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Unique and unforgettable nature experiences!

# Comfortable Nine Grasswren 16-day birding tour-I

✓ Slow-paced ✓ Quality lodgings ✓ *Gourmet food* ✓ We'll look after you

18 May - 3 June 2025, Adelaide to Mt Isa

days to see over 200 species, and besides the Grasswrens we

have a good chance of many other sought-after birds like Red-

lored Whistler, Banded Whiteface, Chestnut and Cinnamon

Quail-thrush, Gibberbird, Yellow Chat, Inland Dotterel, Flock Bronzewing, Spinifex Pigeon, Hall's Babbler, Bourke's Parrot,

Mallee & Rufous-crowned Emu-wren, Painted Finch and even

the enigmatic Grey Falcon. Accommodation will be of the best

available standard; the drives have been shortened; we'll take

plenty of breaks; the food will be of the best available, and where

we have to take a picnic lunch, it will be gourmet style. We have

secured access to some new birding sites exclusively for this trip.

The rewards will be some of Australia's most sought-after

outback species, wonderful scenery and great camaraderie. Read

This is a slow-paced version of our flagship Nine Grasswren tour, one of Australia's epic birding adventures. We will look for nine of Australia's 13 Grasswren species: Striated, Shorttailed, Western, Thick-billed, Eyrean, Grey, Kalkadoon, Carpentarian and Opalton Grasswren. From Mildura we'll explore the vast 'Mallee' scrub, then follow the Austral autumn north across endless expanses of outback scenery. We travel the length of the Birdsville track, visit the stark country around Boulia-Winton, the scenic Flinders Ranges and finish in the rocky hills of Mt Isa. This trip is a real adventure (yet fully accommodated), taking it easy by adding an extra 3 days to the standard itinerary. Timed to travel through the heart of the outback during the Austral winter season, a great time to go birding, we will have plenty of opportunity during these 16

## Tour starts: Adelaide, SA Tour finishes: Mt Isa, Old Scheduled departure & return dates:

• 18 May-3 June 2025

Price: AU\$9,899 all-inclusive (discounts available).

on below to whet your appetite!

Leader: Peter Waanders / Helga Kieskamp / Michael Greenshields. Trip reports and photos of previous tours: on our website.

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• Freecall 1800-BIRDING	Further tour details
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We had a great time on the tour: Peter and Helga made it memorable in many ways! The birds, the organisation, driving, companionship, food - it was truly a 'comfortable' trip that exceeded our expectations. Jane & Chris – Australia, Comfy 9 Grasswren tour 2021





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

Finishes: Mt Isa, Qld (serviced by direct flights from Brisbane)

#### Scheduled departure and return dates:

Tour commences with dinner in Adelaide on 18 May 2025. Please arrive on or before 18 May. Tour finishes with breakfast in Mt Isa on 3 June 2025. Please depart on or after 3 June. Itinerary contains further details.

Leader: Peter Waanders and/or Helga Kieskamp and/or Michael Greenshields.

**Difficulty:** Low/Medium/High/Excellent level of fitness required. This trip is slower paced than our regular Grasswren tours. Walking in uneven terrain will still be required to find the birds, but we have secured access to some new and exclusive (and easier) sites. There will be some early departures or late finishes. You can opt out of any challenging activitities if you like. While we will drive up to 4000 km (including approx. 1,000 km on unsealed roads of varying standard) this is spread out over 16 rather than 12 days. We can't control the weather but usually this time of year is 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\$9,899 per person including accommodation and all meals, based on double or twin-share occupancy. Single occupancy surcharge of \$1150. 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.

Bookings: Online at http://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings - see last page of this brochure.



# **ITINERARY**

**Day 0: 18 May '25.** Make your own way to Adelaide (SA). Meet at hotel for dinner and introductions. Accommodation: **Hotel in Adelaide**, Adelaide(en-suite rooms; meals included: D).

**Day 1: 19 May '25.** We'll start our day exploring the scenic Adelaide hills where we'll see plenty of Adelaide Rosellas, Crescent, Yellow-faced, Purple-gaped & Tawnycrowned Honeyeaters as well as Scarlet Robin, White-throated Treecreeper, Striated and Yellow Thornbill and we may be lucky to see the stately Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos. At a small but excellent wetlands we'll look for Australian Spotted and Spotless Crake. We'll check the shores of Lake Alexandrina for Cape Barren Geese, waterbirds and waders. After lunch we to head to the Riverland area of SA, for our accommodation, dinner and bird checklist. Accommodation: **Berri Resort Hotel** (ensuite rooms; meals included: B, L, D).

