



Blue Mountains Bird Observers

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Sites are listed by township from east to west. Especially if you are walking alone, tell a responsible person your planned route before you set off. Always carry adequate clothing, water, food, first aid and maps, take a mobile phone if you have one, and don't attempt walks beyond your capability and experience. Don't approach unfenced cliff edges, and do not go into the bush on days of high wind or high fire risk.

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1 Glenbrook

Blue Mountains National Park

From Great Western Highway follow signs to Euroka Road and the National Park entrance (fees apply).

(a) Gorge walk leaves from the entrance car park and winds through open forest down into Glenbrook Gorge with some steep sections of track.

Look for: Yellow-tufted Honeyeater, Rockwarbler, White-eared Honeyeater, Peregrine Falcon.

(b) Euroka Clearing Follow signs along a sealed road (approximately 5km) through open forest on sandstone, then open forest on shale to a volcanic valley with scattered Blue Gums. Picnic area and camping. A 2km walk leads through bush along a creek to Nepean River. Return along the same track or via Bennett's Ridge to Euroka.

Look for: Eastern Rosella, Satin Bowerbird, Glossy Black-Cockatoo, Spotted Quail-thrush, Bell Miner, Superb Lyrebird, Rockwarbler, Dollarbird (summer).

2 Sun Valley

Turn off Great Western Highway at Sun Valley Road between Warrimoo and Valley Heights. Mostly private property but walking access is permitted along Rosenthal Lane and around the Sports Ground. Please respect private property. The Rosenthal Lane track is an easy walk through bushland. Return the same way.

Look for: Pacific Baza, Peaceful Dove. In Summer: Dollarbird, Leaden Flycatcher, White-throated Gerygone, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Sacred Kingfisher.

3 Springwood

(a) Birdwood Gully Access is from Bednal Road or Boland Avenue. A 2km walking track passes through open forest then drops into wetter forest along a creek. *Look for: Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Varied Sittella, Australian King-Parrot, Red-browed Treecreeper, Superb Lyrebird, Black-faced Monarch (summer).*

(b) Fairy Dell The walking track leaves from Springwood Avenue opposite the southern parking area behind Springwood shops and is easily accessible by public transport. This is a shaded wet forest walk.

Look for: White-headed Pigeon, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Large-billed Scrubwren. In Summer: Black-faced Monarch, Rufous Fantail.

4 Winmalee

Blue Gum Swamp Take Hawkesbury Road from Great Western Highway, and turn left at the traffic lights at Whitecross Road. Park at the end of Whitecross Road. The 8km circular walking track follows open forest along Shaws Ridge and drops down to tall open forest along Blue Gum Swamp Creek. Some steep sections. Good area for spotlighting.

On Shaws Ridge look for Spotted Quail-thrush, Yellow-tufted and White-eared Honeyeater. In the valley look for Powerful Owl, Australian Owlet-nightjar, Pilotbird, Gang-gang Cockatoo, Red-browed Treecreeper, Scarlet Honeyeater, 3 species of Scrubwren, Superb Lyrebird.

5 Woodford

(a) Murphys Glen From Woodford Station follow Bedford Road, approximately 5km. The road is unsealed and often rough, more suitable for 4WD. Picnic and camping area. Tall open forest of Blue Gum, Turpentine and Angophora trees with shrubby understorey. Good area for spotlighting.

Look for: Rose Robin, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Pilotbird, Superb Lyrebird, Brown Gerygone, Red-browed Treecreeper, Black-faced Monarch (summer), Satin Bowerbird, Bassian Thrush.

(b) Transit of Venus Turn off Great Western Highway at Woodford Avenue, then left into Weroona Avenue and right into Woodbury Street. The walking track leaves from the end of Woodbury Street and passes through open forest down to wetter forest and swamps, waterfalls and a creek.

Look for: Little Wattlebird, Beautiful Firetail, Brown Gerygone, Yellow-throated Scrubwren, Pilotbird, Rose Robin.

6 Lawson

Dantes Glen Follow the dirt road beyond Lawson Swimming Pool, approximately 500m. The track leaves from a car park at the end of the road. Where the track forks, turn left and follow some steep sections to Dante's Glen and the warm temperate rainforest dominated by Coachwood and Sassafras trees. At the end of the Glen, take the steep track on the right to the top or return by the same route. A map is recommended as there are many tracks in the area.

Look for: Yellow-throated, White-browed and Large-billed Scrubwrens, Rockwarbler, Lewin's Honeyeater. In Summer: Black-faced Monarch, Rufous Fantail.

