



DUCKS, SWANS AND GREBES
Australasian Grebe
Australian Wood Duck
Black Swan
Grey Teal
Hardhead
Hoary-headed Grebe
Pacific Black Duck
Pink-eared Duck

CORMORANTS, DARTERS AND PELICANS
Australasian Darter
Australian Pelican
Great Cormorant
Great Pied Cormorant
Little Black Cormorant
Little Pied Cormorant

HERONS AND EGRETS
Cattle Egret
Eastern Great Egret
Intermediate Egret
Nankeen Night-Heron
White-faced Heron
White-necked Heron

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS
Australian White Ibis
Royal Spoonbill
Straw-necked Ibis
Yellow-billed Spoonbill

WATERHENS AND RAILS
Dusky Moorhen
Eurasian Coot
Purple Swamphen

OTHER WATERBIRDS
Banded Lapwing
Black-fronted Dotterel
Latham's Snipe
Masked Lapwing
Pied Stilt
Red-kneed Dotterel

Photos: Column 1: *Australian Pelican, Australasian Darter.*
Column 2: *Wedge-tailed Eagle. Little Eagle, Black-shouldered Kite, (R PALAZZI), Shining Bronze-cuckoo, Red-winged Parrot.*

BIRDS OF THE MINGOOLA AREA

KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES AND FALCONS
Australian Hobby
Black Falcon **V**
Black Kite
Black-shouldered Kite
Brown Falcon
Brown Goshawk
Collared Sparrowhawk
Grey Goshawk
Little Eagle **V**
Nankeen Kestrel
Pacific Baza
Peregrine Falcon
Spotted Harrier **V**
Square-tailed Kite **V**
Wedge-tailed Eagle
Whistling Kite
White-bellied Sea-Eagle **V**

OWLS, FROGMOUTHS AND NIGHTJARS
Australian Owlet-nightjar
Barking Owl **V**
Eastern Barn Owl
Powerful Owl **V V**
Southern Boobook
Tawny Frogmouth
White-throated Nightjar

PIGEONS AND DOVES
Bar-shouldered Dove
Common Bronzewing
Crested Pigeon
Diamond Dove
Peaceful Dove
Squatter Pigeon **CE V**
Wonga Pigeon

COCKATOOS, PARROTS AND LORIKEETS
Australian King-Parrot
Australian Ringneck
Bluebonnet
Budgerigar
Cockatiel
Crimson Rosella
Eastern Rosella
Galah
Glossy Black-Cockatoo **V**
Little Corella
Little Lorikeet **V**



Threatened species: **N** NSW **Q** QLD
V Vulnerable **E** Endangered **CE** Critically Endangered **X** Extinct

Long-billed Corella
Musk Lorikeet
Pale-headed Rosella
Rainbow Lorikeet
Red-rumped Parrot
Red-winged Parrot
Scaly-breasted Lorikeet
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Swift Parrot **EE**
Turquoise Parrot **V**
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo



CUCKOOS
Black-eared Cuckoo
Brush Cuckoo
Channel-billed Cuckoo
Eastern Koel
Fan-tailed Cuckoo
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo
Little Bronze-Cuckoo
Pallid Cuckoo
Pheasant Coucal
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo

GROUND & NEAR-GROUND BIRDS
Apostlebird
Australian Brush-turkey
Australian Pipit
Brown Quail
Eastern Whipbird
Emu
Painted Button-quail
Spotted Quail-thrush
Stubble Quail
Superb Lyrebird
White-winged Chough



SWIFTS AND WOODSWALLOWS
Black-faced Woodswallow
Dusky Woodswallow **V**
Little Woodswallow
Masked Woodswallow
White-breasted Woodswallow
White-browed Woodswallow
White-throated Needletail

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS
Fairy Martin
Tree Martin
Welcome Swallow
White-backed Swallow

KINGFISHERS, BEE-EATERS AND ROLLERS
Azure Kingfisher

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



TREECREEPERS, WARBLERS AND BABBLERS
Brown Treecreeper **V**
Grey-crowned Babbler **V**
Red-browed Treecreeper
Speckled Warbler **V**
White-browed Babbler
White-throated Treecreeper

SHRIKE-TITS AND WHISTLERS
Eastern Shrike-tit
Golden Whistler
Grey Shrike-thrush
Little Shrike-thrush
Rufous Whistler



