Murrumbidgee River Corridor

The Murrumbidgee River Corridor forms the western border of Canberra's urban area and is a major movement corridor for birds. The Murrumbidgee Discovery Track runs southwards (upstream) 25 km from Casuarina Sands to Point Hut Crossing.

Habitats: riverine, woodland, parkland.

Access: Pine Island – Pine Island Road (off Don Dunstan Drive, Bonython). Toilets, picnic facilities.

Kambah Pool and Red Rocks Gorge – turn left at the end of Kambah Pool Road. From the carpark a formed track (rough in places) goes upstream (south) above the river to the Red Rocks lookout and continues to Tuggeranong. The south end of the gorge can also be accessed from Tuggeranong Creek below Lake Tuggeranong.

For access to more distant sites see ACT Ranges brochure.

Birds: Mistletoebird, Red-browed Finch, Leaden Flycatcher, Dusky Woodswallow, Satin Bowerbird. Yellow-faced and White-naped Honeyeaters on spring and autumn migration.

Unusual sightings: Peregrine Falcon.

eBird lists: Pine Island Reserve; Kambah Pool Nature Reserve; Murrumbidgee Discovery Track – Kambah Pool-Red Rocks Gorge.

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This brochure describes five interesting birding sites in the southern part of the Australian Capital Territory.

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Birding in ACT SOUTH

Jerrabomberra Wetlands

The ACT's favourite birding location, and the best place to see resident and seasonal waterbirds in the region. Located on the Molonglo River floodplain. The wetlands has its own Canberra Birds brochure.

Habitats: wetland, woodland, grassland.

Access: carpark on Dairy Road, Fyshwick; also parking along Eyre Street, Kingston.

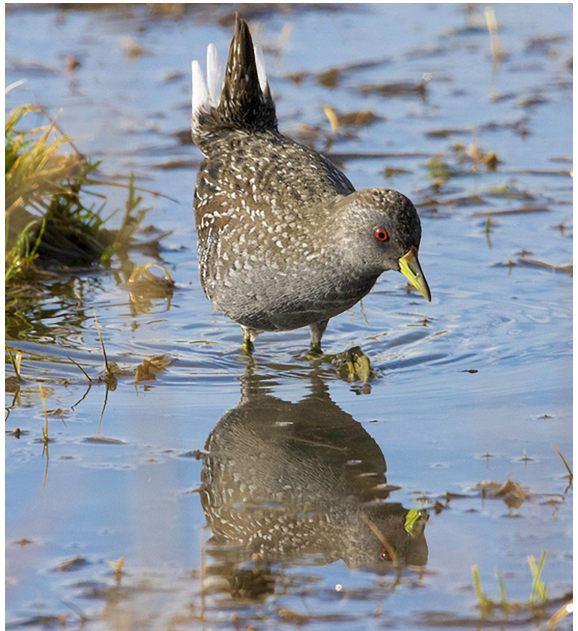
Bird hides. Formed trails, some wheelchair-accessible. There is a bicycle route through the reserve, but bicycles and joggers are restricted to this path and official roads.

Access to Fyshwick Sewage Treatment Plant is not permitted, and it can only be viewed from outside the boundary fence.

Birds: more than 230 species have been recorded, including Latham's Snipe in summer.

Unusual sightings: terns, crakes and rails, Australian Painted Snipe, Australian Little Bittern, Freckled Duck.

eBird list: Jerrabomberra Wetlands Nature Reserve
Nearby: Eyre Street wetlands



Bluetts Block URIARRA ROAD WEST OF DENMAN PROSPECT

A significant area of intact bushland close to the western edge of the suburbs. One of the few remaining areas of bushland containing heath.

Habitats: woodland, heathland, grassland.

Access: carpark on the left-hand side of Uriarra Road 1.7 km from the roundabout with Coaldrake Avenue. From the carpark, cross Uriarra Road and walk back 100 m to a dirt track with a white gate, followed by another gate 100 m in. Walk up the hill 500 m to a track junction. Straight ahead gives views of the new suburbs, or turn left to reach heathland and grassland. Other walking is off-track.

Birds: woodland species including Eastern Yellow Robin, Brown Thornbill, Grey Shrike-thrush, Rufous Whistler, Leaden Flycatcher, Brown Goshawk, Scarlet Robin, Superb Parrot.

Unusual sightings: Painted Button-quail, Chestnut-rumped Heathwren.

eBird list: Bluetts Block (Uriarra)

Callum Brae SYMONSTON

A remnant area of Box-Gum grassy woodland in south Canberra.

Habitats: woodland, small dams.

Access: parking beside the road at the entrance on Narrabundah Lane (550 m from its intersection with Mugga Lane and 1.6 km from its intersection with Jerrabomberra Avenue). Formed tracks, rough in places. The walk around the reserve is about 4 km, and there are also internal tracks. Do not enter fenced areas (private lease). At the south-east corner a narrow strip of land connects to grassland and woodland in the Jerrabomberra West Nature Reserve.

Birds: Shining Bronze-cuckoo, White-throated Gerygone, Crimson and Eastern Rosellas, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Speckled Warbler, Gang-gang Cockatoo.

Unusual sightings: Flame Robin (winter), Swift Parrot (occasional winter visitor).

eBird list: Callum Brae Nature Reserve

Isabella Pond BETWEEN ISABELLA PLAINS AND MONASH

A constructed wetland/stormwater management system on Tuggeranong Creek, Isabella Pond attracts a wide variety of waterbirds and other species.

Habitat: wetlands, parkland.

Access: parking on Griffin Place, William Hudson Crescent, Arnot Place (Monash).

Walking/cycle path along the northern edge. Tracks along the southern side. It is possible, but not recommended, to walk across the bridge on Drakeford Drive.

Birds: ducks, waterbirds, White-faced Heron, ibis

Unusual sightings: Blue-billed Duck, Musk Duck, Common Sandpiper (summer).

eBird list: Isabella Pond

Nearby: Upper Stranger Pond (unnamed on Google Maps), on other side of Isabella Drive; Lake Tuggeranong