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## Grey Falcon & Letter-winged Kite 7-day birding tour

**30 Sep – 7 October 2025**



Grey Falcon and Letter-winged Kite are amongst Australia's most sought-after raptors. During our many outback birding tours we've located these species reliably enough to be able to offer this special tour. We should have multiple sightings of both species. This is a reasonably fast-paced trip deep into the outback, with early departures and late finishes each day, while covering over 2500 km in 6 days. We'll look for many other good outback species as well including Black-breasted Buzzard

Buzzard, Black Falcon, Inland Dotterel, Flock Bronzewing, Australian Pratincole, Kalkadoon & Eyrean Grasswren, Cinnamon Quail-thrush, Gibberbird, Orange and Crimson Chat, Painted Finch, Banded Whiteface, Honeyeaters including Pied and Grey-fronted; and witness spectacular outback desert scenery along with the famous rock formations of the Flinders Ranges. After good rainfalls it's shaping up to be an excellent year for outback birding - don't miss out!

**Tour starts:** Mt Isa, Qld. **Finishes:** Adelaide, SA

**Scheduled departure & return dates:**

- 30 Sep – 7 Oct 2025
- Any other time as a private tour

**Price:** AU\$5,299 all-inclusive (discounts available).

**Leader:** Peter Waanders or Michael Greenshields

**Trip reports and photos of previous tours:**

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

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### Tour details

**Tour starts:** Mount Isa, Queensland **Tour finishes:** Adelaide, South Australia

**Scheduled departure and return dates:**

Tour commences with dinner on 30 Sep 2025. Please arrive on or before 30 Sep 2025. Tour finishes afternoon of 7 Oct 2025. Please depart on or after 7 Oct 2025 – please don't book domestic flights departing before 17:00 that day. Itinerary contains further details.

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

**Difficulty:** ~~Low/Medium/High/Excellent~~ level of fitness required. Tour covers over 2,500 km in 6 days so has a reasonably fast pace. Includes 700 km on bumpy outback dirt roads. Walks are on varying surfaces, from paved roads to uneven, gravelly trails with some short climbs and off-track walking involves stony plains and soft sand dunes. 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 visitor, insect repellent, sunscreen, personal medications, travel umbrella, 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 rain-proof jacket. Neat casual attire for dinners. Shorts and sandals or thongs (flip-flops) are acceptable for non-birding time.

**Group size:** Minimum 4, maximum 8 participants.

**Cost:** AU\$5,299 per person including accommodation and all meals, based on double or twin-share occupancy. Single occupancy surcharge of \$660. 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 details on the last page.

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### ITINERARY

**Day 0: 30 Sep '25.** Make your own way to our hotel (included) in Mt Isa, Qld where we'll meet for introductions and dinner this evening. Overnight Hotel in Mt Isa (private en-suite room; meals included: D).

**Day 1: 1 Oct '25.** Pick-up from your hotel after an early breakfast. We travel south, birding for Kalkadoon Grasswren, Painted Finch, Spinifexbird, as the landscape changes from vegetated, grassy hills and woodlands to bare gibber plains. Overnight **Desert Sands Motel, Boulia** (private en-suite rooms; meals included: L, D).

**Day 2: 2 Oct '25.** Our first chance of breeding or roosting Letter-winged Kites today. Other possibilities include Australian Pratincole, Flock Bronzewing, Spinifex Pigeon and Gibberbird. Overnight in the remote **Birdsville Hotel** (private en-suite motel rooms; meals included: B, L, D).

**Day 3: 3 Oct '25.** We have good further chances of Letter-winged Kite this morning while we move south in search of our next main target, the enigmatic Grey Falcon. Other species we may encounter here are Pied and Black Honeyeater, Eyrean Grasswren, Gibberbird, Flock Bronzewing & more. Overnight **Mungerannie Pub** (basic, clean rooms with shared facilities; meals included: B, L, D).

**Day 4: 4 Oct '25.** A big day as we bird the Birdsville track for Banded Whiteface, Cinnamon Quail-thrush, Chirruping Wedgebill, Gibberbird and Rufous Fieldwren. We stand a good chance of finding other sought-after species here such as Orange and Crimson Chat, Black-breasted Buzzard and many more. But of course the main target today is Grey Falcon, of which there are usually one or two breeding pairs each year. Overnight **Mungerannie Pub** (basic, clean rooms with shared facilities; meals included: B, L, D).

