

## Australia 2011 (Queensland and Northern Territories)

July 5 We left home at 15.15 with a taxi, took a train to Schiphol International Airport. Flight KL837 (KLM) to Singapore, departure 21.00. Upon arrival in Singapore, I saw some House Crows and Common Myna at Changi Airport. After 8 hours waiting (including a delay of 2 hours), we had a connecting flight via Darwin to Cairns with Jet Star (JQ58).

July 6 We arrived in Cairns at 10.15. We picked up the rental car (Hertz; Toyota Kluger), bought groceries and gas cylinders for our stove, took a nap just outside Cairns, and drove -via the coastal route- to Kingfisher Park in Julatten. After pitching up the tent, we all slept at 19.45.

July 7 Rose at 06.00. We tried to find Blue-faced Parrot Finch at Sides Rd (next to Wessel Rd), and then went for a walk in Lewis NP. We dipped on the Parrot Finch, but enjoyed good views of Spectacled Monarch (male), Large-billed Scrubwren, Red-bellied Black Snake, etc. When driving back to Kingfisher Park, we stopped again at Sides Rd. This time we were more successful and found two Blue-faced Parrot Finches! In the afternoon we visited Mt. Molloy, a little village, almost ghost town-like. Surprisingly bird-rich, including Squatter Pigeon, Peaceful Dove, Bar-shouldered Dove, Great Bowerbird (common), Bush Stone-Curlew, etc. Next, we had a brief stop at Abattoir Swamp, where we had great views of a Giant White-lipped Tree-Frog. Later that day we found a second frog in one of the toilets at Kingfisher Park and had great views of a female Papuan Frog-Mouth. Before sun set the bird activity increased, and we saw a.o. Cicada Bird and Varied Triller. In the evening we had a local spotlight tour, and saw Bush-Rat, Spectacled Flying-Fox, a family of Eastern Barn Owl (5-6), Rothschild's Tree-Frog, Leaf-tailed Gecko, Northern Bandicoot, a beautiful Striped Possum, and Fawn-footed Melomys. At night we heard a Sooty Owl and huge machines harvesting sugar cane.



July 8 At dawn we visited the stream at Kingfisher Park. We dipped on the Platypus, but had nice views of an Azure Kingfisher. We drove to the Black-hill Hide Away and dropped Wessel and Imie for a horse driving experience. The Hide Away proved to be a marvellous place, full of dogs, cats, ducks, parrots, chickens and horses. Annelien and I walked part of the Bumtrack,



a historic route from the coast (Port Douglas) to Cairns. Birds included Bower's Shrike-Thrush, Northern and Rufous Fantail, Eastern Whipbird, a family of Red-backed Fairy-Wren and a close Gould's Bronze-Cuckoo, Lovely Fairy-Wren, a pair of Yellow-breasted Boatbill, and Brown Gerygone. We left at 14.00 and drove to the Lake Eacham Campground. We saw our first flocks (150+) of Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo, and the only White-headed Dove of the tour. I phoned Alan, our guide for the next day. The weather was fine, about 20-25 °C and no wind.



July 9 We rose at 0500 and enjoyed a fire in the camp kitchen. Alan Gillanders was met at the Lake Eacham Campground at 06.45. Until 16.30 we visited several sites in the Atherton Tablelands, the Lake Eacham Park HQ (Fig Parrots), Lake Barrine (Amethyst Python, Freshwater Eel, Bare-headed Turtle), Tarzali Lakes (where a population of Platypus is present that is active during the day, Little Kingfisher), The Crater (where we dipped on Tree Kangaroo), Gilby State Forest, again The Crater and finally Curtain Fig tree. At 18.30 we drove to Alans' house in Yungaburra. Together with four other people, Alan and his wife we had a spotlight tour at Gilby State Forest, The Crater and Curtain Fig Tree. We ended up with an impressive list of mammals, including Herbert River-, Common-, Lemuroid-, and Green Ringtail Possum, Greater-, Sugar-, and Yellow-bellied Glider (next page, top, *left* and *right*, respectively). During the day about 20 °C, hardly any wind.







July 10 We slept well and arrived a little late at Lake Barrine about 10.00. We walked around the lake, and had good views of Spotted Catbird and Chowchilla. At The Crater we saw a male Golden Whistler, and then drove –passing Broomfield Swamps, to Malandra Falls. This was a good decision because Annelien spotted a perched (and sleeping) male adult Lumholtz's Tree Kangaroo (below, *left*). Good spotting and great views. We caused quite some excitement at the parking lot. Back at the Lake Eacham Campground around 17.00, diner, played cards and slept at 21.30. By the way, second alcohol (breath) control.



July 11 We walked around Lake Eacham, and had stunning views of a female Victoria's Riflebird, using its bill for climbing, in a Pandanus Palm. Again we saw several Musky Rat-Kangaroo and Chowchilla. After the tent had dried, we drove to Granite Gorge. At the reception we had great views of a Little Bronze-Cuckoo, Yellow Honeyeater and the first Double-barred Finch of the tour. The Black-footed Rock-Wallabies were hand-tame, and we ended up with an unexpected climb over and under the rocks to complete a little "loop" trail of approximately one km. In the afternoon we drove to Cairns, where we stayed at the Cairns Holiday Park (Stone Curlews) in a small cabin with shared facilities. Nice weather, about 25 °C, and a good shower.

July 12 A morning walk in the Cairns Botanical Garden. The garden is close to the ocean and the channel along the garden has mud flats with crabs, shrimps, etc. Best bird was a Black Butcherbird. Along the Esplanade we saw Red-kneed Dotterel and Red-capped Plover.

July 13 Left at 08.30 for Michaelmas Key at the Great Barrier Reef. There were thousands of birds around at the island, Bridled Tern and Brown Noddy were abundant. We also had good views of Brown Boobies and a female Lesser Frigatebird. The snorkling was chilly. On our way back we had distant views of Humpback Whale. Flying Foxes and bats common at the campground.



July 14 Travel morning to Mission Beach, where we arrived early afternoon. We walked through the Licuala State Forest, which was badly damaged to earlier cyclone activity. I had brief views of a Noisy Pitta and, and, remarkably, of a Gerygone feeding an immature Bronze Cuckoo. We rented a room in the "Hide-away Holiday Village", and made an afternoon swim or stroll. Not even a glimpse of a Southern Cassowary.



