



BirdLife Western Australia

Opportunities for Participation

BirdLife Western Australia (BWA) is a Branch of BirdLife Australia. We are an active Branch and there are many opportunities to participate in activities. These activities range from helping in the Floreat Park office, to participating in excursions; from involvement in the community education program to participating in important national and local bird conservation and survey projects. There are also opportunities to participate in one or more of the many groups and committees that help us do what we do.

See what we do in the table below AND use the contact details. If you are....?

1. New to Bird Watching – a beginner? Visit our office and library and... See... **Threatened Black-Cockatoo Recovery Project; Community Education; Excursions; Perth Suburban Birds Survey and others**
2. Interested in expanding your Birdwatching/Identification Skills? See... **Broome Bird Observatory; Community Education; Excursions; Shorebirds 2020 and others**
3. Interested in day/weekend /extended excursions? See... **Excursions; Shorebirds 2020; Hooded Plover Project**
4. Interested in Conservation/ Research? See... **Atlas of Australian Birds and Bird data; Australasian Bittern project; Great Western Woodlands: Research Committee; Threatened Black-Cockatoo Recovery Project; Eyre Bird Observatory and others.**
5. Happy to be part of an office team and or sales/ promotion? See... **BirdLife WA Office; Card Sales**
6. Interested in helping to teach others? See... **Community Education; Excursions**
7. Interested in Photography? See... **Photography Group**
8. Interested in publicising the organisation? See **Birdwatching Guides, Card Sales, Community Education**

Project coordinators and other people may also **be contacted through the BirdLife WA office**. The office is staffed Monday-Friday 9.30am-12.30 pm.
Contact: BirdLife Western Australia, Peregrine House, 167 Perry Lakes Drive, FLOREAT WA 6014. Tel: 9383 7749; email: wa@birdlife.org.au
Website: www.birdlife.org.au/wa

Join us for the birds, the birding and the camaraderie!

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Activity or project	What we do	When is it operating?	What can participants do?	Is training provided?	Who to contact if you are interested in participating
Atlas of Australian Birds and Bird data	The Atlas is the largest citizen science project in Australia and one of the largest in the world. This is Australia's most important database for birds. Anyone can contribute.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake surveys of birds in all habitat types in all parts of Australia, including all parts of WA Adopt a site and survey it regularly (eg monthly or quarterly) Do opportunistic surveys eg: your backyard, farm; a local reserve; bushland. If you are doing surveys of wetlands or seabirds, please count the birds Surveys can be entered on paper forms or you can do it online via Birdata 	No (but individual observers are willing to take people out with them)	Cheryl Gole Tel: 9293 4958 email: cgole@westnet.com.au
Australasian Bittern project	Conservation project for this endangered species which inhabits vegetated wetlands in the southwest	Surveys in Spring and Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join evening listening surveys in Perth Metropolitan Region Participate in survey campouts in locations across the south-west (north of Bunbury to Esperance) Adopt a wetland and conduct dawn or dusk surveys 	Yes	Debbie Sullivan Tel: 9076 2203 M: 0427 987 085 email: deb.sullivan@birdlife.org.au
BirdLife WA Office	The Birds WA Office is open 5 days a week from 9:30 am to 12:30pm, and is entirely staffed by volunteers.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answer the phone, greet visitors, check the post, do photocopying, open and answer or redirect e-mails and other general duties. 	Yes	Annette Park Tel: 9383 7749 Email: wa@birdlife.org.au
Birdwatching guides	Provide bird lists and information on good birding sites in metropolitan and rural shires in WA	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participating in surveys, such as Atlas surveys, wherever possible (the Birds Australia databases are an excellent source of information for the Guides) 	No	Pam Agar Tel: 9457 2292 Email: agar@openaccess.com.au
Broome Bird Observatory	The Observatory is situated on the shore of Roebuck Bay near the extensive Crab Creek tidal mud flats. More than 300 species of birds have been recorded at one of the world's most important sites for migratory shorebirds	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit the Observatory and participate in courses such as 'Wave the Waders Goodbye' Offer to help with periodic busy bees at the Observatory Join the Observatory committee or offer to help in other ways 	Yes	To visit the Observatory or participate in other activities, contact the wardens: Tel: 9193 5600 Email: broome@birdlife.org.au

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Card Sales	The Sales Committee raises funds through sales of cards and lapel badges	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help on stalls and trading tables Prepare orders for posting Assist at the Combined Charities Christmas Card Shop 		Lou Scampoli Email: louscampoli@iinet.net.au
Community Education	Promote Birding as an interesting and worthwhile activity and encourage membership Respond to requests for displays, presentations, classes and walks	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead / assist in birdwalks at schools and /or public venues and assist with presentations. Become a presenter to groups – school children or/and adult groups Prepare or select appropriate activities or other material for visits 	Yes	Brice Wells Tel: 9359 5257 Email: oddcouple18@bigpond.com
Executive Committee	Committee elected at the AGM each year to oversee the management of the WA Branch promoting the objectives of BirdLife Aust.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer informed views on the wide ranging issues that come before the EC Initiate changes or activities that will benefit the Branch 	No	Chair of the BWA Executive Committee wa@birdlife.org.au
Excursions	Run excursions ranging from 2-3 hour morning walks to campouts lasting 3-5 days. All excursions are lead by experienced bird observers.	Ongoing, held once or twice weekly. Opportunities for members and guests. General public invited to attend some.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in excursions and learn how to identify birds, their ecology and behaviour. Offer to lead an excursion/ suggest locations, especially if you have a regular location and specific bird that you know well within 100km of the Perth or country sub-branch centre for day walks etc. 	Yes	Sue Abbotts Tel 94441607 suechat@bigpond.net.au
Eyre Bird Observatory	The Observatory is located within the Nuytsland Nature Reserve on the remote south coast of WA. Volunteer caretakers look after the Observatory; visiting experts and volunteers periodically run courses and other activities.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer as wardens for 3 months or for shorter periods to fill in. Join the committee and help protect and manage the site Visit and participate in bird surveys and other activities such as bird banding and dune restoration activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensed tradespeople can help maintain the Heritage-listed buildings 	Yes	To visit the Observatory, contact the caretakers: Tel: 9039 3450 Email: eyre@birdlife.org.au To participate in other ways contact: Alma de Rebeira Tel: 08 9298 8999 Email:

