

## The South Coast Festival of Birds & Biodiversity 2020 Program - v 18Feb 2020

Festival website: <https://birdfestival.greenskills.org.au/> **Program – subject to change**

Date	Title	Details
<b>JANUARY 2020</b>		
Thur 16 1pm – Mon 20 Jan	<b>Balijup Fauna Citizen Science &amp; Monitoring Weekend</b>	Wide range of fauna monitoring and environmental activities. With Green Skills, and the Conservation Council Citizen Science Program, <b>Free Event</b> but people should come self-contained for camping and catering. For info and to register please contact Basil Schur 98483310 or <a href="mailto:bschur@greenskills.org.au">bschur@greenskills.org.au</a>
Wed 23 Jan - Mon 28 Jan	<b>Chingarrup Fauna Monitoring &amp; Citizen Science Australia Day Weekend</b>	Wide range of fauna monitoring and environmental activities. With Eddy and Donna Wajon, and the Conservation Council Citizen Science Program, <b>Free Event</b> but people should come self-contained for camping and catering. For info and to register please contact Eddy Wajon at <a href="mailto:wajonpub@bigpond.com">wajonpub@bigpond.com</a> or 0428 345 231
Friday 31 January 2020 9-4pm	<b>WA Wetland Management Conference</b> <i>(Adjunct event)</i>	To be held by the Wetland Centre, Cockburn at the Bendat Community and Parent Centre, Wembley, 16 Dodd Street. Green Skills will host a South Coast Gondwana Biodiversity Art Exhibition and poster display. <a href="https://thewetlandcentre.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2020-WA-Wetland-Management-Conference-Program.pdf">https://thewetlandcentre.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2020-WA-Wetland-Management-Conference-Program.pdf</a>
<b>FEBRUARY 2020</b>		
Sunday 2 Feb 9am-11am	<b>World Wetland Day</b>	"Meet the Birds of Lake Seppings" Join BirdLife for a short walk to learn more about wetland birds. Meet at Lake Seppings Drive/Anzac Road parking area, Mira Mar. <b>Free event.</b> For more info contact the local branch: <a href="mailto:albanybirds@hotmail.com">albanybirds@hotmail.com</a>
Tuesday 4 Feb – 31 March	<b>Gondwana Connections Art Exhibition</b> <i>Giant Paintings Mapping Special Country</i>	Ongerup Exhibition & Opening Art and Photographic Exhibition at the Yongergnow Malleefowl Centre, Ongerup Art Exhibition Opening Event: 1.15pm Tues 25 February. Opening event includes film showing <i>Breathing Life Into Boodja</i> . (For further info phone Yongergnow Malleefowl Centre on 9828 2325 or email <a href="mailto:visitor@yongergnow.com.au">visitor@yongergnow.com.au</a> )
Sat 8 Feb 2020	<b>Annual Shorebird Survey for Albany Harbours</b>	BirdLife's annual national summer shorebird (we include other waterbirds as well). For information contact <a href="mailto:albanybirds@hotmail.com">albanybirds@hotmail.com</a> .
Wed 12 February 6.15pm	<b>Film Night – the Biggest little Farm</b>	<i>The Biggest little Farm</i> an inspiring film set in California promoting regenerative agriculture. Orana Cinemas, Albany Contact Film Harvest at <a href="mailto:info@filmharvest.com.au">info@filmharvest.com.au</a> for details. Event info <a href="https://www.facebook.com/filmharvestgreatsouthern/">https://www.facebook.com/filmharvestgreatsouthern/</a>
Sat 8 Feb 2020	<b>Annual Shorebird Survey for Denmark area</b>	BirdLife's annual national summer shorebird (we include other waterbirds as well). For information contact Brad Kneebone 98452233
Thu 13 Feb 2020	<b>Murdellup Lagoon Bird Survey</b>	Denmark Bird Group will conduct a survey of birdlife at Murdellup Lagoon (in preparation for the West Cranbrook Wetlands Tour on 19 Feb). For info contact Brad Kneebone on 98452233 or <a href="mailto:frogpond@westnet.com.au">frogpond@westnet.com.au</a>
Sun 16 Feb 8am – 11am	<b>Meet the Birds Along the Kalgan River</b>	This tour will commence at 113 Riverside Road Kalgan with a view of the birds in the conservation reserve and on the property followed by a Biodiversity Walk along the Luke Penn Walk on the Kalgan River. Bring along a morning tea, sturdy shoes and binoculars. Meet at the above address at 8.00am. <b>Free event.</b> Please register with Wayne Monks at <a href="mailto:wmonks@westnet.com.au">wmonks@westnet.com.au</a> or call 0499113193
