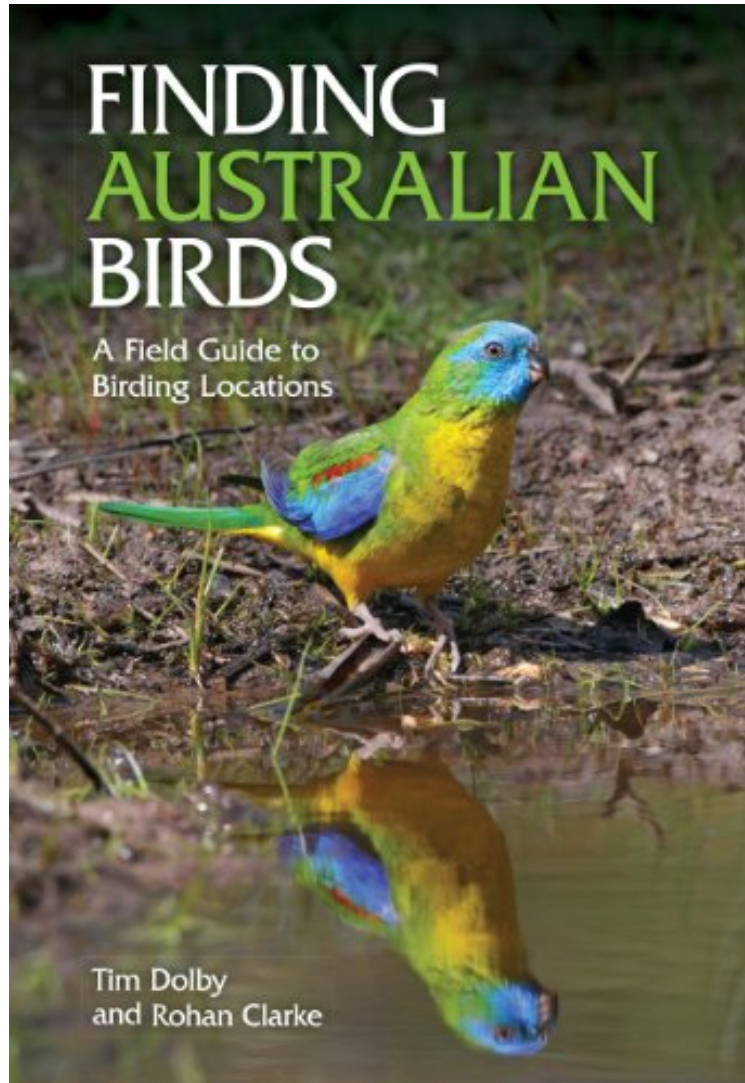


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Rohan Clarke, Tim Dolby : Finding Australian Birds: A Field Guide to Birding Locations before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Finding Australian Birds: A Field Guide to Birding Locations:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Just what I needed to plan a fabulous self-guided birding trip to Australia. By KWSSeattle I got this book when I was planning a 4-week, self-guided birding trip to Australia. It was just the book I was looking for. I wanted a relaxed trip without a lot of driving and flying rather than a go everywhere-and-see-everything sort of trip. I spent a few days in Sydney getting acclimated to my new time zone and using public transportation to enjoy some excellent birding there. Most of my time was in the Cairns/Atherton Tablelands/Daintree area, which is an excellent diverse birding region. I originally ordered both this book and 'The Complete Guide to

Finding the Birds of Australia,rdquo; but the latter was delayed and I liked this book so much that I cancelled my order. (I think that the latter would be especially good for someone who was wanted to target specific birds rather than simply enjoy excellent birding in Australia.)This book is different than the ABA bird-finding guides. The authors provided suggested itineraries based out of certain cities, which I found extremely helpful in planning my trip. While I didn't simply follow the itineraries exactly, they gave me a good idea of how long I might want to spend in certain areas. The itineraries were followed by descriptions of the sites in the itineraries and other sites. I found it useful that they included 'key species' and 'other species' for each site. I also appreciated the overviews of the areas. Use the 'Look Inside!' feature to help you decide if this is the book for you. Most details were good, but I never did figure out where the Smithfield Treatment Plant was in the Cairns area. It was published in 2014, so some details are out of date by now (the swamp at Abattoir Swamp is overgrown so the bird hide isn't very useful, but birding the car park and walk to the hide was lovely), but in general it was excellent.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. difficult to useBy ShorebirdnerdThis book is not organized in a site by site way rather by pre-determined routes as established by the authors. So, it is difficult to read about specific sites and plan your own route. I do not recommend buying this book to plan a birding trip in Oz,0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four StarsBy Asa Reed JrVery informative, can't wait to take it to the field.

Finding Australian Birds is a guide to the special birds found across Australia's vastly varied landscapes. From the eastern rainforests to central deserts, Australia is home to some 900 species of birds. This book covers over 400 Australian bird watching sites conveniently grouped into the best birding areas, from one end of the country to the other. This includes areas such as Kakadu in the Top End and rocky gorges in the central deserts of the Northern Territory, the Great Barrier Reef in Queensland, rainforests distributed along the eastern Australian seaboard, some of the world's tallest forests in Tasmania, the Flinders Ranges and deserts along the iconic Strzelecki and Birdsville Tracks in South Australia, and the mallee temperate woodlands and spectacular coastlines in both Victoria and south west Western Australia.Each chapter begins with a brief description of the location, followed by a section on where to find the birds, which describes specific birdwatching sites within the location's boundaries, and information on accommodation and facilities. The book also provides a comprehensive 'Bird Finding Guide', listing all of Australia's birds with details on their abundance and where exactly to see them.Of value to both Australian birdwatchers and international visitors, this book will assist novices, birders of intermediate skill and keen 'twitchers' to find any Australian species.

About the AuthorTim Dolby is a well-known Australian birdwatcher and former Convener of Birdlife Australia in Victoria. He was the principle editor of Where to See Birds in Victoria and he currently moderates Birdline Australia and Birdline Victoria.Rohan Clarke is an ecologist at Monash University with expertise in conservation biology and avian ecology. He is also a prominent member of the Australian birdwatching community, having been involved in the discovery of over 15 species not previously recorded in Australia.