

Burrowa Burundhang Bird Trail!

The Burrowa Burundhang Bird Trail is located in the Hilltops Local Government Area which covers 7,140 square kilometers of the South Western Slopes Bioregion of NSW and is a Birdlife Australia Key Bird Area.

Thirty-three of the Hilltops regions endemic bird species range from vulnerable to critically endangered. With species as the Painted Honeyeater, Hooded Robin, Swift Parrot, Diamond Firetail and Little Eagle being residents of the region, to name a few.

Hilltops is famous as the home of the vulnerable Superb Parrot. The seasonal migrant arrives in the region in September, to breed in the Box Gum Grassy Woodland which are a critically endangered ecological community.

The region’s climate is characterised by hot summers with no dry season. Annual rainfall ranges between around 400mm in the west, to around 1200mm in the east.

Hilltops has exposed rolling low hills with partially vegetated slopes along the ridge’s valleys. There is one National Park and five Nature Reserves. However, like most of the Wheat-Sheep belt of eastern Australia, the majority of native vegetation has been cleared for agricultural development. Only small, scattered remnants of original vegetation communities such as Box Gum Grassy Woodland remain. This vegetation is found along ridges, slopes, creek lines, road corridors, private property fenced reserves, Travelling Stock Reserves and Council Reserves.

Hilltops Bird Observers actively undertakes bird habitat restoration works on crown land in the Hilltops region. We also support the regions Landcare Groups, who undertake Woodland Bird Habitat restoration projects for the Superb Parrot (www.facebook.com/savingoursuperbparrot).

Please support this vital work by donating to the cause. Donations can be made at www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-save-my-habitat.

Even the smallest donation can go a long way to help protect, restore, and conserve the bird habitat of the region, ensuring the future of our endemic birds.



Little Eagle

- Preparing for your birding adventure**
- Please take some time to prepare for your bird trail adventure. Work out your route and make sure you take all the essentials you need with you. Here are a few things to consider:
- Best times of the day for daytime birdwatching, are the first four hours after sunrise and an hour or two before sunset when birds are most active. Try and choose days with calm and fine weather.
 - It is always wise to let someone know where you are going.
 - Take a mobile phone for communication and consider other options such as taking a personal location beacon, because there is no mobile phone reception at some of the trails birding sites. Also consider taking a handheld GPS for the larger sites.
 - Wear appropriate footwear like hiking boots, sensible outdoor clothes and wear a hat.
 - Always take enough water and food for your trip.
 - Sunscreen, insect repellent, a first-aid kit and any medications are essential.
 - Be aware that you may encounter snakes or mosquitoes and watch out for slips, trips and fall hazards when walking over uneven and wet ground.
 - Bring binoculars and a field guide or bird App of Australian Birds to enhance your experience.
 - Consider your amenities requirements, as most of the sites have no facilities.

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Australasian Shoveler

Bribbaree - Koorawatha
Boorowa – Young – Murringo

Birds you may see in Hilltops.

Key: **E = Endangered** (Please report to HTBO), **V= Vulnerable**

SHOREBIRDS

- Australian Painted-snipe (E)
- Banded Lapwing
- Black-fronted Dotterel
- Bush Stone-curlew (E Critically)
- Latham's Snipe
- Masked Lapwing
- Pied Stilt
- Red-kneed Dotterel

DUCKS, SWANS & GREBES

- Australasian Grebe
- Australasian Shoveler
- Australian Shelduck
- Australian Wood Duck
- Black Swan
- Blue-billed Duck (V)
- Chestnut Teal
- Freckled Duck (V) →
- Grey Teal
- Hardhead
- Hoary-headed Grebe
- Pacific Black Duck
- Pink-eared Duck
- Plumed Whistling-Duck



HERONS, BRITTERNS & EGRETS

- Australasian Bittern (E)
- Australian White Ibis
- Eastern Cattle Egret
- Great Egret
- Nankeen Night-Heron
- Plumed Egret
- Royal Spoonbill
- Straw-necked Ibis
- White-faced Heron
- White-necked Heron
- Yellow-billed Spoonbill

