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Tasmania: birds & mammals 5 ½ -day tour 17-22 Nov 2024



Australia's mysterious island state is home to 13 endemic birds as well as some unique mammal species. Our Tasmania: Birds & Mammals tour showcases these wonderful birding and mammal highlights in 5 ½ fabulous days. Bird species include Forty-spotted Pardalote, Dusky Robin, 3 Honeyeaters, Yellow Wattlebird, Tasmanian Native-Hen, Black Currawong, Green Rosella, Tasmanian Scrubwren, Tasmanian

Thornbill and Scrubtit, as well as the beautiful Swift Parrot. Iconic mammals include Tasmanian Devil, Platypus and Echidna. Add wonderful scenery, true wilderness, good food and excellent accommodation, often located within the various wilderness areas we'll be visiting, and you'll realise this is one tour not to be missed! The tour commences and ends in Hobart, and visits Bruny Island, Mt Wellington and Mt Field NP. Join us in 2024 for an unforgettable experience!

Tour starts: Hobart, Tasmania

Tour finishes: Hobart, Tasmania

Scheduled departure & return dates:

• 17-22 November 2024

Price: AU\$4,499 all-inclusive (discounts available).

Leader: Andrew Hingston

Trip reports and photos of previous tours:

<http://www.bellbirdtours.com/reports>

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- Freecall 1800-BIRDING
- email birds@bellbirdtours.com

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Tour starts & finishes: Starts and finishes in Hobart, Tasmania.

Scheduled departure and return dates: Tour commences with dinner on 17 November 2024. Please arrive on/before 17 November. Tour finishes with breakfast on 22 November 2024. Please depart on/after 22 November. Optional add-on day for Orange-bellied Parrot Itinerary contains further details.

Leader: Andrew Hingston, one of Tasmania's top bird and wildlife experts.

Difficulty: Low/Medium/~~High~~/Excellent level of fitness required. The tour has a relaxed pace and walks are on varying surfaces, from paved roads to sandy or rocky walking trails with some short climbs. We generally walk slowly, with lots of stops. You can opt out of any challenging walks.

What to bring: Please travel light. Binoculars, camera, mobile phone, chargers, power adaptors if you're an international guest, insect repellent, sunscreen, personal medications, sun hat, water bottle, hand sanitizer. Sturdy footwear recommended. Scopes, super-telephoto lenses with tripods, and heavy suitcases are discouraged.

Clothing: Lightweight long pants, t-shirt and long-sleeved shirt, over the top of which you can wear layers that can be taken off as necessary, including a jumper / sweater and a wind- and rain-proof jacket.

Group size: Minimum 4, maximum 8 participants.

Cost: AU\$4,499 per person including accommodation and all meals, based on double or twin-share occupancy. Single occupancy surcharge of \$880. Not included: drinks, tips, personal expenses. Earlybird discount of \$99 for bookings received up to 12 months before departure date. Return-client discount may apply. Check our website for discounts T&C's.

Bookings: Online at <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings/> - see the last page of this brochure.

ITINERARY

Day 1 (17 Nov '24): **Arrive Hobart.**

Today has been set aside as an arrival day so you are free to arrive at any time that suits your travel plans. You are to make your own way to the hotel in the city (please see notes at the end of this itinerary) and we will meet at the hotel in the evening for a brief orientation and welcome dinner. Accommodation: **Hobart** (en-suite hotel rooms; Meals Included: D).

Day 2 (18 Nov '24): **Hobart to Bruny Island.**

After breakfast, we will bird local reserves around Hobart, which is situated on a steep rainfall gradient, ranging from averages of 500 mm to 1350 mm within a distance of 25 km. This provides a wide variety of forest types, from grassy woodland to wet forests rich in ferns and mosses, and an opportunity to find a diverse array of birds including Tasmania's endemic species, and see the differing habitat requirements of some of these localized, endemic bird species. After lunch we take a ferry to Bruny Island for our stay on the island. All twelve of Tasmania's endemic species are found on Bruny: Tasmanian Native-hen, Green Rosella, Dusky Robin, Tasmanian Thornbill, Forty-spotted Pardalote, Tasmanian Scrubwren, Scrub-Tit, Yellow Wattlebird, Black Currawong, Strong-billed Honeyeater, Black-headed Honeyeater, and Yellow-throated Honeyeater. Overnight on Bruny Island. Accommodation: **Bruny Island** (cottage style, individual rooms some with en-suite bathroom and some with bathrooms shared between 2-3 people; Meals included: B, L, D).

