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**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

***Bird Walk in Fig Tree Pocket  
Land for Wildlife Properties***

One of our most fascinating birding sites will be visited again. Three connected Land for Wildlife properties provide ideal habitat not only but especially for many of our wonderful local bird species. Every walk creates excitement when an abundance of avian fauna is sighted and when we observe the rehabilitation progress across the sites.

Please be aware the terrain is uneven and provides a certain amount of challenges. For privacy reason we will provide location details after booking and closer to the date. Thank you for your understanding.

**Where:** Location to be announced after booking.

**When:** 7:00am—9:30am

**Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019**

***Bird Walk in Indooroopilly/Fig Tree Pocket  
Rainbow Forest and beyond***

Join us for a walk through one of our oldest and wonderfully successful rehabilitation sites at Rainbow Forest, cross and follow Cubberla Creek downstream along the Brisbane Girls Grammar's *Rangakarra Recreational and Environmental Education Centre* and walk beyond through public park and open spaces to almost the Brisbane River.

It's a beautiful walk in an area which most certainly has to be considered one of the gems in our catchments. Interesting bird sightings are a given. The location is flat and provides easy walking opportunities.

**Where:** Meeting Point at Rainbow Forest Park entry opp. cnr of Dobell and Clandon St, Indooroopilly (UBD 178 E11)

**When:** 7:30am—9:30am

**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

***Bird Walk in St Lucia  
Tarcoola Track***

What better way to start a Saturday morning than to explore the beautiful Brisbane River reach along the Tarcoola Track. Again we start at the impressive local rehabilitation site showing improvements along the river and at the mouth of Sandy Creek. Native vegetation is thriving and in parts very different from other sites in our catchments. Birdlife is abundant and benefitting from improvements to the riparian sites and also using the mangroves.

If you have never been there before, you will want to get to know the area. If you have, you will want to come back.

**Where:** Meeting Point at entry to track opp. Tarcoola Street, St Lucia (UBD 179 D7)

**When:** 7:30am—9:30am

**Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019**

***Bird Walk in Toowong  
Upper Reaches of Toowong Creek***

One of our younger rehabilitation sites shows itself in all its glory. The vicinity to Mount Coot-tha (despite interruptions through the Western Freeway) allows for medium to larger birds to move back and forth, smaller birds have the advantage of connected green space West of the Freeway. Has the rehabilitation succeeded just yet in protecting small native birds from domestic animals and foxes? We have only started to assess the site but have already seen amazing avian fauna.

Join us for a lovely walk in what can only be considered a natural treasure very close to the CBD.

**Where:** Meeting Point at the end of Broseley Rd, Kent St side of creek (UBD158 K17)

**When:** 7:30am—9:00am

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

***Bird Walk in Fig Tree Pocket  
Biami Yumba Park & Brisbane River Reach***

Another favourite birding place of ours, always worth a visit. The lagoon promises lots of waterfowl. The vegetation along the Brisbane River parallel to the Equestrian Centre and towards Mactier St is usually alive with small birds. The odd bird of prey exploring the area might be seen too, and - if we are lucky - we can even hear or see a rail. It's a very peaceful area, and it's all part of our wonderful inner west catchments. This bird walk is a real treat for all who enjoy green surrounds and ample bird-life.

**Where:** Meeting Point at shelter shed near playground in park at end of Fig Tree Pocket Rd, Fig Tree Pocket (UBD 198 G2)

**When:** 7:30am—9:30am

**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019**

***Bird Walk in Chapel Hill  
Merri Merri Park and Dillingen Street Park***

This is a new addition to our bird walks. The area in the upper reaches of Cubberla Creek has undergone impressive rehabilitation, for years at Merri Merri Park thanks to the local bushcare group and along the bikeway at Dillingen Street Park with support of volunteers of Golder Associates and CWCN.

Fauna Signs are very promising, so we really look forward to exploring the birdlife in this section of our catchments.

**Where:** Entry to Merri Merri Park, opp. Farnworth St, Chapel Hill (UBD 157 M18)

**When:** 7:30am—9:30am



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The Cubberla-Witton Catchments Network (CWCN) conducts surveys of avian fauna across the catchments and compares the results with historical data gathered between 1960 and 2000 and published in our Symposia papers in 2001. Bird populations are likely to have changed as our catchments area has seen many changes in land use since the 1960s.

Wildlife corridors were interrupted by the construction of the Western Freeway and the Centenary Highway. Developments and infrastructure projects have increased and displaced much habitat. Residential properties tend to be substantially smaller than they were 50 to 60 years ago, new houses now come with barely any garden which means more habitat loss and loss of insects which are an essential part of a bird diet. Traffic has increased, roads have become busier and wider. Small birds like little Fairy-wrens are miserable flyers and unable to travel far like i.e. cockatoos are able to. They need vegetation that not only provides for their diet but also for shelter and nesting needs. You will not encounter small birds where vegetation communities are not suitable, or where dogs, cats and foxes pose a threat, or where other interference with their habitat occurs.

CWCN's Birder Group visits several sites twice per year to record our local birds and to include changes related to seasonal and altitudinal migration.

Long term surveying will help us to assess what birds we have in our catchments area and what changes have occurred in bird communities over time. It will also allow us to understand whether our efforts to restore habitat and to repair connectivity for wildlife movement succeed, and will provide us with knowledge and tools for our strategic planning.

**Everyone is welcome to join us at our popular bird walks.**

We all learn while observing and listening. You don't need to recognise all calls, there are plenty of experienced birders on the walks who explain and teach.

As always, Lyn Cole will guide us through the sites, explain birds, calls, bird features, and answer any question you might have.

Just come along, get to know our beautiful catchments while discovering a very important part of local biodiversity.

**Wear closed walking shoes and protective clothing. BYO binoculars and water bottle and all your enthusiasm. We'll have a few additional binoculars on standby and, of course, insect repellent and sunscreen.**

**Please let us know that you are coming by either emailing [secretary@cwcn.org.au](mailto:secretary@cwcn.org.au) or ringing 38784581. If you have questions, please contact Lyn on 427 599 890**



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