

The South Coast Festival of Birds & Biodiversity 2019 Program -v14F

Festival website: <https://birdfestival.greenskills.org.au/>

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| JANUARY 2019 | | |
| Mon 21 Jan – Fri 1 Mar | Gondwana Connections Art Exhibition Giant Paintings Mapping Special Country | Katanning Exhibition & Opening Art and Photographic Exhibition open: Tuesday 22 January -Friday 1 st March 2019 At the Katanning Public Library & Art Gallery 16 Austral Terrace, Katanning (open 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday, 10-1pm Saturday morning) Art Exhibition Opening Event: 4 pm Monday 21 January 2019 |
| Wed 23 Jan - Mon 28 Jan | Chingarrup Fauna Monitoring & Citizen Science Australia Day Weekend | Wide range of fauna monitoring and environmental activities. With Eddy and Donna Wajon, and the Conservation Council Citizen Science Program, Free Event but people should come self-contained for camping and catering. For info and to register please contact Eddy Wajon at wajonpub@bigpond.com |
| Fri 31 Jan 1pm– Mon 4 Feb 11am | Balijup Fauna Citizen Science & Monitoring Weekend | Wide range of fauna monitoring and environmental activities. With Green Skills. and the Conservation Council Citizen Science Program, Free Event but people should come self-contained for camping and catering. For info and to register please contact Basil Schur 98483310 or bschur@greenskills.org.au |
| FEBRUARY 2019 | | |
| Sat 2 Feb 8 - 9am | World Wetland Day | "Meet the Birds of Lake Seppings" Join BirdLife for a short walk to learn more about wetland birds. Meet at Lake Seppings Drive parking area, MiraMar. Free event |
| Sat 2 Feb 9am - 1pm | World Wetland Day | Albany Town Square. Stalls and Events 9am to 1pm Includes 7 min films (5- 10 minutes each) on the Wetlands of Gondwana Link at Albany Library. Upstairs room of City of Albany Library Film screenings repeat hourly. Free. |
| Sunday 3 Feb | Annual Shorebird Survey \on South Coast | BirdLife's annual national summer shorebird (we include other waterbirds as well). For information contact Brad Kneebone 98452233 |
| Wed 20 Feb 10am - 2pm | Lake Nunijup Wetland Citizen Science Survey | With Geraldine and Steve Janicke. For info contact Basil Schur 98483310 or bschur@greenskills.org.au Registration essential - https://birdfestival.greenskills.org.au/ |
| Sun 24 Feb 9am- 1pm | Meet the Birds Along the Kalgan River | This tour will include a Biodiversity Walk along the Kalgan River led by Wayne Monks at Riverside Drive, Upper Kalgan. Bring along a packed lunch, sturdy shoes and binoculars. Meet at the Upper Kalgan Hall car park at start of the Luke Pen walk trail. Free event . Please register with Wayne Monks wmonks@westnet.com.au 0499113193 |
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| MARCH 2019 | | |
| Fri 1-Sat 30 Mar 10am -4pm daily | Birds and Wildlife Photography Exhibition | 'Feathered & Furred - Celebrating South Coast Fauna' Photography Exhibition at Three Anchors (2 Flinders Pde, Middleton Beach) by award-winning WA nature photographer Georgina Steytler (www.georginasteytler.com.au) . Public Opening of exhibition: 6pm Friday 1st March . Free entry. |
| Sat 2 nd March 2-4pm | The Great Cocky Count- Denmark Workshop | The Great Cocky Count is a long-term citizen science survey run by BirdLife Australia and the biggest single survey for Black-Cockatoos in WA. On April 7 th 2019 volunteers will venture out to monitor known roost sites around WA to count Black-Cockatoos as they come in to their evening roosts. This workshop, at the Denmark Environment Centre meeting room, is aimed at helping people get involved in the Count. Please register you interest in attending the workshop with Melissa Howe at 0419014357 Email missliss.howe@gmail.com or with Rebecca Boyland, Southwest Black-Cockatoo Project Coordinator, BirdLife Australia at on 08 9287 2251 or rebecca.boyland@birdlife.org.au |
| Mon 4 Mar 8.30-10.30am | Lake Seppings Bird Walk | Meet at Lake Seppings car park off Golf Links Rd for a guided walk around the lake. Bring binoculars, sturdy footwear. recommended. Free event by BirdLife. For more info contact the local branch: albanybirds@hotmail.com |
| Tue 5 March 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Albany Library Talk "Fascination with Birds" | Anne Bondin (Birdlife Australia) will be the speaker. Free event at Albany Public Library, York Street, Albany 6330. Please register with the library: (08) 9841 9390 |
| 8 March to 5 | Shorebird Print Exhi- | Exhibition of Shorebird Flyway and locally produced prints at Denmark |