July 15 Annelien and I rose at 05.45 and left the children sleeping. Despite pouring rain, we tried to find a Cassowary. Our courage and attempts were rewarded by close views of a beautiful (and wet) adult male Southern Cassowary. We walked a trail at Clump Point, but the path was closed halfway due to earlier cyclone damage. Birds included MacLeay's Honeyeater, a female Leaden Flycatcher, etc. Bought groceries, gasoline, sandwich (Subway), and drove via Townsville to Charters Towers, where we arrived at 17.30. We saw a female Southern Cassowary between sugar cane fields in the afternoon. Also saw our first Black-necked Stork



of the tour. Rain in the afternoon, but dry again when we pitched up the tent. Temperature 15-20 °C.

July 16 At the campground we had quite some birds, including Spotted Bowerbird, Red-winged Parrot, Galah, Anhinga, etc. A rather boring travelling day, although during the first few hours there was still some natural vegetation. Saw some Brolga. In the morning heavy skies, in the afternoon the weather improved. Camped close to an artificial lake at Richmond, again many Galah, Noisy Miner and Brolga.



July 17 Annelien and I had a pre-breakfast stroll, which produced Agile Wallaby, Chestnut-breasted Mannakin, Double-barred Finch, Pale-headed Rosella, etc. We left the campground at 10.00, and drove via famous Cloncurry (Night Parrot) to Mt. Isa. First, the landscape was flat, barren, yellow with a few scattered trees, but after passing Cloncurry the scenery changed and hills, rocks and spinifex became predominant. Despite being winter, there were quite some trees and shrubs (almost) flowering. We saw Brown Falcon, the first Black Falcon, Australian Bustard and Australian Pratincole. We stopped at Chinaman's Creek Reservoir and Clem Walton Park, where we had Varied Lorikeet, Red-winged Parrot, Budgerigars, Rainbow Bee-eater, Singing Honey-Eater, etc. The road was in poor condition till Julia Creek, but improved rapidly thereafter. Finding an affordable sleeping spot in Mt. Isa was not easy, and we ended up in a cabin of the Big 4 Holiday Park.

July 18 A pre-breakfast tour together with Annelien produced Blue-winged Kookaburra and Weebill, but the local Grasswren stayed hidden in the spinifex. Bought our groceries at Coles, and left Mt. Isa at 10.15. After about 66 km we took a dirt road which is indicated with a sign to the "Loreta Road Project". At a side road Wessel and I had enjoyed stunning views of a little flock of Painted Firetail. Other birds here included Grey-headed Honey-Eater. We arrived at Barkly Homestead around 17.15. Nice weather, about 25 °C, refreshing wind.



July 19 Again Annelien and I had a pre-breakfast walk along the famous Tableland Highway. Lots of Crimon Chat, Budgerigar, and White-winged Triller. Also my best views ever of a hunting Black Falcon and flocks of drinking Budgerigars. We left at 10.00 for Cape Crawford. While travelling we saw many birds, including several Black Falcon, Spotted Harrier, Australian Pratincole (> 1000), stunning views of Ground Cuckoo Shrike, Grey-headed Honey-Eater and Budgerigars. I saw possibly a single Flock Bronzewing.



July 20 The generator at the Cape Crawford campground is a nuisance at night, and so are the early morning helicopter flights that leave at 06.30. Again Annelien and I had a pre-breakfast walk, which produced Banded Honey-Eater, Silver-crowned Friarbird, White-gaped Honey-Eater, Yellow-tinted Honey-Eater, Masked Finch, and Long-tailed Finch. We arrived at Mataranka at 15.00. According to the camping owners, the Red Goshawk had not been seen for at least a month, which was rather discouraging information. Annelien, Wessel and Imie went swimming in the nearby thermal pools, whereas I was going to search for the rare Red Goshawk has been breeding in Mataranka. Unfortunately, Annelien had taken the car keys and I had left my detailed map inside about the whereabouts of the goshawk.... Still, I made a try and was very fortunate when spotting a perched adult bird dissecting and eating a possum in the fork of a large tree. I went to the pools, collected the car keys (and left a brief note behind), got the camera from the car and made (fortunately) some pictures of the bird. Without doubt one of the best birds of the trip.



July 21 A walk with Annelien before breakfast in Elsey NP, i.e. the park with the thermal swimming pools. Nice views of the quiet pools, a male Satin Flycatcher and several Rainbow Bee-Eaters. We all enjoyed a swim in the pools, water temperature is about 34 °C, and left after lunch for Katherine. By the way, Mataranka and Katherine have a high density of Aboriginals. Warm at Katherine, about 32 °C, and obtained some information from the visitor centre and bought some groceries. We stayed overnight at the Katherine Gorge campground. Wessel had some intestinal problems and went to bed early. At the campground is a group of Agile Wallaby's and thousands of Flying Foxes (several species: Black and (Little) Red).



July 22 We went canoeing in the Katherine Gorge after a bad night sleep due to the “kalong activity” and a group of noisy teenagers. In fact, this was the first day the Gorge was again accessible due to wet conditions, high water and the risk of Salt-water Crocodiles. We made it to the end of the third gorge. The scenery is quite spectacular, a “lost world” feeling. Birdlife was minimal, but lots of large spiders and brief views of an unidentified kangaroo. Nice weather. We dipped on the rare Sweet-water Crocodile, which are small and rare.



July 23 Early morning walk with Annelien, starting at the campground. The views of the gorge are quite spectacular, and the vegetation was remarkable and included Sand Palms. We did again some shopping in Katherine, and managed to find a Yellow-rumped Mannikin and Chestnut-breasted Mannikin. Lots of rubbish and empty wine cartons, obviously the local Aboriginals are (too) fond of red wine. We had a brief stop at Edith Falls, which produced Crimson-, Masked and Long-tailed Finch, and Striated Pardalote, and had a look at the local campground, which we did not like very much. Then we decided to drive to the campground at Gumlong Falls (UDP Falls). The road is unsealed, and the campground proved to be extremely dusty, noisy and had the dirtiest toilets thus far in Australia. Temperature about 30 °C, no wind.

