

News and Reviews

Sunshine Coast Council Partnership Fund

Good news has come through with our successful application for the Sunshine Coast Community Partnership Fund. This partnership agreement will allow Faunawatch to continue monitoring and recording fauna seen throughout the Sunshine Coast for this financial year. It will also allow us to get access to many land sites in key environment positions or vegetation communities where we will be undertaking detailed fauna surveys. More details will be coming through over the next few weeks.

Natures cleaners!

Brush turkeys often get a bad rap for the mess they leave in our backyards and parks. Well I'm not too sure they deserve this reputation after viewing the video Faunawatch captured in a recent survey completed for the Coolum Coast Care group. Using a chicken carcass securely wired to a tree to lure in any animals in the area our video monitoring device was triggered by the local dominant male brush turkey. For the next 30 minutes he meticulously polished off every morsel including somehow managing to remove and hide all the bones. He did such a good job of cleaning the area that a ship rat that turned up later that night could all but twitch his whiskers and walk away very disappointed.

Gardners Falls review

A great morning at Gardners falls for Septembers Faunawatch outing. 45 species were identified including a Spectacled and Black-faced Monarch, 5 butterflies and a Long-finned Eel. The highlight though was watching a Pacific Baza sitting in a tree on the northern side of the river. While it appeared to be just enjoying a rest in the morning sun, it suddenly took off without any warning and swooped onto a tree some thirty metres away. When it took off we could see it had somehow managed to see a green tree frog amongst the infinite shades of green leaves which it then had for its morning tea. The rest of our group decided to instead have a selection of sandwiches and fruit for our break!

Faunawatch Regular Activity

Maroochy Bushland Botanic Gardens

This regular outing provides an opportunity for anyone to come along and find out more about Faunawatch. Starting with a walk on one of the several trails in the gardens followed by BYO morning tea and general discussion.

A record of fauna identified is kept.

Next outings will be 8am on;
Wednesday 12th Oct 2011
Wednesday 9th Nov 2011



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MONDAY OUTINGS

24th October - 8am

Giraween Nature Reserve.

Wallum Lane, Noosa Heads.

This will be a follow up survey initially done as part of our Sunshine Coast Council's grants survey. A great location of banksia heathland and swamp located in between the coastal dunes and Lake Weyba. There is a good chance see Glossy Black Cockatoos up close and lots of Rainbow Bee Eaters.

Meeting Point: Parking is at the end of WALLUM Lane, Noosa Heads, next to the water treatment facility.



28th November - 8am

La Balsa Park, Buddina.

This is a good spot for our last outing of the year with a walk along the Mooloolah River and round the coast and back over the headland of Point Cartwright. A selection of habitats will provide a range of birdlife. The area is also a good spot for butterflies and this time I am sure we will get to see a Fairy Gerygone!

Meeting Point: meet on the southern side of the Mooloolah River at the park at the end of Harbour Parade near the junction with Gulai Street.