Tuesday 19 Feb 9.30am – 3pm	<b>West Cranbrook Wetland Tour</b>	Wetland tour looking at Murdellup Lagoon eco-restoration and other lakes with Geraldine and Steve Janicke. For info contact Basil Schur 98483310 or <a href="mailto:bschur@greenskills.org.au">bschur@greenskills.org.au</a> Free Event. Transport available from Denmark Registration essential - <a href="https://birdfestival.greenskills.org.au/">https://birdfestival.greenskills.org.au/</a>
<b>Thurs 20 Feb 2pm – 4.30pm</b>	<b>Denmark Bird Talks</b>	A series of talks run by Denmark Bird Group, featuring speakers: Pete Burgess (Raptors), Janine Liddlelow of DBCA Walpole (Beach Nesting Birds), David Edmonds (Penguins) and Brad Kneebone (Bird Sanctuary Proposal). Venue: Denmark CRC (Garden Room). For further information and registration contact Brad Kneebone on 98452233 or <a href="mailto:frogpond@westnet.com.au">frogpond@westnet.com.au</a>
<b>Mon 24 Feb 12pm – 4pm</b>	<b>Carbon Offset Funding for On-Farm Re-vegetation – Cranbrook Seminar</b>	Learn about the carbon offset industry and what opportunities are available for your property or organisation. Held at the Cranbrook Sporting Club. Presentations from: Carbon Neutral Charitable Fund, Outback Carbon, Greencollar, Greening Australia (TBC), Threshold Environmental Pty Ltd, Gondwana Link. Bookings <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/BIDDY">http://www.trybooking.com/BIDDY</a> For further information call the Gillamii Centre on 0437 248 206.
<b>Tue 25 Feb 8.30am – 1pm</b>	<b>Carbon Offset Funding for On-Farm Re-vegetation – Ongerup Seminar</b>	Learn about the carbon offset industry and what opportunities are available for your property or organisation. Held at the Yongergnow Malleefowl Centre. Presentations from: Carbon Neutral Charitable Fund, Outback Carbon, Greencollar, Greening Australia (TBC), Threshold Environmental Pty Ltd, Gondwana Link.

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<b>Tue 25 Feb 1.15pm – 3pm</b>	<b>Breathing Life Into Boodja – Film Showing</b>	Following on from the Ongerup Carbon Funding Seminar, ‘Breathing Life Into Boodja’ is a good-humoured yet galvanising portrayal of environmentalists, farmers, scientists, the Noongar community and local groups working together. Film showing at the Yongergnow Malleefowl Centre, Jaekel St, Ongerup. RSVP: Rebecca Brady at Yongergnow <a href="mailto:accounts@yongergnow.com.au">accounts@yongergnow.com.au</a> . Queries: Basil Schur at Green Skills <a href="mailto:bschur@greenskills.org.au">bschur@greenskills.org.au</a> or phone 0429 481 019.
<b>Thurs 27 Feb 2pm – 5pm</b>	<b>Denmark Shorebird ID Workshop – with Birdlife’s Dr Vicki Stokes</b>	Denmark Shorebird Workshop with Birdlife’s Dr Vicki Stokes 2pm – 5pm, Thursday 27 Feb at Denmark CRC (Gallery Room). REGISTER FOR FREE ONLINE AT <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/denmark-shorebird-id-workshop-tickets-91733205487">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/denmark-shorebird-id-workshop-tickets-91733205487</a> . For more info: email <a href="mailto:Vicki.Stokes@birdlife.org.au">Vicki.Stokes@birdlife.org.au</a> or call 0409 033 126
<b>Fri 28 Feb 8am – 11.30am</b>	<b>South Coast Shorebird ID Field Trip</b>	Birdlife Shorebird Fieldtrip to Wilson Inlet 8am – 11am. Meet at Gazebo opposite IGA Express next to Denmark River. Alternatively meet at Morley Beach at 8.30am near shorebird sign. REGISTER FOR FREE ONLINE AT <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/denmark-shorebird-id-workshop-tickets-91733205487">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/denmark-shorebird-id-workshop-tickets-91733205487</a> . For more info: email <a href="mailto:Vicki.Stokes@birdlife.org.au">Vicki.Stokes@birdlife.org.au</a> or call 0409 033 126
<b>Sat 29 Feb 3.30pm – 5.30pm</b>	<b>The Great Cocky Count Workshop – Nornalup</b>	This workshop with Dr Vicki Stokes, BirdLife Western Australia will take place at the Nornalup Community Hall, 2368 Shaw Road, Nornalup. The Great Cocky Count is a long-term citizen science survey run by BirdLife Australia and the biggest single survey for Black-Cockatoos in WA. In April 2020 volunteers will venture out to monitor known roost sites around WA to count Black-Cockatoos as they come in to their evening roosts. To register for the April evening visit: <a href="https://forms.gle/H4skzKN1a5omXhwY8">https://forms.gle/H4skzKN1a5omXhwY8</a> . Register for this event at: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/walpole-black-cockatoo-workshop-tickets-91742055959">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/walpole-black-cockatoo-workshop-tickets-91742055959</a> . For further information contact Dr Vicki Stokes on 0409 033 126 or email <a href="mailto:vicki.stokes@birdlife.org.au">vicki.stokes@birdlife.org.au</a>