**Day 2: 20 May '25.** We'll be starting the day with our first Grasswren: the Striated, in the spinifex-mallee just east of Berri, a beautiful and well-protected area of undisturbed mallee scrub. Other good birds possible in this area include Mallee Emuwren, Chestnut Quail-thrush, Southern Scrubrobin, Shy Heathwren, White-browed Tree-creeper, and if we're lucky, Regent Parrot and Pink Cockatoo. Later in the afternoon we will check the vast Bluebush plains for Redthroat, White-winged Fairy-wren and White-fronted Chat. After lunch we will explore Australia's largest river: the Murray. Lined with gnarly old Red Gum trees, the wetlands and floodplains along the river harbor a plethora of waterbirds such as ducks, herons, cormorants, rails, crakes and these often include sought-after species: Freckled Duck, Spotless Crake, Little Friarbird and Regent Parrot would be the highlight of the day. Accommodation: **Berri Resort Hotel** (en-suite rooms; meals included: B, L, D).

**Day 3: 21 May '25.** The morning will be spent exploring one of Australia's largest wilderness areas, over 1,000,000 ha of "mallee" eucalypt scrub of the Bookmark Biosphere - a conglomeration of nature reserves and pastoral properties. Here we have a chance of the elusive Chestnut Quail-thrush and the ultra-rare Red-lored Whistler and we can pick up any mallee species we still need such as Striped Honeyeater, Splendid Fairy-wren, Southern Scrubrobin and more. We'll have lunch in one of the pretty little historic copper-mining townships of the region before we head further north, exploring the vast bluebush plains looking for Redthroat, Inland Thornbill and Adelaide Rosella. At Port Augusta, we explore the well laid-out Arid Lands Botanical Gardens where Chirruping Wedgebill, White-fronted Honeyeater and Elegant Parrot may be seen. We'll stay in Port Augusta, at the crossroads of outback Australia. Some of the best food of the trip awaits us here! Accommodation: **Port Augusta Standpipe Motel** (en-suite rooms, meals included: B, L, D).

**Day 4: 22 May '25.** A pre-breakfast stroll around the golf course adjacent to the motel often yields Purple-crowned Lorikeet. After breakfast we pack up and search for Western Grasswren - formerly the *myall* race of Thick-billed, split around 15 years ago -



Thick-billed Grasswren, Australian Pratincole, Birding, Black-breasted Buzzard, Wet outback conditions



which inhabits Bluebush plains around Port Augusta. Other birds we are likely to come across are the turquoise race of Splendid Fairy-wren, Black-eared Cuckoo and Redthroat, as well as Blue Bonnet, Chirruping Wedgebill and Rufous Fieldwren. Later in the day well head into the Gawler Ranges, a little-explored rival to the Flinders Ranges, where we may be lucky to come acros Mulga Parrot and Pink Cockatoo, but our main target here is the rare and localized Short-tailed Grasswren. Accommodation: **Mt Ive Station** (en-suite rooms, meals included: B, L, D).

**Day 5: 23 May '25.** Mt lve Station is strategically located in a scenic valley in the Gawler Ranges, from where both Western and Short-tailed Grasswren can be observed with a bit of perseverance. We'll visit the amazingly scenic Lake Gairdner, a vast salt lake in the outback. After lunch we head back to Port Augusta, we will further explore the well laid-out Arid Lands Botanical Gardens where Chirruping Wedgebill, White-fronted and Elegant Parrot may be seen while Banded Stilt often occur in a nearby salt lake. Accommodation: **Port Augusta Standpipe Motel** (en-suite rooms; meals included: B, L, D).

**Day 6: 24 May '25.** This morning we make an early departure for the Flinders Ranges, an impressive range of soaring rock formations on the edge of the outback. This area of scenic beauty is home to plenty of Red, Western Grey and Euro Kangaroos which we'll no doubt see plenty of. As we travel along creek-beds and through narrow gorges cut deeply into geological layers that date back 800 million years we look for Chirruping Wedgebill, Elegant Parrot, Grey fronted Honeyeater, Inland Thornbill, Redthroat, and the rare Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby. At the old coalmine of Leigh Creek, we check a freshwater lake for Blue-billed, Freckled and Musk Ducks before we arrive at Marree, a sleepy outback hamlet where we marvel at the vastness of the landscape, the clarity of the sky while the sun sets and if we're really lucky, Inland Dotterels come out to forage. As well be here for two nights, there's time to relax, do your laundry or download your photos. Accommodation: **Marree Hotel** (a historical outback pub with modern en-suite rooms; meals included: B, L, D).