RAILS, CRAKES & WATERHENS

- Australasian Swamphen
- Baillon's Crake
- Black-tailed Native-hen
- Dusky Moorhen
- Eurasian Coot
- Spotless Crake

DARTER, CORMORANTS & PELICANS

- Australasian Darter
- Australian Pelican

- Great Cormorant
- Little Black Cormorant
- Little Pied Cormorant
- Pied Cormorant

EMU & QUAILS

- Emu
- Brown Quail
- Painted Button-quail
- Stubble Quail

FALCONS

- Australian Hobby →
- Black Falcon (V)
- Brown Falcon
- Nankeen Kestrel
- Peregrine Falcon

HAWKS, EAGLES & KITES

- Black Kite
- Black-shouldered Kite
- Brown Goshawk
- Collared Sparrowhawk
- Little Eagle (V)
- Spotted Harrier (V)
- Square-tailed Kite (V)
- Swamp Harrier
- Wedge-tailed Eagle
- Whistling Kite
- White-bellied Sea-Eagle (V)

OWLS, FROGMOUTHS & NIGHTJARS

- Australian Boobook
- Australian Masked Owl (V)
- Australian Owlet-nightjar
- Barking Owl (V)
- Eastern Barn Owl
- Tawny Frogmouth

BUTCHERBIRDS & ALLIES

- Apostlebird
- Australian Magpie
- Grey Butcherbird
- Pied Butcherbird
- Pied Currawong
- White-winged Chough →

RAVENS & CROWS

- Australian Raven
- Little Raven

HONEYEATERS

- Black-chinned Honeyeater (V)
- Blue-faced Honeyeater
- Brown-headed Honeyeater

- Eastern Spinebill
- Fuscous Honeyeater
- Little Friarbird
- Noisy Friarbird
- Noisy Miner
- Painted Honeyeater (V)
- Red Wattlebird
- Regent Honeyeater (E Critically)
- Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater
- Striped Honeyeater
- White-eared Honeyeater
- White-naped Honeyeater
- White-plumed Honeyeater
- Yellow-faced Honeyeater
- Yellow-tufted Honeyeater

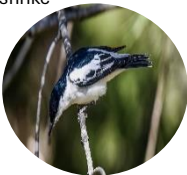


CUCKOO - SHRIKES & TRILLERS

- Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
- Ground Cuckoo-shrike
- White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike
- White-winged Triller →

CUCKOOS

- Brush Cuckoo
- Eastern Koel
- Fan-tailed Cuckoo
- Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo
- Pallid Cuckoo
- Shining Bronze-Cuckoo



WOODSWALLOWS

- Black-faced Woodswallow
- Dusky Woodswallow (V)
- Masked Woodswallow
- White-breasted Woodswallow
- White-browed Woodswallow

LARKS, CISTICOLAS & REED-WARBLED

- Brown Songlark
- Rufous Songlark
- Little Grassbird
- Australian Reed-Warbler
- Golden-headed Cisticola
- Horsfield's Bushlark

SCRUBWRENS & THORNBILLS

- Brown Thornbill
- Buff-rumped Thornbill
- Chestnut-rumped Heathwren
- Chestnut-rumped Thornbill
- Inland Thornbill
- Southern Whiteface (V)
- Speckled Warbler (V)
- Striated Thornbill
- Weebill

- Western Gerygone
- White-browed Scrubwren
- White-throated Gerygone
- Yellow Thornbill
- Yellow-rumped Thornbill

CHATS

- White-fronted Chat (V) →

FAIRY-WRENS

- Superb Fairy-wren
- Purple-backed Fairy-wren

TREECREEPERS

- Brown Treecreeper (V)
- White-throated Treecreeper

COCKATOOS

- Cockatiel
- Galah
- Gang-gang Cockatoo (V)
- Glossy Black-Cockatoo (V)
- Little Corella
- Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
- Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo

PARROTS & LORIKEETS

- Budgerigar
- Crimson Rosella
- Eastern Rosella
- Little Lorikeet (V)
- Musk Lorikeet
- Rainbow Lorikeet
- Red-rumped Parrot
- Superb Parrot (V)
- Swift Parrot (E)
- Turquoise Parrot (V)

PIGEONS & DOVES

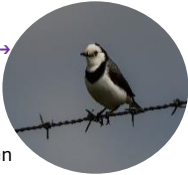
- Common Bronzewing
- Crested Pigeon
- Diamond Dove
- Peaceful Dove

FINCHES

- Diamond Firetail (V)
- Double-barred Finch
- Red-browed Finch →
- Zebra Finch

FLOWERPICKERS

- Mistletoebird



ROBINS

- Eastern Yellow Robin
- Flame Robin (V)
- Hooded Robin (E)
- Jacky Winter
- Red-capped Robin
- Rose Robin
- Scarlet Robin (V)

WHISTLERS, SHRIKE-THRUSH, ORIOLES & ALLIES

- Eastern Shrike-tit
- Gilbert's Whistler (V)
- Golden Whistler
- Rufous Whistler
- Grey Shrike-thrush
- Olive-backed Oriole

FANTAILS & MONARCHS

- Grey Fantail
- Willie Wagtail
- Leaden Flycatcher
- Magpie-lark
- Restless Flycatcher

BABBLERS

- Grey-crowned Babbler (V)
- White-browed Babbler

KINGFISHERS & ALLIES

- Azure Kingfisher
- Laughing Kookaburra
- Oriental Dollarbird
- Rainbow Bee-eater
- Red-backed Kingfisher
- Sacred Kingfisher

PIPITS

- Australian Pipit

PARDALOTES

- Spotted Pardalote
- Striated Pardalote

WHITE-EYES & STITTELLAS

- Silvereye
- Varied Sittella (V)

MARTINS, SWALLOWS & SWIFTS

- Fairy Martin
- Fork-tailed Swift
- Tree Martin
- Welcome Swallow
- White-backed Swallow
- White-throated Needletail

Burrowa Burundhang Bird Trail Sites

1 - Redhill Reserve (accessible birding site) (34°26'24.2"S 148°43'48.2"E) **Site type:** Nature Reserve. Small 4ha Box Gum Grassy Woodland reserve in Boorowa township. The reserve has disability parking and an accessible path, which leads to a roofed interpretive sign area with accessible tables, 85m into the reserve. Accessible toilets are located at the park in town. **Getting there:** In Boorowa head east on Pudman Street from the main street roundabout. In 1.1km turn right onto Ford Street, then in 230m turn left onto Queen Street where carpark is at the reserve's entry gate. **Access and parking:** Main roads and public parking (including accessible). **Look for:** Superb Parrot, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Weebill, Gray Fantail.

2 - Red Hut Travelling Stock Reserve (34°29'09.7"S 148°35'24.1"E) **Site type:** Travelling Stock Reserve. **Getting there:** From Boorowa head south on the Lachlan Valley way. In 3.6km turn right onto Cunnigar Road (Follow the sign to Harden). The TSR is 11.5km from the Cunnigar Road turn, on the left opposite Cusack Road. **Access and parking:** Main roads. Ample off-road parking in front of the TSR gate. Note that the TSR gate may be locked. **Look for:** Superb Parrot, Rainbow Bee-eater, Brown Treecreeper, Diamond Firetail.

3 - Regans Lagoon (34°34'07.0"S 148°39'10.2"E) **Site type:** Lagoon. **Getting there:** From Boorowa head south on the Lachlan Valley way. In 3.6km turn right onto Cunnigar Road (Follow the sign to Harden). Continue straight onto Hughstonia Road. In 11.9km turn right onto Cherryvale Road. The Lagoon is a further 2km. **Access and parking:** Main roads until entering Cherry Hill Road, then dirt road. Ample off-road parking. **Look for:** White-necked Heron, Nankeen Night-Heron, Yellow-billed Spoonbill, Superb Parrot.