Day 3 (19 Nov '24): **Bruny Island.**

We will spend a full day birding on the island targeting the endemics and the non-endemics that are more abundant on Tasmania than on the mainland, including Hooded Plover, Brush Bronzewing, Swift Parrot, Flame and Pink Robins, Crescent Honeyeater, and the Forest Raven, Tasmania's only Corvid. Along the coast we should see Fairy Penguins, Black-faced Cormorants, Short-tailed Shearwaters and other seabirds. We will attempt to schedule a visit to a great little reserve where we have a good chance of seeing Forty-spotted Pardalote. At night we will spotlight for marsupials including Bennett's Wallaby, Tasmanian Pademelon, Long-nosed Potoroo, and Eastern Quoll. Overnight on Bruny Island. Accommodation: **Bruny Island** (cottage style, individual rooms some with en-suite bathroom and some with bathrooms shared between 2-3 people; Meals included: B, L, D).



Swift Parrot © G Jones, Tas Native-hen,
 Tas rainforest, Scrubtit © P Waanders

Day 4 (20 Nov '24): **Bruny Island – Mount Field.**

The morning will be an opportunity to pick up anything we have missed on Bruny Island. Partway through the day we will take the ferry back to the mainland and then travel to Mount Field National Park which is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Area and the vast Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. The park offers spectacular scenery and pristine forests and we will pass through vegetation communities ranging from rainforest to alpine, looking for birds and other wildlife along the way. We will enjoy several short walks in the park and keep an eye out for platypus. Overnight near Mount Field. Accommodation near **Mount Field**, (cottage-style, en-suite rooms; Meals Included: B, L, D).

Day 5 (21 Nov '24): **Mount Field – Mount Wellington.**

After breakfast we will continue to explore Mount Field and after lunch we will travel to Mount Wellington. This mountain, at a height of 1270m (around 4,150 feet), affords spectacular views of the city and surrounding landscape on a clear day. Here we will also take a walk through a fern glade with towering tree ferns where we have another chance to see the rather shy Scrubtit as well as Tasmanian Scrubwren and the stunning Pink Robin. Further endemic highlights we find here include Green Rosella, Tasmanian Native Hen, Black Currawong and Yellow Wattlebird. Final dinner and checklist. Accommodation: **Hobart** (en suite motel room; Meals: B.L.D).

Day 6 (22 Nov '24): **Depart Hobart.**

After breakfast continue with your own arrangements to go the airport for onward flights. Accommodation: None (Meals: B).

OR add-on option:

Today you can extend your visit and take an optional flight to the wild southwest corner of Tasmania in search of Orange-bellied Parrots. Take a spectacularly scenic flight to the remote South-West World Heritage area, the area famed not only for its unspoilt wilderness and clean air but also for its birdlife. We will have a chance to see one of the world's rarest birds, the critically endangered Orange-bellied Parrot. With no more than 100 left in the wild, this vivid parrot is teetering on the brink of extinction. Other specialties we hope to see are the elusive Ground Parrot, Striated Fieldwren, Black Currawong, the delightful Southern Emuwren and the Beautiful Firetail. Please note, the flight is weather dependent and we will have limited opportunity to reschedule. The day (flight +guiding) costs around AU\$1000 p/p (TBC) and the flight component will be refunded if cancelled.



*Forty-spotted Pardalote, Beautiful Firetail, Black Currawong, Tas Devil
© P Waanders*

Please note:

- We can arrange hotel bookings and guided extensions to other parts of Tasmania or Australia for you.
- Arrival in Hobart: There is a regular shuttle bus service (The Hobart Airporter) between Hobart airport and the main hotels in the city. Details on the costs and timing of the shuttle can be found at the following website - <http://www.airporterhobart.com.au/>. Alternatively, you may wish to take a taxi to the city – there is no need to pre-book these, they are readily available outside the terminal building. More information on taxis (and additional airport information) can be found here <https://hobartairport.com.au/transportation>
- Meals and drinks: Breakfast generally consists of a continental style breakfast with cereal, fruit and yoghurt and tea/coffee. Full cooked breakfast is not generally offered at most locations. Lunch will generally consist of a packed lunch style meal eaten in the field, with sandwich/filled roll, fruit, and a drink. Dinner usually consists of several options for main with the choice of either an appetiser or dessert. Drinks (soft and alcoholic) are generally not included but at lunches and breakfasts juice may be made available.
- The itinerary: Whilst we aim to follow the itinerary as planned, please note that the itinerary provided should only be used as a guideline. Depending on the particular trip circumstances, weather, and local information, the exact itinerary may not be strictly adhered to. The guides reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary.
- For the pelagic and the South West flight add-on: Both of these activities are weather dependant and there is no guarantee that we will be able to do either. While we will do what we can to reschedule if the weather is not suitable no guarantees can be made in this regard.

