

South Coast Festival of Birds

*Presenting an array of entertaining community events
showcasing the beautiful bird fauna of the south coast of WA*

MARCH 2017

EVENTS :

- Symposium, 17 March at WA Museum—Albany
- Bird watching outings & ID
- Bird talks at the Albany Library
- Gondwana Link discovery tour
- Bird workshops: photography & birds in gardens
- Photography & Art Exhibition
- SunSmart Albany Kite Fiesta 2017, 26 March
- School-based activities
- Seabird Conservation Forum



For further information and to register
please see the Festival website:

www.birdfestival.greenskills.org.au

or contact Green Skills: 98483310

MAIN EVENT:

Festival of Birds Symposium

8.45am to 1pm, Friday 17th March 2017

WA Museum—Albany

Welcome to Country

Keynote presentations:

Professor Steve Hopper

Professor of Biodiversity at UWA's Centre of Excellence in Natural Resource Management

'Language and spirit of south coast bird life: Noongar and western science perspectives'

Milly Formby

WA Shorebird 2020 Co-ordinator who plans to fly along the flyway!

Boyd Wykes

Accomplished ornithologist will talk about his life studying birds

Keith Lightbody

Renowned WA bird photographer will share career highlights

Also a **Panel of WA biologists** will share their knowledge and love of the wonderful birds of the Lower South West

Bird photography, art and information displays

Entry Cost \$10

Morning Tea will be provided— provide your own lunch.

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Date	Title	Details
Sat 18 th Feb 6.30am	Bird Watching and Nature Guided Walk.	Starting from Mt Trio Camp Grounds, Stirling Ranges/ <i>Koi Kyeenu-ruff</i> , this walk is part of a Poonarti Tours and Green Skills weekend (http://www.poonarti.com.au/) Contact Basil Schur 98483310 or bschur@greenskills.org.au
Tue 7 th Mar to Mon 20 th Mar 11am-4pm daily	Photographic and Art Exhibition <i>"The Wonderful Birds of the South Coast"</i>	Exhibition at WA Museum- Albany. Spectacular bird photography by keen photographers Keith Lightbody, Dick Walker and others. Art by local Albany and WA artists. Open daily except when other festival events are on in the hall. Free entry
Thu 9 th Mar 5:30-6:30pm	Albany Library Talk <i>Albany's Amazing Birds"</i>	Get to know some of the amazing birds of the South Coast Region. Free Event by BirdLife Australia. Please register with the library: (08) 9841 9390
Sun 12 th Mar 8:30-10:30am	Lake Seppings Bird Walk	Meet at Lake Seppings car park off Golf Links Rd, Albany. Bring binoculars, hat, sturdy footwear. Free event by BirdLife Australia. For more info contact the local branch: albanysbirds@hotmail.com
Mon 13 th Mar 8.30-10.30am	Learn to identify birds by their call	Meet at Lower King Bridge car park. Bring binoculars, hat, sturdy footwear. Free event by BirdLife Australia. For more info contact the local branch: albanysbirds@hotmail.com
Mon 13 th Mar 3.30-8pm	Western Ground Parrot Field trip	Citizen Science outing to Waychinicup to learn about Western Ground Parrot monitoring. Free Event by Friends of the Western Ground Parrot & Dept of Parks and Wildlife. Limited places, bookings required: wgnparrot@gmail.com Meet at Lower King Bridge car park.
Tue 14 th Mar 8am to lunchtime	Go Birdwatching with BirdLife Australia	Join BirdLife's monthly bird excursion and learn all about shorebirds. Free event. Bring binoculars, hat, lunch and gum boots or footwear that can get wet. For more info contact the local branch: albanysbirds@hotmail.com Meet at Wilson Inlet (end of Morley Road, Youngs Siding)
Tue 14 th Mar 5:30-6:30pm	Albany Library Talk <i>"Birds of the Night"</i>	Free Event by BirdLife Australia. Please register with the library (08) 9841 9390
Wed 15 th Mar 6am-6.30pm	Gondwana Link Bird and Eco Restoration Field Trip	Visits to Gondwana Link sites near Boxwood Hill, the Yongergnow Malleefowl Centre in Ongerup and more, with Dr Nic Dunlop, Vicky Bilney, Eddy and Donna Wajon and others. Bookings essential. Cost \$80 waged, \$44 unwaged. Don't let finances stop you from coming- contact Basil Schur, Green Skills 98483310 bschur@greenskills.org.au Meet at 6.00am at Woolworths Car Park (next to Service Station). Return to Albany by 6.30pm.
Thu 16 th Mar 1.30-4.30pm	Bringing Birds Into Your Garden <i>Getting to know your backyard birds and how to make your garden bird friendly</i>	This Workshop and Garden Visit with Boyd Wykes, experienced ornithologist will cover how to design bird friendly gardens, as well as understanding the diversity of birds that visit home gardens on the south coast. Cost \$10 per person, pay on day. Bookings essential. Contact Green Skills 98483310 or bschur@greenskills.org.au Meet at the WA Museum – Albany.
Fri 17 th Mar 8.30am-1pm	Festival of Birds Symposium in Albany	This main event of the South Coast Festival of Birds will be held at the WA Museum- Albany, featuring high powered speakers including Professor Steve Hopper, Nic Dunlop, Sarah Comer, Boyd Wykes, Keith Lightbody, Amelia Formby and others. Includes Panel and Discussions. Morning tea provided. Cost \$10 per person- pay at the door. Bookings preferred- contact Green Skills 98483310. Arrive 8.30am for 8.45am start.
Sat 18 Mar 8-11am	Bird Photography Outing and Workshop	Bird photography outing with renowned photographer Keith Lightbody visiting birding sites in the Albany area. Cost \$15/\$10 concession. Bookings essential- contact Green Skills 98483310 or bschur@greenskills.org.au
Sat 25 th Mar 9am-12.30pm	Denmark Bird Outing <i>"Birds And Trails of the Forest and Home Garden"</i>	This Workshop and Field Outing will focus on the trail network that John has created on his Land for Wildlife Property as well as his knowledge of birds. Cost \$10. Bring binoculars, hat, sturdy footwear and packed lunch. Meet at 681 Mt Shadforth Road
Sun 26 th Mar 10am-4pm	SunSmart Albany Kite Fiesta 2017	Join Michael and Jan Alvares of <i>Kite Kinetics</i> and Green Skills at Albany ANZA Peace Park for some fun kite making and kite flying. Watch for the giant kites! Free event. Kite Making kits available for \$6
Early April	Yongergnow Mallee Fowl Centre Anniversary Event	Contact Vicky Bilney, Yongergnow Australian Malleefowl Centre, Ongerup WA 6336: (08) 9828 2419 or visitor@yongergnow.com.au
Fri 21 st Apr (tbc)	Albany Seabird Conservation Forum	At UWA Albany – Contact Dr Nic Dunlop: 0409014030 or tern@iinet.net.au Or Harriet Paterson: 0401588846 or Harriet.Paterson@uwa.edu.au
Wed 26 th Apr 6.15pm	Film Night <i>"The Eagle Huntress"</i>	Orana Cinemas, Albany Contact Film Harvest at info@filmharvest.com.au for details.



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