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Chestnut-breasted Whiteface Grey Honeyeater

4 day expedition July 2020

Chestnut-breasted Whiteface is one of the most difficult species for birders to see, because of its very small distribution in remote outback locations, and its elusive nature. It has recently disappeared from one of its key locations leaving only a few spots where it can still reliably be found. This year we're offering a short expedition into the outback in search of this elusive bird. Commencing from Coober Pedy (SA), accessible on direct flights from Adelaide, this trip explores areas

adjacent to the Stuart Highway before heading off into little-visited outback locations to search for **Chestnut-breasted Whiteface**. Late July is a great time to go birding here, and in addition to the whiteface, expect to see many other great species including Thick-billed Grasswren, Gibberbird, Budgerigar, Crimson and Orange Chat, and more, and there's always the chance of Bourke's Parrot or even Grey Falcon! During this time of the year the weather is dry and generally quite pleasant. We've seen Chestnut-breasted Whiteface here annually since 2006 so our

We're offering a seamless connection to our Red Centre Adventure commencing in Alice Springs on 21 July with instant return-client discount. Contact us for details.

Tour starts: Coober Pedy, SA

Tour finishes: Alice Springs, NT

Scheduled departure & return dates:

- 17-21 July 2020

Price: AU\$2699 all-inclusive (no discounts available).

Leader: David Kowalick

Trip reports and photos of previous tours:

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

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Chestnut-breasted Whiteface, Grey Honeyeater 4-day birding tour

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Tour details

Tour starts: Coober Pedy, SA (served by direct flights from Adelaide)

Tour finishes: Alice Springs, NT (served by direct flights to all major cities)

Scheduled departure and return dates:

Tour commences with dinner on 17 July 2020. Please arrive on or before 17 July. Tour finishes late afternoon on 20 July 2020. Please depart that evening or the next day. Or join our Red Centre Adventure 21-26 July. Itinerary contains further details.

Leader: David Kowalick.

Difficulty: ~~Low~~/Medium/~~High~~/Excellent level of fitness required. For the actual whiteface search we'll be walking between 5-10 km across stony, undulating terrain. We may have to do this again the next day if we don't succeed the first time.

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 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 jumper / sweater and a wind- and rain-proof jacket.

Group size: Minimum 3, maximum 4 participants.

Cost: AU\$2699 per person including accommodation and all meals, based on double or twin-share occupancy. Single occupancy surcharge of \$300. Not included: tips, personal expenses. Budget tour: earlybird or return-client discount **does not** 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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Daily Itinerary

Day 1: Fri 17 July 2020.

Please make your own way to Coober Pedy (SA) this afternoon. There are direct flights from Adelaide. Accommodation: **Underground Motel, Coober Pedy** (above-ground & underground en-suite motel rooms available; meals included: D).

Day 2: Sat 18 July 2020

After an early breakfast we'll spend the best part of the morning searching a location near Coober Pedy where we should, weather and other factors permitting, obtain our first views of Chestnut-breasted Whiteface. This will involve a lot of walking. Other species likely here include White-winged Fairy-wren, Zebra Finch and Thick-billed Grasswren which no doubt will be another highlight. After lunch we'll spend most of the afternoon driving north to arrive in the hamlet of Marla, our destination for the night. Along the way we have chances of Budgerigar, Crimson and Orange Chat, Black-breasted Buzzard and Chiming Wedgebill. Accommodation: **Traveller's Rest, Marla** (en-suite motel rooms; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 3: Sun 19 July 2020

After an early breakfast we will check the sparse outback habitats around Marla where we have another very good chance of Chestnut-breasted Whiteface as well as Zebra Finch and Orange Chat while we may be lucky to come across Ground Cuckoo-shrike, Gibberbird, Chiming Wedgebill or Bourke's Parrot. We'll then have lunch and spend the afternoon driving up to Alice Springs. At the end of the day we'll retire to our accommodation in Alice Springs. Accommodation: **Mercure Springs Resort, Alice Springs** (en-suite motel rooms; meals included: B, L, D)

