## Welcome to the Capertee Valley

Capertee Valley is within the traditional country of the Wiradiuri people. Located on the western edge of the Blue Mountains and only three hours travel from Sydney. it is the widest enclosed valley in the world - wider and longer than the USA's Grand Canvon. The valley is recognised internationally as an Important Bird Area (IBA) and one of the 50 top birdwatching places in the world.

This scenic valley encompasses the hamlets of Glen Davis. Glen Alice and Bogee and is surrounded by the Wollemi. Capertee and Gardens of Stone national parks and the Mugii Murum-ban State Conservation Area. A diversity of habitats has resulted in a proliferation of bird species finding refuge here. Surrounded on all sides by spectacular sandstone cliffs, the valley is in a transition zone where the forests of the Blue Mountains give way to the woodlands of the NSW western slopes. Vegetation varies from semirainforest to open forest, grassy woodlands and farmland grasslands. Not as heavily cleared as many other rural areas, the valley retains large areas of the critically endangered White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland, Many woodland bird species, whose populations have fallen alarmingly elsewhere, remain relatively common and easily seen here.

#### Regent Honeveater tree planting

In recent years a prime conservation focus has been extending the habitat of the highly endangered Regent Honeyeater. Working with landholders and volunteers, the Capertee Valley Regent Honeveater Recovery Program has planted over 100,000 trees in the valley, on private property. A 2008 survey Fiona Lumsden. found 86 species of birds in these planted areas, with six of these being rare and/ or endangered. Tree-planting weekends are held each spring and autumn and new volunteer tree-planters are always welcome; no experience necessary. For more information about volunteer tree-plantings in the Capertee Valley contact Birdlife Australia (Sydney office) on 02 9647 1033 or southernsw@birdlife.org.au.

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#### Reporting bird sightings

Regent Honeveater hotline: phone 1800 621 056 Swift Parrot hotline: phone 1800 665 766

#### Acknowledgments and information

Bird site: www.caperteebirder.com

Bird tours and information: www.bmbirding.com.au

Birdlife Australia: www.birdlife.org.au/projects/

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Bicentennial National Trail: www.nationaltrail.com.au

Capertee Valley information: www.caperteevallevwav.com.au

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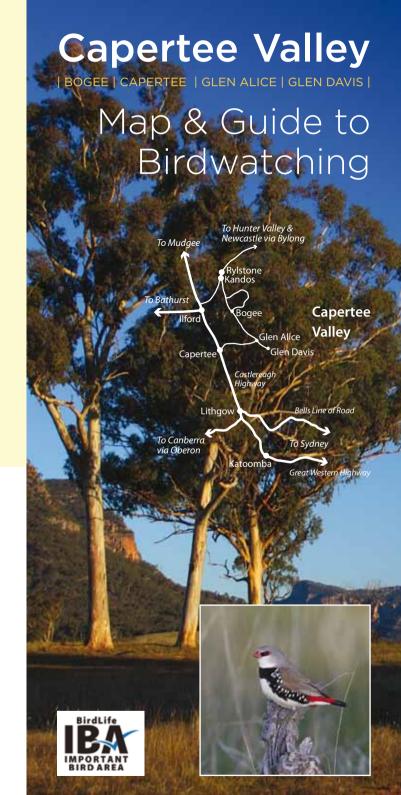
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To find out more about your national parks visit the Blue Mountains Heritage Centre, end of Govetts Leap Road, Blackheath, 2780. Open 7 days (except Christmas day) 9.00am to 4.30pm; T (02) 4787 8877; www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au