July 24 Morning walk with Annelien on the “encarpment” above the waterfall. There was surprisingly few birds, in fact there was no bird activity at all. So, we dipped (again) on the grasswrens and other interesting species, and decided to go on towards Cooinda. Landscape was surprisingly flat, apart from the steep wall of the encarpment, many termite mounds and little palms. In Cooinda we booked a cruise for the next morning and pitched up the tent. A walk over the campground produced Little Corella, Red-tailed Black Cockatoo, but the jetty near the river was more productive, and produced a beautiful Grey Groshawk (white phase), Radjah Shellduck, my first “Salty”, the first Plumed Whistling-Duck and Cotton Pygmy Goose.

July 25 After a good night sleep we were nicely in front of one of the two boats departing at 06.45. The Yellow River Cruises are famous because these wetlands are among the most extensive wetlands of Australia. The birds and animals were prolific, including Pied Heron, good views of Salt-water Crocodiles, Rufous Night Heron, Black-necked Stork, etc.



One of the best things was the breakfast when we came back. We all enjoyed this real breakfast very much and we all had at least two plates. We visited Nourlangie in the afternoon for Aboriginal art and shelters of approximately 20,000 years old. We ended the day with a swim in the pool of the campground.

- July 26 Pre-breakfast walk to the jetty with Annelien was not productive. We left the campground at 10.00 and travelled to Jabiru for gasoline, groceries and a bakery. We then travelled to Ubirr, which has one of the most impressive Aboriginal rock art of Australia, including a painting of an extinct Tasmanian Tiger-like mammal, Dutch men with pipes and hands in their pockets, etc. The views from the encampment were stunning on the marshland below. We had brief views of a Short-eared Rock-Kangaroo and good views of two Golden Tree-Snakes (at the ground). Next, we travelled to Aurora, where we stayed overnight at the campground. There was a monsoon forest walk here, which produced Orange-footed Scrubfowl, (our first) Pied Imperial Pigeon and I had very brief views of a Square-tailed Kite, which was nesting in a huge tree. Warm, 30 °C.



- July 27 Again Annelien and I had a pre-breakfast along the monsoon forest and part of the burned flood plain. We left the campground at 10.00 and travelled –via Jabiru- to Bird Billabong. The weather was warm at noon, but still we enjoyed the walk around the billabong very much, lots of birds and at least 7 Sweet-water Crocodiles. Drive to Pine Creek, where we booked an unexpectedly nice motel room in a rather Aboriginal-rich town. In Pine Creek, after some struggling, Annelien and I found 8-10 Hooded Parrot perched in a tree, a good species.



- July 28 Early rise and at 07.00 we were (again) at Edith Falls. At least 20 Hooded Parrots, our only Northern Rosella's of the tour, Varied Sitella, Masked Finch, etc. Thereafter, we briefly visited the Pine Creek Sewage Works, where we saw Red-kneed Dotterel, Radjah Shelduck, etc. Then we drove via some small rural roads to Adelaide River. Along this road we saw Black-breasted Buzzard. At the end of the day we visited several waterfalls at Litchfield NP, and made a small walk in monsoon forest. Overnight we rented a cabin.
- July 29 Morning visit at Howard Springs. There were some very hungry and tame Sacred Ibises, but the Rainbow Pitta did not show up. Travelled to Darwin and pitched up our tent at the campground at Lee Point. Warm, about 32 °C. In the afternoon we played cards, and walked



to the Pacific Ocean in the late afternoon, where some Greater Sand Plover and Eastern Reef Egret were present.

July 30 Breakfast at the beach at Lee Point produced a stunning Rainbow Pitta, Green-backed Gerygony, Yellow White-Eye, Mangrove Grey-Fantail and a female Red-Headed Honeyeater. After lunch we spent several hours in a shopping mall. A walk from the campground to Lee Point was not too productive in the late afternoon.

July 31 A morning visit of the botanical garden. During the afternoon we visited the Museum of the Northern Territories, which contains several good examples of (modern) Aboriginal art. At the end of the day we all walked to the ocean. Saw the first Common Bronzewing.

Aug 1 An early morning rise. We were present at the Mary River Excavation Pits at 07.15, where we had breakfast. There were lots of birds present, including Double-barred Finch, Crimson Finch, Varied Lorikeet, Black Falcon, a surprising Chanel-billed Cuckoo, and a Pheasant-tailed Coucal. Finally, I saw 4-5 Gouldian Finches flying over. In the afternoon we visited Fogg Dam, where walking was not allowed due to the presence of a large Salt-water crocodile. We made a brief walk with many mosquitoes. At the end of the afternoon we visited Coles for groceries, some coffee and a subway, and returned to the campground around 16.00.



Aug 2 Early morning visit of the Holmes Jungle Nature Reserve with Annelien. A nice walk with some varied forest, from paperbark forest to palms. Birds included a flying Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove and Striated Pardalote. For lunch we had fried eggs with bacon, played card games, had a swim and made a walk at Lee Point. Again 32 °C.



# BIRDS

## CASUARIIDAE

**Southern Cassowary** *Casuarius casuarius* - Great views of a male near Mission Beach, and later a female near Tully (July 15).

## MEGAPODIIDAE

**Australian Brush-turkey** *Alectura lathami* - Common in the Cairns area.

**Orange-footed Scrubfowl** *Megapodius reinwardt* - Common in both the Cairns area and Northern Territories (NT). Below, *left*. Southern Cassowary, below, *right*.



## ANSERANITIDAE

**Magpie Goose** *Anseranas semipalmata* - As previous species, most common at the Yellow River cruise (estimated 500+).

## ANATIDAE

**Plumed Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna eytoni* - Seen in large numbers in the Cairns area. Even more common in the North, e.g. 5,000+ at the Yellow River cruise.



**Wandering Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna arcuata* - Only seen in the NT, much rarer than the previous species.