7 Wentworth Falls

(a) Kings Tableland Turn off Great Western Highway onto Tablelands Road. This is mostly heathland with some open forest. Many tracks lead from the road. In winter up to 9 species of honeyeater have been seen in the flowering Banksias.

Look for: Glossy Black-Cockatoo, Beautiful Firetail, Rockwarbler, Crescent Honeyeater, Dusky Woodswallow, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Gang-gang Cockatoo, Chestnut-rumped Heathwren.

(b) Wentworth Falls Lake This is a popular picnic area and there are several walking tracks through the surrounding bush areas. Water birds here are usually common species but occasionally Hardheads, Hoary-headed Grebes, etc. are seen.

Look for: Varied Sittella, Grey Currawong, Southern Emu-wren. In Summer: Tree Martin, White-winged Triller.

8 Katoomba

(a) Scenic Railway and Boardwalk There is easy access to the rainforest via Scenic Railway (fees apply). Part of the Boardwalk is wheelchair accessible and is one of the easiest places to see Superb Lyrebirds.

Look for: Superb Lyrebird, Wonga Pigeon, Rose Robin, Satin Bowerbird, Bassian Thrush, Rufous Fantail (summer), Brown Gerygone.

(b) Minni Ha Ha Falls Turn into Station Street off Great Western Highway at the traffic lights and follow the signs. Park at the picnic area and follow the walking track to the falls. Access to the base of the falls is very steep.

Look for: Tree Martin, Scarlet Robin, Satin Flycatcher (summer), Fan-tailed Cuckoo.

9 Blackheath

Evans Lookout Turn off Great Western Highway into Evans Lookout Road and drive to the parking area at the end. Several tracks around the lookout and down into the valley.

Look for: Superb Lyrebird, Rockwarbler, Pilotbird, Glossy Black-Cockatoo, Gang-gang Cockatoo.

10 Megalong Valley

(a) Coachwood Glen Turn into Shipley Road and follow signs down to Megalong Valley. Coachwood Glen car park is on left. This is the easiest rainforest access in the Mountains. A 600m circular walking track winds through the rainforest.

Look for: Black-faced Monarch, Rufous Fantail (summer), Brown Gerygone, Bassian Thrush, Rose Robin, Yellow-throated Scrubwren. Tall eucalypt forest here is good for Red-browed Treecreeper and possibly Powerful Owl.

(b) Megalong Creek and 6 Foot Track Camping is allowed at the creek. At 6 Foot Track crossing walkers can proceed up towards Katoomba or on towards Coxs River/Jenolan Caves.

Look for: Buff-rumped and Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Jacky Winter, Flame and Scarlet Robin, White-eared Honeyeater, White-winged Chough, Diamond Firetail.

11 Mt Victoria

Fairy Bower Turn off Great Western Highway next to the historic Toll Bar House. The track leaves from the picnic area about 200m further on. This is an easy walk in a semi-rainforest gully.

Look for: Red-browed Treecreeper, Pilotbird, Satin Flycatcher (summer), Superb Lyrebird.

12 Mt Wilson

Cathedral of Ferns A beautiful example of warm-temperate rainforest on basalt with an easy 500m walk.

Look for: Yellow-throated and Large-billed Scrubwren, Golden Whistler, Bassian Thrush, Wonga Pigeon, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Gang-gang Cockatoo, Crescent Honeyeater. In Summer: Rufous Fantail, Black-faced Monarch.

13 Lithgow

(a) Sewage Treatment Ponds (Map available at Lithgow Visitor Information Centre)

No access into treatment works but good views can be had from the access road to Rubbish Tip. Park well off the road and watch for trucks.

Look for: Blue-billed Duck, Pink-eared Duck, Australasian Shoveler, Hoary-headed Grebe.

(b) Lake Wallace, Wallerawang Continue west on the Great Western Highway towards Bathurst and look for the Lake Wallace turn on the right.

Look for: Great Crested Grebe, Musk Duck, Eastern Rosella, Red-rumped Parrot. In summer: Latham's Snipe, Australian Reed-Warbler, Little Grassbird.

14 Jenolan Caves and Kanangra Walls

(a) Jenolan Many walking tracks.

Look for: Rockwarbler, Golden Whistler, Superb Lyrebird, Australian King-Parrot.

(b) Kanangra Walls Camping area at Boyd River is good for spotlighting.

Look for: Flame and Scarlet Robin, Satin Flycatcher (summer), White-eared Honeyeater, Spotted Quail-thrush. Kanangra Tops walks look for Wedge-tailed Eagle, Rockwarbler.