

4 DAY LGB GARDEN ROUTE TOUR

Day 1 – Wilderness

Today we will leave before sunrise (estimated drive time 4hrs 30min) to our accommodation. Wilderness has a lot to offer with its amazing forests & wetland habitat. On our way to wilderness, we will be scanning the pylons for **Forest Buzzard** and visit some wetland areas for **African Snipe, Fish Eagles** and perhaps some **Red-necked Spurrows** on the side of the road. On arrival at our accommodation, we will settle in and then do a late afternoon walk in the park and on one of the trails in the forest.

Our target bird species for the day will include, **Knysna Warbler, Back-backed Puffback, Chorister Robin Chat, White starred Robin, Terrestrial Brownbul, Green-backed Camaroptera, African Emerald Cuckoo, Yellow throated Woodland Warbler, Blue mantled Crested Flycatcher, the elusive Narina Trogon, Scaly throated Honeyguide, Grey Cuckooshrike, Olive Sunbird, Greater Double collared Sunbird, Collared Sunbird, Knysna Turaco, African Wood Owl, Black bellied Starling, Green Wood Hoopoe.** The elusive **Red-chested Flufftail & African Rail** are also options. **Dolphins** often on display and can be seen from our accommodation.

Overnight: Dolphin Dunes

Day 2 & 3 – Plettenberg Bay – Nature's Valley

Today, we will leave early as we have a full schedule, many stops, but not far from each other. We will embark on a promising journey of the Plettenberg Bay area and surrounds. The diversity of habitats & bird species are amazing, from forests to rivers, fynbos to thicket, estuaries and ocean. We will be visiting Nature's Valley, The Craggs, Bitou River, Keurbooms Estuary (tide-dependent, so we might shuffle our destinations today), Plettenberg Bay sewerage works, Robberg Nature Reserve and if time allows, also Kranshoek.

Bird species that we will target for day 2-4 will include (Giving us a 2nd chance of some of day 1's species, mentioned above), also **African Marsh Harrier, Little Rush Warbler, Brown throated Martin, Neddicky**, a few Duck species including **White backed Duck, European Roller** (in season), **Klaas's Cuckoo, Giant Kingfisher, Black Crake**, a few different species of waders (in season), **Amur Falcons** if we are lucky (in season), **Cloud & Zitting Cisticola's, Plain backed & African Pipit, Hamerkop** and **African Jacana**, not mentioning all the species.

Overnight: Natures Way

Day 4 – Tsitsikamma National Park