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## Bowra Station & Gluepot Reserve 9 day birding tour

A unique opportunity to visit two of Australia's most successful private conservation reserves. We'll spend a full day at glorious Gluepot Reserve where we can expect birds such as Striated Grasswren, Black-eared Miner, Red-shouldered Whistler, Malleefowl and perhaps even Scarlet-chested Parrot! We'll visit nearby conservation reserves as well. We'll then travel through remote outback areas (with breaks in Packsaddle and Tibooburra) looking for Flock Bronzewing, Gibberbird, Cinnamon Quail-thrush and Grey Grasswren. Eventually we'll end up in beautiful

Bowra Station near Cunnamulla in central Queensland, home to unique birds such as Hall's Babbler, Chestnut-breasted Quail-thrush, Bourke's Parrot and maybe even Grey Falcon! Other good birds we are likely to come across during this tour include Plum-headed Finch, Little Woodswallow, Australian Bustard, Inland Dotterel, Orange and Crimson Chat and Chestnut Quail-thrush. This trip is fully accommodated and your flight at the end to Brisbane is included. Seats on this exclusive tour are strictly limited!

**Tour starts:** Adelaide, SA

**Tour finishes:** Brisbane, Qld

**Scheduled departure & return dates:**

• 11-19 Aug 2024

**Price:** AU\$5,499 all-inclusive (discounts available).

**Leader:** Peter Waanders or Michael Greenshields

**Reports / photos of previous tours:** on our website.

**Questions? Contact BELLBIRD BIRDING TOURS :**

- Freecall 1800-BIRDING
- email [birds@bellbirdtours.com](mailto:birds@bellbirdtours.com)

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- Further tour details
- Daily itinerary
- Booking information

*We had a great time on the tour: the leaders made it memorable in many ways! The birds, the organisation, driving, companionship, food - it was a great trip that exceeded our expectations. Jane & Chris – Australia, outback birding tour 2022*

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### Tour details

**Tour starts:** Adelaide, SA (serviced by domestic and international flights)

**Finishes:** Brisbane, Qld (domestic Rex flight Charleville- Brisbane included in tour price)

**Scheduled departure and return dates:**

Tour commences with dinner in Adelaide on 11 Aug 2024. Please arrive on or before 11 Aug. Tour finishes with lunch in Charleville on 19 Aug 2024, followed by a domestic Rex flight scheduled to arrive in Brisbane at 4pm. Itinerary below contains further details.

**Leader:** Peter Waanders and/or Michael Greenshields.

**Difficulty:** ~~Low~~/Medium/~~High~~/~~Excellent~~ level of fitness required. This trip includes walking in uneven flat to undulating terrain off-tracks, but no steep gradients. There will be some early departures or late finishes. You can opt out of any challenging activities if you like. We will drive up to 3,000 km (including approx. 1,000 km on unsealed outback roads of varying standards). We can't control the weather but August is usually fine, sunny and mild in the south to warmish in the north. We may encounter a frosty morning or an unseasonal rain downpour.

**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 very large heavy suitcases 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 warm jumper and a rain-proof jacket. Neat casual attire for dinners. Be prepared for the odd cool morning but gloriously sunny days.

**Group size:** Minimum 3, maximum 7 participants.

**Cost:** AU\$5,499 per person including accommodation and all meals, based on double or twin-share occupancy. Single occupancy surcharge of \$790. 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. See website for T&C's.

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



**Day 1: Sun 11 Aug.** Arrival in Adelaide, SA. Take a taxi (own cost) to our hotel where we meet for dinner (incl.) & introductions. Overnight **Hotel in Adelaide** (en-suite room; meals included: D).

**Day 2: Mon 12 Aug.** We set off early to follow the Murray river, where we'll check out some of the many scenic wetlands hoping to find a plethora of waterfowl and the beautiful Regent Parrot. In the afternoon we'll have our first taste of the vast mallee (stunted, multi-stemmed eucalypts) woodlands and start picking up some of the area's unique target species, such as Striated Grasswren, Mallee Emu-wren, Gilberts & Red-lored Whistler, Chestnut Quail-thrush, Shy Heathwren, Southern Scrub-robin, Mulga Parrot and more. Overnight **Berri Hotel-Motel** (en-suite motel room; meals included: B, L, D).

**Day 3: Tue 13 Aug.** The entire day is spent in the 1,000,000 ha block of mallee eucalypt scrub that contains a number of reserves including Birdlife Australia's Gluepot Reserve. A sheep station until 1996, Gluepot was purchased by Birdlife Australia to protect the Black-eared Miner and five other nationally threatened species and has become one of Australia's conservation success stories. Overnight **Berri Hotel-Motel** (en-suite motel room; meals included: B, L, D).

