

# Mt Barney Lodge Birdweek

9-13 September 2009

## Birdweek Summary

Experience the bird variety at Mt Barney Lodge with expert guides and structured workshops. There will be a variety of morning, afternoon and evening birdwalks, as well as workshops to extend your bird knowledge. A full program is available upon request.

## Birdweek Leaders

Barry Davies from Gondwana Guides (Winner of the 2005 Australian Eco Guide of the Year) will be the lead guide for the field trips, and will conduct early morning, day and evening guided birdwalks. Barry also lives within the Scenic Rim, and is well known nationally and internationally for his birding expertise



Image courtesy of Glossy Black Conservancy

## Birdweek Inclusions

### 2-day package

Check in 2pm.  
Check out 11am.  
Meals and Workshops until 5pm on day of departure.

### 4-day package

Check in 2pm.  
Check out 5pm.  
Meals and Workshops until 5pm on day of departure.

### Accommodation

Rooms are available within Homesteads and Cabins with shared facilities.

### All Meals

Breakfasts are continental.  
Lunch is expedition pack for field trip days or buffet style.  
Dinners are 2-course set-menu style.

### Professional tour leader

Daily led bird walks and a variety of workshops.

## Birdweek Fire Spectacular

Lantern-making workshops culminating in an evening performance of a ceremonial bird story through fire, lanterns, dance and music.

## Birdweek Costs

From \$375 double/twin for a 2-day all-inclusive package in Cabin accommodation

From \$855 double/twin for a 4-day all-inclusive package in a Queenslander Homestead.

A 25% deposit secures your preferred booking. Our usual cancellation policy applies.

Note: Single rooms available with a surcharge.

## More Information

EARLY BIRDS will receive 10% off the package price if bookings are made before 12th JULY 2009.

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Supporters of Birdweek include:



The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Queensland Government and Scenic Rim Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture.

## Day by Day

### Wed 9

#### **Welcome Dinner & Bird Overview**

Check into your booked accommodation from 2pm. Enjoy some free time before our official program begins in earnest. There are optional self-guided walks along the creek, the Glossy Black Cockatoo conservation project or spectacular lookout walks. Join us from 6pm for the welcome dinner that includes an overview of birds seen around Mt Barney Lodge.

Meals: D

Walks: optional

### Thurs 10

#### **Mt Gilles and Nocturnal Birds**

An early morning walk to Split Rock waterhole may reveal platypus as well as birds. Go where World-Heritage National park meets grazing land and spy the birds that live on the fringe. Workshops today will cover bird biology, habitat preferences and nocturnal birds. Get crafty helping to construct a ceremonial egg lantern for tomorrow's fire event.. The lantern will be a ceremonial egg consisting of images of local birds, their stories and wishes for the future. Enjoy a sunset wine tasting of local wines, a hearty dinner, then spotlight for nocturnal birds.

Meals: B, L, D

Walks: Split Rock Waterhole – easy, Mt Gilles – hard, Sunset and Nocturnal walk - medium

### Fri 11

#### **Birdcalls and Fire Spectacular**

Discover why gullies provide the perfect wildlife corridor. Michelle Plant will present her research findings on the dilemma of feeding wild birds. Learn more about birding techniques in the workshops today – jizz, behaviour and birdcalls. Our afternoon birdwalk will put your new birding skills into practice. Finish off the egg lantern in preparation for tonight's evening fire event. After dark falls be mesmerized by the performance of local artists in a fire dance spectacular, and be a part of the bonfire ceremony where the egg delivers all the 'wishes' to the universe.

Meals: B, L, D

Walks: Gullies – medium, Bird Call walk - medium

### Sat 12

#### **Rainforest and Twitching**

Today focuses on different environments – water and rainforest. Native and endemic plants will be on sale all day from Ecological Connections - Kay Montgomery will present a workshop on how to use these plants in the home garden to attract birds. The Photocontinental binocular workshop is a great lead in to an introduction to twitching – learn how to do it and compete for a great prize pool! We finish the day with a fun trivia night – all bird related of course!

Meals: B, L, D

Walks: Dam and Creek – easy, Yellowpinch Rainforest – medium

### Sun 13

#### **Split Rock Waterhole and Specialized Birds**

There is no need to rush off today – you have use of your accommodation until 5pm today to linger and relax and make the most of your birding getaway! Start the day exploring the transition between creek and casurinas. Today the focus is on specialized birds – raptors, Glossy Black Cockatoos and Bristlebirds. If you feel like it, spend the afternoon walking into the Lower Portals.

Meals: B,L

Walks: Split Rock Waterhole and Casurina stand – hard, Lower Portals - hard

## Program Changes

We reserve the right to modify the program at any time due to unforeseen circumstances including weather conditions.

## Your Guarantee of Quality

Mt Barney Lodge is an Eco-accredited retreat, and was the 2008 Winner of the Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation Environment Award, and the 2008 Finalist of Tourism Queensland Steve Irwin Ecotourism Award.

## What to Bring

Binoculars, torch, sturdy off-track walking shoes, bird books



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