



Bird Observers Outing Sunday 16TH FEBRUARY 2014

This first outing for 2014 was to the Yaroomba Bushland Conservation Reserve, a small area consisting of four different coastal ecosystems that developed on an old parabolic dune system which is estimated to be 30,000 years old. These ecosystems are open forest, vine forest, freshwater wetland and wallum woodland. This reserve provides protection to stands of the Richmond Birdwing Vine, *Pararistolochia praevenosa*, which is one of the crucial key elements for the survival of the Richmond Birdwing Butterfly, *Ornithoptera richmondia*. We did not see any Richmond Birdwing Butterflies, we did however feel many mosquitos! The butterflies that we did see were brilliantly coloured and very fresh looking. Birds were somewhat scarce but all present enjoyed the walk.



Orchard Swallowtail female.[RH]



Varied Triller. [RH]

Birds: Spotted Dove, Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, [H], Galah, Rainbow Lorikeet, White-browed Scrubwren, Large-billed Scrubwren [H], Brown Thornbill, Lewin's Honeyeater, Noisy Miner, Little Wattlebird, Brown Honeyeater, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Noisy Friarbird [H], Eastern Whipbird, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Varied Triller, Golden Whistler, Little Shrike-thrush, Pied Butcherbird, Australian Magpie, Spangled Drongo, Grey Fantail, Torresian Crow, Leaden Flycatcher, Magpie-lark, Rose Robin [H], Eastern Yellow Robin, Welcome Swallow.

Butterflies: White-banded Plane, Orchard Swallowtail, Lemon Migrant, Common Crow, Splendid Ochre, Brown Ringlet, Blue Tiger, Glasswing.

Other: Goanna



Banksia robur [JH]



Juvenile Lewin's Honeyeater. [RH]



Following morning tea, those who did not have other engagements travelled to River Road, Maroochy River. Most of the group had not been here before, having been hindered by a very wet road or more recently ongoing road repairs. No such problems this time. We parked at the end of the road and commenced our observing from the road verge. During normal weather this area is a vast waterlogged area and the birds are easily observed from the road. The owner was cultivating his paddocks and he asked us would we like to walk to one of his dams and we were pleased with this opportunity.

Birds: Brown Quail, Grey Teal, Pacific Black Duck, Little Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, Australian Pelican, Eastern Great Egret, Intermediate Egret, Cattle Egret, White-faced Heron, Glossy Ibis, Australian White Ibis, Straw-necked Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Whistling Kite, Nankeen Kestrel, Australian Hobby, Purple Swamphen, Red-kneed Dotteral, Masked Lapwing, Dollarbird, White-breasted Woodswallow, Australian Magpie, Willy Wagtail, Torresian Crow, Tawny Grassbird, Red-browed Finch.

Butterflies: Blue Tiger, Monarch.

We then drove to Wappa Dam for lunch.

Thanks to all who were able to attend.

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