**Radjah Shelduck** *Tadorna radjah* - Seen daily in the NT.



**Green Pygmy-goose** *Nettapus pulchellus* - Seen on 4 days in the NT.

**Hardhead** *Aythya australis* - Seen on 4 days in low numbers.

**Pacific Black Duck** *Anas superciliosa* - Common in the Atherton Tablelands and Cairns area.

#### PODICIPEDIDAE

**Australasian Grebe** *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae* - Seen on various days in low numbers.

#### SULIDAE

**Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster* - Well seen at Michelmas Key, where common (50+).

#### ANHINGIDAE

**Australian Darter** *Anhinga melanogaster* - Seen throughout the tour in low numbers.

#### PHALACROCARIDAE

**Little Black Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris* - Seen on 3 days in the NT.

**Pied Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax varius* - Single birds seen on 6 days.

**Little Pied Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax melanoleucos* - Seen on 3 days.

#### FREGATIDAE

**Lesser Frigatebird** *Fregata ariel* - Great views of a female at Michaelmas Key.

#### PELECANIDAE

**Australian Pelican** *Pelecanus conspicillatus* - Seen on several days throughout the trip.

#### CICONIIDAE

**Black-necked Stork** *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus* - Seen on 6 days, most common (6 birds) at the Yellow River cruise, including a nesting pair.



## ARDEIDAE

**Pacific (White-necked) Heron** *Ardea pacifica* - Common, seen on most days in the NT.

**White-faced Heron** *Egretta (Ardea) novaehollandiae* - A single bird on July 16.

**Pied Heron** *Ardea picata* - A beautiful (small) heron, first seen (30+) at the Yellow River cruise, also seen on several other days in the NT.

**Cattle Egret** *Ardea ibis* - Common, especially near Cairns.

**Little Egret** *Egretta (Ardea) garzetta* - Seen in low numbers on various days.

**Eastern Reef-Egret** *Egretta (Ardea) sacra* - Only seen in the Darwin area on several days.

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba* - Common, seen in good numbers throughout the tour.

**Intermediate Egret** *Ardea intermedia* - Seen on two days, probably underrecorded.

**Nankeen (Rufous) Night-Heron** *Nycticorax caledonicus* - An estimated 100+ birds at the Yellow River cruise.



**Striated Heron** *Butorides (Ardeola) striatus* - Seen in low numbers on 4 days throughout the tour.

## THRESKIORNITHIDAE

**Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* - Seen on two days in the NT, common.

**Straw-necked Ibis** *Threskiornis spinicollis* - Common throughout the tour.

**Australian White Ibis** *Threskiornis molucca* - As previous species, but less common.

**Royal Spoonbill** *Platalea regia* - Seen on 2 days in low numbers.

## ACCIPITRIDAE

**Black-shouldered Kite** *Elanus axillaris* - Surprisingly rare this trip, only seen on 5 days.

**Black Kite** *Milvus migrans* - Very common throughout the tour.



**Brahminy Kite** *Haliastur indus* - Seen on 3 days in low numbers.

**Whistling Kite** *Haliastur spenurus* - As Black Kite.

**Square-tailed Kite** *Lophoictinia isura* - Brief views of a single bird flying in a tree (Aurora, July 26).

**Black-breasted Buzzard** *Hamirostra melanosteron* - Two single birds on July 28.

**Red Goshawk** *Erythrotriochus radiatus* - One of the star birds of the tour. A rare bird. Superb views of an adult bird eating a possum (Mataranka, July 20).



**Grey Goshawk** *Accipiter noveahollandiae* - A total of 3 birds in the Atherton Tablelands, a single bird - white phase- along the river at Cooina.

**Brown Goshawk** *Accipiter fasciatus* - Single birds on 5 days throughout the tour.

**Collared Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter cirrhocephalus* - A surprising total of 14 single birds seen throughout the tour, most common in the NT.

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus* - Single birds seen in or near Cairns on 4 days.

**White-bellied Sea-Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucogaster* - Common, seen on many days during the tour.



**Wedge-tailed Eagle** *Aquila audax* - Seen on 7 days throughout the tour.

**Little Eagle** *Hieraaetus morphnoides* - A single bird on July 16.

**Spotted Harrier** *Circus assimilis* - Seen on 2 days, most common (3 birds) along the Tablelands Highway.

#### FALCONIDAE

**Brown Falcon** *Falco berigora* - Common, especially while travelling through the outback.

**Black Falcon** *Falco subniger* - Seen on 3 days, much less common than previous species.

**Australian Kestrel** *Falco cenchroides* - Seen on 6 days.

**Australian Hobby** *Falco longipennis* - Relatively common, seen on 7 days throughout the tour.

#### GRUIDAE

**Sarus Crane** *Grus antigone* - Seen in good numbers (100-200+) in the Atherton Tablelands.

**Brolga** *Grus rubicundus* - Seen on 3 days.

#### RALLIDAE

**Bush-hen** *Amaurornis olivaceus* - Brief views of a single bird near the Tarzali Lakes in the Atherton Tablelands.

**Buff-banded Rail** *Gallirallus phillippensis* - Two birds seen well, as previous species.

**Purple Swamphen** *Porphyrio porphyrio* - Seen on 4 days, common (200+) at Hasties Swamp (July 9).

**Eurasian Coot** *Fulica atra* - Two birds at Hasties Swamp.

#### OTIDIDAE

**Australian Bustard** *Ardeotis australis* - Three birds near Cloncurry (July 17).

#### BURHINIDAE

**Bush Thick-knee** *Burhinus grallarius* - Common, seen and heard throughout the tour.

#### SCOLOPACIDAE

**Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa laponica* - Seen at the Esplanade (Cairns) and Lee Point (Darwin).

**Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus* - Three birds at Lee Point.

**Sanderling** *Calidris alba* - The only stint of the tour, seen at Lee Point.



#### JACANIDAE

**Comb-crested Jacana** *Jacana gallinacea* - A single bird seen in the Atherton Tablelands, seen on 3 days in the NT, but nowhere common.

#### HAEMATOPIDIDAE

**Pied Oystercatcher** *Haematopus longirostris* - A single bird at Lee Point (August 3).

#### RECURVIROSTRIDAE

**Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus* - Seen on 3 days in the NT.

#### CHARADRIIDAE

**Red-capped Plover** *Charadrius ruficapillus* - Seen along the Esplanade (Cairns) and at Lee Point (Darwin).

**Lesser (Mongolian) Sand Plover** *Charadrius mongolus* - Two birds near Lee Point.

**Greater Sand Plover** *Charadrius leschenaultia* - Common at Lee Point.

**Red-kneed Dotterel** *Erythronyx cinctus* - As Red-capped Plover.

**Masked Lapwing** *Vanellus miles* - Common, seen on most days of the tour. Picture below, *left*.



#### GLAREOLIDAE

**Australian Pratincole** *Stiltia Isabella* - Seen on 7 days, most common (1,000+) along the Tablelands Highway. Picture above, *right*.