**Day 4: Wed 14 Aug.** After an early morning bird walk we pack up our gear and head east until we reach the confluence of the Murray and Darling rivers at Wentworth, NSW. Waterbirds aplenty here as well as further chances of Regent Parrot. We'll then take the Silver City Hwy north and witness the landscape change from mallee (eucalypt) and spinifex to mulga (acacia) scrub and gibber plains. There's a good chance of Major Mitchell's Cockatoos along here along with Blue Bonnets. We arrive at remote Packsaddle Roadhouse, a typical outback pub with loads of character, in time for dinner. Overnight **Packsaddle Roadhouse** (basic, private rooms with shared facilities; meals included: B, L, D).

**Day 5: Thu 15 Aug.** All day around Tibooburra. Sturt National Park protects a large swathe of NSW's outback habitats and birds we may come across here include Cinnamon Quail-thrush, Gibberbird, Orange and Crimson Chat and Flock Bronzewing. We search for Grey Grasswren in the vast lignum – canegrass swamps straddling the Qld-NSW border. At the end of the day we have chances of Bourke's



Hall's Babbler, Australian Pratincole,  
Birding at Bowra, Bourke's Parrot,  
Cinnamon Quail-thrush

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Parrots coming in to drink at a waterhole. Overnight **Tibooburra Granites** (private rooms in a large cottage with shared facilities; meals included: B, L, D)

**Day 6: Fri 16 Aug.** After a final morning bird walk we pack up our gear and depart Tibooburra for Cunnamulla, a 500 km drive on outback roads. We'll make many birding stops en-route hopefully picking up any birds we're still missing from the previous day(s) – options are many but include Flock Bronzewing, Australian Pratincole, chats, Inland Dotterel, Budgerigar, Cockatiel and uncommon raptors such as Black-breasted Buzzard, Black Falcons and there's always the chance of Grey Falcon! Overnight **Motel in Cunnamulla** (en-suite motel room; meals included: B, L, D).

**Day 7: Sat 17 Aug.** Full day at Bowra Station. This beautiful property consists of a patchwork of woodlands, shrublands, grasslands and riparian vegetation, providing both breeding habitat and drought refuge for an impressive diversity of semi-arid wildlife, with a particularly rich community of birds. For years it was run as a conservation-minded sheep station, and since recently Bowra is owned by the Australian Wildlife Conservancy and managed in partnership with Birdlife Queensland. Tonight we'll do a spotlighting session on the property, during which we may come across Eastern Barn Owl, Tawny Frogmouth, Australian Owlet-nightjar and various reptiles. Overnight **Motel in Cunnamulla** (en-suite motel room; meals included: B, L, D).

**Day 8: Sun 18 Aug.** Another full day to explore Bowra Station, looking for species such as Black-breasted Buzzard, Little Woodswallow, Chestnut-breasted Quail-thrush, Hall's Babbler, Chestnut-breasted Quail-thrush, Bourke's Parrot, Plum-headed Finch, Red-browed Pardalote and who knows, maybe even the enigmatic Grey Falcon! Overnight **Motel in Cunnamulla** (en-suite motel room; meals included: B, L, D).

**Day 9: Mon 19 Aug.** After a final bird walk this morning we pack up and start the drive to Charleville. Crossing the vast plains of central Queensland, interspersed with eucalypt-lined creeks, we hope to come across Budgerigar, Australian Bustard, Horsfield's Bushlark, Brolga, Australian Pratincole, Spotted Harrier and more. Arriving in Charleville at noon, we have lunch, finalise our bird checklist and you'll be dropped at the airport for your 14:10 Rex flight (included) to Brisbane. TOUR ENDS (Meals incl.: B, L.)





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### Pre- and post tour options:

Your flight from Charleville to Brisbane on Monday 19 Aug is included in the tour price.

If you wish to arrive a day or so earlier in Adelaide and you'd like us to book you into a hotel, please indicate this on the booking form.

