The South Coast Festival of Birds & Biodiversity 2022 Program -Version of 5 Jan 2022

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

Date	Title	Details
JANUARY 2022		
1pm Thurs 13 Jan – Mon 17 Jan 2022	**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
Saturday 15 Jan Sunday 16 Jan	**Mondurup View Fauna Monitoring & Citizen Science**	TBC Mondurup View: Cockytube and Phascogale box monitoring activities on this Tenterden Gondwana Link property. With Eddy and Donna Wajon, **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
Thurs 20 Jan – Thurs 27 Jan	**Chingarrup Citizen Science Australia Day camp**	TBC Chingarrup Sanctuary: Birdwatching and malleefowl mound observation on this Boxwood Hill Gondwana Link property. With Eddy and Donna Wajon, **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
FEBRUARY 2022		
Wed 2 Feb 9am-11am	**World Wetland Day Albany**	"Meet the Birds of Lake Seppings" Join BirdLife on a walk around the lake to learn more about wetland birds. Meet at Lake Seppings Drive car park (Mira Mar side of lake). **Free event.** For more info contact the local branch: albanybirds@hotmail.com
Wed 2 Feb 9-11:30am	World Wetland Day Denmark-Birds and Biodiversity Guided Tour	Wilson Inlet Guided Tour. Half Day Free event. Tour guides, Mark Parre and WICC's Shaun Ossinger. To Register or more info contact Kirsty at enquiries@denmarkbirdgroup.org
Wed 2nd Feb and Thurs 3 Feb 2022 9-4pm	**WA Wetland Management Conference** *(Adjunct event)*	To be held by the Wetland Centre, Cockburn at Wetlands Centre, 184 Hope St, Bibra Lake16 . Green Skills likely to be represented on a South Coast theme. Celebrating World Wetland Day on 2nd Feb https://www.worldwetlandsday.org/
Tuesday 1 Feb to Mon 28 Feb	**Incredible Shorebirds! The Overwintering Shorebird Art exhibition**	Focus on the miracle of shorebird migration. Art Exhibition at Vancouver Arts, Centre Albany. Shorebird prints from *The Overwintering* project project and Kate Gorringe-Smith **www.theoverwinteringproject.com**
Sat 5 Feb and Sun 6 Feb	**Annual Shorebird Survey for Albany Harbours**	BirdLife Australia's annual national summer shorebird (we include other waterbirds as well). For information contact albanybirds@hotmail.com.
Sat 5 Feb or Sun 6 Feb	**Annual Shorebird Survey for Denmark area**	BirdLife's annual national summer shorebird (we include other waterbirds as well). Wilson Inlet For more information contact Kirsty at enquiries@denmarkbirdgroup.org
Thu 10 Feb 2021 9.30am – 3.30pm	**Tootanellup and Boggy Lake Wetland BioBlitz and fauna surveying**	TBC Citizen Science surveying of fabulous fresh water wetlands at Tootanellup, Perillup. With Geraldine and Steve Janicke and other citizen scientists. For info contact Basil Schur 98483310 or bschur@greenskills.org.au Free Event. Transport available from Denmark Registration essential - https://events.humanitix.com/tootanellup-wetlands-blitz
17 Feb to 17 March	**Incredible Shorebirds! Denmark Shorebird Art exhibition**	Focus on the miracle of shorebird migration. Art Exhibition at The Butter Factory Art Studios and Gallery, Denmark Shorebird prints from *The Overwintering project* (Includes focus on the Shorebird Overwintering project and Kate Gorringe-Smith **www.theoverwinteringproject.com**
Monday 14 Feb 2pm – 4.30pm	**Albany Shorebird Event and Exhibition Opening**	Focus on the miracle of shorebird migration. Part of the Shorebird Overwintering project and Kate Gorringe-Smith overwinteringproject@gmail.com and Presentations Venue: Vancouver Arts Centre, Albany. Register at https://events.humanitix.com/the-miracle-of-shorebird-migration-art-exhibition-opening-albany
Wed 16 Feb 9.30am -12.30pm	**Denmark Bird Talks 5**	A series of talks run by Denmark Bird Group, on topics including Backyard Birds, Terns, Threatened Species and Black Cockatoos Venue: RSL Hall, Denmark For further information and registration contact Kirsty at enquiries@denmarkbirdgroup.org
Thursday 17 Feb 5-7.30pm	**Denmark Shorebird Event and Exhibition Opening**	Focus on the miracle of shorebird migration. Denmark opening of the Shorebird Overwintering Exhibition Venue: Butter Factory Studios For more information contact Janinne at woven2land@bigpond.com To register visit: https://events.humanitix.com/the-miracle-of-shorebird-migration-art-exhibition-opening-denmark
Sat 19 Feb 8.30am- 10.30am	**Bird Photography Walk**	Bird Photography Walk around Lake Seppings with renowned photographer Georgina Steytler from 8:30 - 10:30am. Hosted by BirdLife. Meet at Lake Seppings Drive carpark (Mira Mar side of the lake). For further info email albanybirds@hotmail.com This

