

# TASMANIA EXTENSION

## OCTOBER 20 – 24, 2024

### 5 Days / 4 Nights

#### Day 1, October 20: Arrive in Hobart

You will arrive with the group in Hobart today. Upon arrival, we will transfer to our hotel. Depending on flight times, we might have some time to do some birding around Hobart.

**Overnight Bay Hotel Apartments (D)**

#### Day 2, October 21: Mount Field, Gould's Lagoon, transfer to Bruny Island

Today we will travel to Mt. Field National Park, which offers spectacular scenery and pristine forests, looking for birds and other wildlife along the way. After returning to Hobart to check out of the hotel, we will take a ferry to Bruny Island for a 3-night stay at Bruny Hotel Lodge. All twelve of Tasmania's endemic species are found on Bruny: Tasmanian Native-hen, Green Rosella, Dusky Robin, Tasmanian Thornbill, Forty-spotted Pardalote, Tasmanian Scrubwren, Scrub-Tit, Yellow Wattlebird, Black Currawong, Strong-billed Honeyeater, Black-headed Honeyeater, and Yellow-throated Honeyeater. What was considered to be the Tasmania sub-species of the Boobook Owl is now classified as the Morepork, *Ninox novaeseelandiae*, the species found in New Zealand. In Australia, they are endemic to Tasmania and are found on Bruny Island.

**Overnight Bruny Hotel Lodge (BLD)**



*Tasmanian Thornbill*



*Tasmanian Native-Hen*

#### Days 3 - 4, October 22 - 23: Bruny Island

We'll spend two full days birding on the island, targeting the endemics and the non-endemics that are more abundant on Tasmania than on the mainland, including Hooded Plover, Brush and Common Bronzewing, Swift Parrot, Flame and Pink Robins, Crescent Honeyeater, and the Forest Raven, Tasmania's only Corvid. Along the coast we should see Fairy (Little) Penguins, Black-faced Cormorants, Short-tailed Shearwaters, and other seabirds. At night we will spotlight for marsupials including Common Brush-tailed Possum, Bennett's Wallaby, Tasmanian Pademelon, Long-nosed Potoroo, and Eastern Quoll.

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## Day 5, October 24:

After a bit of morning birding, we will transfer back to Hobart to catch flights to the mainland to begin your journey home. Lunch will most likely be at the airport, self-pay.

### End of tour (B)



*Forty-spotted Pardalotes*



*Tasmanian Scrub-Wren*



*Green Rosella*

#### Price Includes:

- ~ Lodging in comfortable hotel/lodges
- ~ Meals as indicated
- ~ All ground transportation, entrance fees
- ~ Services of an expert birding guide and two *Cheepers!* Tour Leaders (Jim & Cindy Beckman)
- ~ Pre-trip gift package, including customized checklist
- ~ Post-trip digital photo collection
- ~ Post-trip electronic copy of final checklist

#### Price does not Include:

- ~ Domestic airfare: Cairns to Hobart 10/20
- ~ Domestic airfare Hobart to mainland 10/24
- ~ Alcoholic drinks, extra snacks, etc.
- ~ Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- ~ Gratuities
- ~ Expenses of a personal nature (laundry, phone calls, extra drinks and snacks, etc.)

#### Cancellation policy:

Cancellation must be made in writing (email or snail mail)

More than 6 months prior to departure – full refund of deposit

Between 4 and 6 months prior to departure – 50% refund of deposit

Less than 4 months prior to departure – No refund of deposit

If cancellation occurs after full payment is made, a refund will be given only if the vacant spot is filled.

## **Trip insurance is *highly* recommended.**

You can compare prices offered by various trip insurance companies at these websites:

[http://www.quotewright.com/?sub\\_id=6056](http://www.quotewright.com/?sub_id=6056)

[www.insuremytrip.com](http://www.insuremytrip.com)

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***Echidna***