<b>Saturday 29 Feb- 20 Mar</b>	<b>Bird Information Display at the City of Albany Library</b>	At Albany Public Library, York Street, Albany 6330. This will include photos by award-winning WA nature photographer Georgina Steytler ( <a href="http://www.georginasteytler.com.au">www.georginasteytler.com.au</a> )
<b>29 February to 29 March</b>	<b>Bird Art Exhibition by Sylvia Harrison</b>	This exhibition of art linked to birds by Torbay artist Sylvia Harrison. Public launch and opening at 2pm 29 February at The Museum of the Great Southern, Albany Tea, coffee and cake supplied. Sylvia will be in attendance between 10am to 2pm on Fridays, Saturday’s, Sunday’s and Monday’s each week. Otherwise exhibition open during normal Museum hours ( <a href="http://museum.wa.gov.au/museums/museum-of-the-great-southern">http://museum.wa.gov.au/museums/museum-of-the-great-southern</a> )
<b>MARCH 2020</b>		
<b>Sun 1 March 10.30am – 12.30pm</b>	<b>The Great Cocky Count Workshop - Denmark</b>	This workshop with Dr Vicki Stokes, BirdLife Western Australia at the Denmark Environment Centre meeting room is aimed at helping people get involved in the Count. The Great Cocky Count is a long-term citizen science survey run by BirdLife Australia and the biggest single survey for Black-Cockatoos in WA. In April 2020 volunteers will venture out to monitor known roost sites around WA to count Black-Cockatoos as they come in to their evening roosts. To register for the April evening visit: <a href="https://forms.gle/H4skzKN1a5omXhwY8">https://forms.gle/H4skzKN1a5omXhwY8</a> . Register for this event at <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/denmark-black-cockatoo-workshop-tickets-91739291691">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/denmark-black-cockatoo-workshop-tickets-91739291691</a> . For more information contact Melissa Howe on 0419014357 or email <a href="mailto:missliss.howe@gmail.com">missliss.howe@gmail.com</a>
<b>Mon 2 Mar 9am – 11am</b>	<b>Lake Seppings Bird Walk</b>	Meet at Lake Seppings Drive/Anzac Rd car park. Bring binoculars, sturdy footwear. recommended. <b>Free event</b> by BirdLife. For more info contact the local branch: <a href="mailto:albanybirds@hotmail.com">albanybirds@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Tue 3 Mar 9.00am – 11.30am</b>	<b>Albany Shorebird ID Workshop – with Birdlife’s Dr Vicki Stokes</b>	Albany Shorebird Workshop with Birdlife’s Dr Vicki Stokes. Come and learn about the amazing world of shorebirds, how to identify them and contribute to annual shorebird surveys. Held at Greens Skills, 38 Graham St, Albany. For further information contact Dr Vicki Stokes on <a href="mailto:vicki.stokes@birdlife.org.au">vicki.stokes@birdlife.org.au</a> or 0409 033 126. For bookings visit <a href="http://shorebirds-albany2020.eventbrite.com.au">http://shorebirds-albany2020.eventbrite.com.au</a>
<b>Wed 4 March 6pm</b>	<b>Film Night- Harvest Films <i>Breathing Life into Boodja</i></b>	The event will include speakers, music and the 50 minute film <i>Breathing Life into Boodja</i> about the Gondwana Link program. Includes music and panel discussion. Orana Cinemas, Albany Contact Film Harvest at <a href="mailto:info@filmharvest.com.au">info@filmharvest.com.au</a> for details. Event info <a href="https://www.facebook.com/filmharvestgreatsouthern/">https://www.facebook.com/filmharvestgreatsouthern/</a>
<b>Thur 5 March 5:30pm -7pm</b>	<b>Albany Library Talk “Rare and Endangered”</b>	Paul Wettin (Friends of the Western Ground Parrot) and Anne Bondin (BirdLife Australia) will talk about South Coast birds we may lose forever. <b>Free event</b> at Albany Public Library, York Street, Albany 6330. <b>Please register with the Albany library: (08) 9841 9390</b>