### Price inclusions and exclusions:

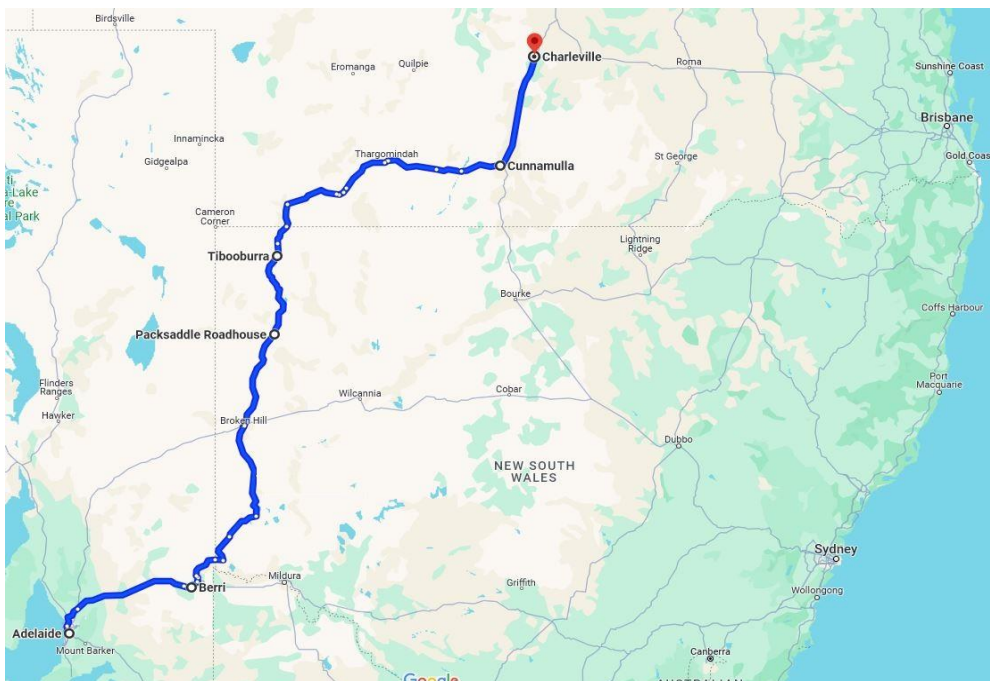
**Included:** All meals commencing with Dinner on Day 1 and finishing with Lunch on Day 9, morning tea/coffee, some snacks, some fruit, some drinks, unlimited drinking water refills. Accommodation in private en-suite rooms, although on some nights only basic rooms with shared facilities are available. Transport using comfortable and reliable 4WD vehicle, expert guiding, any entry fees, taxes. Flight Charleville-Brisbane.

**Excluded:** Travel to & from departure and finish points, Pre- & post trip accommodation, any meals before Dinner on Day 1, Dinner on Day 9, drinks except where provided, personal expenses, tips, insurance.

**Bookings:** Please book online: <http://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings> or complete the booking form in the back of this brochure. We can also arrange your flights, accommodation and insurance through our partnership with TravelManagers – please contact us for details.

### Reports of previous tours:

Reports of previous tours can be found here: <http://www.bellbirdtours.com/reports/>



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### Possible species list

Emu	Glossy Ibis	Little Button-quail
Malleefowl	Australian White Ibis	Australian Pratincole
Brown Quail	Straw-necked Ibis	Australian Tern
Stubble Quail	Royal Spoonbill	Caspian Tern
Plumed Wistling-duck	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Whiskered Tern
Wandering Whistling Duck	Black-shouldered Kite	Silver Gull
Freckled Duck	Letter-winged Kite	Galah
Musk Duck	Whistling Kite	Pink Cockatoo
Black Swan	Black Kite	Little Corella
Australian Shelduck	Black-breasted Buzzard	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Australian Wood Duck	Brown Goshawk	Red-tailed Black Cockatoo
Pink-eared Duck	Collared Sparrowhawk	Cockatiel
Australasian Shoveler	Spotted Harrier	Rainbow Lorikeet
Grey Teal	Swamp Harrier	Musk Lorikeet
Chestnut Teal	Wedge-tailed Eagle	Purple-crowned Lorikeet
Northern Mallard	Little Eagle	Regent Parrot
Pacific Black Duck	Nankeen Kestrel	Crimson (Adelaide) Rosella
Hardhead	Brown Falcon	Crimson (Yellow) Rosella
Australasian Grebe	Australian Hobby	Australian Ringneck
Hoary-headed Grebe	Grey Falcon	Greater Blue Bonnet
Great Crested Grebe	Black Falcon	Red-rumped Parrot
Rock Dove*	Peregrine Falcon	Mulga Parrot
Spotted Dove*	Brolga	Budgerigar
Common Bronzewing	Australasian Swamphen	Bourke's Parrot
Flock Bronzewing	Baillon's Crake	Scarlet-chested Parrot
Crested Pigeon	Australian Spotted Crake	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo
Diamond Dove	Spotless Crake	Black-eared Cuckoo
Peaceful Dove	Buff-banded Rail	Pallid Cuckoo
Tawny Frogmouth	Black-tailed Native-hen	Fan-tailed Cuckoo
Spotted Nightjar	Dusky Moorhen	Southern Boobook
Australian Owlet-nightjar	Eurasian Coot	Eastern Barn Owl
Australasian Darter	Australian Bustard	Laughing Kookaburra
Little Pied Cormorant	Black-winged Stilt	Red-backed Kingfisher
Great Cormorant	Red-necked Avocet	Sacred Kingfisher
Little Black Cormorant	Banded Stilt	Rainbow Bee-eater
Pied Cormorant	Red-capped Plover	White-browed Treecreeper
Australian Pelican	Inland Dotterel	Brown Treecreeper
Great Egret	Black-fronted Dotterel	Spotted Bowerbird
Plumed Egret	Red-kneed Dotterel	Superb Fairy-wren
Cattle Egret	Banded Lapwing	
White-necked Heron	Masked Lapwing	
White-faced Heron	Common Sandpiper	
Little Egret	Wood Sandpiper	
Nankeen Night-Heron	Red-necked Stint	
	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	