Birds you may see	Great Cormorant ∪	Crested Pigeon C	Sacred Kingfisher ∪	Weebill C	Ravens & Crows
in the Capertee Valley	Australasian Darter R	Wonga Pigeon U	Red-backed Kingfisher R	Brown Gerygone R	Little Raven ∪
Approximately 242 bird species		Diamond Dove R	Azure Kingfisher ∪	Western Gerygone ∪	Australian Raven C
have been recorded in the	<b>Kites, Hawks &amp; Eagles</b> Square-tailed Kite R	Peaceful Dove C	Rainbow Bee-eater C	White-throated Gerygone C	Australian Mudnesters
Capertee Valley. Many of the	Black-shouldered Kite C	Bar-shouldered Dove ∪	Lyrebirds	Brown Thornbill U	White-winged Chough C
birds on this list are nomadic	Black Kite R	Cockatoos	Superb Lyrebird ∪	Buff-rumped Thornbill ∪	Australian Robins
or migratory; they may be in	Whistling Kite R	Glossy Black-Cockatoo ∪	Bowerbirds	Yellow-rumped Thornbill C	Eastern Yellow Robin C
the valley for only a few months	White-bellied Sea-Eagle R	Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo ∪	Satin Bowerbird ∪	Yellow Thornbill C	Hooded Robin U
each year.	Swamp Harrier R	Gang-gang Cockatoo U		Striated Thornbill U	Jacky Winter C
KEY: C = common in the	Spotted Harrier U	Galah C	Treecreepers	Southern Whiteface ∪	Rose Robin U
valley; U = uncommon;	Grey Goshawk R	Long-billed Corella R I	White-throated Treecreeper ∪	Babblers, Whipbirds, etc.	Flame Robin U
R = rare in the valley;	Brown Goshawk U	Little Corella C	Red-browed Treecreeper R	Grey-crowned Babbler ∪	Scarlet Robin U
I = introduced	Collared Sparrowhawk U	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo C	Brown Treecreeper C	White-browed Babbler C	Red-capped Robin ∪
Quails	Wedge-tailed Eagle C	Parrots & Lorikeets	Fairy-wrens	Eastern Whipbird U	
Stubble Quail ∪	Little Eagle U	Rainbow Lorikeet R	Variegated Fairy-wren ∪	Spotted Quail-thrush ∪	Larks, Cisticolas, Reed-Warblers, etc.
Brown Quail C			Superb Fairy-wren C	Butcherbirds & allies	Horsfield's Bushlark ∪
	Falcons	Musk Lorikeet ∪	Honeyeaters		Golden-headed Cisticola U
Ducks, Geese & Swans	Nankeen Kestrel C Australian Hobby U	Little Lorikeet C Crimson Rosella U	Yellow-faced Honeyeater C	Grey Butcherbird ∪ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Australian Reed-Warbler U
Black Swan R	Brown Falcon C	Eastern Rosella C	Singing Honeyeater R	Australian Magpie C	Tawny Grassbird R
Australian Shelduck R	Black Falcon R	Red-rumped Parrot C	White-eared Honeyeater ∪	Pied Currawong U	Little Grassbird R
Pink-eared Duck R	Peregrine Falcon U	Turquoise Parrot U	Yellow-tufted Honeyeater C	Grey Currawong R	Rufous Songlark C
Australian Wood Duck C		Swift Parrot R	Fuscous Honeyeater C		Brown Songlark U
Pacific Black Duck C	Rails, Crakes & Water-hens	Budgerigar R	White-plumed Honeyeater C	Woodswallows	
Australasian Shoveler R	Buff-banded Rail ∪	Australian King-Parrot U	Lewin's Honeyeater R	White-breasted Woodswallow R	White-eyes
Grey Teal ∪	Baillon's Crake R	Red-winged Parrot R	Bell Miner ∪	Masked Woodswallow ∪	Silvereye C
Chestnut Teal R	Spotless Crake R		Noisy Miner C	White-browed Woodswallow C	Swallows & Martins
Hardhead ∪	Purple Swamphen U	Cuckoos	Blue-faced Honeyeater R	Dusky Woodswallow C	White-backed Swallow ∪