4 - Lagoon Travelling Stock Reserve (34°34'41.8"S 148°41'46.6"E) **Site type:** Travelling Stock Reserve with lagoon. **Getting there:** From Boorowa head south on Lachlan Valley way. In 3.6 km turn right onto Cunnigar Road (Follow the sign to Harden). Continue straight onto Hughstonia Road. In 9.2km turn left onto Crossley's Road. The TSR is a further 2.8km. **Access and parking:** Main roads until entering Crossley's Hill Road, then dirt road. Ample off-road parking in front of the TSR gate. Note that the TSR gate may be locked. **Look for:** Red-rumped Parrot, Straw-necked Ibis, Tree Martin, Superb Parrot.

5 - Coffey's Bridge Travelling Stock Reserve and Stock Route 63 (34°23'28.6"S 148°45'49.9"E) **Site type:** Travelling Stock Reserve and Route. **Getting there:** From Boorowa take Rugby Road to Crookwell. In 4.9km form the bridge over Boorowa River as you leave town, turn left onto Stockroute 63. **Access and parking:** Main roads until entering the TSR, then dirt road. Ample roadside/off-road parking. **Look for:** Superb Parrot, Jacky Winter, Western Gerygone, White-throated Gerygone.

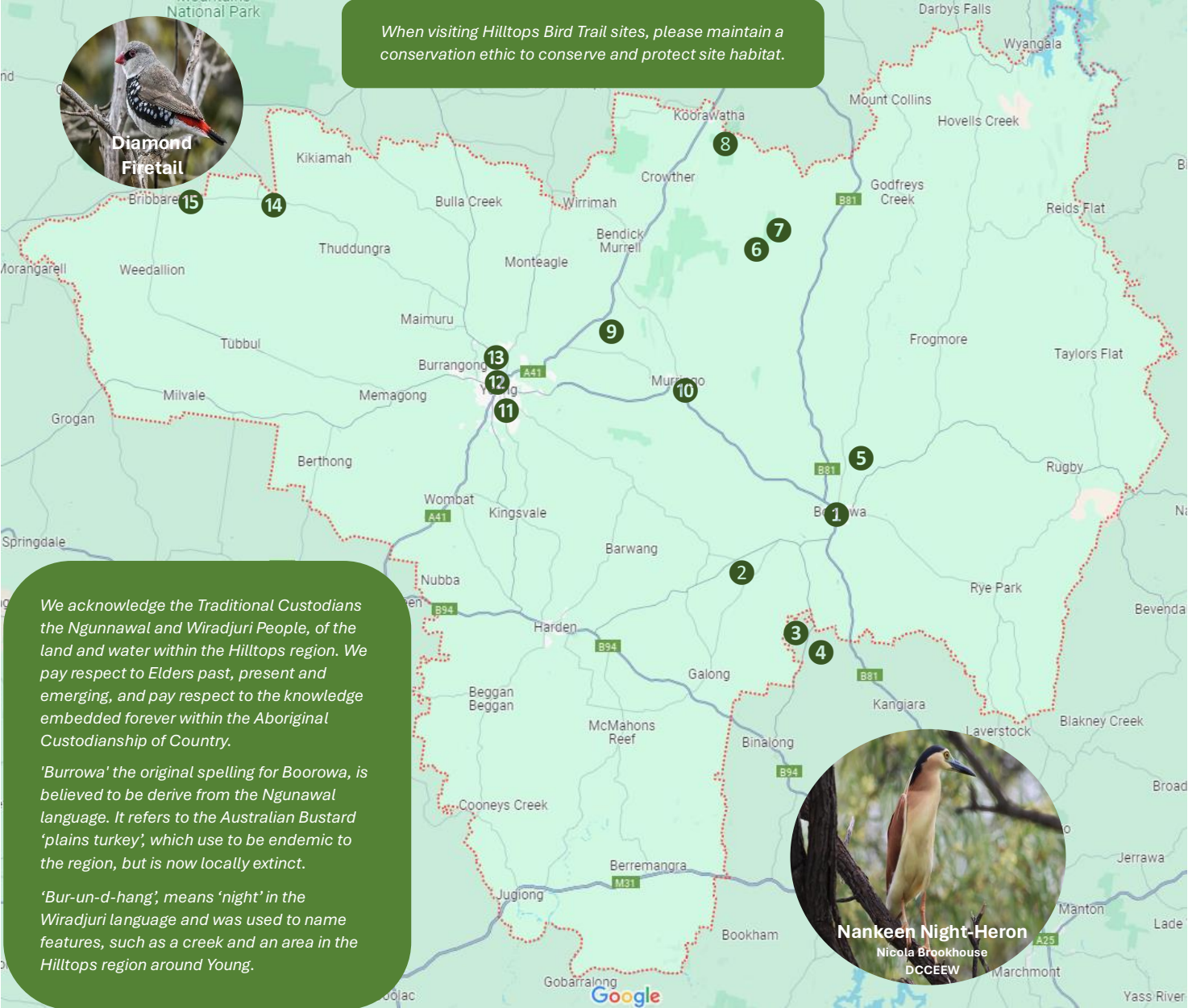
6 - Illunie Nature Reserve South Entry (34°09'52.1"S 148°37'41.5"E) **Site type:** Nature Reserve. **Getting there:** From Boorowa head north on the Lachlan Valley Way towards Cowra. In 27.1km turn left onto Woolpack Road. Continue straight 7.8km and turn right onto Woolpack Lane. The south reserve entry a further 1.5km. **Access and parking:** Main roads until entering Woolpack Road, then dirt roads. Roadside parking. **Look for:** Superb Parrot, Speckled Warbler, Red-capped Robin, Gray-crowned Babbler.