PARDALOTES, GERYGONES AND THORNBILLS
Brown Gerygone
Brown Thornbill
Buff-rumped Thornbill
Inland Thornbill
Mistletoebird
Southern Whiteface
Spotted Pardalote
Striated Pardalote
Weebill
Western Gerygone
White-throated Gerygone
Yellow Thornbill
Yellow-rumped Thornbill



HONEYEATERS
Bell Miner
Black-chinned Honeyeater **V**
Blue-faced Honeyeater
Brown Honeyeater
Brown-headed Honeyeater
Eastern Spinebill
Fuscous Honeyeater
Lewin's Honeyeater
Little Friarbird
Little Wattlebird
New Holland Honeyeater
Noisy Friarbird
Noisy Miner
Red Wattlebird

Regent Honeyeater **CE CE**
Scarlet Honeyeater
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater
Striped Honeyeater
White-cheeked Honeyeater
White-eared Honeyeater
White-naped Honeyeater
White-plumed Honeyeater
White-throated Honeyeater
Yellow-faced Honeyeater
Yellow-tufted Honeyeater

ROBINS
Eastern Yellow Robin
Flame Robin **V**
Hooded Robin **V**
Jacky Winter
Red-capped Robin
Rose Robin
Scarlet Robin **V**



FAIRY-WRENS AND SCRUBWRENS
Chestnut-rumped Heathwren
Red-backed Fairy-wren
Splendid Fairy-wren
Superb Fairy-wren
Variegated Fairy-wren
White-browed Scrubwren

FLYCATCHERS
Leaden Flycatcher
Restless Flycatcher
Satin Flycatcher



FANTAILS AND WHITE-EYES
Grey Fantail
Rufous Fantail
Silvereye
Willie Wagtail



SITTELLAS, CUCKOO-SHRIKES AND TRILLERS
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
Cicadabird
Ground Cuckoo-shrike
Varied Sittella **V**
Varied Triller
White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike
White-winged Triller

ORIOLES AND FIGBIRD
Australasian Figbird
Olive-backed Oriole

CROWS, BUTCHERBIRDS AND ALLIES
Australian Magpie
Australian Raven
Grey Butcherbird
Little Crow
Magpie-lark
Pied Butcherbird
Pied Currawong
Torresian Crow



FINCHES AND MANNIKINS
Black-throated Finch **X**
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin
Diamond Firetail **V**
Double-barred Finch
Plum-headed Finch
Red-browed Finch
Zebra Finch

REEDWARBLERS, GRASSBIRDS & SONGLARKS
Australian Reed-Warbler
Golden-headed Cisticola
Little Grassbird
Rufous Songlark
Tawny Grassbird



BOWERBIRDS
Satin Bowerbird
Spotted Bowerbird

MONARCHS AND DRONGO
Black-faced Monarch
Spangled Drongo

GULLS
Silver Gull
Whiskered Tern

INTRODUCED SPECIES
Common Myna
Common Starling
House Sparrow
Rock Dove
Spotted Turtle-Dove

Photos: Column 3: *Musk Lorikeet. Ground Cuckoo-shrike (A SIMPLE).*
Column 4: *Speckled Warbler. Crested Shrike-tit (R PALAZZI). Sacred Kingfisher.*
Column 5: *Scarlet Honeyeater, (R PALAZZI). Double-barred Finch. Varied Sittella (R PALAZZI).*
Column 6: *Little Friarbird (S MERRETT). White-browed Woodswallow (D JENKIN).*

THE BIRDING ROUTES AROUND MINGOOLA

WELCOME TO MINGOOLA, A PASTORAL BORDER REGION SITUATED ON THE WESTERN SLOPES AT THE BASE OF THE GREAT DIVIDING RANGE, HALFWAY BETWEEN TENTERFIELD, NSW AND TEXAS, QLD.

Happy birding!

All routes start from the junction of Mingoola Station Road and Brunxner Wway. Please check for current closures within national/state parks.

TAKE CARE: ALL ROUTES INCLUDE GRAVEL ROADS.

TIPS:

Once off the highway, the best tip for finding birds is **DRIVE SLOWLY** – it will afford you the best chance to see birds and to have time to stop and observe them.

At rivers, creeks and dams stop for a while to watch birds coming to drink or wash or glean insects in the river bank trees. Trees along rivers and creeks are important vegetation in cleared landscapes and a corridor for birds. In the open country watch for raptors, scan the farm dams for grebes, rails or ducks and look for finches and seed-eating parrots, such as Turquoise and Red-rumped, in grassy areas.

