

Australia – Feb/Mar 2020

Summary

For our first trip to Australia we decided to spend the bulk of it in Tasmania. But, since we had to fly through Melbourne, this gave us a chance for a few days in Victoria as well. We settled on the following itinerary:

Day	Activity	Lodging
1	Arrive Melbourne, Dandenong Ranges	Clarendon Cottages
2	Dandenong Ranges to the Otways	Bimbi Park Cabins
3	Great Ocean Road	Bimbi Park Cabins
4	Great Ocean Road to Melbourne	Melbourne Airport Motel
5	Fly MEL to Hobart. Bruny Island	Inala Cottage
6	Bruny Island	Inala Cottage
7	Bruny Island	Inala Cottage
8	Bruny Island to Hobart, Mt Field NP	Hamlet Downs
9	Mt Field NP	Hamlet Downs
10	Mt Field to Cradle Mountain	Peppers CM Lodge
11	Cradle Mountain	Peppers CM Lodge
12	Cradle Mountain	Peppers CM Lodge
13	Cradle Mountain to Port Sorell	Roosters Rest
14	Narawntapu NP, Warrawee Forest Reserve	Roosters Rest
15	Deloraine area	Derby Forest Cabins
16	Quoll Patrol tour	Derby Forest Cabins
17	Bay of Fires, Freycinet NP	Freycinet Lodge
18	Maria Island	Mason's Cottages
19	Tasman Peninsula	Mason's Cottages
20	Day 20: Fly home	Masoala Forest Lodge

I have written daily trip reports which provide details about accommodations, food, and what we did each day. They are available here: <http://focusedonnature.blogspot.com/search/label/Australia>

A gallery of all photos is available here: <https://www.focusedonnature.com/Trips/Australia-2020/>







Australia 2020 - Wildlife Sightings

24 Mammals (Lifers in bold)			
#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Sighting Notes
1	Short-beaked Echidna	Tachyglossus aculeatus	Mt Wellington, Bruny Island, Mt Field, Derby, Tasman Peninsula
2	Platypus	Ornithorhynchus anatinus	Arboretum, Deloraine
3	Tasmanian Devil	Sarcophilus harrisii	Scottsdale (brief look as it crossed the road)
4	Eastern Quoll	Dasyurus viverrinus	Bruny Island, Mt Field, Cradle Mountain, Scottsdale
5	Southern Brown Bandicoot	Isodon obesulus	Tasman Peninsula (crossing road)
6	Eastern Barred Bandicoot	Perameles gunnii	Mt Field, Port Sorell
7	Koala	Phascolarctos cinereus	Kennet River, Cape Otway
8	Common Wombat	Vombatus ursinus	Cradle Mt, Ben Lomond NP, Scottsdale, Maria Island
9	Common Brushtail Possum	Trichosurus vulpecula	Literally EVERYWHERE at night
10	Sugar Glider	Petaurus breviceps	Cape Otway, Latrobe (not native in Tasmania)
11	Common Ringtail Possum	Pseudocheirus peregrinus	Dandenong, Cradle Mountain, Port Sorell
12	Long-nosed Potoroo	Potorous tridactylus	Bruny Island, Latrobe
13	Eastern Grey Kangaroo (Forester Kangaroo)	Macropus giganteus	Cape Otway, Narawntapu NP
14	Red-necked (Bennett's) Wallaby	Macropus bennetti	Everywhere in Tasmania
15	Swamp (Black) Wallaby	Wallabia bicolor	Dandenong, Cape Otway
16	Tasmanian Pademelon (Red-bellied Pademelon)	Thylogale billardierii	Everywhere in Tasmania
17	Grey-headed Flying Fox	Pteropus poliocephalus	Yarra Park, Victoria
18	Water Rat (Rakali)	Hydromys chrysogaster	Bruny Island (crossing road)
19	Australian Fur Seal	Arctocephalus pusillus	The Friars south of Bruny Island
20	New Zealand Fur seal	Arctocephalus forsteri	The Friars south of Bruny Island
21	Short-beaked Common Dolphin	Delphinus delphis	The Friars south of Bruny Island
22	Feral cat*	Felis catus	Bruny Island, Cradle Mountain, Tasman Peninsula
23	Fallow Deer*	Cervus dama	Scottsdale area
24	European Rabbit*	Oryctolagus cuniculus	Bruny Island, Latrobe, Tasman Peninsula
* - Non native			
Totals			

7 Herps (Lifers in bold)			
	Common Name	Scientific Name	Dandenong Ranges
1	Tiger snake	Notechis scutatus	Tasman Peninsula
2	Lowland Copperhead	Austrelaps superbis	Latrobe (2 mating)
3	White-lipped snake	Drysdalia coronoides	2 seen at Cradle Mountain
4	White's Skink	Liopholis whitii	Bay of Fires
5	Tasmanian Tree Skink	Carinascincus pretiosus	Freycinet NP, Latrobe
6	Jacky Lizard	Amphibolurus muricatus	You Yangs Park, Victoria
7	Metallic Skink	Carinascincus metallicus	Cradle Mountain, Arboretum

82 Lifer Birds			
Australian Wood Duck	Black Swan	Tree Martin	Black-faced Cuckoo Shrike
Rainbow Lorikeet	Kelp Gull	Beautiful Firetail	Common Bronzewing
Dusky Moorhen	Silver Gull	Welcome Swallow	Grey Currawong
Australian Magpie	Pacific Black Duck	Yellow-throated Honeyeater	Olive Whistler
Noisy Miner	Native Hen	Yellow Wattlebird	White-faced Heron
Eastern Yellow Robin	Chestnut Teal	Australian Swamphe	Grey Shrike Thrush
Golden Whistler	Australian Pelican	Silvereye	Black-headed Honeyeater
Crimson Rosella	Satin Flycatcher	Pink Robin	Striated Fieldwren
Laughing Kookaburra	Brown Falcon	Australian Shelduck	Shy Albatross
Superb Lyrebird	Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo	Tasmanian Scrubwren	Short-tailed Shearwater
Superb Fairy-wren	Scarlet Robin	Dusky Robin	Australian White Ibis
Rainbow Bee-eater	Little Penguin	White-browed Scrubwren	Australasian Gannet
Singing Honeyeater	Tawny Frogmouth	Little Pied Cormorant	Little Black Cormorant
Pied Currawong	Dusky Woodswallow	Cape Barren Goose	Little Corella
Magpie Lark	Australian Pied Oystercatcher	Sooty Oystercatcher	Striated Pardalote
White-eared Honeyeater	Masked Lapwing	Flame Robin	Brown Thornbill
Gang Gang Cockatoo	Pacific Gull	Black-faced Cormorant	Tasmanian Thornbill
Yellow-faced Honeyeater	Greater Crested Tern	Great Cormorant	Forest Raven
Grey Fantail	Hooded Plover	Eurasian Coot	Common Blackbird
Red Wattlebird	Green Rosella	Little Wattlebird	Australian Pipit
Galah	New Holland Honeyeater		