		event is now full – no further registrations taken.
Sat 19 Feb 2-4.40pm & Sunday 20 Feb 8 to 11am	**Denmark Shorebird ID Workshop –** with DBG and Birdlife WA	Denmark Shorebird Workshop with Birdlife's 2 at Denmark CRC (Gallery Room.To Register or more info contact Kirsty at enquiries@denmarkbirdgroup.org
Sun 20 Feb 8am – 11am	**Meet the Birds Along the Kalgan River**	TBC. 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 (by donation) . Please register with Wayne Monks at wmonks@westnet.com.au or call 0499113193
Tues 22 Feb 2-3.30pm	**Workshop: Learn to Identify Backyard Birds**	Learn to Identify Backyard Birds. Workshop at Albany Library from 2 - 3:30pm. Register with the Albany Library on 08 6820 3600
Sat 26th 2-5pm and Sun 27th Feb 8-11am TBC	**Denmark Shorebird ID Workshop and Fieldtrip–** with DBG and Birdlife WA	Denmark Shorebird Workshop and Field ID at Denmark CRC (venue tbc) and then Wilson Inlet for the Sunday. Venue and speakers TBC
Sat 26 and Sun 27 Feb 2022	**Soil Microscopy Workshops in Denmark**	EarthWhile Australia presents Soil Microscopy Workshops Day 1 10am – 4pm Day 2 9am – 4pm at Denmark CRC 2 Strickland St, Denmark. 1 day-$295 2 days- $550 Inclusive of workbook, use ofmicroscopes, and consumables Tickets through Humanitix or https://bit.ly/3qDf7TS
TBC Monday 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 For more info:TBC
MARCH 2022		
Tues 1 March 3pm - 8pm	**Threatened Birds Field Trip**	Field trip to Waychinicup hosted jointly by BirdLife/Friends of the Western Ground Parrot focussing on endangered birds 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 https://www.trybooking.com/BWKVB
Thurs 3 March 2022 8.30am -12.45pm	**Festival of Birds Symposium in Albany**	TBC 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 Dr Alison Lullfitz, Noongar Elder Lynette Knapp, Shandell Cummings, Susie Cramp and Emeritus Prof John Pate on soils and flora of SW WA. Morning tea provided. Info contact Green Skills 98483310. Cost $10 per person- pay at the door. Registrations TBC more info at https://birdfestival.greenskills.org.au/
Thurs 3 March 5:30pm - 6:30pm	**Albany Library Talk "Birds at Risk of Disappearing Forever"**	Sarah Comer (Regional Ecologist, DCBA)) 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**
Thursday 3 March 2022 5pm -7pm	Black Cockatoo and Great Cocky Count Workshop	With Merryn Prior, Birdlife WA. Venue and registration details TBC
TBC 5 March	A black cockatoo and Kwongan event in Bremer Bay in early March.	South Coast NRM event TBC Bronte Van Helden <brontev@southcoastnrm.com.au>
TBC March	A black cockatoo and Conservation event, location and date TBC	South Coast NRM event TBC Bronte Van Helden <brontev@southcoastnrm.com.au>
Tue 8 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 To be decided.
Sat 12 March 9am – 10.30am	**"Get to know birds by their call –** Bird walk along Oyster Harbour Foreshore	Bird walk along Oyster Harbour Foreshore. 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. No registration required- Just turn up. For more info contact albanybirds@hotmail.com
TBC March or April 12-2.30pm	**Gnowangerup Springs Noongar Cultural Picnic Event**	TBC A Celebration of Noongar culture and history, with stories about a special place in Gnowangerup. Contact Ezzard Flowers, EzzardFlowers9@gmail.com
TBC March or	***Gondwana Link Field***	*Visits to Gondwana Link sites near Wellstead and Boxwood Hill,* ***Bookings essen-***

