



# Media Release

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011

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## Birds of the Currumbin Estuary

Gecko's next Guest Speaker night is Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and our speaker is George Lewis who will show the audience photos of the fantastic birds around Currumbin Estuary, and exactly where to spot them.

The talk will enrich the experience of walking the track through Tarrabora Reserve, where the creek forms a lagoon, and the adjoining Beree Badalla Reserve boardwalk. Both areas were saved from a proposed resort and marina development by community action in 1979.

According to the Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council (ANZECC), Currumbin Estuary has high Ecological Value for both human use and ecosystem values. Mangrove and saltbush wetlands provide habitat for bream, estuary cod, flathead, garfish, mangrove jack, sea mullet, tailor, whiting, mud and sand crabs, attracting fish hungry humans and birds alike. It's considered unique as the only example of natural marine vegetation left in the area.

George, who regularly visits the shores of the estuary, is an avid lifelong birdwatcher. As well as being a talented photographer, he is editor of the annual Gold Coast Birdwatchers' magazine, and will be displaying lots of high quality photos from the magazine. George is also a published author and hopes to have his latest publication out in time to show us.

Join us on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, upstairs at Gecko House, 139 Duringan St, Currumbin for drinks and snacks from 6:30pm, then George's presentation from 7 to 8. BYO questions!

*Gecko presents a free guest speaker night on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month on topical environmental issues. For catering purposes and to prevent waste, RSVP by 3pm on the day before the event to [speakers@gecko.org.au](mailto:speakers@gecko.org.au) or call 5534 1412. For more information, visit [www.gecko.org.au/guest-speaker](http://www.gecko.org.au/guest-speaker)*

*A gold coin donation is requested per glass of wine and nibbles. Alternatively, Gecko encourages the contribution of vegetarian/organic/environmentally-thoughtful food options at all of its events.*

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