

My birding trips since 2006

Year	Trip	New Birds
2026	November: South Australia	To come
	October: Western Australia	To come
	June/July: Washington USA	My wife and I were based in Seattle for four weeks but we travelled to many other parts of Washington state. Highlights included Tufted Puffins and Rhinoceros Auklets during a boat trip within Puget Sound, and a Greater White-fronted Goose out of season in Seattle.
2025	December: Western Australia	Crested Honey Buzzard, at Lake Joondalup. I also caught up again with Noisy Scrub-birds and Western Whipbirds down south
	August: Western NSW	I joined surveys at Nanya Station, looking in vain for Scarlet-chested Parrots. On my way home, at Deniliquin, I caught up with Superb Parrots after about a 30-year gap. No new birds though.
	July: Arnhem Land	No new birds but I was delighted to get photographs of some species for my first time.
	March/April: Mid-western NSW	I did two short trips (each of 10-12 days) – one to Macquarie Marshes and then Trilby Station via Bourke and Louth, and one out as far as West Wyalong. No new birds.
2024	May/June: The Kimberley	I did a guided birding tour which started and finished in Kununurra and included a visit to the Mitchell Plateau. I saw four new species – Northern Shrike-tit, Kimberley Honeyeater, Black Grasswren and Sandstone Shrike-thrush. Afterwards my wife and I did a guided non-birding tour which started and finished in Broome and included another visit to the Mitchell Plateau.
	January/February: Chile and Costa Rica	I only saw six new species in Chile, from limited opportunities and of course I'd already been to the country several times before. I saw well over 280 new species in Costa Rica!

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		It was amazing! The highlight was the Resplendent Quetzal (I saw about ten of them including several adult males in full breeding plumage).
2023	May: Japan	I saw 127 species, with about 30 of them being new ones for me. Highlights included Falcated Duck, Oriental White Stork, Marsh Fernbird (aka Japanese Swamp Warbler) and Black-browed Reed Warbler.
	March: New Zealand	New Zealand Scaup, New Zealand Fernbird, Black-fronted Tern
2022	July: Northern Territory and Kununurra	This was a trip I'd been wanting to do for a long time - it took me into new country with lots of potential for adding birds to my Australian list. I was on a guided tour and I saw 13 new species including the two Rock-Pigeons, the three missing finches from my list, and some other endemics. One highlight was a group of three Chestnut-backed Button-quail, including one bird which allowed us great and extended views. Another highlight was to see my 750th species for Australia - the Arafura Shrike-thrush. I had terrific views of it.
2020	March: Cairns /Atherton Tableland	No new birds but I was delighted to get photographs of some species for my first time e.g. Mountain Thornbill, Tooth-billed Bowerbird.
2019	November: South-west WA	No new birds but I was quite pleased to see Western Thornbill and Gilbert's Honeyeater again, and the WA race of Regent Parrot.
	June/July: Northern Territory	Masked Finch, Arafura Fantail, Hooded Parrot.
	April: Western NSW	No new birds but I was quite pleased to see Grey-fronted Honeyeater and Gilbert's Whistler again.
	February/March: NSW and Victoria	No new birds but I was able to get to the Western Treatment Plant (Werribee) for a day and see thousands of ducks again. Also I caught up with Hooded Plover and Pacific Gull once again.
	June: Western Australia	No new birds, but it was great to see some old favourites again. A focus for the trip was to join the Noisy Scrub-bird recovery project team for a week. I learnt a lot about

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		scrub-birds and was able to look at a bird in the hand (and then to follow it around using radio-telemetry).
2018	May: Scotland, Shetlands, Denmark	I saw 24 new species (out of a total of 98 species), with the highlights of these being Red Grouse (in Scotland), Northern Gannet (in the Shetlands) and Green Woodpecker (in Denmark), and Guillemots and Razorbills (Scotland and Shetlands). And, I really enjoyed seeing Atlantic Puffins once again.
	November: Victoria and South Australia	Ostrich (at Barham). Also it was great to catch up with some old favourites (e.g. Western Whipbird, Purple-gaped Honeyeater, Cape Barren Goose).
2017	September: Sri Lanka	I saw 143 species in three weeks, of which about 120 were completely new birds for me. The one which impressed me the most was the Malabar Pied Hornbill but there were plenty of other great sightings too, including endemics such as Sri Lanka Blue Magpie and Sri Lanka Crested Drongo. I saw the majority but by no means all of the Sri Lanka endemic species, I didn't tally it up as there also were quite a few endemic sub-species also seen and I was just as happy with those sightings.
2016	August: Denmark, Iceland, UK	Many, especially in Iceland (which has no endemics but I was relatively new to northern European birds). My favourite was the Atlantic Puffin; I was also pleased to see lots of Northern Fulmars.
	June-July: Queensland	Albert's Lyrebird, Eungella Honeyeater, Southern Cassowary
	March: Perth and South-western WA	Eurasian Hobby (and, it was great to see the Noisy Scrub-bird again)
2015	Oct-Nov: Mt Isa area	Kalkadoon Grasswren, Carpentarian Grasswren
	May: Japan	Rock Thrush, Gadwall, Pacific Diver (but my focus was Grey-tailed Tattlers)
	April: Denmark	30+ new birds (my favourite was the Wren)

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2014	October: Strezlecki track	Western Grass-wren
	August: South-west WA	Nil (but I was pleased to find many species that I don't often see)
	May: Japan	Dunlin, Black-billed Spoonbill, Black-headed Gull, Wigeon (but my focus was Grey-tailed Tattlers)
2013	August: Japan	Many (but my focus was Grey-tailed Tattlers)
	April: Macquarie Marshes, Bowra	Nil
2012	November: Cape York/Iron Range	Spotted Whistling Duck, Black-winged Monarch
	May: Newhaven Reserve (NT)	Rufous-crowned Emu-wren
	April: USA / Canada	Many
	January: Norfolk Island	Norfolk Island endemics
2011	October: South Australia (Gluepot)	Scarlet-chested Parrot (#700), Barbary Dove (#699, tracked it down in Adelaide prior to going to Gluepot)
	September: South Korea, Russia (Vladivostok)	Several, mostly on Jehu Island. Unfortunately, Vladivostok was very ordinary for birding!
	February: South Africa	Several in the Cape Town area
2010	October: Pilbara Region (WA)	Red-necked Phalarope, Oriental Pratincole

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	June: Albany/Cheyne Beach	Western Whipbird
	March: Patagonia (Chile & Argentina)	Lots
	February: Tasmania (Eaglehawk, Melaleuca)	Cook's Petrel
2009	August: Jupiter Well (WA)	Princess Parrot
	May: King Island and Werribee	Orange-bellied Parrot
2008	November: Vietnam (second visit)	A handful
	August: Tasmania (Eaglehawk)	Grey Petrel
	July: Bowra (Qld)	Black Honeyeater
2007	Nov/Dec: NZ and Macquarie Island	Several including four species of penguin
	August: Cape York/Iron Range	Most of the Iron Range endemics
2006	December: Christmas Island (and briefly on Cocos Island)	Blue-and-white Flycatcher, Common Kingfisher, all the Christmas Island endemics, Green Jungle-fowl

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December: Cheynes Beach (WA)	Western Bristlebird, Noisy Scrub-bird, Red-eared Firetail
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October: Torres Strait	Several including Shining Starling (650th Aust. bird)
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January: Vietnam	Several
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My records prior to 2006 usually are too vague for listing here. Mostly I was only doing Australian birding but I also saw some birds overseas during work trips (those mainly were to Chile, Peru, USA, South Africa). They weren't birdwatching trips though.