Splendid Fairy-wren  
 White-winged Fairy-wren  
 Purple-backed Fairy-wren  
 Striated Grasswren  
 Mallee Emuwren  
 Grey Grasswren  
 Shy Heathwren  
 Rufous Fieldwren  
 Western Gerygone  
 Redthroat  
 Weebill  
 Yellow-rumped  
 Thornbill  
 Chestnut-rumped  
 Thornbill  
 Inland Thornbill  
 Southern Whiteface  
 Spotted Pardalote  
 Red-browed Pardalote  
 Striated Pardalote  
 Pied Honeyeater  
 Singing Honeyeater  
 White-eared  
 Honeyeater  
 Yellow-plumed  
 Honeyeater  
 Grey-fronted  
 Honeyeater  
 White-plumed  
 Honeyeater  
 White-fronted  
 Honeyeater  
 Blue-faced Honeyeater  
 Little Friarbird  
 Noisy Friarbird  
 Noisy Miner

Yellow-throated Miner  
 Black-eared Miner  
 Spiny-cheeked  
 Honeyeater  
 Red Wattlebird  
 Striped Honeyeater  
 Crimson Chat  
 Orange Chat  
 White-fronted Chat  
 Gibberbird  
 Black Honeyeater  
 New Holland  
 Honeyeater  
 Black-chinned  
 Honeyeater  
 Brown-headed  
 Honeyeater  
 White-browed Babbler  
 Hall's Babbler  
 Grey-crowned Babbler  
 Chestnut-crowned  
 Babbler  
 Cinnamon Quail-thrush  
 Chestnut Quail-thrush  
 Chestnut-breasted  
 Quail-thrush  
 Chirruping Wedgebill  
 Varied Sittella  
 Ground Cuckoo-shrike  
 Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike  
 White-winged Triller  
 Gilbert's Whistler  
 Red-lored Whistler  
 Rufous Whistler  
 Grey Shrike-thrush  
 Crested Bellbird  
 White-breasted  
 Woodswallow  
 Masked Woodswallow  
 White-browed  
 Woodswallow

Black-faced  
 Woodswallow  
 Little Woodswallow  
 Dusky Woodswallow  
 Grey Butcherbird  
 Pied Butcherbird  
 Australian Magpie  
 Grey Currawong  
 Grey Fantail  
 Willie Wagtail  
 Australian Raven  
 Little Raven  
 Little Crow  
 Torresian Crow  
 Restless Flycatcher  
 Magpie-lark  
 White-winged Chough  
 Apostlebird  
 Jacky Winter  
 Red-capped Robin  
 Hooded Robin  
 Southern Scrub-robin  
 Horsfield's Bushlark  
 Australian Reed-warbler  
 Little Grassbird  
 Rufous Songlark  
 Brown Songlark  
 Silvereye  
 White-backed Swallow  
 Welcome Swallow  
 Fairy Martin  
 Tree Martin  
 Common Blackbird\*  
 Common Starling\*  
 Common Myna\*  
 Mistletoebird  
 Zebra Finch  
 Double-barred Finch  
 Plum-headed Finch  
 Red-browed Finch  
 House Sparrow\*  
 Australasian Pipit



## 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://www.bellbirdtours.com/health-and-safety/) page (<https://www.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/>.