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BIRDING, WILDLIFE & PHOTO TOURS

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## Tasmania: birds & mammals 5 ½ -day tour Nov 2020



Australia's mysterious island state is home to 13 endemic birds as well as some unique mammal species. Our Tasmania: Birds & Mammals tour showcases these wonderful birding and mammal highlights in 5 ½ fabulous days. Bird species include Forty-spotted Pardalote, Dusky Robin, 3 Honeyeaters, Yellow Wattlebird, Tasmanian Native-Hen, Black Currawong, Green Rosella, Tasmanian Scrubwren,

Tasmanian Thornbill and Scrubtit, as well as the beautiful Swift Parrot. Iconic mammals include Tasmanian Devil, Platypus and Echidna. Add wonderful scenery, true wilderness, good food and excellent accommodation, often located within the various wilderness areas we'll be visiting, and you'll realise this is one tour not to be missed! The tour commences and ends in Hobart, and visits Bruny Island, Mt Wellington and Mt Field NP. Join us in 2020 for an unforgettable experience!

**Tour starts:** Hobart, Tasmania

**Tour finishes:** Hobart, Tasmania

**Scheduled departure & return dates:**

- 15-20 November 2020

**Price:** AU\$3,799 all-inclusive (discounts available).

**Leader:** Andrew Hingston

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

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

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- Daily itinerary
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### Tour details:

**Tour starts & finishes:** Starts and finishes in Hobart, Tasmania.

**Scheduled departure and return dates:** Tour commences with dinner on 15 November 2020. Please arrive on or before 15 November. Tour finishes with breakfast on 20 November 2020. Please depart on or after 20 November. Itinerary contains further details.

**Leader:** Andrew Hingston, one of Tasmania's top bird and wildlife experts.

**Difficulty:** Low/Medium/High/Excellent level of fitness required. The tour has a relaxed pace and walks are on varying surfaces, from paved roads to sandy or rocky walking trails with some short climbs. 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 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 4, maximum 8 participants.

**Cost:** AU\$3,799 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 6 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.

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 (15 Nov): **Arrive Hobart.**

Today has been set aside as an arrival day so you are free to arrive at any time that suits your travel plans. You are to make your own way to the hotel in the city (please see notes at the end of this itinerary) and we will meet at the hotel in the evening for a brief orientation and welcome dinner. Accommodation: **Hobart** (en-suite hotel rooms; Meals Included: D).

### Day 2 (16 Nov): **Hobart to Bruny Island.**

After breakfast, we will bird local reserves around Hobart, which is situated on a steep rainfall gradient, ranging from averages of 500 mm to 1350 mm within a distance of 25 km. This provides a wide variety of forest types, from grassy woodland to wet forests rich in ferns and mosses, and an opportunity to find a diverse array of birds including Tasmania's endemic species, and see the differing habitat requirements of some of these localized, endemic bird species. After lunch we take a ferry to Bruny Island for our stay on the island. All twelve of Tasmania's endemic species are found on Bruny: Tasmanian Native-hen, Green Rosella, Dusky Robin, Tasmanian Thornbill, Forty-spotted Pardalote, Tasmanian Scrubwren, Scrub-Tit, Yellow Wattlebird, Black Currawong, Strong-billed Honeyeater, Black-headed Honeyeater, and Yellow-throated Honeyeater. Overnight on Bruny Island. Accommodation: **Bruny Island** (cottage style, en-suite room; Meals included: B, L, D).

### Day 3 (17 Nov): **Bruny Island.**

We will spend a full day birding on the island targeting the endemics and the non-endemics that are more abundant on Tasmania than on the mainland, including Hooded Plover, Brush Bronzewing, Swift Parrot, Flame and Pink Robins, Crescent Honeyeater, and the Forest Raven, Tasmania's only Corvid. Along the coast we should see Fairy Penguins, Black-faced Cormorants Short-tailed Shearwaters, and other seabirds. We will attempt to schedule a visit to the a great little reserve where we have a good chance of seeing Forty-spotted Pardalote. At night we will spotlight for marsupials including Bennett's Wallaby, Tasmanian Pademelon, Long-nosed Potoroo, and Eastern Quoll. Overnight on Bruny Island. Accommodation: **Bruny Island** (cottage style, en-suite room; Meals included: B, L, D).



Swift Parrot © G Jones, Tas Native-hen,  
Tas rainforest, Scrubtit © P Waanders

#### Day 4 (18 Nov): **Bruny Island – Mount Field.**

The morning will be an opportunity to pick up anything we have missed on Bruny Island. Partway through the day we will take the ferry back to the mainland and then travel to Mount Field National Park which is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Area and the vast Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. The park offers spectacular scenery and pristine forests and we will pass through vegetation communities ranging from rainforest to alpine, looking for birds and other wildlife along the way. We will enjoy several short walks in the park and keep an eye out for platypus. Overnight near Mount Field. Accommodation near **Mount Field**, (cottage-style, en-suite rooms; Meals Included: B, L, D).