In woodland look for trees in blossom and listen for lorikeets and honeyeaters. Check out flowering mistletoe for Eastern Spinebills and Mistletoebirds. For watching waterbirds on Glenlyon Dam a scope would be useful.

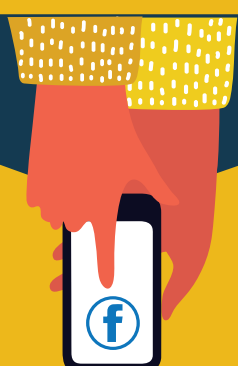
TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTES, TSR.

You may enter on foot between sunrise and sunset.
Enter only through unlocked gates.

There are **WALKING TRACKS** in Torrington State Conservation Area and Sundown National Park.

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN STOPPING TO LOOK FOR BIRDS:

- Don't park in front of gates or block tracks.
- Don't park on long grass (fire danger).
- Leave gates open or closed as you find them.
- Exercise caution around stock.
- Drive slowly to avoid collisions with wildlife.



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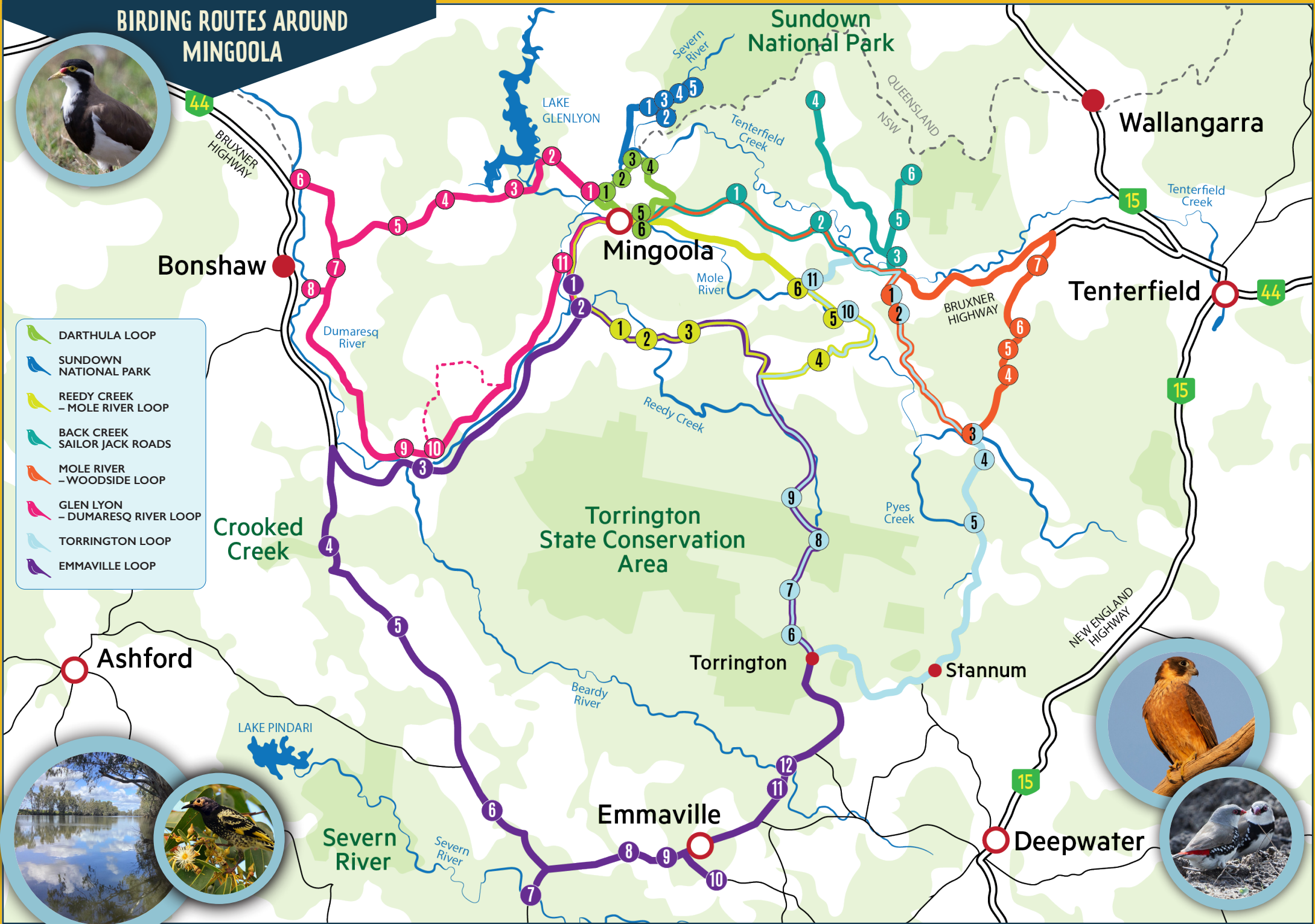
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Cover: *Spotted Pardalote, Turquoise Parrot, Azure Kingfisher, Maidenhead Crossing (J. WHITE).*
Above: *Musk Lorikeet (R PALAZZI), Mistletoebird, White-faced Heron.*
Left: *Squatter Pigeon (D JENKIN), Brown Treecreeper (R PALAZZI), Superb Fairy-wren.*
Map: *Banded Lapwing, Bonshaw Weir, Regent Honeyeater (A SIMPLE).*
Australian Hobby, Diamond Firetail
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- DARTHULA LOOP** 22km
Rivers and river flats, open country and woodland.
N on Mingoola Station Rd.
1. Dumaresq River: Waterbirds and bushbirds. 68 species recorded. *Backtrack then L on Dardhula Loop Rd.*
 2. Open country – watch for Jacky Winters perching on fences, tail-bobbing pipits, ibis probing any flooded ground and harriers flying low over the river flats.
 3. Dumaresq River: Look for darters and cormorants drying their wings and night-herons or spoonbills perched in the trees.
 4. TSR. Look for Grey-crowned Babbler or Apostlebirds in the Silver-leaved Ironbark and White Cypress woodland. (~30 species). *R on Bruxner Way, L on Springfield Rd.*
 5. TSR on both sides of road – look for woodland birds.
 6. Mole River. *Backtrack then L on Bruxner Way to return to Mingoola*

