

**Royal National Park
Week 1: 2023**

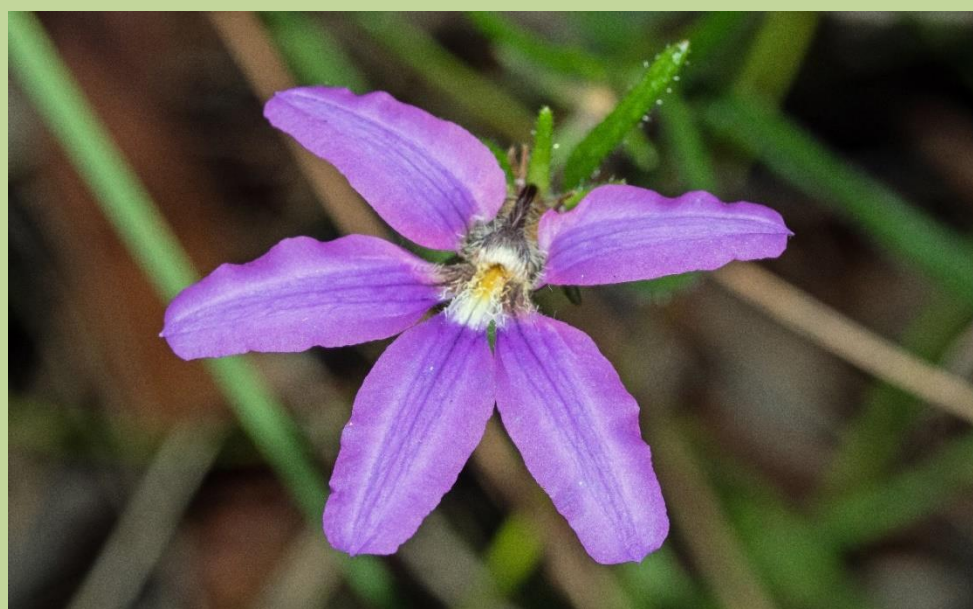
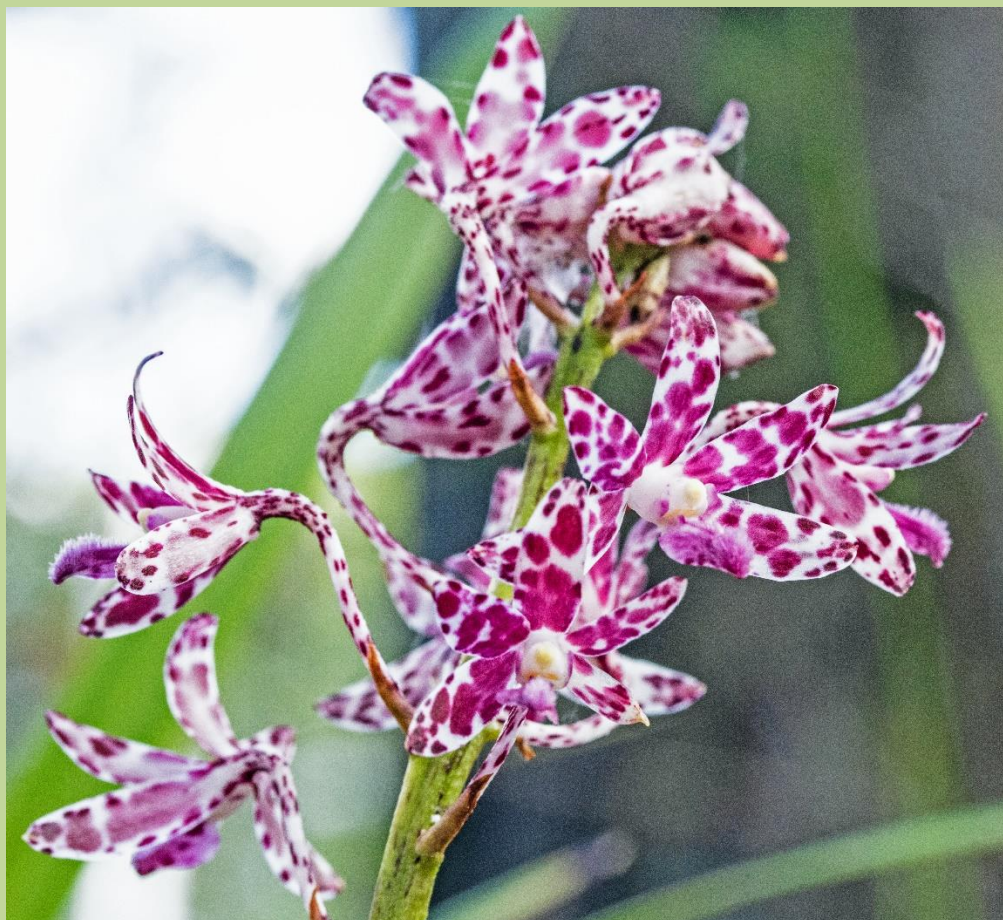
Engadine Sector: Royal National Park – January 2