#### Day 5 (19 Nov): **Mount Field – Mount Wellington.**

After breakfast we will continue to explore Mount Field and after lunch we will travel to Mount Wellington. This mountain, at a height of 1270m (around 4,150 feet), affords spectacular views of the city and surrounding landscape on a clear day. Here we will also take a walk through a fern glade with towering tree ferns where we have another chance to see the rather shy Scrubtit as well as Tasmanian Scrubwren and the stunning Pink Robin. Further endemic highlights we find here include Green Rosella, Tasmanian Native Hen, Black Currawong and Yellow Wattlebird. Final dinner and checklist. Accommodation: **Hobart** (en suite motel room; Meals: B.L.D).

#### Day 6 (20 Nov): **Depart Hobart.**

After breakfast continue with your own arrangements to go the airport for onward flights. Accommodation: None (Meals: B).

#### OR add-on option:

Today you can extend your visit and take an optional flight to the wild southwest corner of Tasmania in search of Orange-bellied Parrots. Take a spectacularly scenic flight to the remote South-West World Heritage area, the area famed not only for its unspoilt wilderness and clean air but also for its birdlife. We will have a chance to see one of the world's rarest birds, the critically endangered Orange-bellied Parrot. With no more than 25 left in the wild, this vivid parrot is teetering on the brink of extinction. Other specialties we hope to see are the elusive Ground Parrot, Striated Fieldwren, Black Currawong, the delightful Southern Emuwren and the Beautiful Firetail. Please note, the flight is weather dependent and we will have limited opportunity to reschedule. The flight costs around AU\$ 750 p/p and will be refunded if cancelled.



*Forty-spotted Pardalote, Beautiful Firetail, Black Currawong, Tas Devil*  
© P Waanders

## Please note:

- We can arrange hotel bookings and guided extensions to other parts of Tasmania or Australia for you.
- Arrival in Hobart: There is a regular shuttle bus service (The Hobart Airporter) between Hobart airport and the main hotels in the city. Details on the costs and timing of the shuttle can be found at the following website - <http://www.airporterhobart.com.au/>. Alternatively, you may wish to take a taxi to the city – there is no need to pre-book these, they are readily available outside the terminal building. More information on taxis (and additional airport information) can be found here <http://hobartairport.com.au/to-from/taxis-buses/>.
- Meals and drinks: Breakfast generally consists of a continental style breakfast with cereal, fruit and yoghurt and tea/coffee. Full cooked breakfast is not generally offered at most locations. Lunch will generally consist of a packed lunch style meal eaten in the field, with sandwich/filled roll, fruit, and a drink. Dinner usually consists of several options for main with the choice of either an appetiser or dessert. Drinks (soft and alcoholic) are generally not included but at lunches and breakfasts juice may be made available.
- The itinerary: Whilst we aim to follow the itinerary as planned, please note that the itinerary provided should only be used as a guideline. Depending on the particular trip circumstances, weather, and local information, the exact itinerary may not be strictly adhered to. The guides reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary.
- For the pelagic and the South West flight add-on: Both of these activities are weather dependant and there is no guarantee that we will be able to do either. While we will do what we can to reschedule if the weather is not suitable no guarantees can be made in this regard.

## Price inclusions and exlusions:

**Included:** 5 nights en suite accommodation, specialist guiding and transport for day and night tours as outlined above, all meals as outlined in the itinerary, activities outlined in the itinerary, National Park entry fees, Bruny Island ferry fares, tax.

**Excluded:** Travel to & from departure and finish points, Pre- & post trip accommodation, any meals before dinner on Day 1 and after breakfast on Day 6, any activities not described, 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.



Orange-bellied Parrot, Green Rosella,  
Hooded Plover, Rose Robin © P  
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## Possible species list