- SUNDOWN NATIONAL PARK** 32km
Peaks and creeks, gorges, billabongs, woodland and riparian vegetation. ~219 species including Black-chinned Honeyeater, Squatter Pigeon, Diamond Firetail and Little Lorikeet. *N on Mingoola Station Rd, R on Glenlyon Dam Rd, R on Permanents Rd.*
1. Look for Turquoise Parrots around old ranger house.
 2. Severn River, Broadwater Camping Area. 187 species.
 3. Permanent Waterhole walking track 2km/1hr/grade 3.
 4. Western Circuit walking track 4.5km/1.5hr/grade 4.
 5. Ooline Creek walking track 4km return/3-4hr/grade 5.

- REEDY CREEK – MOLE RIVER LOOP** 65KM
Heath, hills, river and river flats.
R on Bruxner Way, L on Reedy Creek Rd.
1. Open and lightly wooded country.
 2. Reedy Creek.
 3. Road climbs, woodland to SE. *L on Silent Grove Rd.*
 4. Pull in at the highest point on road to check out the grass-trees, a feast for honeyeaters and lorikeets when flowering, and enjoy the views to east and west. *L on Mole River Rd.*
 5. Mole River: A track leads down to the river.
 6. Mole River: There is a long pool upstream of the crossing. Look for Sulphur-crested Cockatoos at nesting hollows. 55 species recorded. *Continue on Mole River Rd to Mingoola.*

- BACK CREEK and SAILOR JACK ROADS** 97km
Open country, woodland, creeks.
L on Bruxner Way.
1. TSR on left. Grassy Yellow Box woodland – great for birds when the gums are flowering.
 2. Mugga Ironbark. Layby on left. *L on Back Creek Rd.*
 3. Tenterfield Creek. Watch for kingfishers and platypus.
 4. Road crosses four small streams - forest on left, cleared country on right. *Backtrack and turn left on Sailor Jack Rd.*
 5. Limestone Creek.
 6. Road climbs through forest to 300m above Tenterfield creek.

