



NQNHG Gouldian Finch Update April 2023

This year we plan to build on a network of Gouldian Finch monitoring lines across many properties in the Einasleigh Uplands Bioregion, mostly in the Mitchell and Gilbert catchments. Some of this will involve repeating monitoring lines set up in 2020 and 2021, so it'll be interesting to compare results. But we will also be casting the net a bit wider and exploring a few new stations too.

The surveys are a combination of drive-throughs and circuit walks along rough station roads and animal tracks, etc., all targeting woodswallow, etc., associations. However, we'll also do some focused observations – for the likes of finch nest sites and foods. Learners are welcome too.

The first trip is Friday 28 April to 1 or 2 May and we'll likely be doing every 2nd weekend after that into June.

They will be self-catering camp-out trips usually for 3-4 days each and there will be a modest vehicle mileage reimbursement for those who want it, aiming for 2 people per vehicle.

So, if you are keen on helping with any of these. surveys do let me know, including the best blocks of dates for you, and (for our regulars) indicate any preferred stations you'd like to visit.

Please let me know if you are keen and whether you can bring a vehicle, and (if I don't know already) what safety gear you have, e.g., radios, PLB, sat phone, first aid skills, GPS, etc. You will need to be a member of NQNHG for insurance cover.

There should be a few other follow-up events happening later on in the dry too, but more on this later.

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