#### LARIDAE

**Silver Gull** *Larus novaehollandiae* - Seen in both Cairns and Darwin.

**Gull-billed Tern** *Sterna nilotica* - Seen on 5 days, most common along the Tablelands Highway.

**Caspian Tern** *Sterna caspia* - A single bird at Lee Point.

**Lesser Crested-Tern** *Sterna bengalensis* - Two birds at Lee Point.

**Crested-Tern** *Sterna bergii* - Seen near Cairns, the Barrier Reef, and at Lee Point.

**Sooty Tern** *Sterna fuscata* - Common (at least 1,000+) at Michaelmas Key.



**Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida* - Common in the NT, e.g. 500+ birds at the Yellow River cruise.

**Common (Brown) Noddy** *Anous stolidus* - About 300+ birds at Michaelmas Key.



#### COLUMBIDAE

**Rock (Feral) Pigeon** *Columba livia* (introduced) - Seen on several days.

**Brown Cuckoo-Dove** *Macropygia amboinensis* - Seen on 2 days in the Atherton Tablelands.

**Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica* - A single bird when walking from the campground to the Pacific Ocean (Darwin).

**Crested Pigeon** *Geophaps lophotes* - Common, especially in the outback.





Crested Pigeon: above, *left*; Peaceful Dove: above, *right*; Partridge Pigeon: below, *left*; Squatter Pigeon: below, *right*.

**Squatter Pigeon** *Geophaps scripta* - Great views of a pair at Mt. Molloy.

**Partridge Pigeon** *Geophaps smithii* - Good views of a single bird along the dirt road to Gumlong Falls.

**Diamond Dove** *Geopelia cuneata* - Seen on 4 days in the outback (July 18-23).

**Peaceful Dove** *Geopelia striata* - Common, seen on most days of the tour.

**Bar-shouldered Dove** *Geopelia humeralis* - Even more common than previous species.

**Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove** *Ptilinopus regina* - Brief views of a flying bird at Holmes Jungle Swamp (Darwin).

**Pied (Torresian) Imperial-Pigeon** *Ducula bicolour* - Common in the NT. A bird was breeding above our car at the campground (Lee Point).

**White-headed Pigeon** *Columba leucomela* - Three birds briefly seen at the Atherton Tablelands.

#### CACTUIDAE

**Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo** *Calyptorhynchus banksii* - Surprisingly common, especially in the NT. Flocks of 100+ birds.

**Galah** *Eolophus (Cacatua) roseicapilla* - Common in the outback and in the NT.



**Sulphur-crested Cockatoo** *Cacatua galerita* - Common, but much less common than previous species in the NT.



**Little Corella** *Cacatua sanguinea* - Common in the NT.



**Cockatiel** *Nymphicus hollandicus* - Common (50+) along the Tablelands Highway.

PSITTACIDAE

**Rainbow Lorikeet** *Trichoglossus haematodus* - Common, seen on most days of the tour.





**Scaly-breasted Lorikeet** *Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus* - A small flock (10 birds) seen on July 15.

**Varied Lorikeet** *Psitteuteles versicolor* - Common, seen on 5 days. First seen in the Clem Walton Park (July 17).

**Double-eyed Fig-Parrot** *Cyclopsitta diophthalma* - Great views of two birds feeding at the Lake Eacham Park HQ (July 9).



**Australian King-Parrot** *Nymphicus hollandicus* - Common, seen on various days.

**Red-winged Parrot** *Aprosmictus erythropterus* - Common, seen on most days.

**Crimson Rosella** *Platycercus elegans* - Three birds seen at the Tarzali Lakes (July 9).

**Northern Rosella** *Platycercus venustus* - Seen only at Edith Falls (July 28).

**Pale-headed Rosella** *Platycercus adscitus* - Great views of a total of 3 birds near the campground at Richmond.



**Hooded Parrot** *Psephotus dissimilis* - A flock of 8 birds at the end of the day, Pine Creek (July 27). The next morning at Edith Falls produced a total of at least 20 birds. Great (scope) views of perched males.

**Budgerigar** *Melopsittacus undulates* - Seen on 3 days, great views of drinking flocks at Barkly Homestead.

## CUCULIDAE

**Little Bronze-Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx lucidus* - Great views of an adult bird near the visitor centre of Granite Gorge (July 11).

**Gould's Bronze-Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx russatus* - A single adult bird seen well along the Bumptrack (July 8). Also good views of an immature bird, fed by a Gerygone, near Mission Beach.

**Pheasant Coucal** *Centropus phasianus* - Single birds seen on 3 days.

**Channel-billed Cuckoo** *Scythrops novaehollandiae* - An early migrant bird seen and heard at the Mary River Excavation Pits (Aug 1).

## STRIGIDAE / TYTONIDAE

**Barking Owl** *Ninox connivens* - Briefly seen at the campground of Cooinda (July 25).

**Southern Boobook** *Ninox novaeseelandiae* - Heard at the Lake Eacham campground.

**Sooty-Owl** *Tyto* sp. - Heard at Kingfisher Park (Julatten).

**Barn Owl** *Tyto alba* – A family of five birds seen well at Kingfisher Park.

## PODARGIDAE

**Papuan Frogmouth** *Podargus papuensis* - Great views of a female at Kingfisher Park (Julatten), July 7.

## APODIDAE

**White-rumped Swift** *Collacalia spodiopygius* - Common in the Cairns area.

## ALCEDINIDAE / HALCYONIDAE

**Little Kingfisher** *Alcedo pusilla* - Two birds seen well at the Tarzali Lakes.

**Azure Kingfisher** *Alcedo azurea* - A single bird at Kingfisher Park (Julatten) and at least 10 birds seen at the Yellow River cruise.

**Laughing Kookaburra** *Dacelo novaeguineae* - Common in the Cairns area.

**Blue-winged Kookaburra** *Dacelo leachii* - Seen almost daily in the NT, less common than previous species.

**Forest Kingfisher** *Todiramphus macleayi* - Common, seen on many days throughout the tour.

**Collared Kingfisher** *Todiramphus chloris* - Seen on various days throughout the tour.

**Sacred Kingfisher** *Todiramphus sanctus* - At least 5 birds at the Yellow River cruise, singles seen on two other days.



