

## Conjola

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015





And here we are in our new home, the Long Weekend Retreat, down by the edge of Narrawallee Creek Nature Reserve. It's a belated Christmas 2015 present to us, courtesy of my bank account! Let me share some highlights.

We left Engadine at 1.00pm, after Faye's art class, and arrived a little after 3.15pm. That meant we had lots of time to settle in, find what we required and then sit on the balcony and enjoy the birds and the Eastern Grey Kangaroos.



Young male King Parrot





Black Faced Cuckoo Shrike





Eastern Spinebill





Noisy Friarbird



And it was obvious that this was once farmland!





This echidna walked quickly across the road and then hid on me!





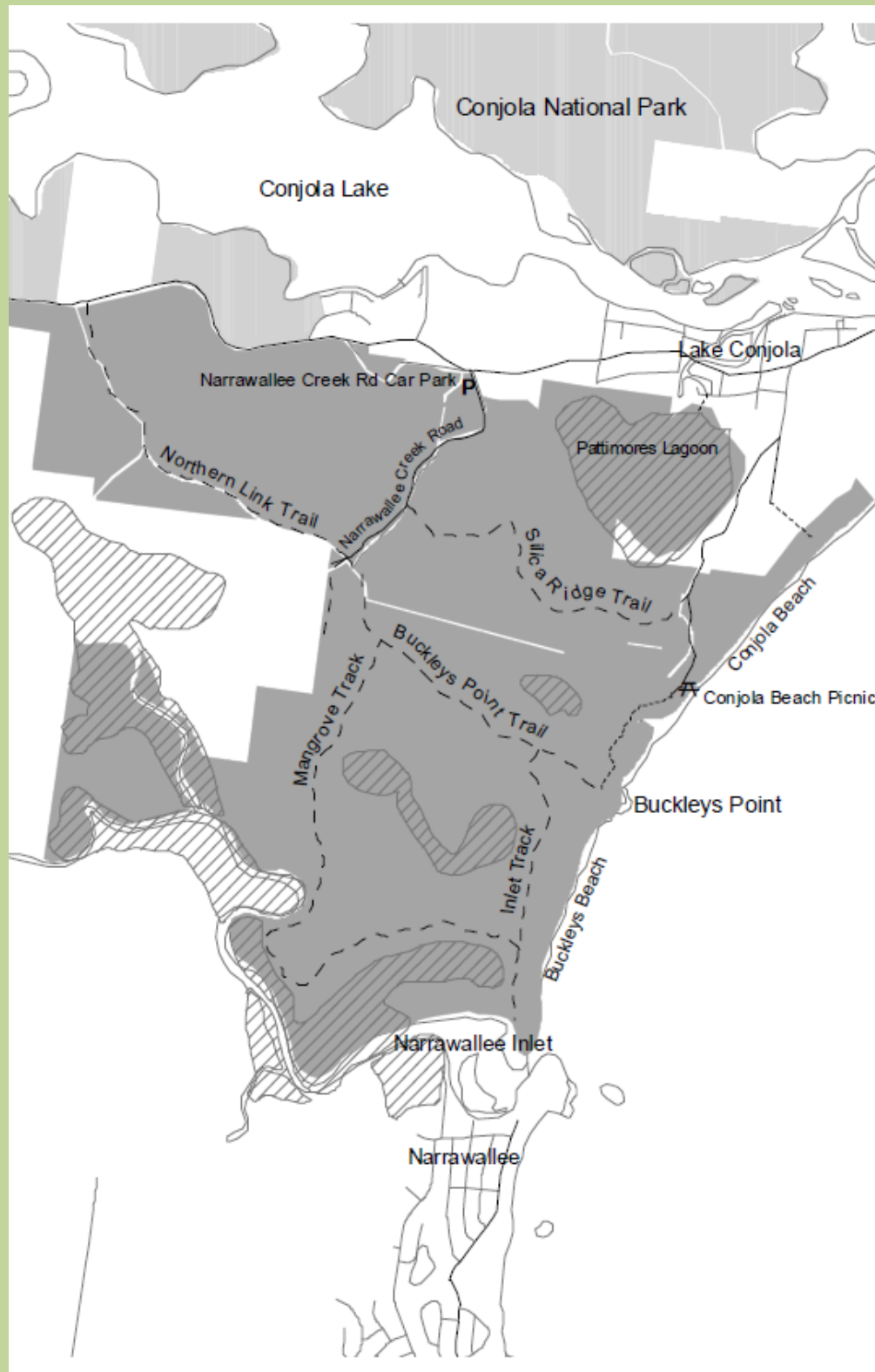


Lambertia formosa

And so we rested on the balcony until driven in by mosquitos, happy with the Shiraz and dinner. Tomorrow we walk.



Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015





### **Bird List – Narrawallee Creek Nature Reserve and Surrounds**

1. Australian Pelican
2. Little Pied Cormorant
3. Great Cormorant
4. Little Black Cormorant
5. Grey Teal
6. Chestnut Teal
7. Australian Wood Duck
8. White Necked Heron
9. White faced Heron
10. Little Egret
11. Eastern Curlew
12. Bar Tailed Godwit
13. Pied Oystercatcher
14. Masked Lapwing
15. Hooded Plover
16. Silver Gull
17. Little Tern
18. Crested Tern
19. Grey Goshawk
20. Australian Kestrel
21. Crested Pigeon
22. Wonga Pigeon
23. Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoo
24. Gang Gang Cockatoo
25. Galah
26. Rainbow Lorikeet
27. Little Lorikeet
28. Australian King Parrot
29. Crimson Rosella
30. Fan-tailed Cuckoo
31. Common Koel
32. Boobook Owl
33. Laughing Kookaburra
34. Sacred Kingfisher
35. Dollarbird
36. White Throated Treecreeper
37. Superb Fairywren
38. Spotted Pardalote
39. White Browed Scrubwren
40. Brown Thornbill
41. Striated Thornbill
42. Red Wattlebird
43. Little (Brush) Wattlebird
44. Noisy Friarbird
45. Lewins Honeyeater
46. Yellow Faced Honeyeater
47. White Eared Honeyeater
48. White Cheeked Honeyeater
49. New Holland Honeyeater
50. Eastern Spinebill
51. Scarlet Honeyeater
52. Eastern Whipbird
53. Eastern Yellow Robin
54. Grey Shrike Thrush
55. Golden Whistler
56. Rufous Whistler
57. Grey Fantail
58. Black Faced Monarch
59. Magpie Lark
60. Olive Backed Oriole
61. Satin Bowerbird
62. Black Faced Cuckoo Shrike
63. Grey Butcherbird
64. Australian Magpie
65. Pied Currawong
66. Australian Raven
67. Welcome Swallow
68. Red Browed Finch
69. Silvereye
70. Indian Mynah



Yes, we walked today and it was very hot indeed. We did a loop walk through the Nature Reserve, covering the Mangrove Walk to Narrawallee Inlet and then right along the coast into Conjola before returning to the house.

But first we must have breakfast around the house!







Those Gang Gang Cockatoos are truly delightful.





And now that we have all fed, let's walk!















Yes, another shy echidna!













But now for some special birds!



Grey Goshawk





Hooded Plovers







Pied Oystercatcher



That did make the walk worthwhile!





From Buckley's Point







We then stopped for a drink and icecream at Conjola.





It's nice to see Bar Tailed Godwits.





And now we are home, resting for the afternoon. It's been a good stay.



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015



Olive Backed Oriole



It was a slow start to the day as we walked around the cottage and looked at a few more birds and insects. I enjoyed this stay!



Brown Ringlet



Interestingly, despite this picture, the most significant butterfly sighting was the Caper White. They were in huge numbers and they are clearly on the move. Indeed, they were also in large numbers in our own back garden when we returned home this afternoon.

Once we had packed, we then drove back into Conjola and added lots more birds to the list: in particular, Wonga Pigeon, Little Tern and Crested Tern.









We then dropped into Milton before having a coffee (bad choice) at a local nursery and dropping into Fisherman's Paradise.









Our last trip took us into Berringer Lake, Cunjurong Point, Manyana and Bendalong where we had lunch: on the delightfully named Washerwomen's Beach. We found Dolphins here!







Grey Fantail, above, and Rainbow Lorikeets, below







Silvereye

