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6-day Eyre Peninsula & Gawler Ranges Tour – Information Sheet

This exciting new tour has been specifically designed based on feedback from our valued clients. The under-explored Eyre Peninsula and Gawler Ranges is where birds of the SA outback and Western Australian species meet. Short-tailed Grasswren and the newly split Western Grasswren, Western Yellow Robin and Rufous Treecreeper, Western Whipbird and Rock Parrot will be among the targets for this exciting new tour. In addition, time will be spent searching for the elusive yet beautiful Scarlet-chested Parrot. Species targeted include:

- Short-tailed and Western Grasswren
- many species of Parrot including Scarlet-chested, Mulga, Elegant, Blue-winged, and Rock Parrot
- Hooded, Red-capped and Western Yellow Robin
- Brown, White-browed and Rufous Treecreeper
- Splendid (Turquoise) and Blue-breasted Fairy-wren
- and the chance of observing Southern Right Whales.



Departs from Adelaide, South Australia. Clients will be picked up from the city centre or the airport. **Finishes** Adelaide, South Aust.

Scheduled departure dates for 2012: Monday 3 September 2011

Leader: Peter Waanders and local guides

Costs: AU\$3199 per person including accommodation and all meals, based on double or twin-share occupancy. Single occupancy attracts a surcharge of \$330. Earlybird discount of \$199 applies for bookings received by 19 May 2012. A 5% return-client discount applies to eligible clients.

What to bring: binoculars, insect repellent, sunscreen, hat, personal water bottle.

Clothing: Lightweight long pants, thin long-sleeved shirt, over the top of which you can wear various layers that can be taken off as necessary, including a thick jumper or reasonably wind proof jacket.

Group size: Minimum 2, maximum 8 participants.

Bookings: Please complete the enclosed booking form.



Itinerary: Eyre Peninsula & Gawler Ranges Tour 2012

Day 1 (Mon 3 Sep).

You will be picked up from your accommodation in Adelaide early in the morning. We will follow the coast north, where we look for the *rosinae* race of Slender-billed Thornbill and the *rosina* race of White-browed Scrubwren. Along the way we check sites for Elegant and Blue-winged Parrot. Arriving at Port Augusta around lunchtime we visit the Arid Lands Botanical Gardens where we will encounter our first White-winged Fairy-wren, Chirruping Wedgebill, Rufous Fieldwren and Redthroat. A nearby coastal lake usually has Banded Stilt. We will arrive on the northern edge of the Eyre Peninsula later in the day and will search for Western Grasswren (formerly *myall* race of Thick-billed Grasswren), as well as other good birds including the turquoise race of Splendid Fairy-wren. Overnight motel in **Whyalla** (Meals included: L, D).



Day 2 (Tue 4 Sep).

We depart early for another chance to observe Western Grasswrens in their bluebush habitat, after which we continue to nearby Lake Gilles Conservation Park. This large remnant mallee eucalypt scrub reserve contains Australia's eastern-most populations of Western Yellow Robin and Rufous Treecreeper. Other good species we're likely to encounter here include Crested Bellbird, Hooded Robin, Mulga Parrot, Purple-crowned Lorikeet, Purple-gaped and White-fronted Honeyeater. After lunch we continue along the coastal road, where we may pick up some waders including Banded Stilt, to Port Lincoln. Around sunset we have a good chance here of (at least hearing) Western Whipbird. Overnight motel in **Port Lincoln** (Meals included: B, L, D).



Day 3 (Wed 5 Sep).

We'll spend the entire morning exploring the the dense scrub surrounding Pt Lincoln's picturesque Lincoln and Coffin Bay National Parks in order to obtain views of Western Whipbird. They are notoriously hard to see, yet relatively easy to hear. Other good species we are likely to come across here are Southern Scrubrobin, Blue-breasted Fairy-wren and Rock Parrot, Western Yellow Robin, Brush Bronzewing, Purple-gaped Honeyeater and Shy Heathwren. Travelling along the coast from Port Lincoln to Ceduna we may see more Banded Stilts as well as Hooded Plover, Osprey, Black-faced Cormorant, Sooty and Pied Oystercatchers, Fairy Tern and Pacific Gulls. Seals and dolphins are often spotted off-shore and we may be lucky enough to see Southern Right Whales. Overnight motel in **Ceduna**. (Meals included: B, L, D).



Blue-breasted Fairy-wren, Western Whipbird, Scarlet-chested Parrot

Day 4 (Thur 6 Sep).

A very early departure awaits us as we head off into the vast outback scrub north of Ceduna in search of the beautiful, yet elusive, Scarlet-chested Parrot in their breeding grounds. This expedition is likely to take up most of the day and will yield many other good mallee species as listed above. In case we're successful early, there is an opportunity to spot Southern Right Whales from a lookout near Ceduna at the end of the day. Overnight motel in **Ceduna** (Meals included: B, L, D).



