



Environment Institute
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BIRDING FOR ECOLOGISTS

EIANZ & BSQ WORKSHOP SERIES 2021

Workshop and Learning Outcomes Summary

Workshop 1 – Saturday 10 April

Habitats - Urban/disturbed, grasslands, wetlands, estuarine

Location - Oxley Creek Common

Bird Families - Quail, small raptors, swallows/martins, herons, egrets, fairy-wrens

Ecological Issues – Fragmentation, isolated habitat trees, revegetation, weeds

Workshop 2 – Sunday 16 May

Habitats – Grasslands, wetlands, saltmarsh, estuarine, palustrine

Location/s – Kedron Brook Wetlands, Tinchy Tamba Wetlands &/or Nathan Road Wetlands

Bird Families – Finches, honeyeaters, grass owls, kingfishers

Ecological Issues – Development/recreation, wetland management, tidal inundation

Workshop 3 – Saturday 19 June

Habitats – Open eucalypt forest and woodland

Location: Harding's Paddock, Goolman Conservation Estate

Bird Families – Babblers, robins, mistletoebirds, pardalotes, honeyeaters, quail-thrush

Ecological Issues – Drought survival, refugia, bird migrations, woodland birds, fires

Workshop 4 – Saturday 17 July

Habitats & location – To be determined based on participant feedback

Workshop 5 – Saturday 14 August

Habitats – Subtropical rainforest and wet eucalypt forest

Location: Maiala National Park

Bird Families – Scrubwrens, robins, owls, fruit-doves, bowerbirds, riflebirds, thornbills

Ecological Issues – Climate change, fragmentation, hollows, native figs/fruits, call mimicry

Workshop 6 – Saturday 18 September

Habitats – Tidal mudflats, estuarine, freshwater wetlands

Location/s: Port of Brisbane and Wynnum foreshore

Bird Families – Migratory and resident shorebirds, coastal raptors, ibis, ducks, cormorants

Ecological Issues – Development and reclamation, pollution, global migrations, bird banding

Learning Outcomes

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Develop/refine skills in bird identification by sight and sound.
- Be confident using binoculars and scopes in the field.
- Learn how to detect feeding, roosting and breeding habitats used by birds.
- Understand the suite of ecological resources used by birds.
- Visit at least six broad ecosystem types with various bird habitats.
- Recognise ecological gaps and threatening processes and how these impact birds.
- Learn about bird conservation activities.
- Use citizen science apps (eBird and Birddata) and other birding resources.
- Be trained in nationally recognised bird survey methodologies.
- Learn about birding organisations locally and nationally.