April	***Trip***	***tial**. Cost $ waged, $ concession. Don't let finances stop you from coming- contact Basil Schur. Meet at 2.45pm for 3pm departure at Green Skills Office 38 Graham Road, Albany. Return by Details and registrations contact Basil Schur on 9848 3310 or email bschur@greenskills.org.au.*
Monday 28 March to Wed 30 March	A	Albany Wetland Summit: South Coast WA. *Land and Water management opportunities and solutions for the Albany Sandplains and North Stirlings Basin* Field Trip and Talks. Venue; Albany Entertainment Centre Day 1 | Field Trip to Manypeaks 12.15pm – 5pm Day 2 | Summit 8am - 5pm Day 3 | Summit 8am – 5pm For further info: Sophie Willsher, South Coast NRM Email: sophiew@southcoastnrm.com.au
APRIL 2022		
Wed 23 March 6pm – 8.30pm	**Film Night –**	Film Night featuring 'River' an inspiring film See https://www.firstshowing.net/2021/river-film-trailer-about-the-relationship-between-humans-rivers/ Orana Cinemas, Albany Contact Film Harvest at info@filmharvest.com.au for details. Event info https://www.facebook.com/filmharvestgreatsouthern/
TBC Sun 3 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! For further details, contact the Great Cocky Count Coordinator, Merryn Pryor at BirdLife Australia, E: greatcockycount@birdlife.org.au ph 08 93837749 Or visit the website - http://www.birdlife.org.au/projects/southwest-black-cockatoo-recovery/great-cocky-count-swbc
Thurs 7 April 12,30 – 3.30pm	**Field Day- Salt Lake foreshores and shorebird conservation for the North Stirling wetland suite**	A half day field day event focussing on practical ways to protect salt lake foreshores for shorebird nesting habitat. Meet at Bobs Lake Bird Hide, 15km from Cranbrook, Registration details TBC. Range of speakers. Visit to local project site.
Sunday 10 April TBC	**Kite Fiesta. With Michael and Jan Alvares. At Walpole**	Come fly kites with Michael and Jan Alvares of Kite Kinetics. They have giant whales and whale sharks to fly. Kite making workshops. Fun for the Whole family. Details to be confirmed.
TBC Sunday 16 April Albany,	A threatened species and threatened ecological community event we are thinking of holding	South Coast NRM event. Details TBC | Bronte Van Helden <brontev@southcoastnrm.com.au>
Fri 15 April to Sat 23 April	Annual Art in the Porongurup 20th Birthday Sculpture Exhibition	Friends of the Porongurup Range Art in the Porongurup Committee will hold this Sculpture exhibition **Porongurup Hall grounds & trails, 2257 Porongurup Rd, Porongurup** central to the Porongurup National Park, Twin Creeks Reserve, scenic walks and drives. Outdoor art will be free parking and toilets nearby. ART IN THE DARK Friday **22 April** from 5.30pm: Guided torchlight tours of the sculptures... Music... Food available... BYO Book with Scott 9853 1110 For further info contact friends@porongurup.org.au

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