

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

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- Educate the public to become more aware of birds and the habitat requirements.

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EAST GIPPSLAND BIRDING GUIDE

BAIRNSDALE



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BIRDWATCHING AROUND BAIRNSDALE

Bairnsdale is an area of diverse habitat with over 200 species of birds to be found in the locality. It has on its doorstep The MacLeod Morass and Jones Bay, both part of the Gippsland Lakes Ramsar Site that are internationally significant habitats for migratory waders and breeding waterfowl. Care should be taken not to disturb any breeding birds.

1. Mitchell River Walk

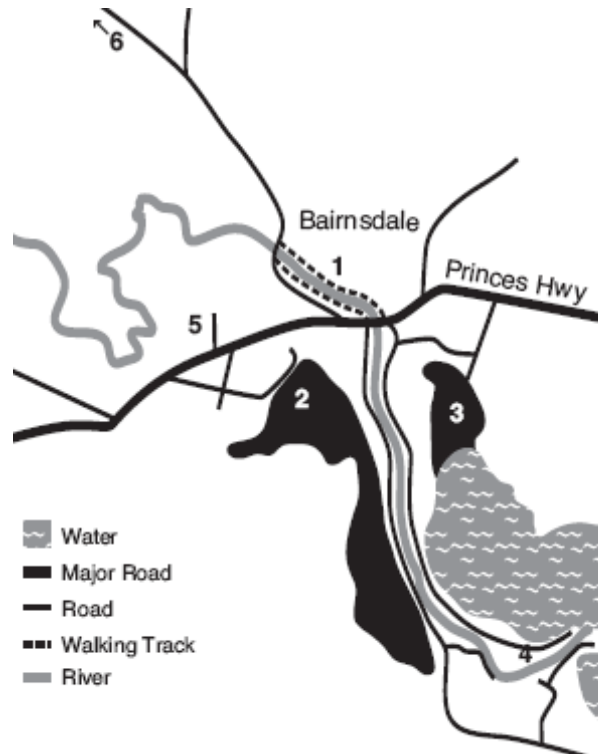
There is a walking track on both sides of the river. Access from Bailey St. behind the Post Office also provides a toilet and picnic tables. Further access is available from Riverine St, also north of the Lind Bridge and from Howitt Park to the east of the town. Birds to be seen are a variety of Cormorant and Cuckoo, Grey Fantail, Red-browed Finch, Eastern Whipbird, Nankeen Night Heron, Azure Kingfisher, a variety of Thornbills and the Rufous Whistler.

2. MacLeod Morass

This is found south of the town and can be reached from Bosworth Rd. Much work has been done recently to improve the site for visitors, with boardwalks and levy banks to control water levels. This is a site for seeing raptors including Whistling Kite, Black-shouldered Kite, Nankeen Kestrel, White-bellied Sea-Eagle and Marsh Harrier. Also, the Little Grassbird, the Golden-headed Cisticola and the Clamorous Reed Warbler along with Black-fronted Dotterel, Red-Kneed Dotterel, Spotless Crake and a variety of duck are to be found.

3. Jones Bay

This area does not always have water in it, but is worth a look as Red-necked Avocet and Black-winged Stilt are often seen here.



4. The Cut

From Jones Bay return along Crooke St, turn left into McEacharn St, then right into Broadlands and left into Riverbank Rd East. Follow this till the end and you will be at "The Cut" where you will see a variety of Tern including the Little and Fairy Tern in summer, also the Golden-headed Cisticola as well as many Cormorant, Egret, Duck and Pelican.

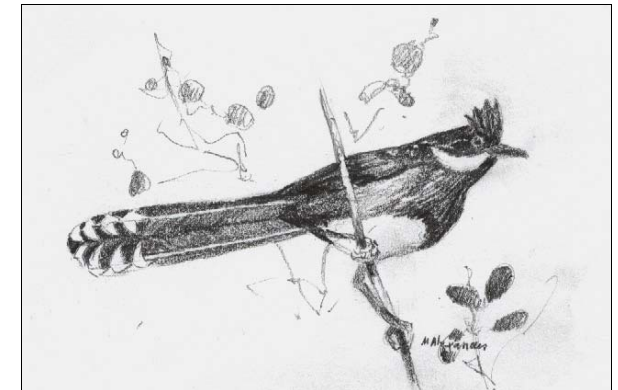
5. Wetland Walk

This area is found on McKean Street behind the aquatic centre.

It is a short circular walk around a wetland. The Little Grassbird and Latham Snipe have been seen here, also Rainbow and Musk Lorikeet frequent the area.

6. Melwood

Melwood is 18 km north west of Bairnsdale along Bullumwaal Rd, then Mt. Lookout Rd. Park near the old school, which is now a school camp, then walk down the hill towards Boggy Creek. You have a choice of two walks from here. Either go up Pea Hill Road, looking for the Olive Whistler among the Crescent and Yellow-tufted Honeyeaters. Or you can cross the bridge and turn right and walk on the track along side the creek. Australian King Parrot, Crimson and Eastern Rosella, Golden Whistler, the Restless Flycatcher, Mistletoebird and Crested Shrike-tit have all been seen in the area.



Eastern Whipbird by Margaret Alexander, Lindenow