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Great Western Woodland Project	BirdLife Australia, with The Nature Conservancy, is running a project to establish long-term monitoring of birds in the GWW to assess bird species' ecology, distribution, population status etc. with the aim of improving conservation and management in the area. BirdLife carries out regular bird surveys at over 200 sites in 9 widely scattered areas.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the organised seasonal bird surveys conducted at a variety of locations within the GWW (no experience required). • Conduct bird surveys anywhere within the GWW at any time and provide the results to the project coordinator or direct to the Bird Atlas. • Assist in the office with organising and supporting the surveys 	On site	Maris Lauva m 0403 029 051 gww@birdlife.org.au Website: http://www.birdlife.org.au/projects/great-western-woodlands
Hooded Plover Project	Conservation project for a threatened bird which is subject to predation and disturbance in breeding areas in coastal WA and inland salt lakes	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report sightings of Hooded Plover, particularly breeding birds • Participate in advertised surveys (coastal areas and inland salt lakes), colour banding, research projects • Adopt a beach or salt lake and survey it regularly • Promote at fairs etc 	No	Marcus Singor Tel: 9362 2742 Email: msingor@primus.com.au
Important Bird Areas project	Australia has 314 Important Bird Areas (IBAs); WA has 74. These are key sites for bird conservation for threatened and congregatory species	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt an IBA • Help do monitoring surveys at IBAs • Contribute to conservation advocacy for IBAs, help raise awareness of IBAs • Join the WA Working Group to help provide oversight for the state program (Expressions of Interest welcome) 	No (although training is provided for some individual monitoring projects)	Nic Dunlop Tel: 0409 014 030 email: tern@iinet.net.au
Member's Monthly Meeting	Guest speaker on 4 th Monday of each month	Monthly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help with publicity, suggest possible speakers • Attend meetings to learn more about birds and enjoy the companionship 	No	Sue Mather Tel: 9389 6416 Email: suzannemather@bigpond.com
Perth Suburban Birds Survey	Provides information on the use by birds of suburban gardens in the Perth Metropolitan Area	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do a weekly bird survey in your garden or other Perth metropolitan area site nominated by you 	No	Clive Nealon Tel: 9448 5921 email: clivenealon@bigpond.com

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Photography Group	Encourage and support all types of bird photography and organise photographic excursions.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share and learn photographic expertise. • Display photographs at monthly BWA meetings.. • Provide photographs for BWA use for publicity and education. 	Shared expertise	Sandra Wallace Tel : 62624649 Email : Wallaces9@hotmail.com Andrew Hobbs Tel: 92462026 Email : scanetica@iinet.net.au
Rangelands Surveys	Does bird surveys on former pastoral leases acquired by the Dept of Environment and Conservation for conservation purposes	For 2-3 weeks in Winter each year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in annual surveys. Participants need reasonable knowledge of dry-country birds and must be willing to work in pairs in remote areas 	Basic GPS skills required; some training provided for basic survey techniques	Ed & Alyson Paull: Tel : 9299 6283 Email : edward.paull@bigpond.com Pam & George Agar: Tel: 9457 2292; Email: agar@openaccess.com.au
Research Committee	Review current conservation projects. Identify possible future conservation projects.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in discussions identifying conservation issues and appropriate action • Prepare submissions 	No	Andrew Hobbs Tel: 9246 2026 Email: scanetica@iinet.net.au
Shorebirds 2020	The Shorebirds 2020 program coordinates national shorebird population monitoring in Australia including population trends, identifying the driving factors for change in order to support the conservation and effective management of shorebirds and their habitats.	Ongoing (mostly summer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in annual shorebird counts in February each year at new or scheduled sites across WA. • Participate in shorebird identification and conservation workshops. • Conduct regular shorebird counts of your local wetlands 	Yes	Bruce Greatwich Email: shorebirds.wa@birdlife.org.au For general information about shorebirds and the Shorebirds 2020 project, visit: http://www.birdlife.org.au/projects/shorebirds-2020

Southwest Black-Cockatoo Recovery Project	<p>This citizen science and community engagement program focusses on our three southwest Black-Cockatoo species (Baudin's, Carnaby's and Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoos). We work wherever these birds are found, from the northern sandplains to the metropolitan area, the Perth Hills, the wheatbelt, the tall forests and down along the south coast.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report sightings of cockatoos roosting, foraging or breeding • Participate in annual nest monitoring • Participate in planting projects for future food and hollow resources • Assist with nest hollow repairs • Conduct evening roost counts • Public relations, school and community group education • Admin tasks, newsletter, data entry 	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Matt Byrne Email matt.byrne@birdlife.org.au</p> <p>Tegan Douglas Email tegan.douglas@birdlife.org.au</p>
Western Ground Parrot Project	<p>We work with the DEC Western Ground Parrot recovery project, and increase awareness of the existence of this bird and its very real risk of extinction in the short term</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in planned 'listening' surveys • Membership of 'Friends' group • Assisting with displays at shows 	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Contact the Friends of the Western Ground Parrot: www.western-ground-parrot.org.au</p>