

# Birds Queensland Meeting

## 2 February 2023



Birds Queensland's next monthly meeting is at 7.30 pm on Thursday 2 February 2023, at the Warner Hall, Merthyr Road Uniting Church, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm.

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



### Louis Backstrom - Citizen Science for Bird Conservation in Queensland

Louis will provide an overview of citizen science programs available to birders and discuss some of the current bird conservation research using citizen science. Louis will also make recommendations for birders wanting to maximise their contribution to conservation.

*Left, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin, © Louis Backstrom.  
Below left, Northern Masked Owl, © Nigel Jackett.*



### Nigel Jackett - A quest to save a rare owl of our tropical woodlands: The Northern Masked Owl

The Northern Masked Owl (*Tyto novaehollandiae kimberli*) is a rare and potentially declining predator of northern Australia's tropical woodlands.

Prior to Nigel's research, very little was known of its habits, and there was a confusing overlap between the distribution of the Northern Masked Owl and the much more common, Eastern Barn Owl. It has taken his team several years to start unlocking the mysteries of this cryptic species and to learn about its ecology and threats. Hopefully this will improve its conservation outlook.

Nigel's presentation will take you on a journey through some of the most pristine parts of the tropics in search of remote pockets where mammal species remain diverse and abundant, and where their predator, the Northern Masked Owl, may also be hiding.