Blue-billed Duck R	Dusky Moorhen C	Eastern Koel U	Black-chinned Honeyeater ∪	Cuckoo-shrikes & Trillers	Welcome Swallow C
Musk Duck R	Black-tailed Native-hen R	Channel-billed Cuckoo U	Brown-headed Honeyeater ∪	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike C	Fairy Martin C
Grebes	Eurasian Coot U	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo C	White-naped Honeyeater C	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike ∪	Tree Martin C
Australasian Grebe C	Button-quails	Black-eared Cuckoo R	Little Friarbird R	Cicadabird ∪	Starlings & Mynas
Hoary-headed Grebe R	Painted Button-quail C	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo C	Noisy Friarbird C	White-winged Triller ∪	Common Myna R I
Ibises & Spoonbills	Red-chested Button-quail R	Pallid Cuckoo C	Striped Honeyeater ∪	Sittellas	Common Starling C
Australian White Ibis ∪	Little Button-quail R	Fan-tailed Cuckoo C	Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater ∪	Varied Sittella ∪	Thrushes
Straw-necked Ibis ∪	Stilts, Plovers, Waders, etc.	Brush Cuckoo ∪	Red Wattlebird C	Whistlers & allies	Bassian Thrush R
Glossy Ibis R	Black-winged Stilt R	Owls	Regent Honeyeater ∪	Crested Shrike-tit ∪	Common Blackbird R I
Royal Spoonbill U	Banded Lapwing R	Sooty Owl R	Painted Honeyeater ∪	Gilbert's Whistler R	Flowerpeckers
Yellow-billed Spoonbill ∪	Masked Lapwing C	Australian Masked Owl R	Crescent Honeyeater R	Golden Whistler U	Mistletoebird C
Herons, Egrets & Bitterns	Red-kneed Dotterel R	Eastern Barn Owl ∪	New Holland Honeyeater ∪	Rufous Whistler C	
Australian Little Bittern R	Black-fronted Dotterel C	Powerful Owl R	White-cheeked Honeyeater R	Grey Shrike-thrush C	Sparrows & Finches
Nankeen Night Heron R	Australian Painted Snipe R	Barking Owl ∪	Eastern Spinebill ∪	Orioles	House Sparrow ∪ I
Cattle Egret R	Latham's Snipe R	Southern Boobook C	Black Honeyeater R	Olive-backed Oriole C	Beautiful Firetail R
White-necked Heron ∪	Common Greenshank R	Frogmouths & Nightjars	Scarlet Honeyeater ∪		Diamond Firetail C
Great Egret R	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper R	Tawny Frogmouth ∪	Crimson Chat R	Fantails & Monarchs	Red-browed Finch C
Intermediate Egret R	Gulls	White-throated Nightjar ∪	Pardalotes	Willie Wagtail C	Plum-headed Finch U
White-faced Heron C	Silver Gull R	Australian Owlet-nightjar ∪	Spotted Pardalote C	Grey Fantail C	Zebra Finch C  Double-barred Finch C
Little Egret R	Pigeons & Doves	Swifts	Striated Pardalote C	Rufous Fantail R	
Pelicans	Rock Dove U	White-throated Needletail ∪	Scrubwrens & Thornbills	Black-faced Monarch R	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin R
Australian Pelican R	Spotted Dove R I	Fork-tailed Swift R	Rockwarbler U	Magpie-lark C	European Goldfinch R I
	Brown Cuckoo-Dove R	Kingfishers & allies	Chestnut-rumped Heathwren ∪	Leaden Flycatcher U	Pipits
Cormorants & Darters	Common Bronzewing C	Dollarbird U	Speckled Warbler ∪	Satin Flycatcher R	Australasian Pipit C
Little Pleak Cormonant U	Brush Bronzewing R	Laughing Kookaburra C	White-browed Scrubwren ∪	Restless Flycatcher C	
Little Black Cormorant ∪	2. doi: Dioille will 1	Zauginig Roomaburu			