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| March | bition | Butterfactory Art Gallery and Studios with accompanying print making workshop with Nikki Green in Feb/March 2019. Details TBC. Contact Basil Schur at 98483310 or bschur@greenskills.org.au |
| Sat, 9 March and Sun 10 March | Bird and Wildlife Photographic workshops | Photography Talk: Top Tips for Photographing Birds and other Animals. \$35 9.30am to 12 noon. Mini Bird Photography Workshops 2.30pm - 6.30pm \$125 (Max 5 people) near Lake Seppings) on both Saturday and Sunday, followed by image review at Three Anchors Cafe Gallery. With acclaimed WA nature photographer Georgina Steytler at the Green Skills Albany office, 38 Graham St, Albany. Majority of the profit will be donated to bird conservation. Registrations and details www.georginasteytler.com.au |
| Mon 11 Mar 9am – 10.30am | Get to know birds by their call | Meet at Lake Seppings car park off Golf Links Rd, Albany. Learn how to identify birds by their call. Bring binoculars, hat, sturdy footwear. Free event hosted by BirdLife For more info contact albanysbirds@hotmail.com |
| Tue 12 Mar 8am - 1pm | Go Birdwatching with BirdLife Australia | Join BirdLife's monthly excursion and learn all about shorebirds. Free event. Bring binoculars, lunch, sturdy footwear recommended. For more info contact the local branch: albanysbirds@hotmail.com . Meet at Wilson Inlet (end of Morley Road, Youngs Siding). |
| Tue 12-Wed 13 March overnight | 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 2pm Tue 12 March at Woolworths Car Park (next to Service Station). Return by 5pm Wed 13 March. Registration essential - https://birdfestival.greenskills.org.au/ |
| Wed 13 March 5.30pm | Shadow puppet performance | Spike the Echidna by Little Wings Puppets – shadow puppet performance. A baby echidna in search of where he belongs... Combining shadow puppetry and physical comedy Spike is an interactive experience for a family audience. At Denmark Civic Centre. Cost6 & under: \$5 7-13 yrs: \$10 14-100 yrs: \$15. (Shadow Puppet workshop on Wed 13 March - TBC Bookings/info: www.denmarkarts.com.au |
| Thu 14 March 3pm - 8pm | Threatened Species Habitat Visit | Field trip to Waychinicup hosted jointly by BirdLife/Friends of the Western Ground Parrot focussing on endangered species of the Albany region. Guestspeaker: Regional ecologist Sarah Comer (DBCA). Meet at Lower King Bridge car park. Sturdy footwear recommended. Also bring water and something to snack on. Limited places. Cost: \$20. Booking required: https://www.trybooking.com/457411 |
| Fri 15 th March 8.30am - 12.45pm | Festival of Birds Symposium in Albany | This main event of the South Coast Festival of Birds will be held at the University of WA, 35 Stirling Tce, Albany featuring high powered speakers including UWA's Professor Steve Hopper, Dr Nic Dunlop, Angela Sanders, Sarah Comer and others. Includes Panel and Discussions. Morning tea provided. Info contact Green Skills 98483310. Cost \$10 per person- pay at the door. Registrations at https://birdfestival.greenskills.org.au/ |
| Tue 19 March – 29 April | Gondwana Connections Art Exhibition <i>Giant Paintings Mapping Special Country</i> | Cranbrook Exhibition & Opening Art and Photographic Exhibition at the Cranbrook Hub, off Great Southern Highway. Art Exhibition Opening Event: TBC |
| Tue 19 March 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Library Talk “ <i>Birds of Prey</i> “ | Anne Bondin (Birdlife Australia) will be the speaker. Free event at Albany Public Library, York Street, Albany 6330. Please register with the library: (08) 9841 9390 |
| Friday 22 nd March 5-6.30pm | Shorebird Print Exhibition- Opening Event | Exhibition Opening and Forum of Shorebird Flyway and locally produced prints at Denmark Butterfactory Art Gallery and Studios Talks, Short film showing. Light refreshments. Contact Basil Schur at 98483310 or bschur@greenskills.org.au |
| 8.30pm to 12noon | Artist and Photographic Shorebird Outing to Wilson Inlet | Outing to Morley Beach, Wilson Inlet for artists, photographers and others, with Basil Schur, Nikki Green and local shorebird experts.Cost \$20/\$15concession holder (pay on day) For further info contact Contact Basil Schur at 98483310 or bschur@greenskills.org.au |
| Sat 23 & Sun 24 March 9am – 1:30pm | Bird ID Workshop | Learn how to identify birds in the field visiting local nature reserves with a guide. Hosted by BirdLife. (Max 10 participants) Cost per day: \$25 (all proceeds go to BirdLife's shorebird conservation program Shorebird 2020) For more info and to book contact the local branch: albanysbirds@hotmail.com |
| Sun 24 Mar 10am - 4pm | SunSmart Albany Kite Fiesta 2019 | Join Michael and Jan Alvares of <i>Kite Kinetics</i> and Green Skills at Albany ANZAC Peace Park, Albany for some fun kite making and kite flying. Watch for the giant kites including a whale and a Whale Shark! Free event. Kite Making kits available for \$6. |

