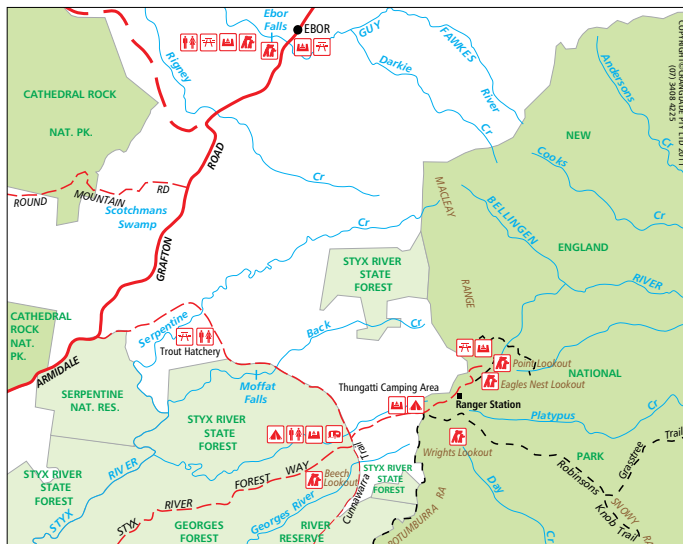




DETAIL OF NORTH BELLINGEN SHOWING NORTH BANK ROAD, DOWLE STREET AND BELLINGEN ISLAND



DETAIL OF NEW ENGLAND NATIONAL PARK SHOWING POINT LOOKOUT, WRIGHT'S LOOKOUT AND STYX RIVER STATE FOREST



EMU, MOUND-BUILDERS, QUAIL

Emu*
Brush-turkey, Australian
Quail, Brown*
Quail, King*

SWAN, GEESE, DUCKS, GREBES

Whistling-Duck, Plumed*
Whistling-Duck, Wander*
Duck, Musk*
Duck, Freckled*
Black, Swan
Wood Duck, Australian
Mallard
Duck, Pacific Black
Shoveler, Australasian
Teal, Grey
Teal, Chestnut
Duck, Pink-eared*
Hardhead
Grebe, Australasian
Grebe, Hoary-headed
Grebe, Great Crested*

SEABIRDS

Shearwater, Wedge-tailed
Gannet, Australasian

CORMORANTS, PELICAN

Darter
Cormorant, Little Pied
Cormorant, Pied
Cormorant, Little Black
Cormorant, Great
Pelican, Australian

HERONS, IBIS, SPOONBILLS

Heron, White-faced
Egret, Little
Egret, Eastern Reef*
Heron, White-necked
Egret, Great
Egret, Intermediate
Egret, Cattle
Heron, Striated
Night Heron, Nankeen
Bittern, Little*
Bittern, Black*
Ibis, Glossy*
Ibis, Australian White

Ibis, Straw-necked
Spoonbill, Royal
Spoonbill, Yellow-billed
Stork, Black-necked*



PACIFIC BAZA

BIRDS OF PREY

Osprey, Eastern
Baza, Pacific*
Kite, Black-shouldered
Kite, Square-tailed
Kite, Whistling
Kite, Brahminy
Sea-Eagle, White-bellied
Harrier, Spotted*
Harrier, Swamp



WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE

BROLGA, CRAKES, RAILS

Brolga*
Rail, Buff-banded
Rail, Lewin's*
Crake, Baillon's*
Crake, Aust. Spotted*
Crake, Spotless*
Swamphen, Purple
Moorhen, Dusky
Coot, Eurasian



