

The South Coast Festival of Birds & Biodiversity 2020 Program -v 17Mar 2020

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

Date	Title	Details
JANUARY 2020		
Thur 16 1pm – Mon 20 Jan	Balijup Fauna Citizen Science & Monitoring Weekend	Wide range of fauna monitoring and environmental activities. With Green Skills, and the Conservation Council Citizen Science Program, Free Event but people should come self-contained for camping and catering. For info and to register please contact Basil Schur 98483310 or bschur@greenskills.org.au
Wed 23 Jan - Mon 28 Jan	Chingarrup Fauna Monitoring & Citizen Science Australia Day Weekend	Wide range of fauna monitoring and environmental activities. With Eddy and Donna Wajon, and the Conservation Council Citizen Science Program, Free Event but people should come self-contained for camping and catering. For info and to register please contact Eddy Wajon at wajonpub@bigpond.com or 0428 345 231
Friday 31 January 2020 9-4pm	WA Wetland Management Conference <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. https://thewetlandcentre.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2020-WA-Wetland-Management-Conference-Program.pdf
FEBRUARY 2020		
Sunday 2 Feb 9am-11am	World Wetland Day	"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. Free event. For more info contact the local branch: albanybirds@hotmail.com
Tuesday 4 Feb – 31 March	Gondwana Connections Art Exhibition <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 visitor@yongergnow.com.au)
Sat 8 Feb 2020	Annual Shorebird Survey for Albany Harbours	BirdLife's annual national summer shorebird (we include other waterbirds as well). For information contact albanybirds@hotmail.com .
Wed 12 February 6.15pm	Film Night – the Biggest little Farm	<i>The Biggest little Farm</i> an inspiring film set in California promoting regenerative agriculture. Orana Cinemas, Albany Contact Film Harvest at info@filmharvest.com.au for details. Event info https://www.facebook.com/filmharvestgreatsouthern/
Sat 8 Feb 2020	Annual Shorebird Survey for Denmark area	BirdLife's annual national summer shorebird (we include other waterbirds as well). For information contact Brad Kneebone 98452233
Thu 13 Feb 2020	Murdellup Lagoon Bird Survey	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 frogpond@westnet.com.au
Sun 16 Feb 8am – 11am	Meet the Birds Along the Kalgan River	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. Free event. Please register with Wayne Monks at wmonks@westnet.com.au or call 0499113193
Tuesday 19 Feb 9.30am – 3pm	West Cranbrook Wetland Tour	Wetland tour looking at Murdellup Lagoon eco-restoration and other lakes with Geraldine and Steve Janicke. For info contact Basil Schur 98483310 or bschur@greenskills.org.au Free Event. Transport available from Denmark Registration essential - https://birdfestival.greenskills.org.au/
Thurs 20 Feb 2pm – 4.30pm	Denmark Bird Talks	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 frogpond@westnet.com.au
Mon 24 Feb 12pm – 4pm	Carbon Offset Funding for On-Farm Re-vegetation – Cranbrook Seminar	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 http://www.trybooking.com/BIDDY For further information call the Gillamii Centre on 0437 248 206.
Tue 25 Feb 8.30am – 1pm	Carbon Offset Funding for On-Farm Re-vegetation – Ongerup Seminar	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.