**Day 5: 5 Oct '25.** We depart around sunrise to search for any species still needed. Afterwards we continue deeper into the outback, where the tracks traverse endless open stony plains interspersed with mostly dry watercourses. We look for Black Falcon, Budgerigar, Red-backed Kingfisher, and have a good chance of Inland Dotterel. The sand dunes harbour Eyrean Grasswren. Not far from here an artesian bore-fed wetland usually holds Brolga and a raft of waterbirds, including crakes – in amidst desert-like scenery. We have further chances of Grey Falcons today. **Lyndhurst Hotel** (private en-suite cabins). Meals included: B, L, D.

**Day 6: 6 Oct '25.** After a morning bird walk (chance of Thick-billed Grasswren, Black-breasted Buzzard, Rufous Fieldwren) we head south along the edge of the Flinders Ranges. Possible species along the way including Elegant Parrot, Redthroat, Banded Stilt, Chirruping Wedgebill and others. Overnight **Standpipe Motel, Pt Augusta**(en-suite rooms, meals included: B, L, D).



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**Day 7: 7 Oct '25.** We'll do some early birding in the Arid Lands Botanical Gardens before heading to Adelaide. Tour finishes mid-afternoon. Please book flights departing no earlier than 15:30. The elusive Slender-billed Thornbill beckons, as do a variety of parrots, honeyeaters and a chance of Black Falcon. Meals incl.: B, L. TOUR ENDS).

### Getting there & away:

On day 0 you'll need to make your own way to Mt Isa, Qld (with many daily flights on Qantas, Virgin and Rex from Brisbane) and meet us at our hotel there for dinner and introductions. On the last day you will be dropped off at the airport in Adelaide. It is advisable not to book flights departing before 15:30 that afternoon.

### Pre- and post tour options:

This tour links seamlessly with our preceding [Australian Endemic Families](#) tour which ends in Brisbane early afternoon of 30 Sep, from where it is a short late afternoon flight to Mt Isa.

If you wish to stay an extra night before the tour starts or after it finishes, we can book you into a hotel, please indicate this on the booking form.

### Price inclusions and exclusions:

**Included:** All meals commencing with Dinner on Day 0, finishing with Lunch on Day 7, 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, Dinner on Day 7, 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.

**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 [terms and conditions](#).

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Grey Falcon (top: © Chris Watson, bottom: © Peter Waanders)

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Emu	Brown Goshawk	Spotted Dove <sup>1</sup>
Plumed Wistling-duck	Collared Sparrowhawk	Common Bronzewing
Freckled Duck	Spotted Harrier	Flock Bronzewing
Musk Duck	Swamp Harrier	Crested Pigeon
Blue-billed Duck	Wedge-tailed Eagle	Diamond Dove
Black Swan	Little Eagle	Peaceful Dove
Australian Shelduck	Australian Bustard	Spinifex Pigeon
Australian Wood Duck	Australian Swamphe	Horsfield's Bronze-cuckoo
Pink-eared Duck	Baillon's Crake	Pallid Cuckoo
Australasian Shoveler	Australian Spotted Crake	Fan-tailed Cuckoo
Grey Teal	Spotless Crake	Eastern Barn Owl
Chestnut Teal	Buff-banded Rail	Southern Boobook
Northern Mallard <sup>1</sup>	Black-tailed Native-hen	Tawny Frogmouth
Pacific Black Duck	Dusky Moorhen	Spotted Nightjar
Hardhead	Eurasian Coot	Australian Owlet-nightjar
Malleefowl	Brolga	White-throated Needletail
Brown Quail	Little Button-quail	Fork-tailed Swift
Stubble Quail	Australian Pied	Laughing Kookaburra
Australasian Grebe	Oystercatcher	Red-backed Kingfisher
Hoary-headed Grebe	Sooty Oystercatcher	Sacred Kingfisher
Great Crested Grebe	Black-winged Stilt	Rainbow Bee-eater
Glossy Ibis	Red-necked Avocet	Nankeen Kestrel
Australian White Ibis	Banded Stilt	Brown Falcon
Straw-necked Ibis	Red-capped Plover	Australian Hobby
Royal Spoonbill	Inland Dotterel	Grey Falcon
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Black-fronted Dotterel	Black Falcon
Great Egret	Red-kneed Dotterel	Peregrine Falcon
Intermediate Egret	Oriental Plover	Galah
Cattle Egret	Banded Lapwing	Major Mitchell's Cockatoo
White-necked Heron	Masked Lapwing	Long-billed Corella
White-faced Heron	Common Sandpiper	Little Corella
Little Egret	Wood Sandpiper	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Nankeen Night-Heron	Common Greenshank	Cockatiel
Australian Pelican	Ruddy Turnstone	Rainbow Lorikeet
Little Pied Cormorant	Red-necked Stint	Musk Lorikeet
Great Cormorant	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Purple-crowned Lorikeet
Little Black Cormorant	Australian Pratincole	Varied Lorikeet
Pied Cormorant	Crested Tern	Eastern Rosella
Black-faced Cormorant	Gull-billed Tern	Crimson (Adelaide) Rosella
Australasian Darter	Caspian Tern	Crimson (Yellow) Rosella
Black-shouldered Kite	Whiskered Tern	Australian (Pt Lincoln)
Letter-winged Kite	White-winged Black Tern	Ringneck
Whistling Kite	Silver Gull	Australian (Mallee) Ringneck
Black Kite	Rock Dove <sup>1</sup>	Blue Bonnet (yellow-vented)
Black-breasted Buzzard	Barbary Dove <sup>1</sup>	Blue Bonnet (pale form)
		Red-rumped Parrot

