



## DID YOU KNOW?

# A dazzling array of birds and other native animals are in your own back yard



is delighted to satisfy them. He doesn't miss much. One international visitor said "Do you have many snakes in Australia?" Andrew replied "What about that one for size?" pointing to the side of the pathway they were walking along. She had not noticed the python sunning itself!

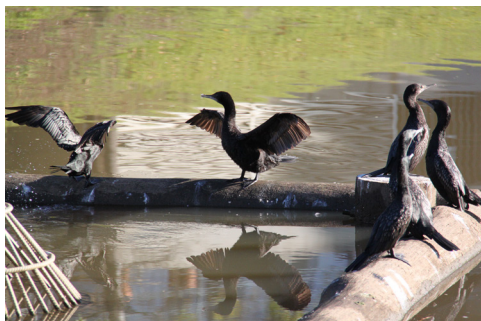


Parramatta District gives you a close-up view of Australiana. A number of waterways support wildlife while bushland along the creeks are home to possums and birds.

Species of birds including black swan, rainbow lorikeet, ibis, cormorant, magpie, kookaburra, powerful owl and plover are everywhere.

Parramatta is also home to Andrew Patrick's Zestforbirds guided tours. Andrew arranges bird tours tailor made to suit international travellers as well as a wide range of interested groups. If you have particular interests, Andrew





## TAKE A BIRD WATCHING TOUR

A flying fox colony distinguishes the western boundary of the Female Factory heritage precinct. Water dragons sun themselves on the banks of creeks. The water dragon is a totem of our indigenous people as are many other native wildlife.

Parramatta Park gives you fields where history was made with the first long-distance aircraft flight landing here in 1911.

Riverside paths encourage walking and bike riding. A large water storage reserve gives a swimming and boating playground.

### **Those with limited time really should plan to take a guided tour**

Zestforbirds.com offers individual birdwatching tours while Hambledon Cottage guides give thought-provoking talks of historic events and personalities of Parramatta.

This cottage is filled with magnificent colonial artefacts that tell you of yesteryear and also offers re-enactments.

**Contact Andrew at [www.zestforbirds.com](http://www.zestforbirds.com)**







The Parramatta River allows pleasant travelling from Sydney. An hourly ferry service delivers you into the heart of this Cradle City of Australia.

The Cumberland Bird Observers' Club conducts at least 40 birdwatching trips every year all over the greater Sydney region. That's more than three outings every month and you are very welcome to come along. No bookings required.

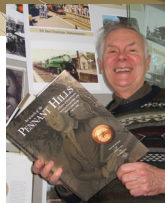
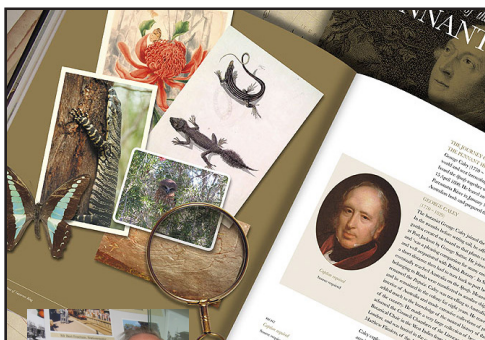
If you have never been birdwatching before then one of our outings is the perfect way to start. The club has 370 like-minded people who will be happy to see you.

As well as regular club outings there are also Nestlings outings for families with young children and the Weekday Warblers outings for those who have the time during the week. So no matter what your age, location or level of experience there is no excuse - come along to a CBOC outing and become a birdwatcher. You'll love it.

But wait there's more! The club also holds monthly evening meetings with guest speakers from around the world. At the meetings, members can also have a good old chin-wag with other birdwatchers while enjoying a complementary cup of tea or coffee.

**There's no need to birdwatch alone. Just turn up at any CBOC outing or meeting and introduce yourself. You'll be very welcome.**

**For information see [www.cboc.org.au](http://www.cboc.org.au)**



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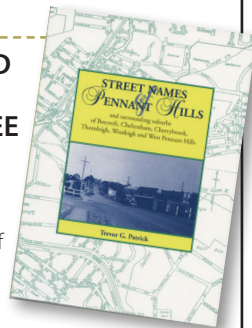
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