this morning, prior to the heat hitting, I went walking in Royal National Park, alone, except for my 7D Mark 11 and my trusty 60mm macro lens. I covered 3km of the Engadine sector of Royal National Park, covering the tracks given over to mountain cyclists. I faced four in the hour I was in the park. There were considerate. The oldest, well into middle-age, was most aggressive in his riding style. And least responsive to others. I also wonder if he saw the bush.

I did!



Well, it's that time of the year!!!!



Scaevola ramosissima



Xyris species



Stylidium species¹

¹ For those interested in how they pollinate, go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pg1k_mXes_E



Hakea species



Patersonia sp



Cryptostylis erecta









Dipodium variegatum





Carrington Drive Royal National Park – Jan 3

Bird list Lady Carrington Drive

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|-----|------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| 1. | Little Black Cormorant | 14. | Yellow-faced Honeyeater |
| 2. | Brown Cuckoo Dove | 15. | Eastern Spinebill |
| 3. | Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo | 16. | Eastern Whipbird |
| 4. | Sulphur-crested Cockatoo | 17. | Eastern Yellow Robin |
| 5. | Rainbow Lorikeet | 18. | Grey Shrike-thrush |
| 6. | Channel-billed Cuckoo | 19. | Grey Fantail |
| 7. | Laughing Kookaburra | 20. | Rufous Fantail |
| 8. | Superb Lyrebird | 21. | Satin Flycatcher |
| 9. | Superb Fairy-wren | 22. | Black-faced Monarch |
| 10. | Variegated Fairy-wren | 23. | Satin Bowerbird |
| 11. | Spotted Pardalote | 24. | Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike |
| 12. | White-browed Scrubwren | 25. | Grey Butcherbird |
| 13. | Lewin's Honeyeater | 26. | Red-browed Finch |

And that is not a bad list indeed!



Pseuderanthemum variable





Callicoma serratifolia



Notelaea longifolia – Native Olive



Dipodium variegatum





Cassinia sp





Cryptostylis erecta





Birding/Photography Wattle Flat/Audley: Royal National Park – Jan 4

This was a late minute activity for the National Parks Association of NSW. And as distance is immaterial when searching for birds in a confined space, let us begin at Wattle Flat and chase reflections!





Before the wildlife discovered us!



Pacific Black Duck - *Anas superciliosa*



I am not sure I had ever noticed this fig growing high up in the branches of a rather large eucalyptus (Bangalay?) tree.



Tristaniopsis laurina – Water Gum



Australasian swamphen- *Porphyrio melanotus*
A large rail!!!!