**Day 7: 25 May '25.** The focus of this morning is the search for for Thick-billed Grasswren, which inhabits the vast bluebush plains criss-crossed by usually dry creeks. Other good species we may come across are Cinnamon Quail-thrush, Rufous Fieldwren, Zebra Finch, Budgerigar, Red-backed Kingfisher and a chance of Inland Dotterel. After a lunch break at Marree we head a short distance north to an artesian bore overflow which has created a nice wetland which usually holds Brolga and a raft of water-birds, including crakes—in amidst desert-like scenery. Most years, Black-breasted Buzzard and Little Eagle breed here. Overnight: **Marree Hotel** (a historical outback hotel with modern en-suite rooms and facilities; meals included: B, L, D).



Letter-winged Kite, Flock Bronzewing, Gibberbird, Western Grasswren © P Waanders



**Day 8: 26 May '25.** We'll head up the famous Birdsville track early, checking for Grey Falcon at various spots and we may see Flock Bronzewings heading for their early morning drink. We'll check a few creek crossings for Red-browed Pardalote, Orange Chat and Brolga. After a picnic lunch at a scenic spot we head to the Mungerannie pub to check the adjacent watercourse. The very scenic sand dune behind the water holds Eyrean Grasswren and we'll make our first attempt at them this afternoon. Accommodation: **Mungerannie Pub** (a charming, rustic outback pub with basic, clean rooms, some ensuite, some with shared bathroom facilities; meals: B, L, D).

**Day 9: 27 May '25.** A big day birding the Birdsville track area and neighbouring Cowarie Station which has resident Eyrean Grasswrens in the scenic sand dunes while along the Warburton River we often come across Red-browed Pardalote and Banded Whtieface. Crimson and Orange Chats are usually present and on the gibber-strewn plains we look for Gibberbird. Other species we've encountered here are Grey Falcon, Australian Pratincole and Flock Bronzewing. After a sumptuous picnic lunch at a scenic spot, we start making our way back towards Mungerannie, hopefully picking up Gibberbird, Banded Whiteface, Cinnamon Quail-thrush and Inland Dotterel on the way. Accommodation: **Mungerannie Pub** (a charming, rustic outback pub with basic, clean rooms, some ensuite, some with shared bathroom facilities; meals: B, L, D).

**Day 10: 28 May '25.** A very early departure to head north to arrive at a (sometimes dry) swamp not long after sunrise. Here the constant chatter of bird calls provides a background chorus to our search for Grey Grasswren which prefers the dense lignum shrubs in the foreground. We have a good chance of Grey Falcon. If necessary we have another chance at Grey Grasswren at another location later this morning, otherwise we bird our way around Birdsville, checking local wetlands and sand dunes for species like Budgerigar, Cockatiel, Australian Bush-lark, Inland Dotterel, Brolga, Red-browed Pardalote and more, while we still have a chance of Flock Bronzewing and perhaps our first Letter-winged Kite. Dinner will be in the iconic Birdsville pub tonight. Accommodation: **Birdsville Hotel** (private en-suite rooms; meals included: B, L, D).

**Day 11: 29 May '25.** A relaxed breakfast followed by some birding around Birdsville to pick up anything we still need, then we pack up and head north. We have a good chance of Letter-winged Kites today (but they don't nest each year) as well as Grey Falcon. We'll have our first chance of Spinifex Pigeon once we get closer to Boulia. Along the way we check for Black-breasted B uzzard, Australian Bustard, Australian Pratincole and once at Boulia, Brolga, Grey-crowned Babbler, various woodswallows and a Spotted Bowerbird at its bower. Around sunset we will scout the grassy plains from the comfort of our vehicles to check for Flock Bronzewings coming in to drink. Accommodation: **Boulia Sands Motel** (en-suite rooms, meals included: B, L, D).