Day 5 (Fri 7 Sep).

This is a back-up morning for Scarlet-chested Parrot near Ceduna. If necessary we will spend time searching for this species again; alternatively we will try to pick up any other species still needed around Ceduna or look for Southern Right Whales again. Later in the day we visit the rugged Gawler Ranges, a spectacular contrast to the coast and home of the Short-tailed Grasswren. The park also includes other good birds such as Major Mitchell's Cockatoo, Black-eared Cuckoo, Crested Bellbird, White-browed and Rufous Treecreeper and Splendid (turquoise race) Fairy-wren. Overnight motel in **Kimba** (Meals included: B, L, D).



Day 6 (Sat 8 Sep).

Today is our last chance to pick up any species still needed as we take the entire day to bird our way back to Adelaide. We aim to drop you off at your accommodation in the city centre, or at the airport, between 6-7pm. Please don't book any flights departing this evening as we cannot guarantee this return time. (Meals included: B, L).



Included:

All meals as described above, Accommodation, Transport, Guiding, Entry fees

Excluded:

Pre- & post trip flights & accommodation, Breakfast on Day 1, Breakfast upgrades from continental, Dinner on Day 6, drinks, personal expenses, tips.

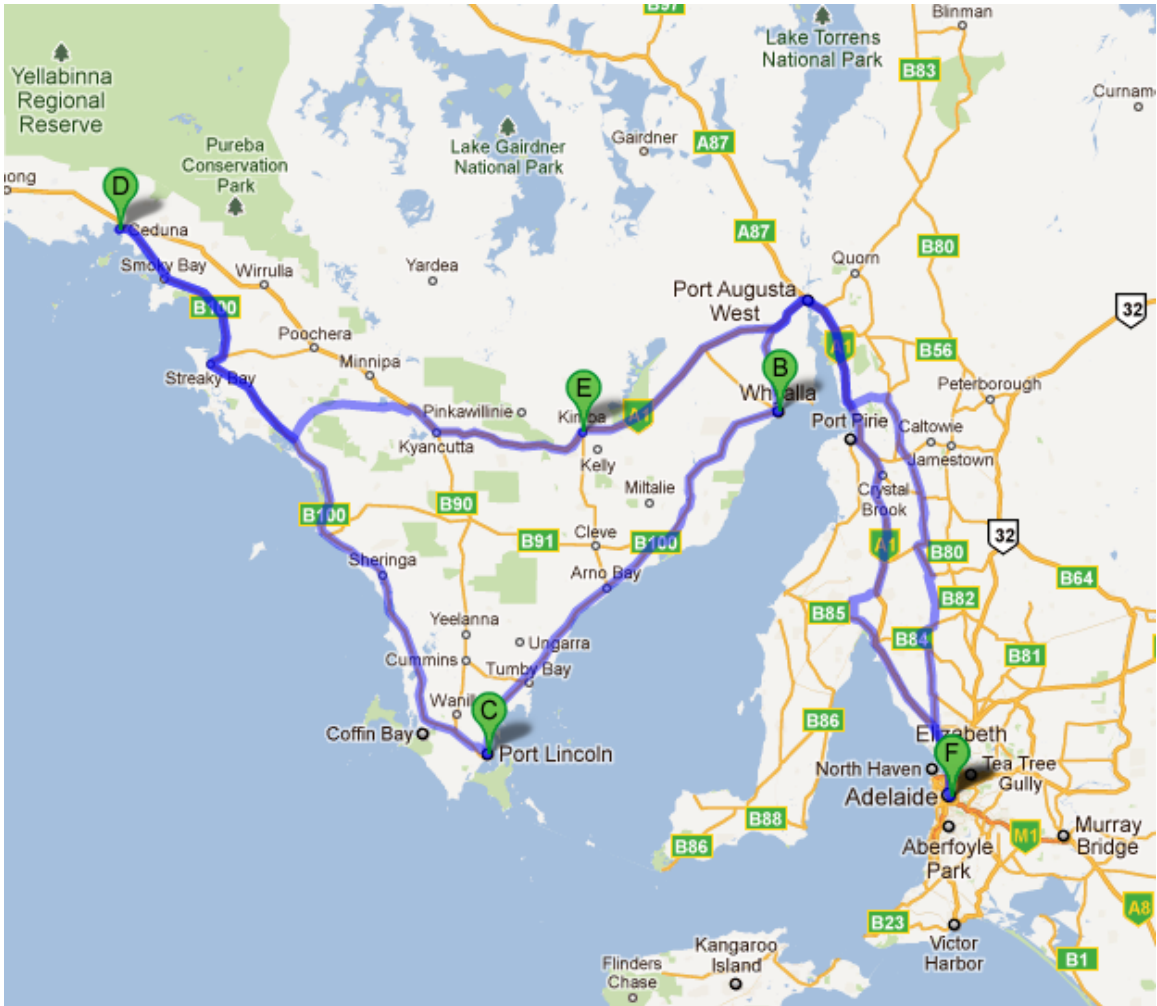
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*Western Yellow Robin, Western Grasswren,
Banded Stilt, Rufous Treecreeper*



Booking Form

Please print out and complete. Sign the last page. Scan and email, or send by postal mail, with payment to the address below.

