

# **Tamborine Mountain Natural History Association Bird Walk Report: Lost World and Duck Creek Road**

**Date:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010

**Members in attendance:** Dawn Hooper, David Sykes,  
Susan Cantrell, Julie Lake, Pat Stockwell.

**Visitors in attendance:** Raymond Cantrell, Colin Weir,  
Hilary Sawyer, Tony Obermeit.

**Walk Leader:** Susan Cantrell

**Report by:** Susan Cantrell



The June Birdwalk (or was it a Bird-drive?) turned out to be a terrific day. After a miserable week the weather Gods smiled on us with just the most perfect day imaginable. Nine of us left in four cars from Doughty Pk at 7.05 am. First major stop was the large man-made dam on the Kerry Road a few kilometres out of Beaudesert. This boosted the bird count a bit with sightings of most of the usual water-birds. Dawn did her usual efficient job of keeping the bird-list. We began the list right from Doughty Pk and had already seen many species even before the first stop, including the Double-barred Finches along the Kerry Rd. We missed Gail with her skill on the camera.

We carried on to Darlington Pk for a short walk along the Albert River. Saw a family of seven almost-grownup Pacific Black Ducks. From there it wasn't too far to the first gate at Lost World which is beside a lovely copse of Acacias and Silky Oaks on a crossing of the river. Saw a Restless Flycatcher here amongst other bush birds.

Had morning tea (serenaded by the colony of Bell Miners) about 10am at the end of the road where Bernard O'Reilly built his little guest house back in the 1950's. A beautiful Black-shouldered Kite entertained us with it's hovering and diving about thirty metres away. Also saw a very bright male Rose Robin in the Silky Oak just a few metres from where we were sitting. Fortified, we tackled the creek crossing on foot and walked upriver a couple of hundred metres. The resident Azure Kingfisher was there and a Brush Cuckoo. Julie cleared up the mystery of some LBJ's (Little Brown Jobs - small brown birds) which were hopping around in the lantana on the creek bank. Brown Gerygones! Other notables were the three species of fairy wren - Variegated, Superb and Red-backed, and a Dusky Woodswallow and Jacky Winter on the fence.

Left Lost World at about 12 midday and made it to the top of Duck Ck Road for lunch at 1.30pm. Saw the Brown Falcon on a fence post just before the ascent. No Bristle-birds though! The views made up for it. They were stunning, the atmosphere being so clear, such perfect weather. We made a detour up to O'Reilly's and walked into the Botanic Gardens. The tourists had scared away most of the birds, it being a Saturday, but we finally saw the White-browed Scrub-Wrens and Eastern Yellow Robins.

Left O'Reilly's about 3.30pm, just early enough to make the descent without the danger of hitting a Pretty-face Wallaby. They were yet to emerge for their evening feed. We ducked up Sarabah (Canungra Ck) for a quick squiz around. The evening shadows were creeping up the valley when we reached the end of the road. No Glossy-blacks but a Nankeen Kestrel dived into the grass right beside the lead car on the way up and we saw another Azure Kingfisher on one of the creek crossings.

Arrived home on the Mountain about 5.30pm. It was a great day out, which everyone enjoyed including the four new visitors (potential members?). Such a lovely part of the world. The bird species tally for the day was 68.

**BIRD LIST - provided by Dawn**

Australasian Grebe	Restless Flycatcher
Little Pied Cormorant	Grey Fantail
Intermediate Egret	Willy Wagtail
White-faced Heron	Eastern Whipbird
Wood Duck	Superb Blue Wren
Pacific Black Duck	Variiegated Wren
Black-shouldered Kite	Red-backed Wren
Brown Falcon	White-browed Scrub Wren
Nankeen Kestrel	Brown Gerygone
Australian Brush Turkey	White-throated Gerygone
Comb-crested Jacana	Brown Thornbill
Dusky Moorhen	White-throated Treecreeper
Masked Lapwing	Little Wattlebird
Crested Pigeon	Noisy Friarbird
Spotted Turtle-Dove	Blue Face Honeyeater
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	Noisy Miner
Galah	Bell Miner
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Lewin's Honeyeater
Rainbow Lorikeet	Yellow-faced Honeyeater
Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	Scarlet Honeyeater
King Parrot	Eastern Spinebill
Pale-headed Rosella	Silvereye
Crimson Rosella	Spotted Pardalote
Brush Cuckoo	Striated Pardalote
Pheasant Coucal	Red-browed Finch
Laughing Kookaburra	Double-barred Finch
Azure Kingfisher	Magpie-lark
Welcome Swallow	Dusky Woodswallow
Australian Pipit	Pied Butcherbird
Rose Robin	Grey Butcherbird
Eastern Yellow Robin	Pied Currawong
Jacky Winter	Australian Magpie
Golden Whistler	Satin Bowerbird
Grey Shrike-Thrush	Torresian Crow



*Pacific Black Duck*