# Capertee Valley bird trail Before you set off ... phone coverage. Site 8.

Part of the valley's charm is its comparative isolation. There are no cafés, no petrol stations, and, depending on your service provider and location, there may be no mobile

All 19 bird-watching sites shown on this map are easily accessible. A small

section of the route is unsealed but suitable for 2WD vehicles. After rain you may need a 4WD vehicle to visit

If you wish to enter Capertee National Park (Site 14) call NPWS Blackheath office (02 4787 8877) for the padlock access code.

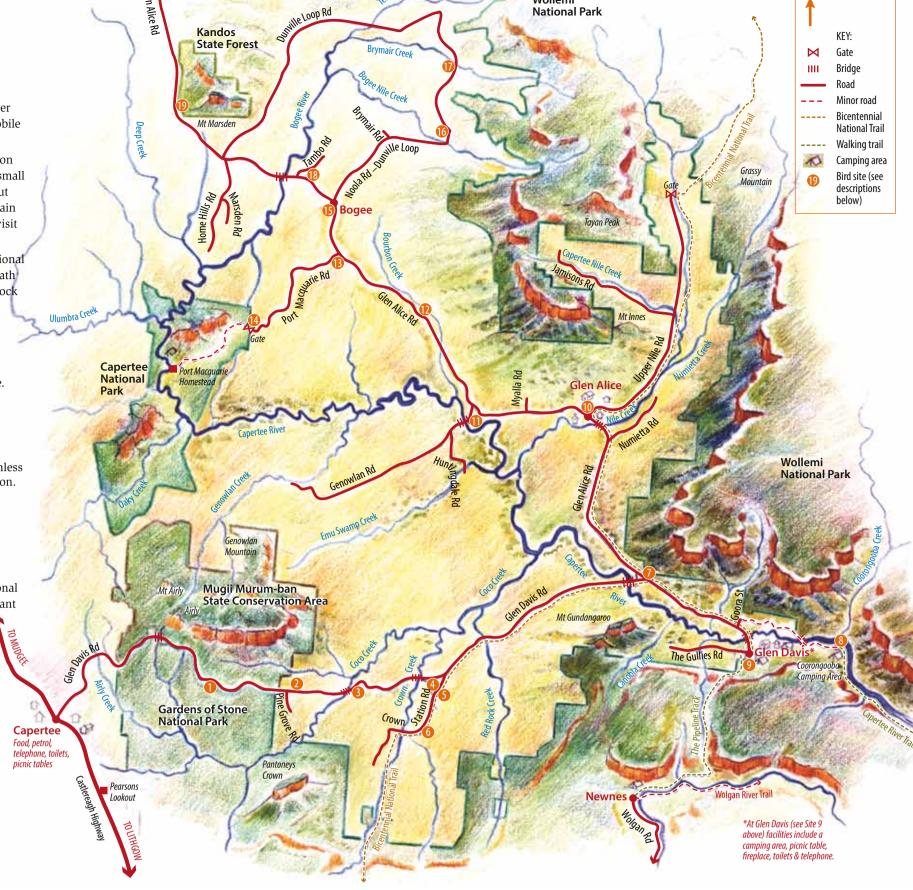
#### Please take care

- Gravel roads may be slippery when wet.
- Look out for cattle and wildlife.
- Park off the road. Don't park across gates.
- Don't stand in the middle of bridges and roads.
- Don't enter private property unless you have the owner's permission.
- Remove your own rubbish: take it with you.
- Please don't use playback, it can disrupt breeding.

#### **National Trail**

The Australian Bicentennial National Trail (BNT) is a 5,330-km self-reliant multi-use route through bush, wilderness and mountain areas: www.nationaltrail.com.au

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### **Birdwatching sites**

(site numbers correspond to map)

Key species listed here are an example only and might not always be present at the sites listed, or might be found at other sites. Some species are widespread or sporadic and cannot be linked to particular sites.

**KEY:** km = running distance along main route from Capertee; GPS coordinates: gda 94; (diversion) means a diversion off the main route, therefore no km shown

Start: 0 km - 33°08.781' S; 149°59.075' E

Capertee. Heading north-west from Sydney, turn right off Castlereagh Highway (east) into Glen Davis Road

- 10.5 km 33°08.189' S; 150°03.313' E RH side Gardens of Stone sign, walking track to south Wonga Pigeon, Gang-gang Cockatoo, Red-browed Treecreeper, Eastern Whipbird
- 14.4 km 33°08.288' S; 150°06.036' E Roadside near 'Nioka' - park LH side of driveway Little Lorikeet, Turquoise Parrot, Brown Treecreeper, Regent Honeyeater, Diamond Firetail
- 3 16.4 km 33°08.176' S: 150°06.809' E Coco Creek Bridge; park LH or RH side after the bridge Turquoise Parrot, Painted Honeyeater (summer), Scarlet Honeyeater, Plum-headed Finch, Diamond Firetail, Mistletoebird
- 20.2 km 33°08.049' S; 150°09.043' E Junction of Crown Station and Glen Davis roads Little Lorikeet, Regent Honeyeater, Black-chinned Honeyeater
- (diversion) 33°08.285' S; 150°08.880' E 0.5 km along Crown Station Road to gully with windmill Hooded Robin, White-browed Babbler, Plum-headed Finch