## MEROPIDAE

**Rainbow Bee-eater** *Merops ornatus* – Common.



## PITTIDAE

**Noisy Pitta** *Pitta versicolor* - A single bird seen at the Licuala State Forest near Mission Beach.

**Rainbow Pitta** *Pitta iris* - Single birds seen well at East Point (Darwin) on July 30 and August 3.



## CLIMACTERIDAE

**Brown Treecreeper** *Climacteris picumnus* - A single bird on July 11.

**Black-tailed Treecreeper** *Climacteris melanura* - A single bird briefly seen while driving to Ubirr (July 26).

## MALURIDAE

**Variegated Fairywren** *Malurus lamberti* - At least 10 birds, all females and juveniles, at the Gumlon Campground (July 24).

**Lovely Fairywren** *Malurus amabilis* - A male and 3 females along the Bumptrack (July 8).

**Red-backed Fairywren** *Malurus melanocephalus* - A small flock including 4 adult males along the Bumptrack.

## PARDALOTIDAE

**Striated Pardalote** *Pardalotus punctatus* - A single bird at Edith Falls (July 23).

**Large-billed Scrubwren** *Sericornis magnirostris* - Common in the Atherton Tablelands.

**Atherton Scrubwren** *Sericornis kerri* - A single bird in the Atherton Tablelands on July 10.

**Brown Gerygone** *Gerygone mouki* - Common in the Atherton Tablelands.

**Western Gerygone** *Gerygone fusca* - A single bird along the Bumptrack on July 8.

**Green-backed Gerygone** *Gerygone chloronotus* - Two birds at Easpoint (Darwin) on July 30.

**Fairy Gerygone** *Gerygone palpebrosa* - A single female at Licuala State Forest (Mission Beach) feeding an immature Cuckoo (July 14).

**Buff-rumped Thornbill** *Acanthiza reguloides* - A single bird at Lake Eacham (July 11).

**Weebill** *Smicronis brevirostris* - A single bird on August 1.

## MELIPHAGIDAE

**Little Friarbird** *Philemon citreogularis* - Seen in the Katherine Gorge area and Darwin

**Noisy Friarbird** *Philemon corniculatus* - Surprisingly scarce, only a single bird seen at the Lake Eacham Campground on July 8.

**Silver-Crowned Friarbird** *Philemon argenticeps* - First seen near the Cape Crawford campground (July 20).



**Helmeted Friarbird** *Philemon buceroides* - Common in the Cairns area.

**Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater** *Acanthagenys rufogularis* - Three birds in the Atherton Tablelands (July 9).

**Blue-faced Honeyeater** *Entomyzon cyanotis* - Common throughout the tour.

**Lewin's Honeyeater** *Meliphaga lewinii* - Common in the Atherton Tablelands.

**Yellow-spotted Honeyeater** *Meliphaga notata* - Two single birds in the first half of the tour.

**White-gaped Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus fasciogularis* - First seen at Cape Crawford, common during the second half of the tour.

**Yellow Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus flavus* - Common in the Cairns area.

**Singing Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus virescens* - Several birds seen during the first half of the trip.

**Grey-headed Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus keartlandi* - Single birds seen along the Tableland Highway (July 19) and on July 21.

**Yellow-tinted Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus flavescens* - Also seen only inland (Loreta Rd project) on July 18 and (common) at Cape Crawford (July 20).

**White-plumed Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus penicillatus* - Common at Mt. Isa.

**Black-chinned Honeyeater** *Melithreptus (gularis) laetior* - Seen on 3 days in the Katherine Gorge area.

**White-throated Honeyeater** *Melthreptus albogularis* - Seen on 4 days in low numbers, most common in the Darwin area.

**White-cheeked Honeyeater** *Phylidonyris nigra* - A single bird near Kingfisher Park.

**Macleay's Honeyeater** *Xanthotis macleayana* - Very common at the Atherton Tablelands.

**Rufous-banded Honeyeater** *Conopophila albogularis* - Seen from Gumlong Falls onwards, most days 1-2 birds/day.



**Dusky Myzomela** *Myzomela obscura* - Low numbers in the Atherton Tablelands.

**Red-headed Honeyeater** *Myzomela erythrocephala* - A female in the mangroves at East Point (Darwin, July 30).

**Scarlet Myzomela** *Myzomela sanguinolenta* - A male near Kingfisher Park.

**Banded Honeyeater** *Certhionyx pectoralis* - Great views of several birds in a mixed honey-eater flock near the Cape Crawford campground (July 20).

**Brown Honeyeater** *Lichemera indistincta* - Very common at Kakadu NP.

**Crimson Chat** *Eptianura tricolour* - Over 100 birds early morning on the Tableland Highway (July 19).



## PETROICIDAE

**Lemon-bellied Flycatcher** *Microeca flavigaster* - Common in the Atherton Tablelands and in the Kakadu / Darwin area.

**Yellow-breasted Boatbill** *Machaerirhynchus flaviventer* - A total of 6 birds seen in the Atherton Tablelands (July 8-9).

**Pale-yellow Robin** *Tregellasia capito* - Common in the Atherton Tablelands.

## ORTHONYCHIDAE

**Chowchilla** *Orthonyx spaldingii* - Common at Lake Barrine (Atherton Tablelands).

## POMATOSTOMIDAE

**Grey-crowned Babbler** *Pomatostomus temporalis* - Common during the second half of the trip.

## CINCLOSOMATIDAE

**Eastern Whipbird** *Psophodus olivaceus* - Heard on several days, a single bird seen near Lake Barrine (July 9).

## CORCORADICAE

**Apostlebird** *Struthidae cinerea* - Common inland.

## NEOSITTIDAE

**Varied Sittella** *Daphoenositta chrysoptera* - Small flocks of 2-3 birds seen on 3 days in the Darwin area.

## PACHYCEPHALIDAE

**Grey Whistler** *Pachycephala simplex* - Seen on 3 days, most common in the Darwin area.

**Rufous Whistler** *Pachycephala rufiventris* - A single bird near the Katherine Gorge campground, and a pair near Darwin.

