

## 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

### MITCHELL RIVER NATIONAL PARK



Rainbow Bee-eater - Ron Mackenzie

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## BIRDWATCHING AROUND THE MITCHELL RIVER NATIONAL PARK

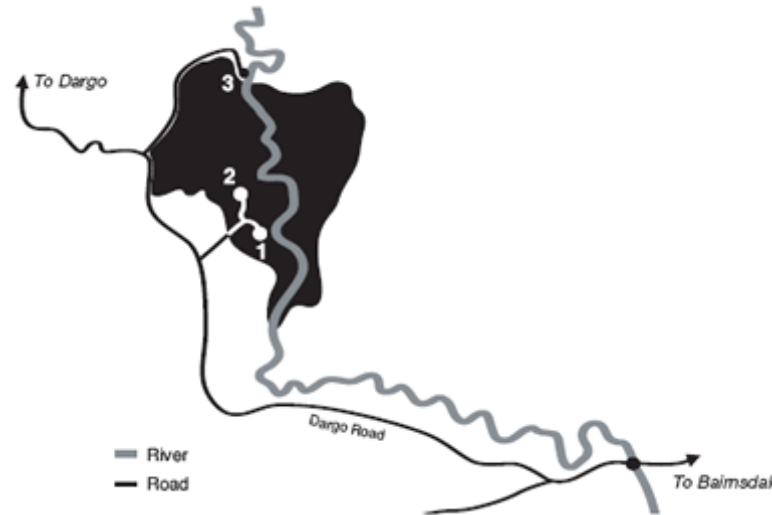
The Den of Nargun, Amphitheatre and Angus Vale are all inside the Mitchell River National Park. To get there from Bairnsdale, head west out of Bairnsdale and turn into the Lindenow/ Dargo Road which is on your right before crossing the railway line. On this road you will travel through Lindenow, Walpa and come to a cross road, known locally as the Finger Boards. Approximately 3 km further on turn right into Waller's Road.

### 1. The Den of Nargun

The Den of Nargun is 4km along Waller's Road. You will pass the turn off to Billy Goat Bend/ Amphitheatre on your left as you head for the Den of Nargun.

The Den of Nargun is an open cave the home of the mythical Aboriginal demon "Nargun" who is half stone and half man. He is thought to encourage young Aboriginals into his cave and then eat them.

The walk takes you down the rainforest gully, along Woolshed Creek and to the Den. A waterfall curtains the open cave, although it can be dry in summer. It can be a circular walk by either going or coming via the Bluff Lookout. Birds likely to be seen or heard are: Superb Lyrebird, Rose Robin, King Parrot, Crimson Rosella, and White-browed Scrubwren. There are toilet and picnic facilities at the Car Park.



### 2. Amphitheatre

Take the track off to the left on Waller's Road marked Billy Goat Bend / Amphitheatre. There are toilet, picnic and camping facilities available here. The Amphitheatre offers excellent views of the Mitchell River Gorge.

Many birds can be seen on the drive in, so keep a watch for them.

A similar collection of birds may be seen here as at the Den of Nargun but in spring a marvellous sighting of the Regent Honeyeater was reported .

### 3. Angus Vale

Back at the junction with Waller's road and Dargo Road continue towards Dargo for approx. another 10 km. There is a track on the right with a signpost Angus Vale camping. It is another 16km of dirt road and gets rough in places.

Before descending down into Angus Vale there is a lookout offering excellent views. Angus Vale was the proposed site for a dam across the Mitchell River that never happened because of a change in Government. Often Wedge-tailed Eagles can be seen soaring on the thermals. From November on through the summer months the highlight of this area for birdwatchers is the arrival of the Rainbow Bee-eater, a truly beautiful and spectacular bird. There is a bush toilet and camping is permitted. A walk beside the river heading south is both beautiful and rewarding. Eastern Whipbird, Superb Fairy-wren, Robins, Songlark and Richard's Pipit are some of the birds to be seen.



Superb Lyrebird by Margaret Alexander, Lindenow