PURPLE SWAMPHEN

BUTTON-QUAILS

Button-quail, Little*
Button-quail, Painted*

WADERS

Snipe, Latham's*
Godwit, Black-tailed*
Godwit, Bar-tailed
Whimbrel
Curlew, Eastern
Sandpiper, Marsh*
Greenshank, Common
Sandpiper, Common
Tattler, Grey-tailed
Tattler, Wandering*
Turnstone, Ruddy*
Knot, Red*
Sanderling*
Stint, Red-necked*
Sandpiper, Sharp-tailed*
Jacana, Comb-crested*
Stone-curlew, Beach*
Oystercatcher, Pied
Oystercatcher, Sooty
Stilt, Black-winged
Plover, Pacific Golden
Plover, Red-capped
Plover, Double-banded*
Plover, Lesser Sand*
Plover, Greater Sand*
Dotterel, Black-fronted
Dotterel, Red-kneed*
Lapwing, Masked

GULLS, TERNS, NODDIES

Gull, Silver
Tern, Gull-billed
Tern, Caspian
Tern, Crested
Tern, Common
Tern, Little
Tern, Whiskered*

PIGEONS, DOVES

Dove, Rock
Pigeon, White-headed
Turtle-Dove, Spotted
Cuckoo-Dove, Brown
Dove, Emerald*
Bronzewing, Common*
Pigeon, Crested
Dove, Peaceful
Dove, Bar-shouldered



B-SHOULDERED DOVE

Pigeon, Wonga
Fruit-Dove, Wompoo
Fruit-Dove, Rose-crown*
Pigeon, Topknot



GLOSSY BK-COCKATOO

COCKATOOS, PARROTS

Black-Cockatoo, Glossy*
Black-Cockatoo, Y/tailed
Galah
Corella, Long-billed
Corella, Little
Cockatoo, Sulphur-crest
Lorikeet, Rainbow
Lorikeet, Scaly-breasted



AUST. KING-PARROT



CRIMSON ROSELLA

Lorikeet, Musk
Lorikeet, Little*
King-parrot, Australian
Rosella, Crimson
Rosella, Eastern
Parrot, Swift*



FAN-TAILED CUCKOO



EASTERN ROSELLA

CUCKOOS

Cuckoo, Pallid
Cuckoo, Brush
Cuckoo, Fan-tailed
Bronze-Cuckoo, H/field's
Bronze-Cuckoo, Shining
Koel, Common
Cuckoo, Channel-billed
Coulal, Pheasant

NIGHTBIRDS

Owl, Powerful*
Boobook, Southern
Owl, Sooty*
Owl, Masked*
Owl, Barn
Frogmouth, Tawny
Nightjar, White-throated*
Owlet-nightjar, Australian

SWIFTS, KINGFISHERS

Needletail, Wh.-throated
Swift, Fork-tailed*
Kingfisher, Azure
Kookaburra, Laughing
Kingfisher, Forest*
Kingfisher, Sacred
Bee-eater, Rainbow
Dollarbird



TAWNY FROGMOUTH



AZURE KINGFISHER



SACRED KINGFISHER



L. KOOKABURRA

PITTAS, LYREBIRDS, TREECREEPERS
 Pitta, Noisy*
 Lyrebird, Superb
 Scrub-bird, Rufous*
 Tree creeper, Wh.-throat
 Tree creeper, Red-brow
 Tree creeper, Brown



WT-TREECREEPER

AUST. WRENS, PARDALOTES
 Fairy-wren, Superb
 Fairy-wren, Variegated
 Fairy-wren, Red-backed
 Pardalote, Spotted
 Pardalote, Striated



SUPERB FAIRY-WREN



VAR. FAIRY-WREN

SCRUBWRENS, ALLIES
 Scrubwren, Ythroated
 Scrubwren, White-brow
 Scrubwren, Large-billed
 Warbler, Speckled*
 Weebill
 Gerygone, Brown
 Gerygone, Mangrove
 Gerygone, White-throat
 Thornbill, Brown
 Thornbill, Buff-rumped
 Thornbill, Yellow-rumped
 Thornbill, Yellow
 Thornbill, Striated