Tour details

Name of tour _____

Starting and Ending dates _____

Your details

Name and address of the registrant(s) (only one form is needed for couples)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone (Home) _____

(Work) _____ (Mobile) _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact Name, relationship and telephone number

Accommodation requirements

Single Room / Double Room / Twin Share (please circle)

(a single occupancy will attract a surcharge)

Medical conditions and dietary requirements

Do you have any medical conditions (eg. disabilities, illnesses or allergies) that might restrict your full involvement in any aspect of the tour?

No / Yes

If Yes, please provide details: _____

If you have other special requirements (eg dietary requirements) please advise. While we cannot guarantee to accommodate them, we will make every attempt to do so.

Payment

To secure a seat, a deposit of 20% of the tour price is required at the time of booking. Full payment is due 60 days prior to the departure date. Until full payment has been received, PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services reserves the right to change the tour price (eg due to changing fuel prices) . For payment options see next page.

Payment options:

Money order, Australian cheques, bank drafts/cheques: please enclose with this form.

Electronic funds transfer: please send funds in Australian Dollars (+AU\$30 for international bank transfer fees) to the following bank account:

- international swift code: anzbau3m
- bank: Australia & New Zealand Bank (ANZ), 5 McCoy St, Waikerie, 5330 South Australia
- account name: Southern Birding Services
- Branch No. (BSB) 015-448
- Account No. 4942-77316

Please print out a transaction receipt and enclose with this booking form.

Credit card: attract a 3% service fee. Credit card payments will be handled by the secure on-line servers of PayPal. Please send funds to waanders.peter@gmail.com . Please print out a transaction receipt and enclose with this booking form.

PayPal: attract a 3% service fee. Please send funds to waanders.peter@gmail.com . Please print out a transaction receipt and enclose with this booking form.

Terms & Conditions 2012 – please read, then sign the last page of this form**Reservations:**

To make a reservation on a tour, complete and sign the booking form and the terms & conditions pages and return it to Southern Birding Services with your deposit. Provisional bookings are accepted via telephone or email and must be followed up with a completed, signed registration form and deposit payment within 7 days.

Payment:

Full payment of the tour cost is due 60 days prior to departure. Payment details are outlined on the booking form. Payments are to be made in Australian Dollars only. Payment may be made by bank cheque, money order or cheque by prior arrangement. Payment may also be made by bank transfer, PayPal or credit card (using PayPal). Clients are responsible for any fees incurred at both ends: PayPal and credit card (using PayPal) payments attract a 2-4% surcharge (depending on the amount) and international bank transfers attract a AU\$30 surcharge. Domestic bank transfers are free.

Cancellation:

All cancellations must be made in writing and signed by whoever signed the booking form and submitted to PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services. Refunds are made at our discretion as there may be deposits or payments made to ground agents that are non-refundable. No refunds will be made after 60 days prior to the commencement of a tour. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other trip features should you decide not to participate fully or should it be necessary to make changes during the tour.

PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services reserves the right to cancel any trip due to weather or other unsuitable conditions. In such a case full refund of the tour price paid to date will constitute full settlement to the passenger.

Insurance:

The purchase of travel insurance, including cancellation insurance, is strongly recommended. PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services cannot accept liability for insurance costs, airline cancellations or delays or penalties incurred by the purchase of non-refundable airline tickets or other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for this tour.

PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services cannot accept liability for any insurance costs if a tour is cancelled.

Tour Prices:

The price of the tour is based on local prices in effect when the tour is designed and is subject to adjustment in the event of a large change therein.

What is included in the tour price:

Specifics about what is included in each tour are described in the tour itinerary and normally consists of all travel as noted in the itinerary, lodging in hotels/motels or their equivalent unless otherwise indicated, all meals unless otherwise noted, tour materials and the tour guide services of the leader(s).

What is not included in the tour price:

The tour price excludes all expenses incurred before the first official group assembly at the start of any tour and after the official end of the tour, travel insurance, passport charges, vaccination charges, visa charges, excess baggage charges, airport taxes, and meals and drinks en route to the tour. The tour price also excludes drinks (other than those provided), à la carte dishes on those occasions where the included meal is fixed-menu, breakfast upgrades from continental, snacks, laundry, telephone calls, private excursions, and anything else of a purely personal nature, including taxes, portorage, service charges and tips relating to such items.