Sacred Kingfisher - *Todiramphus sanctus*



Eastern Yellow Robin - *Eopsaltria australis*





Brown Cuckoo-dove - *Macropygia phasianella*



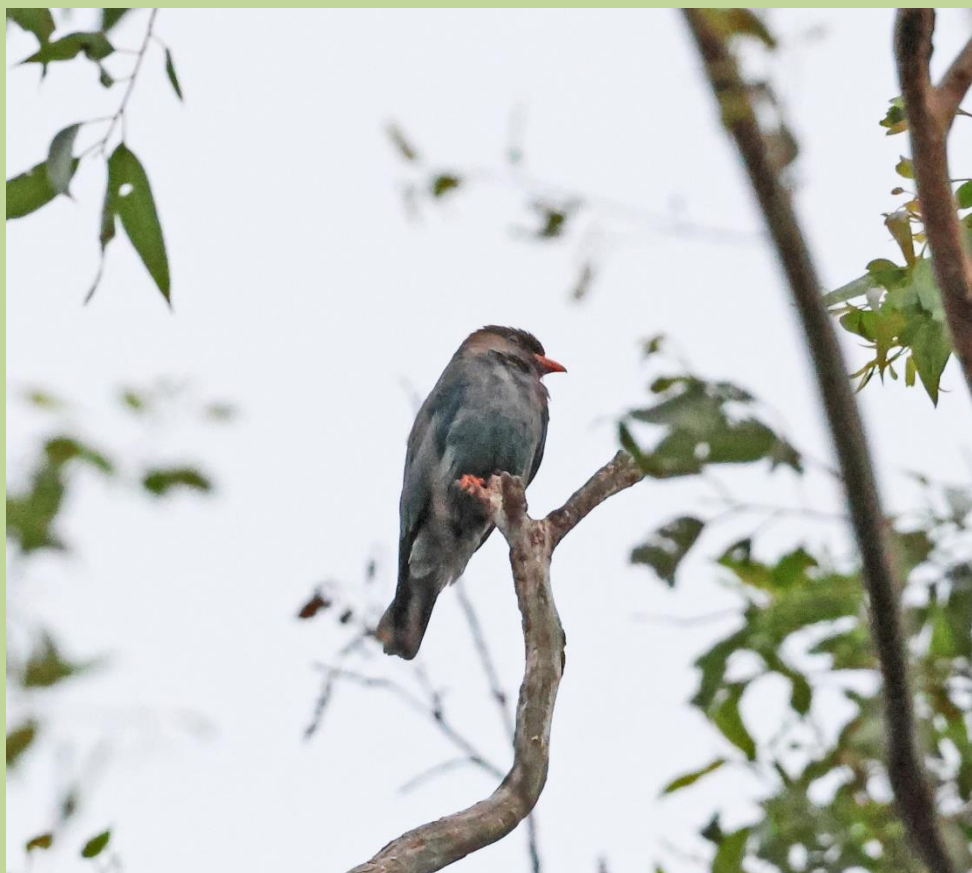
Lewin's Honeyeater - *Meliphaga lewinii*



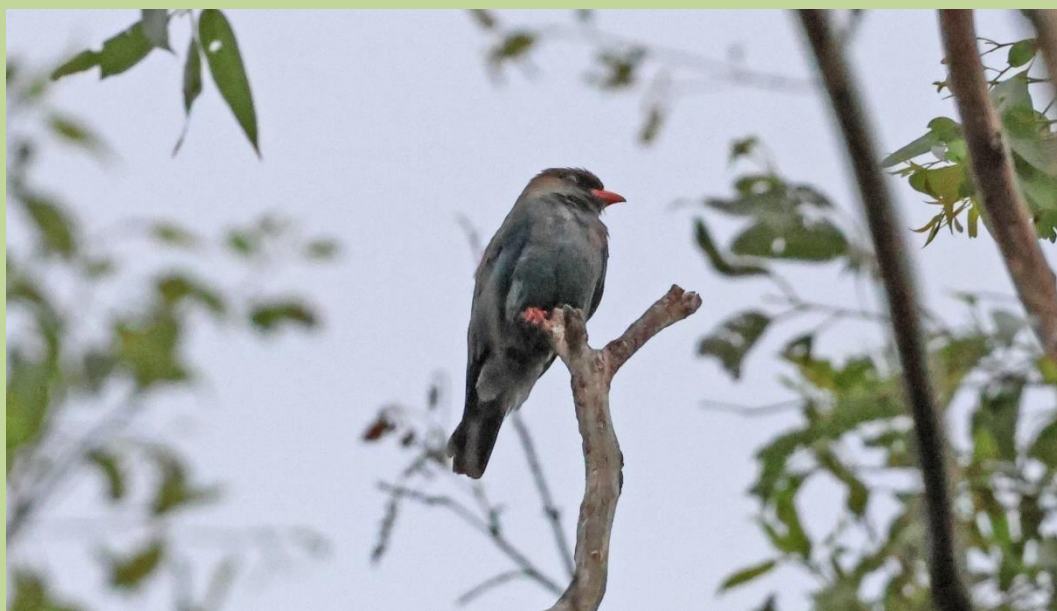
Male Superb Fairywren - *Malurus cyaneus*



Male Variegated Fairywren - *Malurus lamberti*



Dollarbird - *Eurystomus orientalis*



And that is as good as I could do with that bird at that height and in silhouette
But its call does give it away! It's a Roller

We then headed down to Audley, on the southern shoreline of the junction of the Hacking River and Kangaroo Creek. We failed to get good views of Azure Kingfishers for both locations so we were stuck with.... naughty birds!!!!







Little Pied Cormorant - *Microcarbo melanoleucos*



Xanthosia pilosa



With thanks for coming out and joining me on my first walk for 2023, my 46th year of
leading walks for NPA

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