		Bookings http://www.trybooking.com/BIDDY . For further information call Green Skills on 0429 481 019.
Tue 25 Feb 1.15pm – 3pm	Breathing Life Into Boodja – Film Showing	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 accounts@yongergnow.com.au . Queries: Basil Schur at Green Skills bschur@greenskills.org.au or phone 0429 481 019.
Thurs 27 Feb 2pm – 5pm	Denmark Shorebird ID Workshop – with Birdlife’s Dr Vicki Stokes	Denmark Shorebird Workshop with Birdlife’s Dr Vicki Stokes 2pm – 5pm, Thursday 27 Feb at Denmark CRC (Gallery Room). REGISTER FOR FREE ONLINE AT https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/denmark-shorebird-id-workshop-tickets-91733205487 . For more info: email Vicki.Stokes@birdlife.org.au or call 0409 033 126
Fri 28 Feb 8am – 11.30am	South Coast Shorebird ID Field Trip	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 https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/denmark-shorebird-id-workshop-tickets-91733205487 . For more info: email Vicki.Stokes@birdlife.org.au or call 0409 033 126
Sat 29 Feb 3.30pm – 5.30pm	The Great Cocky Count Workshop – Nornalup	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: https://forms.gle/H4skzKN1a5omXhwY8 . Register for this event at: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/walpole-black-cockatoo-workshop-tickets-91742055959 . For further information contact Dr Vicki Stokes on 0409 033 126 or email vicki.stokes@birdlife.org.au
Saturday 29 Feb- 20 Mar	Bird Information Display at the City of Albany Library	At Albany Public Library, York Street, Albany 6330. This will include photos by award-winning WA nature photographer Georgina Steytler (www.georginasteytler.com.au)
29 February to 29 March	Bird Art Exhibition by Sylvia Harrison	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 (http://museum.wa.gov.au/museums/museum-of-the-great-southern)
MARCH 2020		
Sun 1 March 10.30am – 12.30pm	The Great Cocky Count Workshop - Denmark	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: https://forms.gle/H4skzKN1a5omXhwY8 . Register for this event at https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/denmark-black-cockatoo-workshop-tickets-91739291691 . For more information contact Melissa Howe on 0419014357 or email missliss.howe@gmail.com
Mon 2 Mar 9am – 11am	Lake Seppings Bird Walk	Meet at Lake Seppings Drive/Anzac Rd car park. Bring binoculars, sturdy footwear, recommended. Free event by BirdLife. For more info contact the local branch: albanybirds@hotmail.com
Tue 3 Mar 9.00am – 11.30am	Albany Shorebird ID Workshop – with Birdlife’s Dr Vicki Stokes	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 vicki.stokes@birdlife.org.au or 0409 033 126. For bookings visit http://shorebirds-albany2020.eventbrite.com.au
Wed 4 March 6pm	Film Night- Harvest Films <i>Breathing Life into Boodja</i>	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 info@filmharvest.com.au for details. Event info https://www.facebook.com/filmharvestgreatsouthern/
Thur 5 March 5:30pm -7pm	Albany Library Talk “Rare and Endangered”	Paul Wettin (Friends of the Western Ground Parrot) and Anne Bondin (BirdLife Australia) will talk about South Coast birds we may lose forever. Free event at Albany Public Library, York Street, Albany 6330. Please register with the Albany library: 6820 3600

