

## 2017 South Coast Festival of Birds Program

Festival website: [www.birdfestival.greenskills.org.au](http://www.birdfestival.greenskills.org.au)

| Date  | Title  | Details   |
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| Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb<br>6.30am  | <b>Bird Watching and Nature Guided Walk.</b>   | Starting from Mt Trio Camp Grounds, Stirling Ranges/ <i>Koi Kyeemu-ruff</i> , this walk is part of a Poonarti Tours and Green Skills weekend ( <a href="http://www.poonarti.com.au/">http://www.poonarti.com.au/</a> ) Contact Basil Schur 98483310 or <a href="mailto:bschur@greenskills.org.au">bschur@greenskills.org.au</a>   |
| Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar to<br>Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar<br>11am-4pm<br>daily | <b>Photographic and Art Exhibition</b><br><i>"The Wonderful Birds of the South Coast"</i>  | Exhibition at WA Museum- Albany. Spectacular bird photography by keen photographers Keith Lightbody, Dick Walker and others. Art by local Albany and WA artists. Open daily except when other festival events are on in the hall. <b>Free entry</b>   |
| Tue 7 Mar<br>5:30-6:30pm  | <b>Albany Library Talk</b><br><i>Albany's Amazing Birds"</i>   | Get to know some of the amazing birds of the South Coast Region.<br><b>Free Event at Vancouver Arts Centre</b> by BirdLife Australia. Please register with the library: (08) 9841 9390  |
| Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar<br>8:30-10:30am                                    | <b>Lake Seppings Bird Walk</b>   | Meet at Lake Seppings car park off Golf Links Rd, Albany. Bring binoculars, hat, sturdy footwear. <b>Free event</b> by BirdLife Australia. For more info contact the local branch: <a href="mailto:albanybirds@hotmail.com">albanybirds@hotmail.com</a>   |
| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar<br>8.30-10.30am                                    | <b>Learn to identify birds by their call</b>   | Meet at Lower King Bridge car park. Bring binoculars, hat, sturdy footwear.<br><b>Free event</b> by BirdLife Australia. For more info contact the local branch: <a href="mailto:albanybirds@hotmail.com">albanybirds@hotmail.com</a>  |
| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar<br>3.30-8pm  | <b>Western Ground Parrot Field trip</b>  | Citizen Science outing to Waychinicup for Western Ground Parrot monitoring. <b>Free Event</b> by Friends of the Western Ground Parrot & Dept of Parks and Wildlife. Limited places, bookings required: <a href="mailto:wgparrot@gmail.com">wgparrot@gmail.com</a> Meet at Lower King Bridge car park.   |
| Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar<br>8am to<br>lunchtime                             | <b>Go Birdwatching with BirdLife Australia</b>   | Join BirdLife's monthly bird excursion and learn all about shorebirds. <b>Free event.</b> Bring binoculars, hat, lunch and gum boots or footwear that can get wet. For more info contact the local branch: <a href="mailto:albanybirds@hotmail.com">albanybirds@hotmail.com</a> Meet at Wilson Inlet (end of Morley Road, Youngs Siding)  |
| Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar<br>6am-6.30pm                                      | <b>Gondwana Link Bird and Eco Restoration Field Trip</b>   | Visits to Gondwana Link sites near Boxwood Hill, the Yongergnow Malleefowl Centre in Ongerup and more, with Dr Nic Dunlop, Vicky Bilney, Eddy and Donna Wajon and others. <b>Bookings essential.</b> Cost \$80 waged, \$44 unwaged. Don't let finances stop you from coming- contact Basil Schur, Green Skills 98483310 <a href="mailto:bschur@greenskills.org.au">bschur@greenskills.org.au</a> Meet at 6.00am at Woolworths Car Park (next to Service Station). Return by 6.30pm. |
| Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar<br>1.30-4.30pm                                     | <b>Bringing Birds Into Your Garden</b><br><i>Getting to know your backyard birds &amp; how to make your garden bird friendly</i> | This Workshop and Garden Visit with Boyd Wykes, experienced ornithologist will cover how to design bird friendly gardens, as well as understanding the diversity of birds that visit home gardens on the south coast. Cost \$10 per person, pay on day. <b>Bookings essential.</b> Contact Green Skills 98483310 or <a href="mailto:bschur@greenskills.org.au">bschur@greenskills.org.au</a> Meet at the WA Museum – Albany.  |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar<br>8.30am-1pm                                      | <b>Festival of Birds Symposium in Albany</b>   | This main event of the South Coast Festival of Birds will be held at the WA Museum- Albany, featuring high powered speakers including Professor Steve Hopper, Nic Dunlop, Sarah Comer, Boyd Wykes, Keith Lightbody, Amellia Formby and others. Includes Panel and Discussions. Morning tea provided. Cost \$10 per person- pay at the door.<br><b>Bookings preferred-</b> contact Green Skills 98483310. Arrive 8.30am for 8.45am start.  |
| Sat 18 Mar<br>8-11am  | <b>Bird Photography Outing and Workshop</b>  | Bird photography outing with renowned photographer Keith Lightbody visiting birding sites in the Albany area. Cost \$15/\$10 concession. <b>Bookings essential-</b> contact Green Skills 98483310 or <a href="mailto:bschur@greenskills.org.au">bschur@greenskills.org.au</a> Meet at the WA Museum – Albany.   |
| Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar<br>5:30-6:30pm                                     | <b>Albany Library Talk</b><br><i>"Birds of the Night"</i>  | <b>Free Event at Vancouver Arts Centre</b> by BirdLife Australia. Please register with the library (08) 9841 9390   |
| Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar<br>9am-11.30am                                     | <b>Denmark Bird Outing</b><br><i>"Birds of the Forest and Home Garden"</i>   | This Field Outing will visit the home of Tina Smith, a birdwatching enthusiast, and from there do a walk through special riverine forest along the Denmark river. . Cost \$10. <b>Please register.</b> Bring binoculars, hat, sturdy footwear and morning refreshment. Meet at 17a Beveridge Road, Denmark. ( <i>Please note venue change no longer at the Pate property</i> )  |
| Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar<br>10am-4pm  | <b>SunSmart Albany Kite Fiesta 2017</b>  | Join Michael and Jan Alvares of <i>Kite Kinetics</i> and Green Skills at Albany ANZAC Peace Park for some fun kite making and kite flying. Watch for the giant kites! <b>Free event.</b> Kite Making kits available for \$6   |
| Early April   | <b>Yongergnow Mallee fowl Centre Anniversary Event</b>   | Contact Vicky Bilney, Yongergnow Australian Malleefowl Centre, Ongerup WA 6336: (08) 9828 2419 or <a href="mailto:visitor@yongergnow.com.au">visitor@yongergnow.com.au</a>  |
| Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr<br>(tbc)   | <b>Albany Seabird Conservation Forum</b>   | At UWA Albany – Contact Dr Nic Dunlop: 0409014030 or <a href="mailto:tern@iinet.net.au">tern@iinet.net.au</a><br>Or Harriet Paterson: 0401588846 or <a href="mailto:Harriet.Paterson@uwa.edu.au">Harriet.Paterson@uwa.edu.au</a>  |
| Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr<br>6.15pm  | <b>Film Night</b><br><i>"The Eagle Huntress"</i>   | Orana Cinemas, Albany Contact Film Harvest at <a href="mailto:info@filmharvest.com.au">info@filmharvest.com.au</a> for details.   |