**Golden Whistler** *Pachycephala pectoralis* - A male at The Crater (July 11).

**Grey Shrike-thrush** *Colluricincla harmonica* - Two birds on July 11.

**Little Shrike-thrush** *Colluricincla megarhyncha* - Seen on several days at the Atherton Tablelands.

**Bower's Shrike-thrush** *Colluricincla boweri* - As previous species, at slightly higher elevations.

## DICRURIDAE

**Spectacled Monarch** *Monarcha trivirgatus* - Seen on 3 days, e.g. in the Atherton Tablelands.

**Pied Monarch** *Arses kaupi* - A male at the Lake Eacham campground (July 10).

**Broad-billed Flycatcher** *Myiagra ruficollis* - A single male near the Cairns Botanical Garden (July 12).

**Leaden Flycatcher** *Myiagra rubecula* - A total of 4 birds on 3 days during the tour.

**Satin Flycatcher** *Myiagra cyanoleuca* - As previous species, but on different days.

**Restless Flycatcher** *Myiagra inquieta* - Seen on 2 days at Cooina (NT).

**Shining Flycatcher** *Myiagra alecto* - A total of 3 birds on 2 days.

**Willie-wagtail** *Rhipidura leucophrys* - One of the most common birds throughout the tour, recorded almost daily.

**Rufous Fantail** *Rhipidura rufifrons* - Most seen during the first half of the tour.

**Grey Fantail** *Rhipidura fluliginosa* - Seen only in the Atherton Tablelands.

**Mangrove Grey Fantail** *Rhipidura phasiana* - A single bird at Lee Point (Darwin) on July 30.

**Northern Fantail** *Rhipidura rufiventris* - Seen on various days in the NT.

#### CAMPEGHAGIDAE

**Black-faced Cuckooshrike** *Coracina novaehollandiae* - Common throughout the tour, less common in the North.

**White-bellied Cuckooshrike** *Coracina papuensis* - Seen on almost all days of the trip, less common in the South.

**Ground Cuckooshrike** *Coracina maxima* - Beautifully seen along the Tableland Highway (July 19).

**Barred Cuckooshrike** *Coracina lineata* - Common in the Cairns area.

**Cicadebird** *Coracina tenuirostris* - Seen daily in the Atherton Tablelands.

**White-winged Triller** *Lalage sueurii* - Seen on 3 days, more than 100 birds near Barkly Homestead on the tarmac of the Tableland Highway (July 19).

**Varied Triller** *Lalage leucomela* - Most common in the North.

#### ORIOLIDAE

**Olive-backed Oriole** *Oriolus sagittatus* - Single birds on 3 days.

**Yellow Oriole** *Oriolus flavocinctus* - Seen in low numbers on 5 days throughout the tour.

**Figbird** *Specothes viridis* - Common, highest day-count over 50 birds.

#### ARTAMIDAE

**White-breasted Woodswallow** *Artamus leucorhynchus* - One of the common birds, seen almost daily in good numbers.

**White-browed Woodswallow** *Artamus leucorhynchus* - A single bird seen near Barkly Homestead (July 19).

**Masked Woodswallow** *Artamus personatus* - High numbers near Barkly Homestead (July 18-20).

**Black-faced Woodswallow** *Artamus cinereus* - Seen near Barkly Homestead (July 19).

**Dusky Woodswallow** *Artamus cyanopterus* - Common when travelling from Cloncurry to Mt. Isa (July 17).

**Black Butcherbird** *Cracticus quoyi* - Two birds near Mission Beach.

**Grey Butcherbird** *Cracticus torquatus* - A single bird in the Edith Falls area on July 28.

**Pied Butcherbird** *Cracticus nigrogularis* - Common, seen on many days.

**Magpie-lark** *Grallina cyanoleuca* - Common throughout the tour.

**Australian Magpie** *Gymnorhina tibicen* - As previous species, but not seen in the North.

**Pied Currawong** *Strepera graculina* - Seen on several days during the first part of the tour.

#### PARADISAEIDAE

**Victoria's Riflebird** *Ptilorus victoriae* - We had great views of a female climbing in a Pandanus Palm at Lake Eacham (July 11). Also heard on several days in the Atherton Tablelands.

#### DRONGO'S

**Spangled Drongo** *Dicrurus bracteatus* - Seen on several days.

#### CORVIDAE

**Australian Raven** *Corvus coronoides* - Seen inland on several days.

**Torresian Crow** *Corvus orru* - Seen on several days during the first half of the tour.

#### PTILONORHYNCHIDAE

**Spotted Catbird** *Ailuroedus melanotis* - Seen well (and heard) on several days in the Atherton Tablelands.

**Golden Bowerbird** *Prionodura newtoniana* - Great views of a bower and a single male in the Atherton Tablelands (July 9).

**Satin Bowerbird** *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus* - A total of 4 birds at the Tarzali Lakes (July 9).

**Spotted Bowerbird** *Chlamydera maculata* - A total of 4 birds at the Charters Towers campground (July 16).



**Great Bowerbird** *Chlamydera nuchalis* - Especially common inland and in the North.



MOTACILLIDAE

**Richard's Pipit** *Anthus novaeseelandiae* - Single birds on July 8 and 9.

PASSERIDAE

**Double-barred Finch** *Taeniopygia bichenovii* - Relatively common, seen on 6 days.



**Masked Finch** *Poephila personata* - Five birds seen well along the Tableland Highway near Barkley Homestead (July 20), also seen on several days in the NT.

**Long-tailed Finch** *Poephila acuticauda* - Three birds seen in a mixed flock with previous species on July 20, also 2 birds on July 22.

**Red-browed Finch** *Neochmia temporalis* - Common in Kingfisher Park (Julatten).

**Crimson Finch** *Neochmia phaeton* - Seen at Edith Falls.

**Zebra Finch** *Taeniopygia guttata* - Well seen, up to more than 30 birds per day, on 6 days. Most common inland (July 18-20).



**Painted Firetail** *Emblema pictum* - Stunning views of 3 birds at the “Loreta Road Project” (July 20).

**Yellow-rumped Mannikin** *Lonchura flaviprymna* - Brief views of a single bird in a mixed flock with the next species in reeds at Katherine (July 23).

**Chestnut-breasted Mannikin** *Lonchura castaneothorax* - A flock of 10+ birds near the Charters Towers campground (July 16).