Sun 8 March 1.00pm-6.30pm	<b>Bird and Wildlife Photographic Workshop</b>	Bird Photography Workshop Theory and Practical. Meet at Three Anchors Cafe Gallery, Middleton Beach Albany. With acclaimed WA nature photographer Georgina Steytler ( <a href="http://www.georginasteytler.com.au">www.georginasteytler.com.au</a> ) Cost: \$100 (10 places available) Proceeds to Bush fire relief bird conservation. To Register visit: <a href="https://www.georginasteytler.com.au/events-workshops">https://www.georginasteytler.com.au/events-workshops</a> For further info email <a href="mailto:wildandendangered@gmail.com">wildandendangered@gmail.com</a>
Mon 9 March 3pm - 8pm	<b>Threatened Species Habitat Visit</b>	Field trip to Waychinicup hosted jointly by BirdLife/Friends of the Western Ground Parrot focussing on endangered species of the Albany region. Guest speaker: Regional ecologist Sarah Comer (DBCA). Meet at Lower King Bridge car park. Sturdy footwear recommended. Also bring water and something to snack on. Limited places. Cost: \$20. Bookings required <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/BHWTO">www.trybooking.com/BHWTO</a>
Tue 10 Mar 8am - 1pm	<b>Go Birdwatching with BirdLife Australia</b>	Join BirdLife's monthly excursion and learn all about local birds. <b>Free event.</b> Bring binoculars, lunch, sturdy footwear recommended. For more info contact the local branch: <a href="mailto:albanybirds@hotmail.com">albanybirds@hotmail.com</a> . Meeting Point TBC
<b>Tue 10 March 12.15 -1.15pm</b>	<b>Albany Library – A Lunchtime Literary Event with Robyn Williams</b>	Renowned science journalist and broadcaster, Robyn Williams will talk about his latest book “Turmoil” covering his life in promoting science. At City of Albany Library function room. <b>To register: Albany Public Library</b> <a href="https://spydus.albanylibrary.com.au/Events">https://spydus.albanylibrary.com.au/Events</a> or by phone 6820 3600
<b>Tuesday 10 March 5.30 – 6.45pm</b>	<b>Climate Science and Our Future - Talk and Forum with Robyn Williams and others</b>	Come along for a stimulating evening with renowned science journalist and broadcaster Robyn Williams and others, on the theme of Science, Climate Action and the Biodiversity Crisis facing humanity and the planet. Free event at Kalyenup Studio, Albany Entertainment Centre, Toll Place, Albany. Entry by donation, RSVP: 9482 0850 or <a href="mailto:albany.centre@uwa.edu.au">albany.centre@uwa.edu.au</a>
<b>Wed 11 March 9am – 10.30am</b>	<b>“Get to know birds by their call - walk through bushland near Oyster Harbour</b>	Meet at the parking area adjacent to Lower King Bridge outside Coraki Cottages for a walk through bushland near Oyster Harbour. Learn how to identify birds by their call. Bring binoculars, hat, sturdy footwear. <b>Free event</b> hosted by BirdLife. For more info contact <a href="mailto:albanybirds@hotmail.com">albanybirds@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Fri 13 March 8.30am - 12.45pm</b>	<b>Festival of Birds Symposium in Albany</b>	This main event of the South Coast Festival of Birds will be held at the University of WA, 35 Stirling Tce, Albany featuring high powered speakers including UWA’s Professor Steve Hopper, Dr Judy Fisher, Professor Dale Roberts, Dr Vicki Stokes & others. Includes Panel and Discussions. Morning tea provided. Info contact Green Skills 98483310. Cost \$10 per person- pay at the door. Registrations at EventBrite TBC more info at <a href="https://birdfestival.greenskills.org.au/">https://birdfestival.greenskills.org.au/</a>
Fri 13 to Sun 15 March	<b>Gondwana Link Bird and Eco Restoration Field Trip</b>	Visits to Gondwana Link sites near Boxwood Hill, the Chingarrup Sanctuary, Monjebup and Red Moort Reserves (Bush Heritage Australia), Wetlands near Manypeaks and more! With Sylvia Leighton (Wilyun Pools), Angela Sanders (Bush Heritage Australia ecologist), Eddy & Donna Wajon, Dr Vicki Stokes (BirdLife WA) and others. <b>Bookings essential.</b> Cost \$110 waged, \$90 concession. Don’t let finances stop you from coming- contact Basil Schur. Meet at 2.45pm for 3pm departure Friday 13 March at Green Skills Office 38 Graham Road, Albany. Return by 12noon Sunday 15 March. Details and registrations contact Basil Schur on 9848 3310 or email <a href="mailto:bschur@greenskills.org.au">bschur@greenskills.org.au</a> .
