

OUTING TO ELLALONG LAGOON



Twenty-four HBOC members ably led by Mick Roderick spent a productive morning birding at Ellalong Lagoon, private land owned by Port Waratah Coal Services.

An early sighting was a pair of Gang-gang Cockatoos feeding high in the foliage. This was lifer for at least one of us. We soon came across several birds in the parrot family, including Musk, Rainbow and Little Lorikeets. The most numerous being at least 20 Little Lorikeets, which provided great photo opportunities.



Photo: Ray Burton



Photo: Rob Palazzi

Another family well represented were the honeyeaters, with 9 species recorded, including a solitary Striped Honeyeater feeding quietly. The most prevalent was the Yellow-tufted, looking gorgeous in the sunlight. Sadly, no Regent Honeyeaters.



Photo: Rob Palazzi

Some were able to get good photos of a White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike and several Rose Robins, while a couple of others had fleeting glimpses of two Chestnut-rumped Heathwrens, which were heard mimicking several small passerines.

A total of 50 species were seen in the morning. Thanks to Trevor Thompson from PWCS for accompanying us, and to Mick with his acute sense of hearing picking up all the heathwren calls.

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Photo: David Bulbert