- MOLE RIVER - WOODSIDE LOOP** 104km
Open country, river, creek, granite country, woodland.
L on Bruxner Way, R on Mole Station Rd.
1. Open country – look for Banded Lapwings and raptors.
 2. Hills clad in Silver-leaved Ironbark and White Cypress woodland. *L on Mole River Rd, bear R to stay on Mole River Rd.*
 3. Mole River: Look for dotterels in the river bed. *Backtrack. R on Woodside Rd, R on Gunyah Rd.*
 4. Gipsies Creek crossed twice. Look for finches and fairy-wrens. *Backtrack, R on Woodside Rd.*
 5. Road passes through various woodland types.
 6. Open country. Check the farm dams for grebes and herons. *L on Bruxner Way to return to Mingoola.*

- GLENLYON – DUMARESQ RIVER LOOP** 105km
Glenlyon Dam, open country, woodland, river and billabongs.
N on Mingoola Station Rd, L on Glenlyon Dam Rd.
1. Dumaresq River.
 2. Glenlyon Dam Tourist Park and access to lake. Day visitors welcome. Waterbirds, especially those found only at large waterbodies e.g. White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Pied Cormorant and Great Cormorant. 97 species recorded.
 3. Dry Rainforest vegetation.
 4. Open country with a couple of small creek crossings.
 5. White cypress and Dry Rainforest thicket. *R on Riverton Rd. L on Bonshaw Weir Rd.*
 6. Bonshaw Weir (Dumaresq River). 85 species recorded. *Backtrack, R on Riverton Rd.*
 7. Watch for harriers flying over the river flats. *R on Sawmill Rd*
 8. Dumaresq River.
 9. Dumaresq River: Stop and walk down to this very gravelly stretch of river known as Maidenhead Crossing. Optional detour (14km).
 10. *L on Back Creek Road for optional detour (14km).* Historically, Black-throated finches have been seen here. *L on Riverton Rd. R on Hynes Bridge Rd.*
 11. Dumaresq River. You can park on near side of bridge on right. Waterbirds and bushbirds. *L on Bruxner Way to return to Mingoola.*

- TORRINGTON LOOP** 156km
Open country, woodland, river, creeks, woodland, tall forest.
Start as for Route Mole River - Woodside loop (1-3). Cross bridge, L on Johnstones Rd, R on Pyes Creek Rd.
4. Woodland of Silver-leaved Ironbark, Tumbledown Gum and White Cypress.
 5. Road crosses Pyes Creek several times – listen for pardalotes, Crested Shrike-tit and Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos in the River She-oaks. *R on Red Hill Rd, R on Torrington Rd, R on Silent Grove Rd.* Optional stops in Torrington State Conservation Area (~54 species). Walking tracks in open forest/heath - watch for Spotted Quail-thrush, Brown and Red-browed Tree-creepers
 6. Thunderbolts Lookout, 2km/1hr/grade 3.
 7. Mystery Face track, 2.6km/1.5hr/grade 3:
 8. Ugly Corner Falls Track, 3km/2hr/grade 4:
 9. The forest in this section is taller and wetter. *L on Mole River Rd.*
 10. Mole River.
 11. Mole River.
- R on Gibraltar Rd, L on Bruxner Way to return to Mingoola*

- EMMAVILLE LOOP** 182km
Open country, woodland, rivers, dams.
R on Bruxner Way.
1. Dumaresq River/Reedy Creek junction and TSR on right.
 2. TSR on left. Check out creek banks for Fairy Martin nests and pardalote burrows.
 3. Billabong on left within TSR. *L on Rocky Creek Rd.*
 4. Crooked Creek National Park on right for next 1km. You may access the park on foot.
 5. TSR on right with small dam. *L on Emmaville Rd.*
 6. TSR in Grey Box woodland for next 6.5km first on R, then on L. *R on Strathbogie Rd, cross bridge.*
 7. TSR on left, adjacent to Severn River. *Backtrack, continue E on Strathbogie Rd.*
 - 8-9. These two TSR in Grassy Yellow Box woodland are possible spots to sight the endangered Regent Honeyeater. *In Emmaville, R on Glen Innes Rd.*
 10. Old mining dam. 115 species recorded. *Backtrack. R on Moore St., R on Irby St. L on Tent Hill Rd.*
 11. Ottery mine. This is an old arsenic mine but you can look for birds in the surrounding bush.
 12. Beady River. *Continue to Torrington. This loop returns to Mingoola along Torrington and then Reedy Creek routes.*

Photos:
Left: Masked Lapwing,
Right: Little Pied (L) and
Little Black Cormorant

