

**Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group Inc.**

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Support Group Inc.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**May meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm at the Mangrove Room.**

**Note change of time!!!!!!!!!!**

**Next Bird Observers' Group Outing. 0700am start.**

**14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**Mini extended outing**

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## ***President's Column***

Folks,

This month has seen the development of the Cane Cutters' Building display progressing well. Cat has completed the first draft of the indigenous storybook and it will be available for your input soon. We will be having a discussion about this at our next meeting.

Building on the great work that Katie did in 2012 in building the platform for our website, Cat has also refurbished the website and I would encourage you to go in and have a look at it. If you have any suggestions about how we could add to it and/or enhance what has been done please let us know.

Michelle has picked up the role of publicity coordinator in Deb's absence and we thank her enormously for doing this.

The birdo outing report is attached and we think Judy for coordinating these events. The next outing is in June and it is the mini extended outing to Crow's Nest.

If you have the capacity to encourage some new members then it would be great. One way to show support for the wetlands, not only at Bli Bli but also throughout the Sunshine Coast and Queensland is to join our group. That's it, nothing more and by doing this we are then able to show a groundswell of support for the protection of wetlands.

You may have heard that Bob Irwin has launched a major effort to protect the Barrier Reef. We will be supporting his efforts by protecting wetlands that contribute clean waters to our adjacent marine environments.

Our next meeting will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May at the Mangrove Room.

Hope to see you at the next meeting at the Mangrove Room, 9<sup>th</sup> of May.

Derek

## ***Through the Sanctuary***

***Robyn Howard***

### **Golden Mistletoe (*Notothixos subaureus*)**

Several mistletoes are common at the wetlands sanctuary. One of the most easily recognized and interesting species is the Golden Mistletoe. Whilst this species may live directly on rain-forest plants, at the sanctuary, it seems to only parasitise other mistletoes, commonly the Swamp Oak Mistletoe (*Amyema cambagei*). The Golden Mistletoe is named for the perceived shade of its leaves and flowers, but may also reflect a silver or grey hue. Leaves are 3 to 5 cm. in length with hairs on the underside. The tiny flowers are also hairy and borne in clusters. Fruit are approximately 5 mm, and are eaten by Mistletoebirds, honeyeaters, and possums.



The hairs are clear on the stems, leaf undersides and flowers (Photos – Robyn Howard)





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Bird Observers.**

It was a beautiful clear morning for our second outing for this year. Several members were still away so it was a small group that gathered at Bill Kear Waterway, Maroochy River Conservation Park, on Ocean Drive at Marcoola. Many small birds chose to keep to themselves this morning which was a disappointment. We did walk nearly to the Cottonwood Street end of the walkway before retracing our steps. Following morning tea we drove to the farm dam area along Finland Road, an old favourite, that never fails to surprise with its diversity of birdlife. One highlight that we had was brilliant views of the Azure Kingfisher skimming the water. We then travelled to Muller Park at Bli Bli. There is usually a surprise at the Fishing Park, on this occasion for me it was the combined group of Red-kneed and Black-fronted Dotterels.

**Birds: Bill Kear Waterway.**

Australian Brush-turkey, Pacific Black Duck, Bar-shouldered Dove, Eastern Great Egret, Australian White Ibis, Little Eagle, Rainbow Lorikeet, Shining Bronze Cuckoo,[H], Fan-tailed Cuckoo, White-throated Treecreeper, [H], White-browed Scrubwren, [H], Brown Thornbill, Striated Pardalote, Lewin's Honeyeater, Little Wattlebird, Scarlet Honeyeater,[H], White-throated Honeyeater, Eastern Whipbird, [H], Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Golden Whistler,[H], Rufous Whistler, [H], Little Shrike-thrush, White-breasted Woodswallow, Grey Butcherbird, [H], Pied Currawong, Spangled Drongo, Grey Fantail, Willie Wagtail, Torresian Crow, Magpie-lark, Eastern Yellow Robin, Silvereye, Mistletoebird, [H].

**Butterflies: Bill Kear Waterway.**

Monarch, Varied Dusky-blue, Small Green-banded Blue, Large Grass-yellow, Common Crow.

**Birds: Finland Road.**

Plumed Whistling Duck, Wandering Whistling Duck, Grey Teal, Pacific Black Duck, Hardhead, Australasian Grebe, Australasian Darter, Little Pied Cormorant, Eastern Great Egret, Intermediate Egret, Little Egret, Australian White Ibis, Purple Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Masked Lapwing, Azure Kingfisher, Laughing Kookaburra, Forest Kingfisher, Sacred Kingfisher, White-throated Gerygone, Lewin's Honeyeater, Noisy Miner, White-throated Honeyeater, Noisy Friarbird, Rufous Whistler, Grey Shrike-thrush, Australian Magpie, Spangled Drongo,[H], Grey Fantail, Willie Wagtail, Magpie-lark, Welcome Swallow, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin.

**Butterflies: Finland Road.**

Orchard Swallowtail, Varied Eggfly, Black Jezabel, Northern Jezabel, Glasswing, Swamp Tiger, Monarch.

**Birds: Muller Park.**

Black Swan, Australian Wood duck, Chestnut Teal, Pacific Black Duck, Crested Pigeon, Little Pied Cormorant, Great Cormorant, Australian Pelican, Intermediate Egret, White-faced Heron, Little Egret, Nankeen Night-heron, Australian White Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, Purple Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Black-winged Stilt, Black-fronted Dotterel, Red-kneed Dotterel, Masked Lapwing, Rainbow Lorikeet, Red-backed Fairy-wren, [H], Noisy Miner, Brown Honeyeater, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Rufous Whistler, [H], Pied Butcherbird, Magpie-lark, Welcome Swallow, Mistletoebird.

**Butterflies: Muller Park.**

Large Grass-yellow, Lemon Migrant, Monarch.

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Our next outing is the mini extended outing to Crow's Nest on 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June. Please make your own bookings at the Crow's Nest Tourist Park [or the Motel]. This is a self catering outing.

The Caravan Park will have a free sausage sizzle and salads on Friday night. Should you require any further information please contact me, 5441 2838.

Judith Hewett.