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

10-16 Sept 2020



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, Banded and Chestnut-breasted Whiteface, Honeyeaters including Pied and Grey-fronted; and witness spectacular outback desert scenery along with the famous rock formations of the Flinders Ranges. The long-range outlook is for a return to wetter conditions in 2020 so it's shaping up to be an excellent year for outback birding - don't miss out!

Tour starts & finishes: Adelaide, SA.

Scheduled departure & return dates:

- 10-16 Sept 2020 (only 1 departure in 2020)
- Any other time as a private tour

Price: AU\$4,399 all-inclusive (discounts available).

Leader: David Kowalick

Trip reports and photos of previous tours:

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

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US:

- Freecall 1800-BIRDING
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Tour details

Tour starts & finishes: Adelaide, South Australia

Scheduled departure and return dates:

Tour commences after breakfast on Thu 10 Sep 2020. Please arrive on or before Thu 10 Sep 2020. Tour finishes late afternoon on Wed 16 Sep 2020. Please depart on or after Wed 16 Sep – please don't book domestic flights departing before 6:00pm. Itinerary contains further details.

Leader: Steve Potter.

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\$4,399 per person including accommodation and all meals, based on double or twin-share occupancy. Single occupancy surcharge of \$495. 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.

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Day 1: Thu 10 Sept '20. Pick-up from your hotel (own arrangements) in Adelaide city or near airport. Travel 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: Fri 11 Sept '20. A big day as we bird the Strzelecki track for Chestnut-breasted 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 Letter-winged Kite, of which there is usually a small colony each year. Overnight **Lyndhurst Hotel** (private en-suite cabins; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 3: Sat 12 Sept '20. 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 we hope to have our first encounter with Grey Falcons. An artesian bore-fed wetland usually holds Brolga and a raft of waterbirds, including crakes – in amidst desert-like scenery. Overnight in a remote **outback roadhouse** (basic, clean rooms with shared facilities; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 4: Sun 13 Sept '20. The entire day is spent birding the local area. We're likely to have multiple sightings of Grey Falcon while other species we've encountered here are Australian Pratincole, Flock Bronzewing, Pied and Black Honeyeater, Eyrean Grasswren, Banded Stilt and more. Overnight in a remote **outback roadhouse** (basic, clean rooms with shared facilities; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 5: Mon 14 Sept '20. A back-up day for either the Grey Falcon or Letter-winged Kite, alternatively, we spend time birding the local area for any interesting outback species. Overnight in a remote **outback roadhouse** (basic, clean rooms with shared facilities; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 6: Tue 15 Sept '20. After a morning bird walk and last chance of Grey Falcon, today will be mostly spent travelling south, to re-visit any birds we may have missed, or we may detour through the Flinders Ranges for spectacular scenery, Grey-fronted Honeyeater, Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby... Overnight **Outback Motel Hawker** (en-suite motel rooms; meals included: B, L, D).



Chestnut-breasted Whiteface, Inland Dotterel, Letter-winged Kite, Gibberbird © Peter Waanders

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Day 7: Wed 16 Sept '20. In the morning we visit the bird-rich Arid Lands Botanical Gardens (with Pied & Black Honeyeaters if we're lucky!), and spend time looking for the turquoise race of Splendid Fairy-wren, Black-eared Cuckoo and Redthroat. We'll follow the coast, looking for Banded Stilt, Elegant Parrot, Adelaide Rosella etc, to arrive in Adelaide late in the afternoon. Meals incl.: B, L. Please don't book domestic flights departing before 6:30pm today.

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 dropped off at the airport or at your hotel in the city centre. It is advisable not to book flights departing before 8pm that evening.

Pre- and post tour options:

If you wish to stay in Adelaide before the tour starts, or after the tour 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 0 and finishing with Lunch on Day 6, 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 0, Dinner on Day 6, 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	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo
Australian Wood Duck	Australian Swamphen	Black-eared 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	Regent Parrot
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

-rumped Thornbill Eurasian Skylark¹
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Mulga Parrot
 Budgerigar
 Bourke's Parrot
 Blue-winged Parrot
 Elegant Parrot
 White-browed Treecreeper
 Brown Treecreeper
 Superb Fairy-wren
 Splendid Fairy-wren
 White-winged Fairy-wren
 Variegated Fairy-wren
 Short-tailed Grasswren
 Thick-billed Grasswren
 Western Grasswren
 Eyrean Grasswren
 Grey Grasswren
 Pied Honeyeater
 Singing 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
 Yellow Chat
 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

Slender-billed Thornbill
 Buff-rumped Thornbill
 Inland Thornbill
 Southern Whiteface
 Chestnut-breasted
 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
 Crested Shrike-tit
 Gilbert's Whistler
 Rufous Whistler
 Golden Whistler
 Grey Shrike-thrush
 Crested Bellbird
 Grey Fantail
 Willie Wagtail
 Restless 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

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



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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 ***Grey Falcon – Letter-winged Kite 6-day birding tour 2020***

Starting and Ending dates ***10-16 Sep 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.