

Birds Queensland Meeting

2 June 2022



Birds Queensland's next monthly meeting is on Thursday 2 June 2022, at the Warner Hall, Merthyr Road Uniting Church, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm.

The meeting will comply with the COVID-19 restrictions operating at the time of the meeting and comply with Birds Queensland's COVID Safe Plan.

Birds Queensland videos presentations. Members will be notified when the videos are available for viewing online.

Jim Sneddon - Birding at the tip of Cape York

At the end of 2019, Jim joined a tour group in Cairns to travel to Bamaga at the extreme north of Cape York. The group went on small boats to nearby islands to find hard-to-get species. There is an amazing variety of vegetation types in the small area north of Bamaga, including the dense forest known as the Lockerbie Scrub. The area is also bird-rich. Some species also occur in New Guinea, while others are also found further south. Jim will talk about the birds seen and their various habitats.



Above left:
*Ashy-bellied
White-eye*
and left:
*Torresian
Imperial Pigeons.*
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Right:
*Grey-crowned
Babblers.*
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Julian Reid - Long-term Trends of Birds in the Cowra District, central Western Slopes, NSW.

Julian will talk about the background to the BirdLife Australia project, the *Cowra Woodland Birds Program* (CWBP). The project arose from growing concerns over the conservation prospects of birds in the woodlands of south-eastern Australia. He will briefly describe the range of activities undertaken by the project, focussing on the long-term dataset of systematic bird observations taken at numerous sites from the autumn of 2002 onwards. He will also discuss the results of statistical modelling of the population trends of 105 species and 18 community indices for the first 17 years, and the comparison with the results of similar long-running programs in south-eastern Australia.

To illustrate the divergent trends shown by various species in the Cowra district, Julian will highlight the most significant findings from a bird conservation perspective and comment on the limitations of unfunded citizen-science research.