Day 4: Mon 20 July 2020

We'll spend a day birding around Alice Springs, where Grey Honeyeater will be the main target of the day. There are plenty of other good birds to be had too: Dusky Grasswren, Rufous-crowned Emu-wren, Spinifexbird, Slaty-backed and Inland Thornbill, Western Bowerbird and Painted Finch are on the menu for today. The tour finishes around 4pm this afternoon and you are welcome to fly out any time from 5pm onwards this evening or stay on in Alice Springs for our Red Centre tour. Accommodation: **none**; meals: B, L). If you're staying on for our Red Centre tour your hotel and dinner is included tonight and you'll receive a discount off the Red Centre tour price.



Chestnut-breasted Whiteface, Gibberbird, Chestnut-breasted Whiteface, Grey Honeyeater © P Waanders

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Tour booking form

This form contains 3 pages. Please print out and complete each page, and sign where indicated. Scan and email, or send by postal mail, with payment (see last page) to the address above. You can also complete an on-line version of this form at <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/booking>

Tour details:

Name of tour ***Chestnut-breasted Whiteface –Grey Honeyeater 4-day expedition 2020***

Starting and Ending dates ***17-20 July 2020***

Your details:

Name and address of the registrant(s) *(only 1 form is needed for people residing at the same address)*

Name(s) _____

Date of birth _____

Address _____

Identification document and number (passport for international visitors) _____

Telephone (Home) _____

(Work) _____ (Mobile) _____

Email _____

tick if you do not want to receive future updates, news and special offers from Bellbird Tours by email

Emergency Contact Name, relationship and telephone number *(required field)*

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Accommodation requirements (please tick):

- Single Room (surcharge applies)
- Double Room (2 people, 1 bed, usually queen-size, but this cannot always be guaranteed)
- Twin Share (2 people, 2 beds) (If you are a solo traveller and want to share a room: we will try to team you up with another solo traveller, however this cannot be guaranteed. Single surcharge applies for single occupancy)

Medical conditions and dietary requirements:

Do you have any medical conditions (eg. disabilities, illnesses or allergies) that might restrict your full involvement in any aspect of the tour?

No / Yes If Yes, please provide details: _____

If you have other special requirements (eg dietary requirements), please advise. While we cannot guarantee to accommodate them, we will make every attempt to do so.

Optional extras:

Please indicate if you would like us to arrange any of the following (we'll contact you to discuss):

- Domestic flights
- International flights
- Pre and/or post tour hotel bookings

Travel insurance:

I understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise that could force me to cancel my booking. I understand Bellbird's cancellation policy and have made the following arrangements:

- I will arrange, or have arranged, my own travel insurance
- I do not intend to take out travel insurance and accept the associated financial risk
- I would like you to arrange travel insurance for me
- Other, please specify: _____

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Terms and Conditions:

Please read the [terms and conditions](http://www.bellbirdtours.com/terms-and-conditions) and the [release of liability waiver](http://www.bellbirdtours.com/terms-and-conditions) (both can be found on <http://www.bellbirdtours.com/terms-and-conditions>), then sign below.

I/we agree to book this tour. I/we have read and understood, and accept the terms and conditions. I/we accept the release and waiver from liability.

Signature 1: _____ Signature 2: _____

Print Name 1: _____ Name 2: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

To secure a seat, a deposit of 20% of the tour price is required at the time of booking. Full payment is due 75 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).

Please tick which of the following payment options you will be using to pay the deposit:

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 & Amex: through Pin Payments (an easy, secure online payment system). They charge us a fee of 2.95%, which unfortunately we have to pass on to you. Please contact us if you want to use this option, and we'll email you a link to a secure payment page.

PayPal & other credit cards through PayPal: They charge us a fee of between 2.6-3.6% to receive your money, which unfortunately we have to pass on to you. Please contact us if you want to use this option, and we'll email you a secure PayPal invoice.

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.