**Nutmeg Mannikin** *Lonchura punctulata* (l) - Seen at the Cairns Botanical Garden (July 12).

**Gouldian Finch** *Erythrura gouldiae* - We almost missed this rare species, probably easier to find in the dry season. Finally, I saw 4 or 5 birds flying over near the Mary River Excavation Pits (Aug 1). Since I always expected to see the birds on the ground or perched in a tree, I never realized that the bright yellow bellies are a very good field mark when flying over.

**Blue-faced Parrot-Finch** *Erythrura trichroa* - Wow. Two birds seen well when feeding on an introduced weed near Kingfisher Park (Julatten) on July 7.

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* (l) - Seen on 3 days.

#### NECTARINIIDAE

**Olive-backed (Yellow-bellied) Sunbird** *Nectarinia jugularis* - Seen on 3 days.

#### DICAEIDAE

**Mistletoebird** *Dicaeum hirundinaceum* - A single male seen well along the Tableland Highway.

#### HIRUNDINIDAE

**Welcome Swallow** *Hirundo neoxena* - Common during the first part of the tour.

**Tree Martin** *Hirundo nigricans* - Seen on several days throughout the tour.

**Fairy Martin** *Hirundo ariel* - Two birds along the Tableland Highway on July 19.

#### SYLVIIDAE

**Brown Songlark** *Cincloramphus cruralis* - Three birds along the Tableland Highway on July 19.

**Little Grassbird** *Megalurus gramineus* - Seen on 3 days in the Darwin area.

#### ZOSTEROPIDAE

**Yellow White-Eye** *Zosterops luteus* - A total of 6 birds in the mangroves of East Point (July 30).

#### STURNIDAE

**Metallic Starling** *Aplonis metallica* - Common in the Cairns area.

**Common Myna** *Acridotheres tristis* (l) - As previous species but more widespread and common.

## MAMMALS

**Platypus** *Ornithorhynchus anatinus* - A total of 5 seen very well in broad daylight at the Tarzali Lakes (Atherton Tablelands; July 9).

**Yellow-footed Antechinus** *Antechinus flavipes* - One seen at Lake Eacham (July 11).

**Northern Brown Bandicoot** *Isodon macrourus* - Two seen at Julatten (July 8).

**Long-nosed Bandicoot** *Perameles nasuta* - One seen on July 9.

**Common Brushtail Possum** *Trichosurus vulpecula* - Close views at the Charters Towers campground (July 16).



**Striped Possum** *Dactylopsila trivirgata* - Great views of a male at Julatten (July 8).

**Yellow-bellied Glider** *Petaurus australis* - Four seen very well at Gilby State Forest (July 9).

**Sugar Glider** *Petaurus breviceps* - Great views of two at Gilby State Forest (July 9).

**Lemuroid Ringtail Possum** *Hemibelideus lemuroids* - Three seen well at Gilby State Forest (July 9).

**Greater Glider** *Petauroides volans* - One seen at Gilby State Forest (July 9).

**Common Ringtail Possum** *Pseudocheirus peregrinus* – As previous species.

**Green Ringtail Possum** *Pseudochirops archeri* - Two seen at Gilby State Forest (July 9).

**Herbert-river Ringtail Possum** *Pseudochirulus herbertensis* - A total of six seen at the Gilby State Forest (July 9).

**Lumholtz's Tree Kangaroo** *Dendrologus lumholtzi* - Good spotting of Annelien, a sleeping male at Malandra Falls (July 10).

**Agile Wallaby** *Macropus agilis* - At least 6 seen near Richmond (July 17).



**Red Kangaroo** *Macropus rufus* - One seen near Cloncurry (July 17).

**Musky Rat-Kangaroo** *Hypsiprymnodon moschatus* - Not uncommon at Lake Barrine (July 9).

**Black-footed (Mareeba ) Rock-Wallaby** *Petrogale mareeba* – Tame and common at Granite Gorge (July 11).

**Short-eared Rock-Wallaby** *Petrogale brachyotis* - Brief views of a single animal at Ubirr (July 26).

**Red-legged Pademelon** *Thylogale stigmatica* – Seen in the Ahterton Tablelands (July 9).



**Black Flying-fox** *Pteropus alecto* – Common in Cairns.

**Spectacled Flying-fox** *Pteropus conspicillatus* – A few single animals in the Atherton Tablelands.

**Grey-headed Flying-fox** *Pteropus poliocephalus* – Common at Katherine Gorge.

**Little Red Flying-fox** *Pteropus scapulatus* – Common at Katherine Gorge.

**Fawn-footed Melomys** *Melomys cervinipes* – One at Kingfisher Park (Julatten).

**Bush Rat** *Rattus fascipes* – Two at Kingfisher Park (Julatten).

**Dingo** *Canis lupus dingo* – One seen at broad daylight near Jabiru when crossing the tarmac, a second one seen at the campground at Aurora.



**Humpback Whale** *Megaptera novaeangliae* - Distant views of 3-5 whales near Michaelmas Key (July 13).

## REPTILES, AMPHIBIANS AND FISHES

**Saltwater (Estuarine-, Indo-Pacific-) Crocodile** *Crocodylus porosus* - Common at Coonda and at least 4 during the Yellow River Cruise

**(Australian) Freshwater Crocodile** *Crocodylus johnsoni* - A total of 7 at Bird Billabon (July 27).

**Amethystine Python** *Liasis amethystinus* - Two seen well at Lake Barrine (Atherton Tablelands). Australia's largest snake.



**Eastern Water Dragon** - One at Lake Barrine.



**Red-bellied Black Snake** – Two at Mount Lewis.

**Golden Treesnake** – Two at Ubirr.

**Saw-shelled Turtle** - Common at Lake Barrine

**White-lipped Giant Tree-Frog** – A single at Abattoir Swamp and a second one at one of the toilets of Kingfisher Park (Julatten).

**Rothschild's Frog** - One seen during the spotlight tour at Kingfisher Park (Julatten).

**Tadpole Carbine Frog** - At least 100+ immatures at Mount Lewis.

**Leaf-tailed Gecko** - One at Kingfisher Park.

**Long-finned Eel** *Anguilla reinhardtii* - One well seen at Lake Barrine.