

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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EAST GIPPSLAND BIRDING GUIDE

LINDENOW



Black-winged Stilt - David Hollands

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BIRDWATCHING AROUND LINDENOW

Lindenow is a rural district of vast vegetable growing areas, as well as beef and dairy farming. The Mitchell River runs through the valley providing water for the nearby rural townships and irrigation.

1. Lindenow Main Street

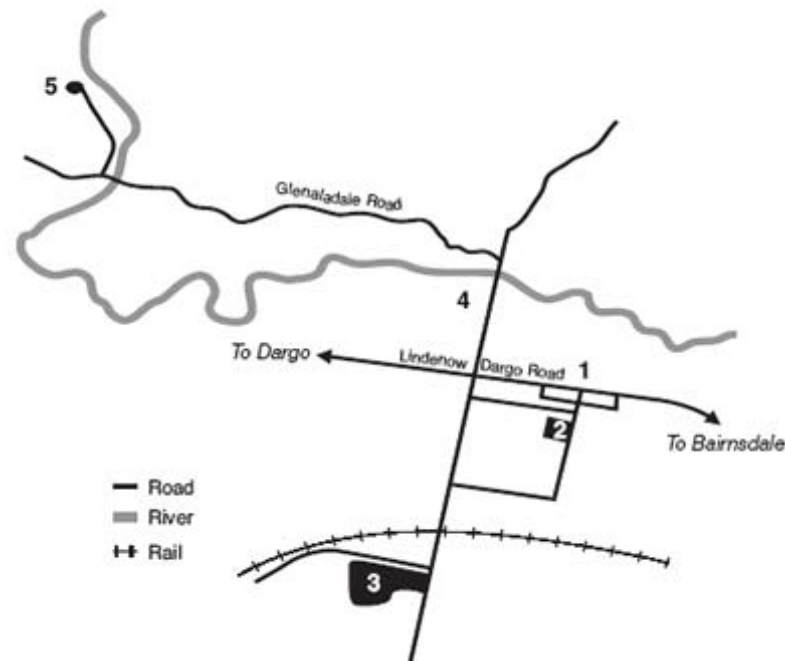
When the gums are flowering the Lindenow streets are filled with the calls of flocks of Rainbow, Musk and the occasional Little Lorikeet. Around the school many urban birds can be seen, a highlight from November on is the White-winged Triller - a summer migrant from the north.

2. Sewage Ponds

Behind the town, along Racecourse Road (dirt road), which runs off Church St. you come to the sewage ponds. At various times a variety of duck and grebe can be seen on the ponds. An unusual sighting of a Plumed Whistling-Duck has been recorded for this spot. Often a swamp forms behind the sewage ponds and provides an attraction for Tern, Dotterel, Heron and an excellent nesting site for Black Swan. The large nearby trees support Nankeen Kestrel and Peregrine Falcon. If going on to Lindenow South Reserve continue on this road and turn right at Baudinet's Rd. Some interesting birds can be seen along this road – including Eastern Rosella, Skylark and Woodswallow at times.

3. Lindenow South Reserve

Head south from Lindenow away from the river and you cross over the railway line at Lindenow South. Further south turn right into the Fernbank Road and at that corner is the football oval. Enter the grounds and park. Walk around the oval and at the back is another track. In this area Golden and Rufous Whistlers, Robins and Jacky Winter can be seen.



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Watch for a track on your left, this is a circular track and is worthwhile. Eastern Yellow Robin, Brown, Striated and Yellow Thornbill, Varied Sitella, Dollarbird (in summer) and Red-browed Finch have been reported. There is a wetland between the reserve and the road (you can walk on either side) Purple Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen and Latham's Snipe are all possibilities.

4. Wuk Wuk Bridge

Where the Lindenow Sth / Glenaladale Road crosses the Mitchell River, there is a track to a parking area on the left as you approach the bridge. This is where the local children swim in summer. A short wander around this area may produce sightings of the resident Sacred Kingfisher, Silvereeye, Red-browed Finch and Superb Fairy-wren and of a variety of Thornbills.

5. Glenaladale Pumping Station.

Further along the Glenaladale Road you cross the Mitchell River again on a large metal bridge. Just over this bridge turn right into Finlay Alexanders Road. Follow this road until you come to a gate. You may proceed through the gate, **please close the gate behind you**. It is a short distance to the parking area. There are steps down to the river, which makes a lovely picnic spot, and/ or you can stay on the track above the river, going through another gate (**close it behind you, please**) you pass the pumping station that pumps water from the river for local consumption. Notice the mark on the wall of the station that indicates the 1990 flood level, when the whole valley was flooded after 10 inches of rain in the Dargo High Plains which came down the river as a wall of water overnight. You can walk to the Den of Nargun and beyond on this track, as you are now in the Mitchell River National Park. However, for birding purposes a walk of 15 to 20 minutes to the Lambert Flat gate would be sufficient. (Return along the same track.) In summer you will have a good chance of seeing the Dollarbird, maybe the Rainbow Bee-eater on its way to Angus Vale, a variety of Honeyeaters, Thornbills and Gerygone, Eastern Yellow Robin, Golden Whistler, White-browed Scrubwren and at times the Noisy Friarbird. Keep an eye on the river too, you may see a platypus.