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Birding Essentials Workshop Terms and Conditions

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Course content

The Birding Essentials workshop consists of a field trip and an ebook. Attendees will require a device which is capable of reading a pdf file.

The Birding Essentials field trip is conducted on an easy trails and walking is at a very slow pace with frequent stops and a break for snacks on the trail. Participants must be able to walk around 8km.

Binoculars of a reasonable standard are required to get the most out of this course. I have quality binoculars which I can loan.

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Workshop fees

Payments

The fee for the Birding Essentials workshop is \$180.00

Fees must be paid for in full by workshop commencement date.

Refunds

If workshop participants are unable to attend a workshop they are entitled to a 100% discount with up to 1 week's notice. If less than a week's notice is made a 50% refund is available. Participants can move their attendance to another workshop at a later date, but early notice is helpful so that people on a wait list can be given sufficient opportunity to plan for and attend the workshop.

If attendees fail to turn up on the day, no refund will be available.

Field trips

If weather conditions or park closures force a workshop to be abandoned another workshop will be planned within seven days or at a date which fits the course participants' calendars or a new venue will be chosen.

Participants are required to provide all their own food/snacks on field trips.

Participants agree that regardless of any content on any Aussie Wild Nature Discovery promotional material or course material, Ricki Coughlan and Aussie Wild Nature Discovery cannot guarantee that a particular bird species will be encountered on any Aussie Wild Nature Discovery tour, course, workshop or field trip.

Field Trip conduct

As an Ecopass holder, Ricki Coughlan/Aussie Wild Nature Discovery is a partner of NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. One of our goals when on tour, field trips or engaged in research is to be totally passive and ensure that our presence is free from causing unnatural behaviour, distress or disturbance to wildlife. We are present merely to observe, record and improve our birding skills. For this reason, please note the following:

- Please don't disturb wildlife in order to elicit a response for a "better view".
- Please stick to park trails.
- Please do not walk ahead of the group.
- This is not a photography course. Whilst taking group snapshots, selfies and the occasional scenic photographs are encouraged, we should remain focussed on the field trip and avoid getting carried away with photography. Accordingly, please leave long lenses at home.
- Please refrain from excessive talk on field trips.
- Please wear dull coloured clothing on field trips.
- Playback and pishing is not permitted on field trips.
- Please don't approach any bird's nest or impede birds from feeding their young.
- Please don't attempt to catch, touch or handle any wildlife unless it is in obvious distress or in danger from human activity.
- Please refrain from collecting feathers and other momentos (it's actually classed as "poaching").
- Please arrive at field trip locations prior to starting time so that we are ready to commence in a timely fashion.
- Smoking is not permitted within any NSW National Park.
- We must obey all park signs, instructions and directions from Park Rangers and other National Parks staff.

Repeated failure to observe the above conditions by any participant will result in course termination with no fees refundable.

Personal safety

- Always stick to the trail in parks and reserves and know where you are stepping.
- Don't step back unless you know that there are no hazards behind you.
- If we encounter snakes please stay well clear or follow my instructions.
- Remember to dress for the conditions and use sunblock and insect repellent when necessary.

Personal belongings

Aussie Wild Nature Discovery is owned and operated by Ricki Coughlan. By paying the Birding Essentials workshop fee you are indicating that you understand and accept you will be covered by Public Liability insurance for personal accident and injury held by Aussie Wild/Ricki Coughlan when participating in Aussie Wild Nature Discovery activities. However none of your personal belongings will be covered by any insurance held by Aussie Wild Nature Discovery. By paying the course fee you are indicating that you understand and accept this too.

Aussie Wild Nature Discovery cannot offer any guarantee that your personal belongings wont be lost or damaged during your participation in the Birding Essential workshop activities. Aussie Wild Nature Discovery and Ricki Coughlan accept no responsibility for any loss or damage you might incur in this regard. You accept full responsibility for all of your personal belongings at all times during your participation in all Aussie Wild Nature Discovery activities.