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Bird Observers Outing: Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary, Sports Road Bli **Sunday 19th August**

A sunny winter morning, just perfect for a walk at the Wetlands. Twenty people, including some new to the Wetlands, joined us for the walk to the pontoon and return. The group quickly split into smaller groups, and there were many questions that the participants had along the way. Robyn and Carole were there to provide the answers; thanks to you both. On our return to the Information Centre we enjoyed morning tea in the sun. Some people left after this as they had other appointments to attend.



Following morning tea, we walked down Sports Road to check out the dam, usually a good place to see an assortment of waterbirds, and it did not disappoint. Once back at the centre there were only three remaining for lunch.

Such a pleasant morning, thanks to all who were able to attend.

Birds:

Australian Wood Duck, Pacific Black Duck, Hardhead, Australian Brushturkey, Australasian Grebe, Australian White Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, Eastern Cattle Egret, Great Egret, White-faced Heron, Australian Pelican, Little Black Cormorant, Black Kite, Whistling Kite, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Dusky Moorhen, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Bar-shouldered Dove, Shining Bronze Cuckoo, [H] Laughing Kookaburra, Azure Kingfisher, Rainbow Bee-eater, Rainbow Lorikeet, Pale-headed Rosella, [H] White-throated Treecreeper, Red-backed Fairywren, Dusky Honeyeater, Scarlet Honeyeater, Brown Honeyeater, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Noisy Miner,

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Lewin's Honeyeater, one was nestbuilding, Striated Pardalote, White-Browed Scrubwren, Mangrove Gerygone, Eastern Whipbird, Pied Butcherbird, Pied Currawong, Black-faced Cuckooshrike, Varied Triller, Australian Golden Whistler, Little Shrikethrush, Grey Shrikethrush, Australian Figbird, Olive-backed Oriole, Willie Wagtail, Grey Fantail, Rufous Fantail, Spectacled Monarch, Restless Flycatcher, Shining Flycatcher, Torresian Crow, Eastern Yellow Robin, Mistletoebird.

Snake:

Green Tree snake

Butterflies:

Wanderer, Black Jezebel, Brown Ringlet.



Unidentified bugs

We were not only looking at birds as these two photos show. Once back at the centre we used the new microscope to look at the detail on the butterfly pupa. Then we returned it to its mistletoe, firmly attached, to continue its life cycle.



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Black Jezebel pupa on Amyena cambagei

Because several of us will be away on the allocated date for the next bird outing it has been decided to bring the outing forward by one week. This outing is to Cahill Scrub at Peachester. Detailed information will be sent closer to the date.

The new date is: Sunday 14th October at 730am.

All photographs by Robyn.

Judith.

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