In addition, should you decide not to accompany the group on a planned activity for any reason, you are responsible for the extra cost of any accommodation or meals while the rest of the group is involved in the planned activity.

Should you arrive or depart at other than the official times of the tour, any additional expenses you incur are not included.

Surcharges:

Unfortunately, the travel industry is suffering with uncontrollable and escalating costs relating to fuel, flights, and an erratic world economy. We would like to offer complete price stability and will make every effort to do this, but because of the possibility of substantial transportation/fuel price increases, changes in ground agent prices, tax increases or negative exchange rate changes, we cannot guarantee prices. While we will make every effort to avoid or absorb surcharges, PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services reserves the right to increase the price of a tour in the event of cost increases incurred by us that stem directly from increases in transportation costs (by air, land or water, and including increases in fuel costs), increases in government taxes, fees, dues or levies, or exchange rates.

Modification:

PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services reserves the right to modify the itinerary, number of participants, tour vehicle or any other aspect of the tour prior to and during any tour. While on tour if weather or other conditions require a change to the itinerary such a change will be discussed, as much as reasonably possible, with the clients but the final decision is

made by the tour leader. If as a result of a change in the itinerary clients forgo an opportunity to see any particular bird species this does not entitle these clients to a refund. If as a result of a change in itinerary the total duration of the tour is shorter than that of the advertised itinerary by more than one (1) day this will entitle clients to a reasonable refund to be calculated by PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services. If due to local road, weather or other conditions the duration of the tour needs to be extended clients will not be charged commercial tour rates for the extension by PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services but clients will be required to pay for their own accommodation, food and all other expenses for the duration of the extension. PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services will not be liable for any costs incurred by clients due to a tour returning to its final destination later than scheduled.

Bird species:

Birds are wild animals and no sightings of any species can be guaranteed. PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services will not be held responsible for clients not seeing any particular species.

Liability:

The tour participant agrees that PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services is not liable for injury, death, damage, monetary loss or loss of property as a result of participating in any tour. Participants should make their own health and travel insurance arrangements. Travel insurance should cover unplanned costs, e.g., a plane not arriving due to inclement weather. For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in the tour, each tour participant agrees to release, indemnify, and hold harmless PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services, its agents, servants, employees, shareholders, officers, directors, solicitors and contractors as set forth herewith. PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services acts only as an agent for the passenger in regard to travel, whether by bus, boat, airplane, or by other means, and assumes no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity caused by defect in such vehicles or for any reason whatsoever, including the acts, defaults, or bankruptcies of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in the carrying out the arrangements of the tour. PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services accepts no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or charges in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes. The tour participant shall bear all such losses and expenses. PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category for those indicated and to make any changes in the itinerary where deemed necessary.

Restrictions on Participation:

Birding tours involve a variety of activities and can entail varying degrees of strenuous activity. Some destinations will require early morning starts and/or late returns as this maximizes our opportunities to find and see certain species. In preparation for each day, the activities will be described as accurately as possible. It may be necessary for participants to be able to complete walks of up to several kilometres over a wide variety of terrain, not necessarily on walking trails. While out in the field we may also encounter variable weather conditions including, but not limited to, heat, cold, wind, rain, and strong, bright sunshine. Participants should be in good health and if in doubt should consult a physician before undertaking a tour. If you have questions about the physical requirements of a tour, please contact our office for further information. It must be emphasized that if you do have a health problem or physical limitation, we need to know so we can be prepared in the case of an emergency. Further, we cannot provide any assurances with respect to safety, quality or other issues with respect to excursions not within the direct control or supervision of PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services. The

participant assumes all risks and liabilities of his or her own activities not under the direct supervision of PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services.

There will be the opportunity for those of you who wish, to opt out of any particular excursion and do your own thing at your own expense. Anyone wishing to partake of an activity not within our bird watching program may only do this at their own expense and if it does not in any way interfere with the group's schedule.

Small groups call for consideration from all participants so that all may enjoy the experience. Any antisocial behaviour (swearing, smoking in non-smoking areas, alcohol abuse etc) that could be detrimental to the enjoyment of a tour by the other group members, shall be deemed to be unacceptable. If there are complaints from other tour members and the leader finds any person unable to conduct themselves in a manner seen fit, the leader reserves the right to send them home at their own expense.

Smoking is prohibited in tour vehicles, many public places and certain conservation reserves.

PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services reserves the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of any tour for any reason.

Other:

Participants should prepare for the tour by reading the itinerary, and other pertinent matter recommended by PI & NL Waanders trading as Southern Birding Services. Each participant is responsible for bringing appropriate clothing and equipment as recommended.

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I agree to book this tour. I have read and understood, and accept the Terms and Conditions.

Signature:
Print Name
Date :



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