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Mulga Parrot	Slender-billed Thornbill	White-backed Swallow
Budgerigar	Buff-rumped Thornbill	Welcome Swallow
Bourke's Parrot	Inland Thornbill	Fairy Martin
Elegant Parrot	Southern Whiteface	Tree Martin
Black-throated Treecreeper	Banded Whiteface	Australian Reed-Warbler
White-browed Treecreeper	White-browed Babbler	Little Grassbird
Brown Treecreeper	Chestnut-crowned Babbler	Rufous Songlark
Superb Fairy-wren	Cinnamon Quail-thrush	Brown Songlark
Splendid Fairy-wren	Chirruping Wedgebill	Spinifexbird
White-winged Fairy-wren	Grey Butcherbird	Silvereye
Variiegated Fairy-wren	Pied Butcherbird	Common Starling <sup>1</sup>
Kalkadoon Grasswren	Australian Magpie	Common Blackbird <sup>1</sup>
Thick-billed Grasswren	Grey Currawong	Mistletoebird
Western Grasswren	White-breasted	House Sparrow <sup>1</sup>
Eyrean Grasswren	Woodswallow	Zebra Finch
Pied Honeyeater	Masked Woodswallow	Pictorella Mannikin
Singing Honeyeater	White-browed Woodswallow	Long-tailed Finch
Grey-headed Honeyeater	Black-faced Woodswallow	Painted Finch
White-eared Honeyeater	Dusky Woodswallow	Red-browed Finch
Yellow-plumed Honeyeater	Little Woodswallow	Australasian Pipit
Grey-fronted Honeyeater	Ground Cuckoo-shrike	
White-plumed Honeyeater	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	
White-fronted Honeyeater	White-winged Triller	
Noisy Miner	Varied Sittella	
Yellow-throated Miner	Gilbert's Whistler	
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater	Rufous Whistler	
Red Wattlebird	Golden Whistler	
Little Wattlebird	Grey Shrike-thrush	
Striped Honeyeater	Crested Bellbird	
Crimson Chat	Grey Fantail	
Orange Chat	Willie Wagtail	
White-fronted Chat	Restless Flycatcher	
Gibberbird	Paperbark Flycatcher	
Brown Honeyeater	Magpie-lark	
Black Honeyeater	Australian Raven	
New Holland Honeyeater	Little Raven	
Brown-headed Honeyeater	Little Crow	
Spotted Pardalote	White-winged Chough	
Red-browed Pardalote	Apostlebird	
Striated Pardalote	Jacky Winter	
White-browed Scrubwren	Red-capped Robin	
Shy Heathwren	Hooded Robin	
Rufous Fieldwren	Southern Scrub-robin	
Redthroat Weebill	Horsfield's Bushlark	
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	Eurasian Skylark <sup>1</sup>	
Chestnut-rumped Thornbill		



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## How 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>.

### 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/>.