Price inclusions and exlusions:

Included: 5 nights en suite accommodation (*but see note on Bruny cottage*), specialist guiding and transport for day and night tours as outlined above, all meals as outlined in the itinerary, activities outlined in the itinerary, National Park entry fees, Bruny Island ferry fares, tax.

Excluded: Travel to & from departure and finish points, Pre- & post trip accommodation, any meals before dinner on Day 1 and after breakfast on Day 6, any activities not described, drinks except where provided, personal expenses, tips, insurance.

Bookings: Please book online: <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings/> - see the last page of this brochure.



Orange-bellied Parrot, Green Rosella,
Hooded Plover, Rose Robin © P
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Possible species list

Emu	Kerguelen Petrel	Baillon's Crake
Cape Barren Goose	Great-winged Petrel	Australian Crake
Black Swan	White-headed Petrel	Spotless Crake
Freckled Duck	Grey-faced Petrel	Australasian Swampphen
Australian Shelduck	Soft-plumaged Petrel	Dusky Moorhen
Pink-eared Duck	Sooty Shearwater	Tasmanian Nativehen
Maned Duck	Short-tailed Shearwater	Eurasian Coot
Mallard	Flesh-footed Shearwater	Pied Oystercatcher
Pacific Black Duck	Fluttering Shearwater	Sooty Oystercatcher
Australasian Shoveler	Common Diving Petrel	White-headed Stilt
Grey Teal	Australasian Grebe	Red-necked Avocet
Chestnut Teal	Hoary-headed Grebe	Banded Lapwing
Hardhead	Great Crested Grebe	Masked Lapwing
Blue-billed Duck	Australian White Ibis	Red-kneed Dotterel
Musk Duck	Straw-necked Ibis	Pacific Golden Plover
Stubble Quail	Royal Spoonbill	Grey Plover
Brown Quail	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Red-capped Plover
Little Penguin	Nankeen Night Heron	Double-banded Plover
Wilson's Storm Petrel	Eastern Cattle Egret	Lesser Sand Plover
Grey-backed Storm Petrel	White-necked Heron	Greater Sand Plover
White-faced Storm Petrel	Great Egret	Hooded Dotterel
Black-bellied Storm Petrel	Intermediate Egret	Black-fronted Dotterel
Wandering Albatross	White-faced Heron	Latham's Snipe
Antipodean Albatross	Little Egret	Black-tailed Godwit
Southern Royal Albatross	Australian Pelican	Bar-tailed Godwit
Sooty Albatross	Australasian Gannet	Whimbrel
Light-mantled Albatross	Little Pied Cormorant	Far Eastern Curlew
Black-browed Albatross	Black-faced Cormorant	Marsh Sandpiper
Campbell Albatross	Little Black Cormorant	Common Greenshank
Shy Albatross	Australian Pied Cormorant	Grey-tailed Tattler
Salvin's Albatross	Great Cormorant	Terek Sandpiper
Grey-headed Albatross	Australasian Darter	Common Sandpiper
Buller's Albatross	Eastern Osprey	Ruddy Turnstone
Southern Giant Petrel	Wedge-tailed Eagle	Great Knot
Northern Giant Petrel	Grey Goshawk	Red Knot
Cape Petrel	Brown Goshawk	Sanderling
Blue Petrel	Collared Sparrowhawk	Red-necked Stint
Antarctic Prion	Swamp Harrier	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
Slender-billed Prion	Whistling Kite	Curlew Sandpiper
Fairy Prion	White-bellied Sea Eagle	Silver Gull
	Lewin's Rail	Pacific Gull

Kelp Gull
Caspian Tern
Greater Crested Tern
Little Tern
Fairy Tern
South Polar Skua
Brown Skua
Pomarine Jaeger
Parasitic Jaeger
Long-tailed Jaeger
Rock Dove
Spotted Dove
Common Bronzewing
Brush Bronzewing
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo
Shining Bronze Cuckoo
Pallid Cuckoo
Fan-tailed Cuckoo
Australian Masked Owl
Eastern Barn Owl
Morepork
Tawny Frogmouth
Australian Owlet-nightjar
White-throated Needletail
Pacific Swift
Laughing Kookaburra
Sacred Kingfisher
Azure Kingfisher
Rainbow Bee-eater
Nankeen Kestrel
Australian Hobby
Brown Falcon
Peregrine Falcon
Yellow-tailed Black
Cockatoo
Galah
Long-billed Corella
Little Corella
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Green Rosella
Crimson Rosella
Eastern Rosella

