



The UC Santa Cruz Arboretum & Botanic Garden and the *Ray Collett Rare and Extraordinary Plants Lecture Series* presents:

Observations from an Original Australian Garden: the Weird and Wonderful Birds of Australia



Featuring UCSC Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

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UC Santa Cruz Arboretum Meeting Hall, Arboretum Road, Santa Cruz

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Australian plants are distinct and, in some cases, even bizarre compared to what we are used to in our own flora, but what about the birds that associate with these plants in Australia? What are these birds like? Going to Australia to study and observe birds is like going to avian Mars. I will show a selection of photographs from a month-long visit in 2016 where I had the opportunity to immerse myself completely in the natural history of Australian birds. I will cover some of the broad-brush features that make Australia's bird life different from most other places and present natural history vignettes of a few of the species to give a sense of the diversity of birds, and their behaviors and breeding systems, that one might see in a typical temperate Australian woodland.

Free Community Event

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