Emu	Kerguelen Petrel	Baillon's Crake
Cape Barren Goose	Great-winged Petrel	Australian Crake
Black Swan	White-headed Petrel	Spotless Crake
Freckled Duck	Grey-faced Petrel	Australasian Swamphen
Australian Shelduck	Soft-plumaged Petrel	Dusky Moorhen
Pink-eared Duck	Sooty Shearwater	Tasmanian Nativehen
Maned Duck	Short-tailed Shearwater	Eurasian Coot
Mallard	Flesh-footed Shearwater	Pied Oystercatcher
Pacific Black Duck	Fluttering Shearwater	Sooty Oystercatcher
Australasian Shoveler	Common Diving Petrel	White-headed Stilt
Grey Teal	Australasian Grebe	Red-necked Avocet
Chestnut Teal	Hoary-headed Grebe	Banded Lapwing
Hardhead	Great Crested Grebe	Masked Lapwing
Blue-billed Duck	Australian White Ibis	Red-kneed Dotterel
Musk Duck	Straw-necked Ibis	Pacific Golden Plover
Stubble Quail	Royal Spoonbill	Grey Plover
Brown Quail	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Red-capped Plover
Little Penguin	Nankeen Night Heron	Double-banded Plover
Wilson's Storm Petrel	Eastern Cattle Egret	Lesser Sand Plover
Grey-backed Storm Petrel	White-necked Heron	Greater Sand Plover
White-faced Storm Petrel	Great Egret	Hooded Dotterel
Black-bellied Storm Petrel	Intermediate Egret	Black-fronted Dotterel
Wandering Albatross	White-faced Heron	Latham's Snipe
Antipodean Albatross	Little Egret	Black-tailed Godwit
Southern Royal Albatross	Australian Pelican	Bar-tailed Godwit
Sooty Albatross	Australasian Gannet	Whimbrel
Light-mantled Albatross	Little Pied Cormorant	Far Eastern Curlew
Black-browed Albatross	Black-faced Cormorant	Marsh Sandpiper
Campbell Albatross	Little Black Cormorant	Common Greenshank
Shy Albatross	Australian Pied Cormorant	Grey-tailed Tattler
Salvin's Albatross	Great Cormorant	Terek Sandpiper
Grey-headed Albatross	Australasian Darter	Common Sandpiper
Buller's Albatross	Eastern Osprey	Ruddy Turnstone
Southern Giant Petrel	Wedge-tailed Eagle	Great Knot
Northern Giant Petrel	Grey Goshawk	Red Knot
Cape Petrel	Brown Goshawk	Sanderling
Blue Petrel	Collared Sparrowhawk	Red-necked Stint
Antarctic Prion	Swamp Harrier	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
Slender-billed Prion	Whistling Kite	Curlew Sandpiper
Fairy Prion	White-bellied Sea Eagle	Silver Gull
	Lewin's Rail	Pacific Gull

Kelp Gull  
Caspian Tern  
Greater Crested Tern  
Little Tern  
Fairy Tern  
South Polar Skua  
Brown Skua  
Pomarine Jaeger  
Parasitic Jaeger  
Long-tailed Jaeger  
Rock Dove  
Spotted Dove  
Common Bronzewing  
Brush Bronzewing  
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo  
Shining Bronze Cuckoo  
Pallid Cuckoo  
Fan-tailed Cuckoo  
Australian Masked Owl  
Eastern Barn Owl  
Morepork  
Tawny Frogmouth  
Australian Owlet-nightjar  
White-throated Needletail  
Pacific Swift  
Laughing Kookaburra  
Sacred Kingfisher  
Azure Kingfisher  
Rainbow Bee-eater  
Nankeen Kestrel  
Australian Hobby  
Brown Falcon  
Peregrine Falcon  
Yellow-tailed Black  
Cockatoo  
Galah  
Long-billed Corella  
Little Corella  
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo  
Green Rosella  
Crimson Rosella  
Eastern Rosella

Swift Parrot  
Eastern Ground Parrot  
Blue-winged Parrot  
Orange-bellied Parrot  
Little Lorikeet  
Rainbow Lorikeet  
Musk Lorikeet  
Superb Lyrebird  
Superb Fairywren  
Southern Emu-wren  
Tawny-crowned  
Honeyeater  
Eastern Spinebill  
Crescent Honeyeater  
New Holland Honeyeater  
White-cheeked  
Honeyeater  
Strong-billed Honeyeater  
Black-headed Honeyeater  
Yellow-throated  
Honeyeater  
White-fronted Chat  
Little Wattlebird  
Yellow Wattlebird  
Yellow-faced Honeyeater  
Noisy Miner  
Yellow-throated Miner  
Spotted Pardalote  
Forty-spotted Pardalote  
Striated Pardalote  
Scrubtit  
Striated Fieldwren  
White-browed Scrubwren  
Tasmanian Scrubwren  
Brown Thornbill  
Tasmanian Thornbill  
Yellow-rumped Thornbill  
Spotted Quail-thrush  
Dusky Woodswallow  
Australian Magpie  
Grey Butcherbird  
Black Currawong  
Grey Currawong

Black-faced Cuckooshrike  
White-bellied  
Cuckooshrike  
White-winged Triller  
Varied Triller  
Crested Shriketit  
Olive Whistler  
Australian Golden  
Whistler  
Rufous Whistler  
Grey Shrikethrush  
Willie Wagtail  
Grey Fantail  
Satin Flycatcher  
Forest Raven  
Dusky Robin  
Pink Robin  
Flame Robin  
Scarlet Robin  
Eurasian Skylark  
Welcome Swallow  
Tree Martin  
Australian Reed Warbler  
Little Grassbird  
Silvereye  
Common Starling  
Bassian Thrush  
Common Blackbird  
Song Thrush  
House Sparrow  
Beautiful Firetail  
Australian Pipit  
European Greenfinch  
Common Redpoll  
European Goldfinch



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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 ***Tasmania birds & mammals 5 ½ day tour 2020***

Starting and Ending dates ***15-20 Nov 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Identification document and number (passport for international visitors) \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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**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.