7 - Illunie Nature Reserve North Entry (34°07'59.2"S 148°38'12.0"E) **Site type:** Nature Reserve. **Getting there:** From Boorowa head north on the Lachlan Valley Way towards Cowra. In 27.1km turn left onto Woolpack Road. In 7km turn right onto Caringa Road. The reserve entry a further 4.6km. **Access and parking:** Main roads until entering Woolpack Road, then dirt roads. Roadside parking. **Look for:** Superb Parrot, Speckled Warbler, Red-capped Robin, Gray-crowned Babbler.

Travelling Stock Routes

Many of the Trails birding sites are Travelling Stock Routes (TSRs). Please note that the following conditions apply to the recreational uses of these areas:

- Access for birding activities is only during daylight hours.
- Fishing is an allowed recreational activity on TSRs.
- People may enter by walking or riding a bicycle. Motorised vehicle access is not allowed.
- Camping is not allowed on TSRs for recreational activities.
- Any gates which are closed, must be left closed after access and departure. Some gates may be locked.
- Beware of stock on reserves – stock have right of way.



8 - Koorawatha Falls (Koorawatha Nature Reserve) (34°03'12.7"S 148°35'27.1"E) **Site type:** Nature Reserve with waterfall. **Getting there:** In Koorawatha, take Boorowa Street for 2.4km, then turn onto Falls Road. Continue 1.8km to the parking area or park anywhere along Falls Road. **Access and parking:** Main road that turns to dirt. Note Falls Road is 4wd only. 2wd vehicles can park at the start of the Falls Road. Ample roadside/off-road parking. **Look for:** Yellow Robins, Red-browed Finch, Eastern Shrike-tit, Sacred Kingfishers.

