

# Birds Queensland Meeting

## 4 March 2021



Birds Queensland's next monthly meeting is on Thursday 4 March 2021. The meeting will comply with the COVID-19 restrictions operating at the time and comply with Birds Queensland's COVID Safe Plan. Birds Queensland will continue to video monthly presentations. Members will be notified when the videos are available for viewing online. Summaries will be published in the newsletter.

### George Chapman - Some Birds of Madagascar

Because Madagascar has been geographically isolated for over 80 million years, much of the flora and fauna has evolved in isolation. George will show photographs of some of the more distinctive endemic bird species he encountered during a trip to Madagascar in 2014, and he will discuss their place in the avian Tree of Life.



*Madagascar birds, left, Sub-desert Mesite and right, Schlegel's Asity. Photos: George Chapman.*

*Below left, female Eastern Yellow Robin incubating. Photo, Penn Lloyd.*



### Penn Lloyd - The Secret Socials of Yellow Robins

Penn's talk will explore the breeding biology of Eastern Yellow Robins and their complex social relationships in cooperative breeding. The insights are based on a 9-year study of a population in the Sunshine Coast hinterland that has included around 670 hours of video monitoring of nests. Colour-banding of nearly all individuals in the population has allowed monitoring of territory group composition, social networks and the contributions of all group members to raising young.