



Day tour 7am - 5.30 pm (6.30am-5.00pm November to March) exploring bird rich areas around Darwin and a 70 kilometre radius that comprises outer Darwin.

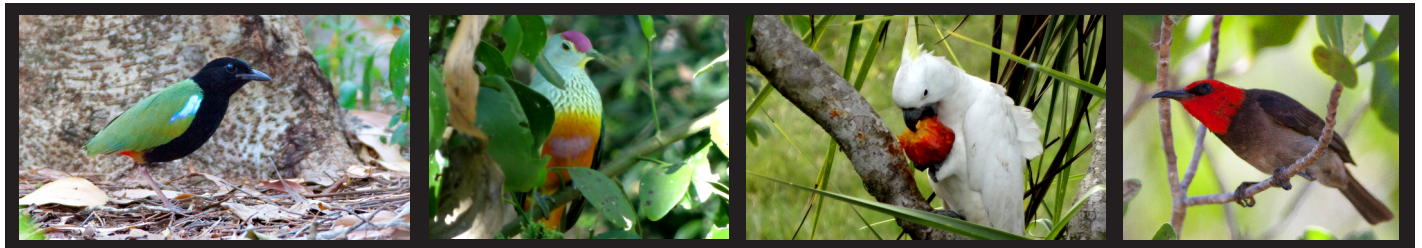
Key species - Rainbow Pitta, Rose-crowned Fruit Dove, Green-backed Gerygone, Broad-billed Flycatcher, Rufous-banded Honeyeater, Red-headed Honeyeater, Brown Whistler, Crimson Finch, Long-tailed Finch, Northern Rosella, Red-winged Parrot, Red-tailed Black Cockatoo, Pied Heron, Magpie Goose, Comb-crested Jacana, Brolga.

Will this tour suit me?

Your tour proceeds at easy and relaxed pace as we do several short walks in parkland and natural habitats. Groups are small, with a maximum of only four keen fellow bird watchers.

Cost - \$595 for one or two people, extra persons \$50 each (maximum four people).

Dates running - Days available are shown on our booking page. Please feel free to enquire if you would like a tour on a day that is not showing as available.



Itinerary

Within minutes of leaving the city, we visit monsoon forest in search of the endemic Rainbow Pitta, Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Varied Triller and Brown Whistler; then we go to a nearby rocky coastline in search of shorebirds, Sacred Kingfisher and Brahminy Kite.

We take the 2km return walk that goes right through the mangroves, along a boardwalk to the mudflats, with a pleasant landing that allows us to sit, listen and observe while various waders, Red-headed Honeyeaters, Broad-billed Flycatchers, Torresian Kingfishers, and other species come into sight.

After visiting some savannah woodland habitat for Forest Kingfisher, Double-barred and Long-tailed Finch, Red-tailed Black Cockatoo, Spangled Drongo and others, we head out to the wetlands of Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve.



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Itinerary (continued) The 60 kilometre drive out to Fogg Dam gives us the opportunity to spot various raptors, kingfishers and the Blue-winged Kookaburra, as well as see a blend of savannah woodland and paperbark forest habitats.

At Fogg Dam, the Pandanus lookout is a great place to eat our picnic lunch overlooking the floodplain.

The spotting scope is set up and we pick out Magpie Geese, Intermediate Egret, Little Egret, Great Egret, Cattle Egret, Pied Heron, Royal Spoonbill, Little Black Cormorant, White-browed Crake, Black-necked Stork and sometimes Brolga from here.

Whistling Kites and often a White-bellied Sea-eagle soar overhead, sometimes Swamp Harrier is seen flying low over the floodplain.

Crimson Finches, Rufous-banded Honeyeaters, Lemon-bellied Flyrobins, Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Forest Kingfisher, Sacred Kingfisher and Paperbark Flycatcher are some of the species that occupy the bush on the edge of the floodplain.

Estuarine Crocodiles, Gilberts Dragon's, Yellow-spotted Monitors, Northern Long-necked Turtles and Common Tree Snakes are sometimes seen here.

Then we explore the 2.2km return Waterlilies boardwalk which takes us along the fringe of wetland, through paperbark forest. We often see Rainbow Pitta, Brown Whistler, Arafura Fantail and Shining Flycatcher.

The return journey back to Darwin gives us an opportunity to view some spectacular Magnetic Termite mounds, before arriving back at your accommodation around 5.30pm.

Inclusions: Pick-up and drop-off to Darwin City accommodation, use of binoculars and spotting scope, sunscreen and insect repellent if required, cold drinking water in clean, insulated stainless steel bottles, morning tea, lunch, afternoon refreshments.

Please Note: Tours usually require a reasonable level of mobility and moderate fitness, but can be adapted to suit the needs or limitations of guests.

For protection from the sun and biting insects, light long sleeved shirt and pants are recommended, sturdy shoes and a hat are a must.

For booking information please visit www.experiencethewild.com.au

