



CHRISTMAS ISLAND BIRD WEEK ACTIVITIES

31ST AUGUST – 6 SEPTEMBER 2007

	Activity 1: Boobies and Goshawks to Hand	Activity 2: An Island's Secrets	Activity 3: Noddies, Bosuns and Passerines	Activity 4: Tracking Abbott's Booby at Sea	Activity 5: A Local's Take on Birds in Paradise	Optional Activity: Bird Illustration Workshops	Optional Activity: Natural History Photography Workshops
<p>Bird Week Participants will join in each of the activities on a rotating basis.</p> <p>Participants will be advised of timings of activities upon their arrival, and the final schedule will be available at the Welcome Dinner.</p>	<p>Leader: Mark Holdsworth</p> <p>Colour banding Brown Boobies at South Point*</p> <p>Colour banding Christmas Island Goshawks all over the island. (*difficult walk)</p>	<p>Leader: Tim Low</p> <p>A day tour exploring the natural beauty and exotic wildlife of Christmas Island including searches for rarities and elusive local specialties. Discussions of ecology and conservation. Mystery locations every day.</p>	<p>Leader: Nic Dunlop</p> <p>Banding Common Noddies at Lily Beach</p> <p>Colour banding Red-tailed Tropicbirds at Settlement;</p> <p>Colour banding Java Finches and/or Island Thrushes at Settlement and/or Pink House</p>	<p>Leader: Janos Hennicke</p> <p>Working in the forest to attach electronic tracking devices to Abbott's Booby and undertaking searches for their nests.</p>	<p>Leader: Chris Surman</p> <p>A day tour of frigatebird nesting colonies, searches for rarities and the elusive local specialties; ecology of island endemics.</p> <p>Demonstrating research and conservation of biodiversity on Christmas Island.</p> <p>Frigatebird feeding at the National Park office.</p>	<p>Leader: Elizabeth Rippey</p> <p>Elizabeth has illustrated several books on shells, plants and birds. Join her for special workshops on bird and nature illustration*.</p> <p>*Should you be interested in this activity, CITA will provide a list of materials you will require for the workshops.</p>	<p>Leader: Chris Surman</p> <p>Chris's photographs have been published in BBC Wildlife, Canadian Wildlife, Nature Australia, Max, Western Fisheries, Landscape, Cruising Helmsman, Wild, and several books. Learn some of his tips and tricks for amazing Natural History Photography</p>

<p>Other Activities Schedule</p>	<p>Each evening, prior to dinner, your guides will deliver a presentation for your listening and viewing pleasure</p>	<p>Bird Call Presentation: The Natural History of Christmas Island with Chris Surman</p>	<p>Bird Call Presentation: Tracking Boobies and Frigatebirds with Janos Henniske</p>	<p>Bird Call Presentation: Threatened Species Corner with Mark Holdsworth</p>	<p>Bird Call Presentation: The Birds of Christmas Island: 20 years of change with Nic Dunlop</p>	<p>Bird Call Presentation: Conservation on Islands with Tim Low</p>
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Minor modifications to the itinerary may need to be accommodated at short notice, based on current conditions.

Other Activities:

Spotlighting for the Christmas Island Hawk Owl – one evening following dinner.

Optional Activities:

- Christmas Island Reef Snorkelling Tours
- Dive Christmas Island
- Glass Bottom Kayak Tours
- Heritage Walk – Settlement
- Heritage Walk – Poon Saan and Drumsite

For bookings of any optional activities, please contact the Christmas Island Visitors' Centre.