

News and Reviews

Enjoy (and Count) the wildlife.

As the "autumn" months have now come and gone so has most of the activity from our reptiles and many other species around the Sunshine Coast. With the morning sunlight being a bit later and cooler each day, and the sunset coming along earlier, there may not be as many hours in the day to get out and enjoy (and count!) the wildlife but with our "winter" dry season it can often be the most pleasant few months to go to a new location or get to your regular twitching spot. And for anybody that went anywhere near any park or reserve since Christmas, particularly if it had some kind of water feature, you will be looking forward to again having more birds, butterflies, reptiles and mammals sighted than mozzies!?!

While I have been away monitoring koalas over the last couple of months Faunawatch has had the pleasure to have Rob Kernot leading the Monday Faunawatch walks, and the Maroochy Bushland Botanical Gardens walks. These were again very successful with Upper Coochin Creek resulting in 64 bird species ID'ed including 5 Pacific Baza's, 10 Rainbow Bee-eater, 15 Spotted & Striated Pardalote, 15 White-throated Honeyeaters plus 14 butterfly species – 81 in total. Unfortunately 8 Common Myna's were also seen, so it will be interesting to see what happens with this population.

April's outing to Girraween Reserve was so successful that that walk didn't manage to go much further than the car park! With 52 bird species and 22 butterflies seen, the group was kept so busy seeing different animals there wasn't any time left to walk any of the tracks! Unfortunately no Glossy Black Cockatoo's were seen so next time we will have to walk a bit further!

Maroochy Bushland Botanical Gardens have also shown how important these gardens are. Up to 57 species have been ID'ed for each of the walks over the last few months so if you are new to the area or fauna spotting this walk is a great introduction and it would be great to have you along.

Faunawatch Regular Activity

Maroochy Bushland Botanic Gardens

This regular outing provides an opportunity for anyone to come along and find out more about Faunawatch. We start with a walk on one of the several trails in the gardens followed by BYO morning tea and general discussion. A record of the fauna identified is kept.

Next outings will be 8am on;
Wednesday 12th Jun 2013
Wednesday 10th Jul 2013
Wednesday 14th Aug 2013
Wednesday 11th Sep 2013
Wednesday 09th Oct 2013
Wednesday 13th Nov 2013



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MONDAY OUTINGS

24th June - 8am

**Lake Baroon - South
Baroon Pocket Rd, North Maleny.**

A great walk along the southern side of Lake Baroon. It contains a combination of water birds and backing up onto a mixture of forest types where last time we saw a population of New Holland Honeyeaters and a Rough-scaled Snake sunning itself on a low bush.

Meeting Point: Parking is at the end of Baroon Pocket Rd, North Maleny.

22nd July - 8am

**Yaroomba Bushland Park,
Warran Rd, Yaroomba.**

A great bushland park forming an important link between the dunes, golf course, and the Coolum section of the greater national park. It has been a couple of years since we were here last so let's see what is happening in this surprisingly busy reserve.

Meeting Point: Parking at Warran Rd.

23rd Sep - 8am

**South River Park - East
South River Drive, Mooloolah Valley**

With a couple of years of re-veg growth since we were last there it will be interesting to see what species have moved into this area.

Meeting Point: Parking by the playground on South River Drive, Mooloolah Valley.



Future Monday Outings

Just a reminder that there will be no Faunawatch Monday Outing for **August** as we will be taking part with WPSQ Sunshine Coast and Hinterland Branch in the Spring Wildflower Festival. For more details of the festival refer to WPSQ's newsletter or visit the council's web site.

Oct 28th - Flaxton Mill Rd, Flaxton.

Last time we were rained out so let's try again. Meet at the parking bay 500m past the start of the dirt road.

Nov 25th - Lions Park, Coolum Beach.

A very successful survey last year, and a great way to finish the year. Meet at Lions Park, Coolum Beach, at the corner of David Low Way and Margaret St.

