

## 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

## LAKE TYERS



Fairy Tern - David Hollands

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## BIRDWATCHING AROUND LAKE TYERS

Lake Tyers was named after C.J. Tyers the Lands Commissioner in Gippsland in the 1840's and who became the Surveyor General. Also, an Aboriginal legend describes how the sea came inland to rest among the wooded hills and fell asleep and is still there today. It is a picturesque spot and a shelter for waterbirds and breeding ground for the Little and Fairy Tern.

### 1. Old Oil Bore Road

This spot can be viewed either on the way into Lake Tyers or on the way out. It is often used as a shortcut by locals, so there may be traffic on the road. The site is of an old well that was drilled in the 1920's and small amounts of oil and gas were recovered. It is at the top end of Lake Bunga and the opportunity exists to view waterbirds, Kingfisher and the Mistletoebird.

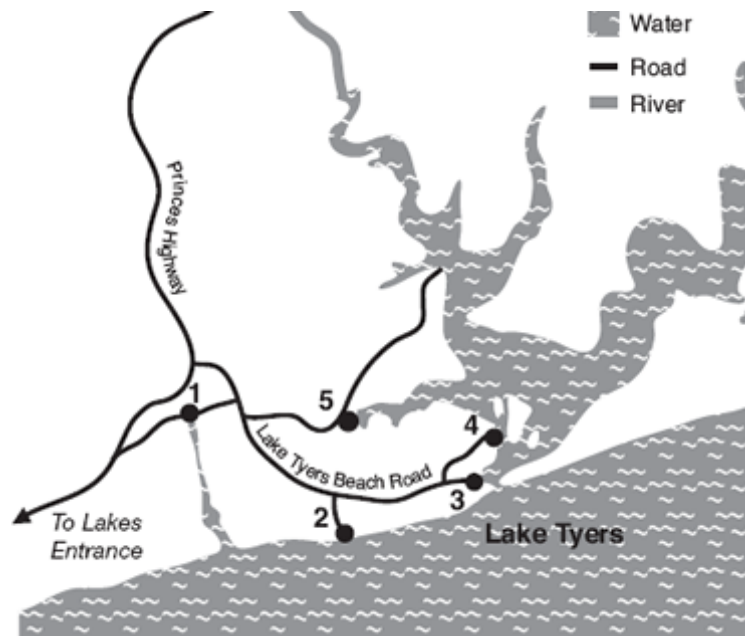
### 2. Red Bluff

Carpark and toilet facilities are available. Also, a new viewing platform has been erected. Out at sea you may spot Australasian Gannet diving into the water. There is also a walking track through heathland that may produce sightings of Honey-eater, Thornbill, Eastern Spinebill, Eastern Yellow Robin and in the summer a variety of Cuckoo.

### 3. Lake Tyers Beach

Parking your car in the carpark outside the Waterwheel Tavern gives you access to the nearby toilet, picnic tables and nearby general store.

A walk on the beach may give you excellent views of Hooded Plover, Black-fronted Dotterel and Red-capped Dotterel. From November through to February/ March you should be able to see Little and Fairy Tern constantly in flight. More common birds such as Pelican, Cormorant, Egret and Heron can be seen. Often the Lake is closed and one can walk over the sand to the other "wilder" side, where we have undertaken seasonal surveys for the Orange-bellied Parrot. Not seen as yet! Nankeen Night-herons often perch in the pine trees nearby.



### 4. Boat Ramp

To get to the boat ramp and jetty drive back up the hill on Lake Tyers road, turn right into Gully Road and third right into Lakeside Drive. Then continue to the end of Lakeside Drive. From here you get a good view of "Tern Island" where the Little and Fairy Terns start to arrive in late October, early November to breed. There is a Breeding Monitoring Program run by the Little Tern Task Force to protect the chicks from harm. People walking on the beach, dogs on the beach and water jet skis and power boats can disturb the breeding adults to the extent that they will abandon their eggs or chicks. It is very important during the summer breeding months that visitors to the area are aware of the potential hazards they can cause just by walking carelessly on the beach. Please stay alert and avoid unintentional harm to these threatened birds.

### 5. Fisherman's Landing

From the Boat Ramp retrace your steps back to the main road – Lake Tyers Beach Rd and turn right heading back to the Princes Highway. Just over 3 km along this road, turn right into Mill Point Rd. 1.3 km down this road brings you to a parking area. The "Rubeena" Cruises are available from here and provide a peaceful cruise on Lake Tyers. Otherwise, good birding can be had just walking around the area and shoreline. Expect to see Mistletoebird (in season), Nankeen Night Heron, Egret, Duck & Teal, White-bellied Sea-Eagle and Eastern Yellow Robin.