BROWN THORNBILL

HONEYEATERS
 Wattlebird, Red
 Wattlebird, Little
 Honeyeater, Striped
 Friarbird, Noisy
 Friarbird, Little
 Honeyeater, Regent*
 Honeyeater, Blue-faced
 Miner, Bell
 Miner, Noisy
 Honeyeater, Lewin's
 Honeyeater, Yfaced
 Honeyeater, White-eared
 Honeyeater, Fuscous
 Honeyeater, Black-chinn*
 Honeyeater, Brown-hd
 Honeyeater, White-naped

Honeyeater, Brown
 Honeyeater, Wh.-cheek
 Honeyeater, New Holland
 Spinebill, Eastern
 Honeyeater, Scarlet



RED WATTLEBIRD



EASTERN SPINEBILL

CHATS, ROBINS
 Jacky Winter
 Robin, Scarlet
 Robin, Flame*
 Robin, Rose
 Robin, Hooded*
 Robin, Pale-yellow
 Robin, Eastern Yellow



ROSE ROBIN

BABLERS, WHIPBIRDS
 Logrunner
 Babbler, Grey-crowned*
 Whipbird, Eastern



GOLDEN WHISTLER

QUAIL-THRUSHES & ALLIES
 Quail-thrush, Spotted*
 Sittella, Varied
WHISTLERS & SHRIKE-THRUSH
 Shrike-tit, Crested
 Whistler, Golden
 Whistler, Rufous
 Shrike-thrush, Little*
 Shrike-thrush, Grey



RUFOUS WHISTLER

MAGPIE LARK, FLYCATCHERS
 Monarch, Black-faced
 Monarch, Spectacled
 Monarch, White-eared*
 Flycatcher, Leaden
 Flycatcher, Satin*
 Flycatcher, Restless
 Magpie-lark
 Fantail, Rufous
 Fantail, Grey



BLACK-FACED CUCKOO-SHRIKE



GREY FANTAIL

Willie Wagtail
 Drongo, Spangled
CUCKOO-SHRIKES, ORIOLES
 Cuckoo-shrike, Bl.-faced
 Cuckoo-shrike, Barred*
 Cuckoo-shrike, W/bellied
 Cicadabird
 Triller, White-winged
 Triller, Varied
 Oriole, Olive-backed
 Figbird
WOODSWALLOWS
 Woodswallow, W/breast
 Woodswallow, Dusky



WELCOME SWALLOW



VARIED TRILLER

MAGPIE, BUTCHERBIRDS
 Butcherbird, Grey
 Butcherbird, Pied
 Magpie, Australian
 Currawong, Pied
 Riflebird, Paradise



PIED BUTCHERBIRD

RAVENS, CROWS, MUD-NESTERS
 Raven, Australian*
 Raven, Forest
 Crow, Torresian
 Cough, White-winged

BOWERBIRDS, PIPITS
 Catbird, Green
 Bowerbird, Regent
 Bowerbird, Satin
 Pipit, Australasian



GREY BUTCHERBIRD

MISTLETOEBIRD
 Mistletoebird
SWALLOWS, MARTINS
 Swallow, Welcome
 Martin, Tree
 Martin, Fairy

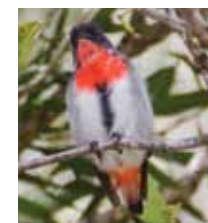


SATIN BOWERBIRD

SPARROWS, FINCHES
 Sparrow, House
 Finch, Double-barred
 Finch, Red-browed
 Firetail, Diamond*
 Mannikin, Chestnut-br.*
 Goldfinch, European



SILVEREYE



MISTLETOEBIRD

WARBLERS, THRUSHES
 Reed-Warbler, Aust.
 Grassbird, Tawny*
 Grassbird, Little*
 Cisticola, Golden-headed
 Silvereye
 Thrush, Bassian
 Thrush, Russet-tailed

MYNA, STARLING
 Starling, Common
 Myna, Common

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