Swift Parrot
Eastern Ground Parrot
Blue-winged Parrot
Orange-bellied Parrot
Little Lorikeet
Rainbow Lorikeet
Musk Lorikeet
Superb Lyrebird
Superb Fairywren
Southern Emu-wren
Tawny-crowned
Honeyeater
Eastern Spinebill
Crescent Honeyeater
New Holland Honeyeater
White-cheeked
Honeyeater
Strong-billed Honeyeater
Black-headed Honeyeater
Yellow-throated
Honeyeater
White-fronted Chat
Little Wattlebird
Yellow Wattlebird
Yellow-faced Honeyeater
Noisy Miner
Yellow-throated Miner
Spotted Pardalote
Forty-spotted Pardalote
Striated Pardalote
Scrubtit
Striated Fieldwren
White-browed Scrubwren
Tasmanian Scrubwren
Brown Thornbill
Tasmanian Thornbill
Yellow-rumped Thornbill
Spotted Quail-thrush
Dusky Woodswallow
Australian Magpie
Grey Butcherbird
Black Currawong
Grey Currawong

Black-faced Cuckooshrike
White-bellied
Cuckooshrike
White-winged Triller
Varied Triller
Crested Shriketit
Olive Whistler
Australian Golden
Whistler
Rufous Whistler
Grey Shrikethrush
Willie Wagtail
Grey Fantail
Satin Flycatcher
Forest Raven
Dusky Robin
Pink Robin
Flame Robin
Scarlet Robin
Eurasian Skylark
Welcome Swallow
Tree Martin
Australian Reed Warbler
Little Grassbird
Silvereye
Common Starling
Bassian Thrush
Common Blackbird
Song Thrush
House Sparrow
Beautiful Firetail
Australian Pipit
European Greenfinch
Common Redpoll
European Goldfinch

Steps to book this tour:

Step 1: Essential reading

- Download, save and read the itinerary (this document)
- Read our [terms and conditions](https://www.bellbirdtours.com/terms-and-conditions) and the [release of liability waiver](https://www.bellbirdtours.com/terms-and-conditions) (both can be found on <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/terms-and-conditions>).
- Read our [health & safety information](https://bellbirdtours.com/health-and-safety/) page (<https://bellbirdtours.com/health-and-safety/>)

Step 2: Online booking

Head over to our secure online booking page: <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings>.
(Should you prefer a paper booking form, this can be downloaded from there).

Step 3: Pay the deposit

To secure your seat, a deposit of 20% of the tour price is required at the time of booking. Full payment is due 60 days prior to the departure date. Until full payment has been received, Bellbird Tours reserves the right to change the tour price (eg due to changing fuel prices). Payment options:

- ☐ *Domestic electronic funds transfer:* please send funds to the following bank account:
- bank: Australia & New Zealand Bank (ANZ), 112 Rundle Mall, Adelaide SA 5000
 - account name: Bellbird Tours Pty Ltd
 - Branch No. (BSB) 015-140 Account No. 206136528
 - Please use your *surname* as the booking reference.
- ☐ *Visa, Mastercard & Google Pay:* through Pin Payments (an easy, secure online payment system). They charge us a fee of ~3%, which we pass on to you. Please contact us to use this option, and we'll email you a secure payment link.
- ☐ *International electronic funds transfer:* please send funds in Australian Dollars (+ bank charges or AU\$20 bank transaction fee, see notes below) to the following bank account:
- international swift code: anzbau3m (no IBAN codes are used in Australia)
 - bank: Australia & New Zealand Bank (ANZ), 112 Rundle Mall, Adelaide SA 5000
 - account name: Bellbird Tours Pty Ltd
 - Branch No. (BSB) 015-140 Account No. 206136528
 - If possible, please use your *surname* as the booking reference.
 - If you are asked to provide our physical address, this is: 101 Chilton Road, Berri, SA 5343, Australia.
 - Please specify AU\$ as the recipient's currency, and the correct amount. Select the option for you to incur any charges at *both* ends; if no such option exists, please add AU\$20 to cover the bank fee at the recipient's end.

Any discrepancy between the amount payable and amount received will be added to the final balance, or payable in cash at the start of the tour. Prices and fees are not negotiable.

Step 4: You're done!

Sit back and wait for your booking confirmation to arrive (24-48 hrs). Meanwhile, should you have any questions, please contact us via: <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/about-us/>.