

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.	MITCHELL RIVER NATIONAL PARK
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

The assistance of a local club member in sharing his expert knowledge of this area is greatly appreciated.

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EAST GIPPSLAND BIRDING GUIDE

MALLACOOTA



Scarlet Honeyeater – Bob Semmens

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BIRDWATCHING AROUND MALLACOOTA

Mallacoota, a most beautiful part of East Gippsland, has a history as a fishing village and is now a centre for the abalone industry and tourists.

There is an abundance of information and maps for the visitor. I recommend you pick up a copy of "Stepping Stones" from the tourist information booth at the wharf.

1. Mallacoota Wharf, Coull's Inlet

An easy place to while away some time as the peaceful waters are a haven for birds. Pelican, Egret and Spoonbill find shelter here.

There are many Walking Tracks around the town, each providing a variety of birds.

2. Camping Ground

A walk along the extensive foreshore camping ground, taking in Capt. Steven's Point provides magnificent vistas, and views of waders in season when the tide is low. The map in "Stepping Stones" will assist you further. Most often seen are the Bar-tailed Godwit and Eastern Curlew, Tern, Oystercatcher, Grebe and of course, Gull.

3. Bastion Point

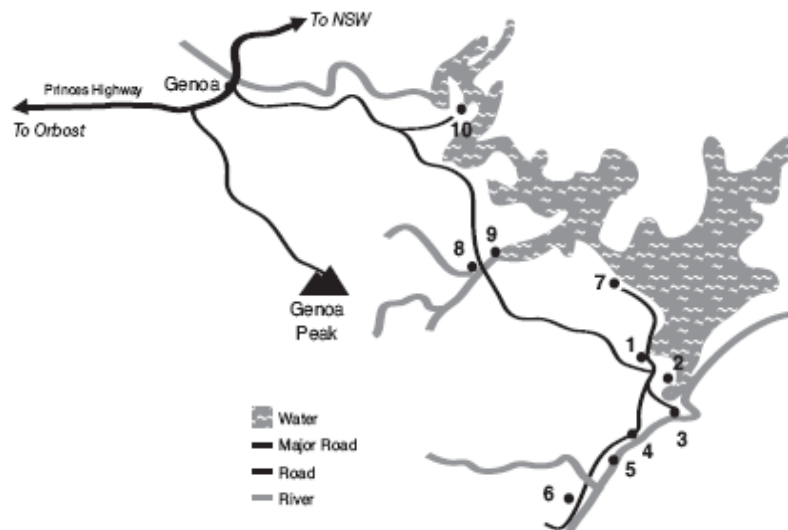
Another beautiful spot, offering delightful views across the inlet. Once again shorebirds abound. Always keep watch for the White-bellied Sea-Eagle in the air. In the sand be careful where you walk and look out for Red-capped Dotterel and Hooded Plover.

4. Heathland Walk

If you are lucky you may spot the Southern Emu Wren and the Striated Field-Wren. They are both very shy birds and shelter in the heath away from the on-shore winds.

5. Betka River

A magic place (with picnic and toilet facilities) to recharge the batteries. Shorebirds again – Egret, Heron, Duck and take a walk, carefully, on the beach looking for Hooded Plover. * Refer to Endangered Species Page.



6. Airport

Along the road beside the airport and especially on the fence line and surrounding shrubs you will see the Tawny-crowned Honey-eater. There is also the potential to see the Striated Fieldwren, and in the heath the Southern Emu-wren. Other birds are the Crimson Rosella, Red-browed Finch, possibly the Beautiful Fire-tail, Jacky Winter and a variety of honeyeater including the White-eared Honeyeater.

7. Buckland's Jetty

Just a short distance beyond Buckland's Jetty, you can leave your car and take the Walking Track that follows beside the shore of the narrow strip of water connecting the Top and Bottom Lakes. You may find a variety of Honeyeater, Scrubwren and the Eastern Yellow Robin. If you are lucky you may spot an Azure Kingfisher. The track splits becoming the Captain Creek Track and the Charlie's Creek Track.

8. Double Creek Rainforest Walk

This is a circular walk through the temperate rainforest on Double Creek. You will hear the Superb Lyrebird and may even see it. Brown Gerygone, Satin Bowerbird, Eastern Yellow Robin, Red-browed Finch, Crested Shrike-tit and the Black-faced Monarch have been recorded here.

9. Double Creek Arm Walking Track

Located on the opposite side of the road to the Double Creek Rainforest Walk and on the north side of the creek, this track follows Double Creek and leads you out on the shores of Double Creek Arm. Honeyeaters, Kingfishers and raptors may be seen on this walk. It is best done in the morning.

10. Gipsy Point

Below the Gipsy Point Lodge, from the ramp/ car park, a walking track takes you out on a peninsula of land that is rich in a variety of Honeyeater, Scrubwren, Firetail, Thornbill, Parrot and Whistler. Sea-Eagle and shorebirds can be seen when you get to the end of the track, which brings you out at the junction of the Genoa and Wallagabra Rivers.