

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 |
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| 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

NUNGURNER METUNG



Crested Shrike-tit - J. Marshal

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BIRDWATCHING AROUND METUNG

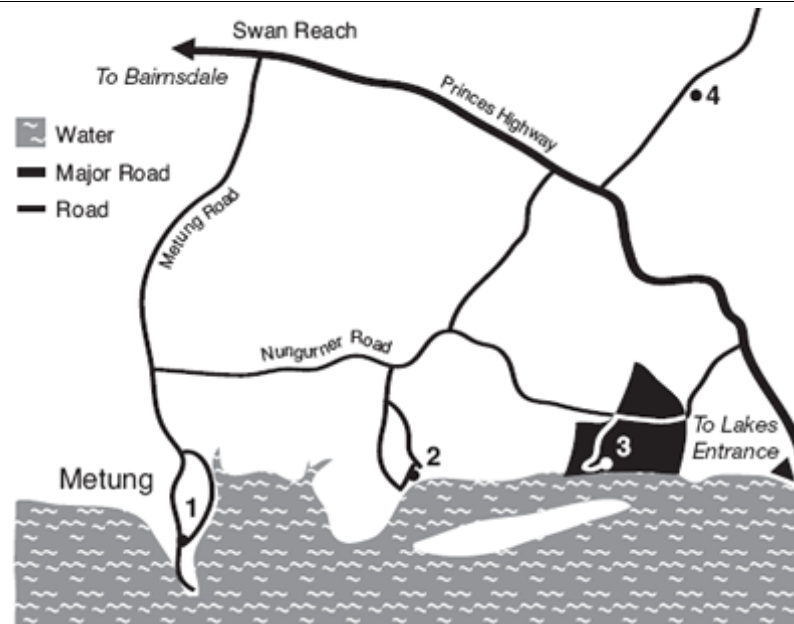
1. Metung

As you enter Metung along the Metung Road, beautiful Bancroft Bay is on your left. It is worthwhile to park your car and take a walk beside Bancroft Bay as you will see the expected waterbirds: Cormorant, Gull, Tern and of course the wonderful Pelicans. Once in the village park your car and continue to walk down Metung Road to its end at Shaving Point (you can also drive down). As well as the lovely view you will once again see waterbirds and maybe a seal or dolphin.

The jetty area on Lake King is another interesting location, especially if you walk along Beach Road, which follows the shore of Lake King. There is potential for all sorts of sightings at various times of the year: Honeyeaters, both White-faced and White-necked Herons, Egret, Thornbill, the Superb Fairy-wren, and a variety of Cuckoos including the Channel-billed Cuckoo in summer.

2. Nungurner

From Nungurner Road turn south into Nungurner Jetty Road, this takes you to a lovely picnic area with toilets. Often an Azure Kingfisher is seen in the jetty area. Bell Miners have invaded the area, unfortunately, but a walk up the hill of Loop Road and then taking the road on your right gives a great vantage point of Reeve Channel and Flanagan Island. Pelican, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Black Swan as well as smaller birds in the trees and bushes. A drive right along the Loop Road is full of potential, including the Crested Shrike-tit, and the road intersects back with Nungurner Jetty Road.



3. Nyerimilang

Further east along Nungurner Road is the turn off to Nyerimilang on the Kalimna West Road. Nyerimilang is a Parks Victoria property.

A visit to the bird hide at the dam and a walk through the East Gippsland gardens, including the lookout with a view over Reeve Channel to Flanagan Island will produce an abundance of birds including: Grebe, Duck, Teal, Spoonbill, Honeyeater, Eastern Whipbird, Egret, Pelican, Tern the White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Whistling Kite, Eastern Yellow Robin, Thornbill, Silvereye, Grey Shrike-thrush, Bassian Thrush and possibly the Rose Robin. A brochure including a map with various walks is available from within the park. Facilities available include toilets, picnic and bbq area and a gift shop. The Scarlet Honeyeater is possible in summer.

4. Log Crossing

Log Crossing is on the northern side of the Princes Highway and is accessed by turning north off the highway at Uncles Road. Uncles Road is west of the large Forestech complex. Travel approximately 2.2km along Uncles Road and turn right onto a track that takes you to the Mississippi Creek Picnic Area.

A number of walks can be undertaken from this area. Most commonly heard but seldom seen are the Superb Lyerbirds that live in the forest. You will see their scratchings and may find a mound and if you are lucky you may get a sighting of the elusive bird itself.

From the picnic area, cross the bridge where you will have an option of two directions. The left hand track leads to a newly constructed track that will take you back to the highway and the Forestech complex. The righthand track follows Mississippi Creek back to Uncles Road, but you can cross over the road and continue for quite a distance, once again this track is being up-graded and eventually leads to the old quarry where the rock for the entrance walls at Lakes Entrance were obtained.

Silvereye, Eastern Yellow Robin, Rose Robin, Kookaburra, Weebill, Gerygone, Thornbill, White-throated Scrubwren and a variety of Parrot, Lorikeet and Honeyeater, especially when the eucalypts are flowering are all possibilities.