Striated, Grey, Short-tailed Grasswren, Australian Bustard © P Waanders



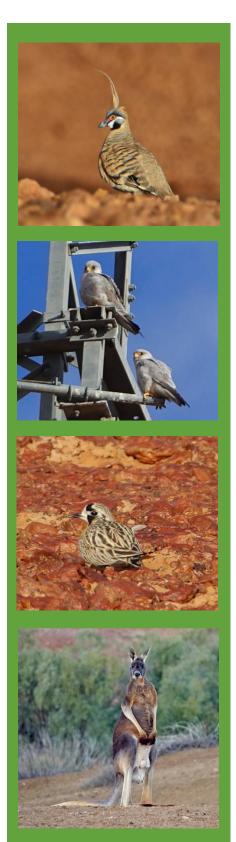
**Day 12: 30 May '25.** An early departure as we'll be traversing the area where Night Parrot has been recorded recently. Travelling on dark red gravel roads we notice more and more spinifex around us (with chances of Spinifexbird) until we arrive in the spinifex-covered plains around Opalton. Here we search for Opalton Grasswren (was *rowleyi* ssp of Striated). Other species we may come across include Rufous-crowned Emuwren, Spinifexbird, White-browed, Dusky and Masked Woodswallow, Spinifex Pigeon and Grey-fronted Honeyeater. We then travel to the township of Winton, Australia's dinosaur capital. Accommodation: **Boulder Opal Motel, Winton** (en-suite motel rooms; meals: B, L, D).

**Day 13: 31 May '25.** A back-up morning for Opalton Grasswren. Birding / exploring the Bladensberg National Park we'll also look for Bourke's Parrot, Halls Babbler, Chestnut-breasted Quail-thrush and Spinifexbird. We'll take lunch in the Dinosaur Trackways visitor centre, situated high up on a rugged jump-up plateau with spectacular views over the surrounding plains, while Spinifex Pigeons scurry around the surrounding undergrowth. Time permitting, there is the option for people to visit the dinosaur stampede fossils here this afternoon (own cost). Accommodation: **Boulder Opal Motel**, **Winton** (en-suite motel rooms; meals: B, L, D).

**Day 14: 1 Jun '25.** The morning will be spent birding the local area, picking up any species we may have missed. Options include the local sewage ponds (we've seen Plumheaded Finch here on many occasions) and then we start heading north. Along the way we'll pull in at the iconic Crocodile Dundee hotel for a look and/or a coffee, and next, the township of Cloncurry, where we may find the 'Cloncurry' race of Australian Ringneck. We're also likely to encounter today birds such as Varied Lorikeet, Australian Bustard, Budgerigar, Brown and Rufous Songlark, Brolga, Black-tailed Native-hen, Plumed Whistling-duck and maybe even Ground Cuckoo-shrike. Accommodation: **Abacus Motel, Mt Isa** (en-suite motel rooms; meals: B, L, D).

**Day 15: 2 Jun '25.** A full day around Mt Isa, to search for two Grasswren species: Kalkadoon and Carpentarian. Another drawcard here is Painted Finch which we see regularly here. We'll also spend time looking for other good species of the local area, including Spinifex Pigeon, Little Woodswallow, the 'Cloncurry' race of Australian Ringneck, Spinifexbird and Grey-headed Honeyeater, Black-throated Treecreeper, Varied Lorikeet and many more. We'll visit the sewage pond, with chance of Plumed Whistling Ducks and other waterfowl. Nearby at Lake Moondarra we have a good chance of Paperbark Flycatcher, Spotted Bowerbird, Plumed Whistling-duck, Painted Finch, Glossy Ibis, Comb-crested Jacana, Purple-necked Rock-wallaby and Freshwater Crocodile. Accommodation: **Abacus Motel**, Mt Isa (en-suite rooms; meals: B, L, D).

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Spinifex Pigeon, Grey Falcon, Inland Dotterel, Red Kangaroo © P Waanders



**Day 16: 3 Jun '25.** For those who are keen, we'll do some final birding around the creek behind the motel early this morning for Varied Lorikeet, Cloncurry Ringneck, Purple-backed Fairy-wren, Spotted Bowerbird and anything else that may come in to drink. But today has been set aside as your departure day so please book flights out of Mount Isa departing any time today. We'll arrange for you to be taken to the airport this morning (included; morning only) for your flight home (own arrangement) (meals included: B). **TOUR ENDS** 

## **Pre- and post-tour options:**

If you wish to stay in Mt Isa for one or more days after the tour ends, or in Adelaide for one or more days before the tour starts, in the same hotel that we've been using there, please tick the relevant box on the booking form. We can book this for you and add the cost to your tour price – this way you can stay in the same room.

## **Price inclusions and exclusions:**

**Included:** All meals commencing with Dinner on Day 0 and finishing with Breakfast on Day 16, 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.