- (diversion) 33°09.193' S; 150°08.488' E 2.5 km along Crown Station Road to cattle grid and junction with letterboxes Turquoise Parrot, Striped Honeyeater, White-browed
  - Woodswallow (summer), Diamond Firetail 29.2 km - 33°05.999' S; 150°13.930' E

Tri-intersection, Glen Alice and Glen Davis roads Rainbow Bee-eater, Rufous Songlark, Horsfield's Bushlark, White-backed Swallow (summer), Brown Falcon, Zebra Finch, Double-barred Finch

- (diversion) 33°07.385' S; 150°19.335' E Turn right at tri-intersection for Glen Davis. After 4.6 km turn left into Goora Street then right over cattle grid to get to Coorongooba Camping Area in Wollemi National Park (5 km). 4WD may be needed depending on recent rainfall Superb Lyrebird, Rockwarbler, White-throated Gerygone, Bell Miner, Cicadabird
- (diversion) 33°07.375' S; 150°16.900' E From Goora Street intersection, 1 km across bridge to Glen Davis Community Centre and camping ground Brown Treecreeper, Rockwarbler, Black-chinned Honeyeater, Speckled Warbler, Dusky Woodswallow
- 10 37.7 km 33°02.584' S: 150°12.872' E Glen Alice, behind church and around community hall Rainbow Bee-eater, Sacred Kingfisher, Red-rumped Parrot, Grey-crowned Babbler, Crested Shrike-tit, Diamond Firetail
- 11 42.9 km 33°02.536' S; 150°09.601' E Left into Genowlan Road, bridge 0.8 km from intersection; park on LHS before the bridge Little Eagle, Little Lorikeet, Striped Honeyeater, Restless Flycatcher, Olive-backed Oriole, Mistletoebird
- 12 48.8 km 32°59.752' S; 150°07.712' E Side track on RH side of Glen Alice Road to 'Yanderra' gate Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater, White-browed Babbler, Hooded Robin, Plum-headed Finch

13 51.2 km - 32°59.012' S; 150°06.529' E Corner of Port Macquarie Road Regent Honeyeater, Musk Lorikeet, Crested Shrike-tit,

Hooded Robin

- 14 (diversion) 33°00.529' S; 150°04.173' E Locked gate to Capertee National Park at end of Port Macquarie Road (5.8 km from intersection). To enter the park contact NPWS Mudgee (02 6370 9000) for padlock access code Regent Honeyeater, Turquoise Parrot, Peaceful Dove
- 15 53.5 km 32°57.831' S; 150°06.337' E Pull-in area on left at the beginning of Noola-Dunville Loop Road (Dunville Loop is 21.3 km) Pallid Cuckoo, Grey-crowned Babbler, Western Gerygone, Painted Button-quail
- 16 (diversion) 32°56.125' S; 150°09.141' E 6.9 km along Dunville Loop, park on LH side among White Box and walk 1 km to grid and end of forest Gang-gang Cockatoo, Noisy Friarbird
- 17 (diversion) 32°54.590' S; 150°09.308' E 9.8 km along Dunville Loop - near creek crossing and windmill Flame Robin, Yellow-rumped Thornbill
- 18 54.8 km 32°57.335' S; 150°05.760' E Pull-in area on RH side Western Gerygone, Speckled Warbler, Buff-rumped Thornbill, Painted Button-quail
- 19 62 km 32°54.560' S; 150°02.292' E Kandos State Forest, entrance gate on RH side (sometimes closed) Musk Lorikeet, Glossy Black-Cockatoo, Weebill,

chance of crakes at the reedy dam