

## My birding trips since 2006

Year	Trip	New Birds
	<b>May/June:</b> The Kimberleys	TBA! It's coming soon!
<b>2024</b>	<b>January/February:</b> Chile and Costa Rica	I only saw six new species in Chile, from limited opportunities and of course I'd already been to the country several times before. I saw 272 new species in Costa Rica! It was amazing! The highlight was the Resplendent Quetzal (I saw about ten of them including several adult males in full breeding plumage).
<b>2023</b>	<b>May:</b> Japan	I saw 127 species, with about 30 of them being new ones for me. Highlights included Falcated Duck, Oriental White Stork, Japanese Swamp Warbler and Black-browed Reed Warbler.
	<b>March:</b> New Zealand	New Zealand Scaup, New Zealand Fernbird, Black-fronted Tern
<b>2022</b>	<b>July:</b> Northern Territory/Kununurra	This was a trip I'd been wanting to do for a long time - it took me into new country with lots of potential for adding birds to my Australian list. I saw 13 new species including the two Rock-Pigeons, the three missing finches from my list, and some other endemics. One highlight was a group of three Chestnut-backed Button-quail, including one bird which sat for ages and allowed us to get close enough for great and extended views. Another highlight was to see my 750th species for Australia - the Arafura Shrike-thrush. I had terrific views of it.
<b>2020</b>	<b>March:</b> Cairns /Atherton Tableland	No new birds but I was delighted to get photographs of some species for my first time e.g. Mountain Thornbill, Tooth-billed Bowerbird.

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### 2019

- November:** South-west WA No new birds but I was quite pleased to see Western Thornbill and Gilbert's Honeyeater again, and the WA race of Regent Parrot.
- June/July:** Northern Territory Masked Finch, Arafura Fantail, Hooded Parrot.
- April:** Western NSW No new birds but I was quite pleased to see Grey-fronted Honeyeater and Gilbert's Whistler again.
- February/March:** NSW/Victoria No new birds but I was able to get to the Western Treatment Plant (Werribee) for a day and see thousands of ducks again. Also I caught up with Hooded Plover and Pacific Gull once again.
- January:** NSW/Queensland No new birds but I was able to get better photos of Albert's Lyrebird, and saw a Marbled Frogmouth for the first time in a couple of decades.
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### 2018

- June:** Western Australia No new birds, but it was great to see some old favourites again. A focus for the trip was to join the Noisy Scrub-bird recovery project team for a week. I learnt a lot about scrub-birds and was able to look at a bird in the hand (and then to follow it around using radio-telemetry).
- May:** Scotland, Shetlands, Denmark I saw 24 new species (out of a total of 98 species), with the highlights of these being Red Grouse (in Scotland), Northern Gannet (in the Shetlands) and Green Woodpecker (in Denmark), and Guillemots and Razorbills (Scotland and Shetlands). And, I really enjoyed seeing Atlantic Puffins once again.
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**November:** Victoria/South Australia

Ostrich (at Barham). Also it was great to catch up with some old favourites (e.g. Western Whipbird, Purple-gaped Honeyeater, Cape Barren Goose).

**2017**

**September:** Sri Lanka

I saw 143 species in three weeks, of which about 120 were completely new birds for me. The one which impressed me the most was the Malabar Pied Hornbill but there were plenty of other great sightings too, including endemics such as Sri Lanka Blue Magpie and Sri Lanka Crested Drongo. I saw the majority but by no means all of the Sri Lanka endemic species, I didn't tally it up as there also were quite a few endemic sub-species also seen and I was just as happy with those sightings.

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**August:** Denmark, Iceland, UK

Many, especially in Iceland (which has no endemics but I was relatively new to northern European birds). My favourite was the Atlantic Puffin; I was also pleased to see lots of Northern Fulmars.

**2016**

**June-July:** Queensland

Albert's Lyrebird, Eungella Honeyeater, Southern Cassowary

**March:** Perth and South-western WA

Eurasian Hobby (and, it was great to see the Noisy Scrub-bird again!)

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**Oct-Nov:** Mt Isa area

Kalkadoon Grasswren, Carpentarian Grasswren

**2015**

**May:** Japan

Rock Thrush, Gadwall, Pacific Diver (but my focus was Grey-tailed Tattlers)

**April:** Denmark

30+ new birds(my favourite was the Wren)

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<b>2014</b>	<b>October:</b> Strezlecki track	Western Grass-wren
	<b>August:</b> South-west WA	Nil (but I was pleased to find many species that I don't often see)
	<b>May:</b> Japan	Dunlin, Black-billed Spoonbill, Black-headed Gull, Wigeon (but my focus was Grey-tailed Tattlers)
<b>2013</b>	<b>August:</b> Japan	Many (but my focus was Grey-tailed Tattlers)
	<b>April:</b> Macquarie Marshes, Bowra	Nil
<b>2012</b>	<b>November:</b> Cape York/Iron Range	Spotted Whistling Duck, Black-winged Monarch
	<b>May:</b> Newhaven Reserve (NT)	Rufous-crowned Emu-wren
	<b>April:</b> USA / Canada	Many
	<b>January:</b> Norfolk Island	Norfolk Island endemics
<b>2011</b>	<b>October:</b> South Australia (Gluepot)	Scarlet-chested Parrot (#700), Barbary Dove (#699, tracked it down in Adelaide prior to going to Gluepot)
	<b>September:</b> South Korea, Russia (Vladivostok)	Several, mostly on Jehu Island. Unfortunately, Vladivostok was very ordinary for birding!
	<b>February:</b> South Africa	Several in the Cape Town area

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<b>2010</b>	<b>October:</b> Pilbara Region (WA)	Red-necked Phalarope, Oriental Pratincole
	<b>June:</b> Albany/Cheyne Beach	Western Whipbird
	<b>March:</b> Patagonia (Chile & Argentina)	Lots
	<b>February:</b> Tasmania (Eaglehawk, Melaleuca)	Cook's Petrel

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<b>2009</b>	<b>August:</b> Jupiter Well (WA)	Princess Parrot
	<b>May:</b> King Island and Werribee	Orange-bellied Parrot

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<b>2008</b>	<b>November:</b> Vietnam (second visit)	A handful
	<b>August:</b> Tasmania (Eaglehawk)	Grey Petrel
	<b>July:</b> Bowra (Qld)	Black Honeyeater

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<b>2007</b>	<b>Nov/Dec:</b> NZ and Macquarie Island	Several including four species of penguin
	<b>August:</b> Cape York/Iron Range	Most of the Iron Range endemics

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2006	<b>December:</b> Christmas Island (and briefly on Cocos Island)	Blue-and-white Flycatcher, Common Kingfisher, all the Christmas Island endemics, Green Jungle-fowl
	<b>December:</b> Cheynes Beach (WA)	Western Bristlebird, Noisy Scrub-bird, Red-eared Firetail
	<b>October:</b> Torres Strait	Several including Shining Starling (650th Aust. bird)
	<b>January:</b> Vietnam	Several

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