**Excluded:** Travel to & from departure and finish points, Pre- & post trip accommodation, any meals before Dinner on Day 0, any meals after breakfast on Day 16, drinks except where provided, any additional activities such as visiting the dinosaur centre etc, any minibar expenses, any other personal expenses, tips, insurance.

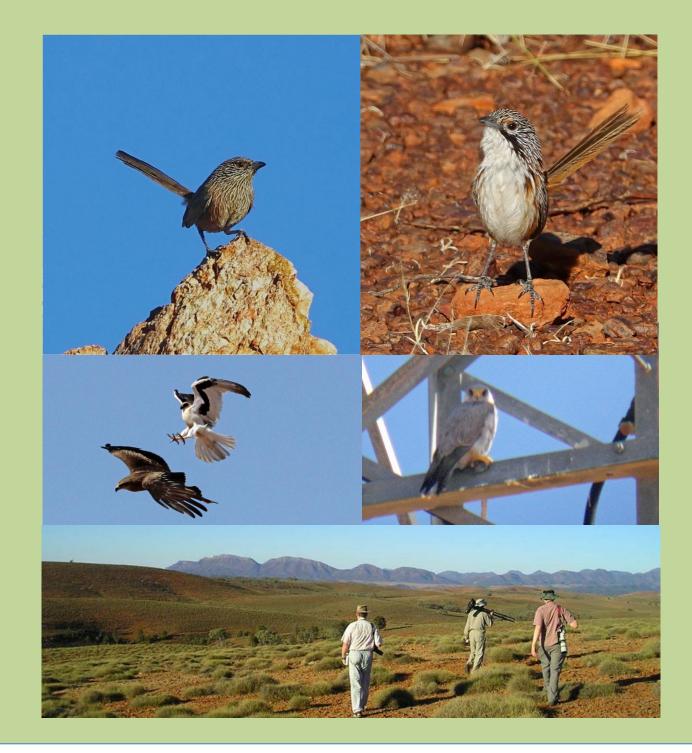
**Bookings:** Please book online: <u>http://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings</u> -see last page of this brochure.

#### **Reports of previous tours:**

Reports, photos & checklists of our 2014 – 2024 Nine Grasswren tours can be found on: <u>http://www.bellbirdtours.com/reports/</u>

**Disclaimers:** (1) itinerary may be modified slightly due to factors such as availability of accommodation, updated information on the state of accommodation, roads, or birding sites, the discretion of the guides and other factors; (2) until we've received your final payment, tour price may be subject to adjustment in the event of significant cost increases in ground arrangements. See our <u>terms and conditions</u>.









## Emu Malleefowl

Brown Quail Stubble Quail Plumed Wistling-duck Wandering Whist.Duck Green Pygmy Goose Magpie Goose Freckled Duck Musk Duck Black Swan Australian Shelduck Australian Wood Duck Pink-eared Duck Australasian Shoveler Grey Teal **Chestnut Teal** Pacific Black Duck Hardhead Australasian Grebe Hoary-headed Grebe Great Crested Grebe Rock Dove Spotted Dove Common Bronzewing Flock Bronzewing Spinifex Pigeon **Crested Pigeon** Diamond Dove Peaceful Dove **Tawny Frogmouth** Spotted Nightjar Australian Owlet-nightjar Australasian Darter Little Pied Cormorant Great Cormorant Little Black Cormorant **Pied Cormorant** Black-faced Cormorant **Australian Pelican** Great Egret **Plumed Egret** Eastern Cattle Egret White-necked Heron White-faced Heron Little Egret Nankeen Night-Heron

## Comfortable Nine Grasswren birding tour I, 2025 Possible species list Marsh Sandpiper

Glossy Ibis Australian White Ibis Straw-necked Ibis **Royal Spoonbill** Yellow-billed Spoonbill Black-shouldered Kite Letter-winged Kite Whistling Kite Black Kite Black-breasted Buzzard Brown Goshawk **Collared Sparrowhawk** Spotted Harrier Swamp Harrier Wedge-tailed Eagle White-bellied Sea-eagle Little Eagle Nankeen Kestrel **Brown Falcon** Australian Hobby **Grey Falcon** Black Falcon Peregrine Falcon Brolga Purple Swamphen Comb-crested Jacana Baillon's Crake Australian Spotted Crake Spotless Crake **Buff-banded Rail** Black-tailed Native-hen Dusky Moorhen **Eurasian Coot** Australian Bustard Pied Stilt Red-necked Avocet **Banded Stilt Red-capped Plover** Inland Dotterel Black-fronted Dotterel Red-kneed Dotterel Banded Lapwing Masked Lapwing **Common Sandpiper** Wood Sandpiper