Sun 8 March 1.00pm-6.30pm	Bird and Wildlife Photographic Workshop	Bird Photography Workshop Theory and Practical. Meet at Three Anchors Cafe Gallery, Middleton Beach Albany. With acclaimed WA nature photographer Georgina Steytler (www.georginasteytler.com.au) Cost: \$100 (10 places available) Proceeds to Bush fire relief bird conservation. To Register visit: https://www.georginasteytler.com.au/events-workshops For further info email wildandendangered@gmail.com
Mon 9 March 3pm - 8pm	Threatened Species Habitat Visit	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 www.trybooking.com/BHWTO
Tue 10 Mar 8am - 1pm	Go Birdwatching with BirdLife Australia	Join BirdLife's monthly excursion and learn all about local birds. Free event. Bring binoculars, lunch, sturdy footwear recommended. For more info contact the local branch: albanybirds@hotmail.com . Meeting Point TBC
Tue 10 March 12.15 -1.15pm	Albany Library – A Lunchtime Literary Event with Robyn Williams	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. To register: Albany Public Library https://spydus.albanylibrary.com.au/Events or by phone 6820 3600
Tuesday 10 March 5.30 – 6.45pm	Climate Science and Our Future - Talk and Forum with Robyn Williams and others	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 albany.centre@uwa.edu.au
Wed 11 March 9am – 10.30am	“Get to know birds by their call - walk through bushland near Oyster Harbour	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. Free event hosted by BirdLife. For more info contact albanybirds@hotmail.com
Fri 13 March 8.30am - 12.45pm	Festival of Birds Symposium in Albany	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 https://birdfestival.greenskills.org.au/
Fri 13 to Sun 15 March	Gondwana Link Bird and Eco Restoration Field Trip	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. Bookings essential. 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 bschur@greenskills.org.au .
Thurs 19 March 5:30pm -7pm	Library Talk “ <i>Birds in Our Gardens</i> ”	Anne Bondin (BirdLife Australia) will talk about the feathered creatures we share our backyard with. Free event at Albany Public Library, York Street, Albany 6330. Please register with the library: 6820 3600
Friday 27 March to Sunday 5 April	Not Waste Festival – 2020 Beyond Plastic CANCELLED	FESTIVAL CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE Not Waste Festival – 2020 Beyond Plastic. Featuring Art Exhibition at Denmark CRC 27 March – 5 April, Panel Discussion at Denmark Arts 28 March, Makers Day at Denmark CRC on 28 March. For more info see https://greenskills.org.au/denmark-tip-shop/not-waste-festival/
Sun 29 Mar 10am - 4pm	SunSmart Albany Kite Fiesta 2020	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! Free event. Kite Making kits available for \$6.
APRIL 2020		
Thursday 2 April to Saturday 4 April	Exhibition – Unpalatable	Art Exhibition at Vancouver Arts Albany featuring sculptures made from out of date and unused food. Exhibition runs from Thursday 2 April – Saturday 4 April at Vancouver Arts Centre. For more info see: https://theamazingouthcoast.com/events/unpalatable-taste-great-southern-and-vancouver-arts-centre/ PLEASE NOTE: The previously advertised cocktail event on 1 April has been cancelled.
Wed 1 April 6pm	Film Night – Fantastic Fungi <i>Details TBC</i>	Orana Cinemas, Albany Contact Film Harvest at info@filmharvest.com.au for details. Event info https://www.facebook.com/filmharvestgreatsouthern/ (To be confirmed)
Sun 5 April 2.30pm – 4.30pm	Denmark Community Peace Walk	Denmark Peace Event. Inter-faith gathering with songs. Bring along sharing, poetry, music, flowers. Donations encouraged. Arrive at 2.30pm for 2.45pm at the Sanctuary, South Coast Hwy next to TAFE horticultural garden. Followed by 4pm

		Peace Walk to Butter Factory through Kwoorabup Community Park. Further information from http://denmarkarts.com.au
Sun 5 April 5.00pm – 6.00pm	Butter Studios Exhibition – Earth Cry	A visual response to our climate crisis showcasing works in progress. Exhibition opening with music and talks 5pm at Butter Factory Studios. More info contact alisonkershaw@yahoo.com.au
Sun 5 April – 6.30pm – 8.30pm	Film Night - <i>Breathing Life into Boodja</i> Details TBC	This event at Denmark Artshouse (will move to Civic Centre if high ticket sales) will include “Next Steps” talk by Keith Brady, panel discussion and the 50 minute film <i>Breathing Life into Boodja</i> about the Gondwana Link program. Commencing at 6.30pm with soup and rolls \$5-10 then 7.15pm movie followed by talk and discussion. Tickets \$15 online at www.denmarkarts.com.au or at the door. Further info admin@denmarkarts.com.au
Sun 5 April 5.30pm – 7.30pm	The Great Cocky Count	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: https://forms.gle/H4skzKN1a5omXhwY8 For further details, contact the Great Cocky Count Coordinator, BirdLife Australia, E: greatcockycount@birdlife.org.au or tel: 9287 2251 Or visit the website - http://www.birdlife.org.au/projects/southwest-black-cockatoo-recovery/great-cocky-count-swbc
Wed 8 April 8.45am – 5pm	Wetland and the Walpole Wilderness – Day Tour and Talks with Professor Pierre Horwitz and others	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 https://living-wetlands-walpole-wilderness.eventbrite.com.au
Fri 10 Sat 18 Apr	19 th 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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