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| Wed 27 March 6pm | Film Night- Harvest Films <i>Local Films</i> | Orana Cinemas, Albany Contact Film Harvest at info@filmharvest.com.au for details. |
| Sat 30 March 9.00 - 11.30am To be Confirmed | Denmark Bird Outing & Talk <i>"Birds of the Forest and Home Garden"</i> | This field outing will visit the home of John Pate, a birdwatching enthusiast, who will give a talk about his observations about birds around his property. Cost \$10. Bring binoculars, hat, sturdy footwear and morning refreshment. Meet at 681 Mt Shadforth Road, Denmark. For info contact Basil Schur 98483310 or bschur@greenskills.org.au Registration at https://birdfestival.greenskills.org.au/ |
| APRIL 2019 | | |
| Fri 5 -Sun7 April | Not Waste Festival – Denmark | Wide range of events and ties. Includes Biodiversity Sculpture Exhibition at Denmark Tip Shop, Wetland Centre and Sanctuary. For more info see- https://greenskills.org.au/denmark-tip-shop/not-waste-festival/ |
| Sun 7 April 5.30pm – 7.30pm | The Great Cocky Count | The Great Cocky Count is a long-term citizen science survey and the biggest single survey for black-cockatoos in Western Australia. Registration at: http://www.birdlife.org.au/projects/southwest-black-cockatoo-recovery/great-cocky-count-swbc For more info: Southwest Black-Cockatoo Project Coordinator BirdLife Australia T 08 9287 2251 greatcockycount@birdlife.org.au birdlife.org.au |
| Wed 10 April 6pm | Film Night – Harvest Films <i>Film title TBC</i> | Orana Cinemas, Albany Contact Film Harvest at info@filmharvest.com.au for details. |
| Fri 19 - Fri26 Apr 9am – 5pm and Sat 27 Apr 9am – 11am | 18th Annual Art in the Porongurups 2019 | Friends of the Porongurup Range Art in the Porongurup Committee will hold this exhibition behind the historic Karribank buildings, 1983 Porongurup Rd, central to the Porongurup National Park, Twin Creeks Reserve, scenic walks and drives. Contact: judykelly@westnet.com.au or 0428 282 016. Entry Adults \$5, children free. Visitor participation welcome (weaving & decoration), free parking and toilets nearby. Artist in Residence Joanne Francis. (Formerly Art in the Park) |
| April | Boat Trip | Albany Pelagic trip with Daniel Mantle |

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