Marsh Sandpiper Ruddy Turnstone **Red-necked Stint** Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Little Button-quail Australian Pratincole Crested Tern Aust. Gull-billed Tern Caspian Tern Whiskered Tern Silver Gull Galah Major Mitchell's Cockatoo Long-billed Corella Little Corella Sulphur-crested Cockatoo Cockatiel Rainbow Lorikeet Varied Lorikeet Musk Lorikeet Purple-crowned Lorikeet **Regent Parrot** Eastern Rosella Crimson Rosella (Adelaide, Yellow) Aust. Ringneck (Pt Lincoln, Mallee, Cloncurry) Blue Bonnet (yellowvented, pale) **Red-rumped Parrot** Mulga Parrot Budgerigar Bourke's Parrot **Blue-winged Parrot Elegant Parrot** Scarlet-chested Parrot Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo Black-eared Cuckoo Pallid Cuckoo Fan-tailed Cuckoo Southern Boobook Eastern Barn Owl Blue-winged Kookaburra



Laughing Kookaburra Red-backed Kingfisher Sacred Kingfisher Rainbow Bee-eater Spotted Bowerbird Great Bowerbird White-browed Treecreeper Black-tailed Treecreeper **Brown Treecreeper** Superb Fairy-wren Splendid Fairy-wren White-winged Fairy-wren Purple-backed Fairy-wren Red-backed Fairy-wren Rufous-crowned Emuwren Mallee Emuwren Striated Grasswren Short-tailed Grasswren Carpentarian Grasswren Thick-billed Grasswren Western Grasswren **Opalton Grasswren** Kalkadoon Grasswren Eyrean Grasswren Grey Grasswren White-browed Scrubwren Shy Heathwren **Rufous Fieldwren** Redthroat Weebill Western Gerygone Yellow-rumped Thornbill Chestnut-rumped Thornbill Slender-billed Thornbill **Buff-rumped Thornbill** Inland Thornbill Southern Whiteface **Banded Whiteface** Spotted Pardalote **Red-browed Pardalote** Striated Pardalote **Pied Honeveater** Singing Honeyeater

Grey-headed Honeyeater

## Possible species list

Grey-fronted Honeyeater White-eared Honeyeater Yellow-plumed Honeyeater White-plumed Honeyeater White-fronted Honeyeater Blue-faced Honeyeater Little Friarbird Noisy Friarbird Noisy Miner Yellow-throated Miner Black-eared Miner Spiny-cheeked H'eater Red Wattlebird Little Wattlebird Striped Honeyeater Crimson Chat Orange Chat White-fronted Chat Gibberbird Yellow Chat **Black Honeyeater Brown Honeyeater** Rufous-throated H'eater Black-chinned H'eater New Holland Honeyeater Brown-headed Honeyeater White-browed Babbler Chestnut-crowned Babbler Grey-crowned Babbler Hall's Babbler Cinnamon Quail-thrush Chestnut-breasted Q-thr Chestnut Quail-thrush **Chirruping Wedgebill** Varied Sittella Ground Cuckoo-shrike Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike White-winged Triller Crested Shrike-tit Gilbert's Whistler **Red-lored Whistler Rufous Whistler** Golden Whistler Grey Shrike-thrush **Crested Bellbird** White-breasted Woodsw.

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** Paperbark Flycatcher Magpie-lark White-winged Chough Apostlebird Jacky Winter Red-capped Robin Hooded Robin Southern Scrub-robin Horsfield's Bushlark **Eurasian Skylark** Australian Reed-Warbler Little Grassbird **Rufous Songlark Brown Songlark** Spinifexbird Silvereye White-backed Swallow Welcome Swallow Fairy Martin Tree Martin Common Blackbird **Common Starling** Mistletoebird Zebra Finch Painted Finch **Red-browed Finch** Pictorella Mannikin Chestnut-breasted Munia House Sparrow Australasian Pipit European Goldfinch

# Steps to book this tour:



#### Step 1: Essential reading

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

#### Step 2: Online booking

Head over to our secure online booking page: <u>https://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings</u>.

#### 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: <u>https://www.bellbirdtours.com/about-us/</u>.