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Bird Walks in Brisbane's Inner West—May to September 2022

Saturday, 21st May 2022—7:30am-9:30am

**Rainbow Forest Park and beyond
Indooroopilly and Fig Tree Pocket**

Rainbow Forest has remnant rainforest, is well advanced in rehabilitation work, and provides ample bird habitat for many birds including those migrating seasonally. The walk also leads us to the lower reaches of Cubberla Creek past the Brisbane Girls Grammar School's sport campus and areas of small bird habitat. What will we see on the day?

Where: Park entry at Dobell St (opp. Clandon Street), Indooroopilly

Saturday, 4th June 2022 — 7:30am-8:30am

Moore Park, Indooroopilly

Another visit to this important bushland remnant in the Witton Creek catchment. The park has seen over 20 years of rehabilitation. The site promises some decent sightings including pardalotes and hopefully some other smaller birds. The neighbourhood has heard owls and the Channel-billed cuckoo, sees pale-headed rossellas and other medium sized birds regularly.

Where: Access at Russell Terrace, parking space near little wooden bridge, Indooroopilly

Saturday, 18th June 2022— 7:30am-8:30am

Merri Merri and Dillingen Street Parks, Chapel Hill

The upper reaches of Cubberla Creek have been undergoing a gradual transformation over many years. The local bushcare group and CWCN are working in adjacent areas which connect to Mount Coot-tha and form an important part of Cubberla Creek Connect, CWCN's wildlife movement corridor project.

Where: Merri Merri Park, park entrance off Greenford Street (opp. Farnworth St), Chapel Hill

Saturday, 2nd July 2022 — 7:30am-9:30am

Biami Yumba Park and beyond, Fig Tree Pocket

What better way to start a weekend than to visit the lagoon at Biami Yumba Park and observe water fowl, usually present in abundance. An extension of the walk along the Brisbane River provides additional highlights with many smaller birds seen and heard. These are wonderful locations for birding in Brisbane's inner west.

Where: near playground off Fig Tree Pocket Road, Fig Tree Pocket

Thursday, 16th July 2022 — 7:30am-9:30am

Tarcoola Track, St Lucia

The Brisbane River reach of our catchment area is beautiful and a popular birding site. The local bushcare group has been working over many years to improve habitat along the Brisbane River and across Sandy Creek. Their success is highly visible in the birdlife frequenting their site. We won't walk the entire length of the Tarcoola Track, but are promised many exciting sightings.

Where: Meeting point off St Lucia Esplanade, opp. Tarcoola Street, St Lucia

Saturday, 30th July 2022 — 7:30am-9:30am

Toowong Creek bushland, Toowong

Our rehabilitation site, very close to Brisbane's CBD, is improving with every working bee of the local bushcare group. Birds are still a little hesitant, but this is only a matter of time. Larger birds include Powerful Owl, Grey Goshawk, King Parrots, Yellow-tailed black cockatoo and others. Who knows what we find on the day. Our walk extends to Anzac Park where there is always a little surprise in store.

Where: Cnr Broseley Road and Kent Street, Toowong

Saturday, 13th August 2022 — 7:30am-9:30am

Clarina Street Park, Chapel Hill

We continue our assessment of birdlife on site and the observation of gradual habitat changes going hand in hand with rehabilitation work conducted. The local bushcare group has expanded their area of activities and deals with plenty of challenges. The site is an important bushland remnant with great potential. It is an important part of CWCN's *Witton for Wildlife* fauna movement corridor.

Where: Park entrance in Clarina Street, Chapel Hill

Tuesday, 23rd August 2022 — 7:30am-9:30am

Chapel Hill section of Mt Coot-tha

We chose a weekday because the walking tracks are very popular on the weekend. This way we will be able to listen to bird calls a little more than would otherwise be possible. Naturally, the mount is a bird heaven and always a joy to explore, with many different species calling Mt Coot-tha home.

Where: Meeting point is the parking space off Fleming Road, opp. Greenford St, Chapel Hill



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New to birding?

If you are interested in bird walks but new to birding, don't worry. We all started somewhere, and we all learn while listening. You don't need to recognise all calls, there are plenty of experienced birders on the walks. Come along, get to know our beautiful catchments while discovering a very important part of local biodiversity

What to bring?

Wear protective clothing and closed walking shoes. BYO binoculars and your water bottle.

Lyn Cole will guide our walks and be at hand with identification, explanations and information on all things birds. Lyn is also a very active rehabilitator and will provide ample information on habitat requirements for birds.

Please register for each bird walk by emailing to office@cwcn.org.au or texting Lyn on 0427 599 890. If you have any questions, ring Lyn on above number.



What better day could we choose than to start CWCN's next round of bird walks on World Environment Day.

CWCN continues the process of surveying avian fauna across the catchments and compare 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 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 don't travel far like cockatoos are able to. They need vegetation that not only provides insect diet in abundance but also covers shelter and nesting needs. You will not see 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.

Visit <http://cwcn.org.au/index.php/fauna/98-birds> for latest survey results.

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