9 - Yellow Water Holes Travelling Stock Reserve (34°15'03.6"S 148°25'28.3"E) **Site type:** Travelling Stock Reserve **Getting there:** From Young follow the Olympic Highway toward Cowra. In 10.2km from the 100km sign when leaving Young, turn right onto Murringo Stockroute. The site is a further 1km on the right. Stay right on the stockroute. **Access and parking:** Main roads, until Murringo Stockroute, then dirt. Ample off-road parking. **Look for:** White-browed Woodswallow, Stubble Quail, Cockatiel, Grey Butcherbird.

10 -Paradise Travelling Stock Reserve (34°19'04.4"S 148°31'26.7"E) **Site type:** Travelling Stock Reserve **Getting there:** From Murringo head south on Murringo Road towards Boorowa. The TSR is on the left 200m from the bridge crossing the Willawong Creek just out of Murringo. **Access and parking:** Main roads. Ample off-road parking at TSR gate. **Look for:** Blue-faced Honeyeater, Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater Grey Butcherbird, Sacred Kingfisher.

11 - Lambing Flat Chinese Tribute Garden and Chinaman's Dam Reserve (accessible birding site) (34°20'31.2"S 148°18'51.9"E) **Site type:** Reserve with dams and Chinese garden. The site has picnic tables, BBQ's, accessible parking and accessible toilets. **Getting there:** From the Boorowa Street (main street) in Young, follow the Olympic Highway. In 600m from the roundabout on Boorowa Street, turn left onto Gordon Street. In 3.4km turn left onto Pistone Road. The reserve is on the left, in 700m. **Access and parking:** Main roads and public parking (including accessible). **Look for:** Black Swan, Hardhead, Black-fronted Dotterel, Grey Teal.

Site Access: All the trails birding sites are accessible by public roads, where road traffic and safety is to be considered. Some roads to the sites are dirt or gravel and are subject to damage. From time to time these roads may only be 4wd accessible or impassable. Some of the sites are on public roadside verges, please consider your personal safety in these locations. Users must accept responsibility for their own safety and must always be aware of their position at all times.

12 - Young Arboretum Park (accessible birding site) (34°18'58.0"S 148°17'42.9"E) **Site type:** Park with paved path walk of approximately 1km along the Burrangong Creek. The site has picnic tables, a BBQ and accessible toilets. **Getting there:** The park is on Main Street, Young. Follow the signs to the Young Services Club, which is adjacent to the park. **Access and parking:** Main roads and public parking. **Look for:** Pacific Black Duck, Dusky Moorhens, White-plumed Honeyeater, Welcome Swallow.

13 - Old Young Settlement Ponds (34°17'42.0"S 148°16'00.2"E) **Site type:** Wetland. **Getting there:** From Boorowa Street (main street) in Young, follow Milvale Road towards Temora. 550m from the 100km sign as you exit Young, turn right onto Burrangong Road. Kept right and follow the signs to Burrangong Oval 800m. Park at the oval. **Access and parking:** Main roads, with part of Burrangong Road being a dirt road. **Look for:** Blue-billed Duck, Freckled Duck, Australasian Grebe, Superb Parrot.

14 - Budgery Travelling Stock Reserve (34°07'19.7"S 148°01'40.7"E) **Site type:** Travelling Stock Reserve. **Getting there:** The TSR is on Bribbaree Road 13.5km east of Bribbaree. Bribbaree Road can also be accessed off the Henry Lawson Way from Young, where the site is 26.5km west. **Access and parking:** Main roads, until arrival at the site. Ample off-road parking. **Look for:** Apostlebird, Superb Parot, Western Gerygone, Sacred Kingfisher.

15 - Balabla Creek Travelling Stock Reserve (34°07'07.8"S 147°54'54.8"E) **Site type:** Travelling Stock Reserve. **Getting there:** Bala Creek TSR is on Bribbaree Road 3km east of Bribbaree. Bribbaree Road can be accessed off the Henry Lawson Way from Young, where the site is 37km west. **Access and parking:** Main roads, until arrival at the site. Ample off-road parking. **Look for:** Gray-crowned Babbler, Plumed Whistling-Duck, Little Raven, Welcome Swallow.

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