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

21 -28 Sept 2026

(with optional 1-day ext'n)



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 other good outback species as well, including Black-breasted

Buzzard, Inland Dotterel, Flock Bronzewing, Australian Pratincole, 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! We offer a 1-day extension for Carpentarian Grasswren at the end.

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

Scheduled departure & return dates:

- 21-28 Sep 2026 (1-day ext'n on 28 Sep)
- Any other time as a private tour

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

Leader: Peter Waanders (STC)

Trip reports and photos of previous tours:

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

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- Freecall 1800-BIRDING
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- Booking information

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Tour details

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

Scheduled departure and return dates:

Tour commences with dinner on 21 Sep 2026. Please arrive on or before 21 Sep 2026. Tour finishes morning of 28 Sep 2026. Please depart on or after 28 Sep 2026 – or join our 1-day extension for Carpentarian Grasswren on 28 Sep. Itinerary contains further details.

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Difficulty: ~~Low/Medium/High/Excellent~~ level of fitness required. The tour has a reasonable pace and walks are on varying surfaces, from paved roads to uneven, gravelly trails with some short climbs and soft sandy 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\$5,499 per person including accommodation and all meals, based on double or twin-share occupancy. Single occupancy surcharge of \$750. 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> or please complete the booking form in the back of this brochure.

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Day 0: 21 Sep '26. Meet for introductions and dinner at our hotel (included) in Adelaide. Overnight hotel in Adelaide (private en-suite room). Meals included: D.

Day 1: 22 Sep '26. Early departure for our trip heading north, birding for Slender-billed Thornbill, Elegant Parrot, Redthroat, Banded Stilt, Chirruping Wedgebill and other species. Lyndhurst, on the edge of the Strzelecki desert, is our final destination where at sunset, we look for Inland Dotterel. Overnight **Lyndhurst Hotel** (private en-suite cabins). Meals included: L, D).

Day 2: 23 Sep '26. 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 3: 24 Sep '26. 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 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 multiple chances of Grey Falcons today. Overnight **Mungerannie Pub** (basic, clean rooms with shared facilities; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 4: 25 Sep '26. Our last chance of Grey Falcon while we move further north in search of our next main target, the crepuscular Letter-winged Kite. Other species we may encounter here are Pied and Black Honeyeater, Eyrean Grasswren, Gibberbird, Banded Stilt and more. Overnight in the remote **Bedourie Hotel** (private en-suite motel rooms; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 5: 26 Sep '26. As we head further north in search of breeding or roosting Letter-winged Kites the landscape changes from bare gibber plains to vegetated, grassy plains and woodlands. Australian Pratincole, Flock Bronzewing, Spinifex Pigeon are possibilities today. Overnight **Desert Sands Motel, Boulia** (private en-suite rooms; meals included: B, L, D).



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Day 6: 27 Sep '26. After a morning bird walk and our last chance of Letter-winged Kite, today will be mostly spent travelling north to reach Mt Isa early afternoon for some final birding at waterbird paradise Lake Moondarra. The elusive Kalkadoon Grasswren beckons, as do a variety of finches, parrots and more!
Overnight: **Abacus Motel, Mt Isa** (en-suite motel rooms; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 7: 28 Sep '26. After breakfast (incl.) departure from Mount Isa. Taxi to airport (own cost) Or join our **1 day extension** to the spinifex habitats west of Mt Isa, in search of **Carpentarian Grasswren, Black-tailed Treecreeper** and many other good species. The extension includes breakfast, lunch, dinner and an extra night's accommodation tonight, so you can depart tomorrow (29 Sep). Price for the extension is AU\$600 pp (min. 3).

Getting there & away:

On the day before departure you'll need to make your own way to Adelaide and overnight in a hotel there. We'll pick you up early the next morning. On the last day you will be free to make your own way to the airport any time.

Pre- and post tour options:

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 Lunch on Day 1 and finishing with Breakfast 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 Lunch on Day 1, Dinner on Day 7, drinks except where provided, personal expenses, tips, insurance.

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

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Emu	Brown Goshawk	Spotted Dove ¹
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 ¹	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 ¹	Blue Bonnet (yellow-vented)
Black-breasted Buzzard	Barbary Dove ¹	Blue Bonnet (pale form)
		Red-rumped Parrot

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Mulga Parrot
 Budgerigar
 Bourke's Parrot
 Elegant Parrot
 Black-throated Treecreeper
 White-browed Treecreeper
 Brown Treecreeper
 Superb Fairy-wren
 Splendid Fairy-wren
 White-winged Fairy-wren
 Variegated Fairy-wren
 Kalkadoon Grasswren
 Thick-billed Grasswren
 Western Grasswren
 Eyrean Grasswren
 Pied Honeyeater
 Singing Honeyeater
 Grey-headed Honeyeater
 White-eared Honeyeater
 Yellow-plumed Honeyeater
 Grey-fronted Honeyeater
 White-plumed Honeyeater
 White-fronted Honeyeater
 Noisy Miner
 Yellow-throated Miner
 Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater
 Red Wattlebird
 Little Wattlebird
 Striped Honeyeater
 Crimson Chat
 Orange Chat
 White-fronted Chat
 Gibberbird
 Brown Honeyeater
 Black Honeyeater
 New Holland Honeyeater
 Brown-headed Honeyeater
 Spotted Pardalote
 Red-browed Pardalote
 Striated Pardalote
 White-browed Scrubwren
 Shy Heathwren
 Rufous Fieldwren
 Redthroat Weebill
 Yellow-rumped Thornbill
 Chestnut-rumped Thornbill

Slender-billed Thornbill
 Buff-rumped Thornbill
 Inland Thornbill
 Southern Whiteface
 Banded Whiteface
 White-browed Babbler
 Chestnut-crowned Babbler
 Cinnamon Quail-thrush
 Chirruping Wedgebill
 Grey Butcherbird
 Pied Butcherbird
 Australian Magpie
 Grey Currawong
 White-breasted Woodswallow
 Masked Woodswallow
 White-browed Woodswallow
 Black-faced Woodswallow
 Dusky Woodswallow
 Little Woodswallow
 Ground Cuckoo-shrike
 Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
 White-winged Triller
 Varied Sittella
 Gilbert's Whistler
 Rufous Whistler
 Golden Whistler
 Grey Shrike-thrush
 Crested Bellbird
 Grey Fantail
 Willie Wagtail
 Restless Flycatcher
 Paperbark Flycatcher
 Magpie-lark
 Australian Raven
 Little Raven
 Little Crow
 White-winged Chough
 Apostlebird
 Jacky Winter
 Red-capped Robin
 Hooded Robin
 Southern Scrub-robin
 Horsfield's Bushlark
 Eurasian Skylark¹

White-backed Swallow
 Welcome Swallow
 Fairy Martin
 Tree Martin
 Australian Reed-Warbler
 Little Grassbird
 Rufous Songlark
 Brown Songlark
 Spinifexbird
 Silvereye
 Common Starling¹
 Common Blackbird¹
 Mistletoebird
 House Sparrow¹
 Zebra Finch
 Pictorella Mannikin
 Long-tailed Finch
 Painted Finch
 Red-browed Finch
 Australasian Pipit
 European Goldfinch¹



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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/>.