

## MORE PLACES TO VISIT

While in East Gippsland there are a variety of places to visit. Some can be a quick picnic stop, while at others you may wish to stay awhile or return to, because several are sites for seasonal migrant birds.

### Guide

No.	Location
1.	BAIRNSDALE
2.	LINDENOW
3.	ANGUSVALE DEN OF NARGUN
4.	PAYNESVILLE
5.	NICHOLSON
6.	METUNG
7.	LAKES ENTRANCE
8.	LAKE TYERS
9.	BRUTHEN
10.	BUCHAN
11.	NOWA NOWA
12.	MARLO
13.	OMEO
14.	MALLACOOTA

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# EAST GIPPSLAND BIRDING GUIDE

## OMEO



Restless Flycatcher – Ken Sherring

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## BIRDWATCHING AROUND OMEO

Omeo is recovering from the January / February 2003 Bushfires. Extensive areas were burnt and the once plentiful birdlife is now depleted. Some birds survived and some have come back, but not in the same number as before the fires. It is hoped that time will see the return of the birdlife as it once was, until then every bird we see brings us hope of further recovery.

### 1. Omeo

From the bottom of Creek Street, near the swimming hole is a park with picnic facilities and toilets. The [Livingstone Creek Walking Track](#) can be accessed here. You can walk to [Bloomfield Gully](#) a great little place for birding, then continue on to the Oriental Claims if feeling energetic. (Bloomfield Gully can also be accessed by road along Bazeley St – on the right, just 1 km out of Omeo on the main road heading towards Mt Hotham).

Restless Flycatcher, Yellow-faced Honeyeater and Superb Fairy-wren can be found along the creek.

The Omeo Caravan and Camping Park is a lovely place to camp. It has great shade trees and the Livingstone Creek forms one of its boundaries. A variety of Whistler, Flycatcher, the Eastern Yellow Robin, White-naped and Yellow-faced Honeyeater and Gang-gang Cockatoo frequent the park.

### 2. Cassilis

A drive out to Cassilis will provide the opportunity for numerous birds. It is best to drive towards Cassilis from Omeo as parking on the side of the road is easier and safer – numerous banks and drains make parking difficult on the side coming from Swifts Creek. The following distances (from Omeo Post Office) mark stopping places beside the road for good birding .

15.4 km – Dam in paddock on left, old diggings area.

16.3 km – road side

16.7 km – dam on left

White-winged Chough, Grey Fantail, Azure Kingfisher, Dusky Woodswallow, Noisy Friarbird, Restless Flycatcher are a few of the birds to be seen.

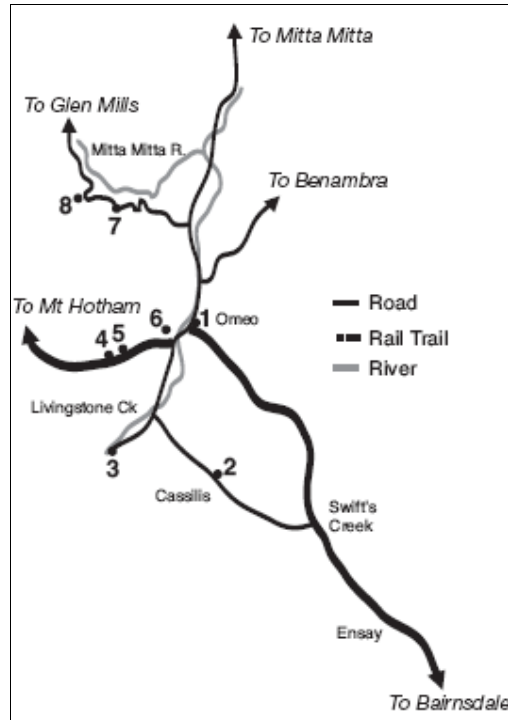
(Cassilis continued)

17.3 km – sign “School Bus Route” Mt Markey Winery –

21.3 km – Grays Creek Bridge

25.3 km – Walking track on left.

Also to be seen – Willie Wagtail, Bronzewing Pigeon, Fuscous, Yellow-faced and White-naped Honeyeater. Rainbow Bee-eater can be seen from November.



### 3. Upper Livingstone

The Upper Livingstone Road starts off from the Cassilis Road on the south side of the Livingstone Creek. It is a dry dirt road and often corrugated. The road side trees provide ample habitat for birds, as too do the tree hollows. A good variety of birds can be seen : Honeyeater, Whistler, Flycatcher, Fantail and Willie Wagtail, Bronzewing and Robin. You can travel along this road as far as time permits before returning to Omeo – the road will eventually lead to Dargo.

### 4. Lyrebird Hill

Return to the Omeo / Mt Hotham Road and travel towards Mt Hotham for 7.6 km (from the Cassilis Rd turn off). Pull off to the right and there is a place to park your car and then a track leading up a hill. This area was badly burnt, but before the fires Lyrebirds were to be heard and hopefully seen. Wattlebird, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike and Rosella may still be in the area. The latest news of the area is that the Lyrebird have returned.

### 5. Mt Kosciusko Lookout

A good place for a cuppa at the picnic tables and a spectacular view on a clear day. Honeyeater and White-throated Tree-creeper are still to be seen here after the bushfires.

### 6. Oriental Claims

An information sheet with maps of the walks is available from the Parks Office in Omeo.

As you enter the area there is a Management Vehicles Only sign on your left. A walk up this track could provide Yellow-faced; Crescent; New Holland and White-eared Honeyeater. As well as the tracks mentioned on the sheet the best walk for seeing birds is along Dry Gully Creek (not on the sheet) - there is a path which continues on beside the dry gully, when the Pioneer Loop Track goes off to the left. The track crosses the creek three times and if it is in flood it is not passable. Superb Lyrebird, Eastern Yellow Robin, White-throated Tree-creeper and Striated and Yellow-rumped Thornbill can be seen.

### 7. Boiler Corner

Twenty-two (22) km along the Omeo Highway towards Mitta Mitta is a hair-pin bend with an old boiler on the left hand side of the road. There is a pull off area for cars and then a track leading into the bush. Once again this area was badly burnt in the bushfires and then ravaged by flood as evidenced by sand underfoot that has been washed down by the floodwaters. A variety of birds were once found here and hopefully they will return.

### 8. Anglers Rest

Camping area near the historic “Blue Duck” hotel beside the Cobungra River.