Thurs 19 March 5:30pm -7pm	<b>Library Talk “Birds in Our Gardens”</b>	Anne Bondin (BirdLife Australia) will talk about the feathered creatures we share our backyard with. <b>Free event</b> at Albany Public Library, York Street, Albany 6330. Please register with the library: (08) 9841 9390
Friday 27 March to Sunday 5 April	<b>Not Waste Festival-Denmark Details TBC</b>	At Denmark CRC, Denmark For more info see <a href="https://greenskills.org.au/denmark-tip-shop/not-waste-festival/">https://greenskills.org.au/denmark-tip-shop/not-waste-festival/</a>
Sun 29 Mar 10am - 4pm	<b>SunSmart Albany Kite Fiesta 2020</b>	Join Michael and Jan Alvares of <i>Kite Kinetics</i> and Green Skills at Albany ANZAC Peace Park, Albany for some fun kite making and kite flying. Watch for the giant kites including a whale and a Whale Shark! <b>Free event.</b> Kite Making kits available for \$6.
<b>APRIL 2020</b>		
Wed 1 April to Sunday 5 April	<b>Not Waste Festival-Albany Details TBC</b>	At Vancouver Arts Centre For more info see <a href="https://greenskills.org.au/denmark-tip-shop/not-waste-festival/">https://greenskills.org.au/denmark-tip-shop/not-waste-festival/</a>
Sun 5 April 5.30pm – 7.30pm	<b>The Great Cocky Count</b>	The Great Cocky Count is a long-term citizen science survey and the biggest single survey for black-cockatoos in Western Australia. Registrations are now open! Follow this link to register before March 15: <a href="https://forms.gle/H4skzKN1a5omXhwY8">https://forms.gle/H4skzKN1a5omXhwY8</a> For further details, contact the Great Cocky Count Coordinator, BirdLife Australia, E: <a href="mailto:greatcockycount@birdlife.org.au">greatcockycount@birdlife.org.au</a> or tel: 9287 2251 Or visit the website - <a href="http://www.birdlife.org.au/projects/southwest-black-cockatoo-recovery/great-cocky-count-swbc">http://www.birdlife.org.au/projects/southwest-black-cockatoo-recovery/great-cocky-count-swbc</a>
Wed 1 April 6pm	<b>Film Night – Fantastic Fungi Details TBC</b>	Orana Cinemas, Albany Contact Film Harvest at <a href="mailto:info@filmharvest.com.au">info@filmharvest.com.au</a> for details. Event info <a href="https://www.facebook.com/filmharvestgreatsouthern/">https://www.facebook.com/filmharvestgreatsouthern/</a> (To be confirmed)
Mon 6 April	<b>Film Night - Breathing Life into Boodja Details TBC</b>	The event at Denmark Civic Centre will include speakers, music and the 50 minute film <i>Breathing Life into Boodja</i> about the Gondwana Link program. Includes music and panel discussion. (To be confirmed)

Wed 8 April 8.45am – 5pm	<b>Wetland and the Walpole Wilderness – Day Tour and Talks with Professor Pierre Horwitz and others</b>	All day tour from Denmark and talks with Professor Pierre Horwitz (ECU) and others. Meet at Green Skills Denmark Office, rear of Denmark Environment Centre. Cost \$20/\$15 Concession (bursaries available) Pay at the door. For further info contact Basil Schur, Green Skills 98483310 Register at <a href="https://living-wetlands-walpole-wilderness.eventbrite.com.au">https://living-wetlands-walpole-wilderness.eventbrite.com.au</a>
Fri 10 Sat 18 Apr	19 <sup>th</sup> Annual Art in the Porongurup 2020	Friends of the Porongurup Range Art in the Porongurup Committee will hold this exhibition behind the historic Karribank buildings, 1983 Porongurup Rd, central to the Porongurup National Park, Twin Creeks Reserve, scenic walks and drives. Outdoor art will be displayed in the grounds of Karribank behind the historic buildings. The elevated position with views to the Porongurup Range complements the natural, tranquil setting. Visitor participation welcome (weaving & decoration), free parking and toilets nearby. Artist in Residence Joanne Francis. (Formerly Art in the Park)

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