

Rare Wildlife Expedition – September 2022

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Late September, a return guest of mine joined me for another Rare Wildlife Expedition. I had two main targets, **Bennett's Tree-kangaroo** and **Godman's Rock-wallaby**. Both species were seen well. We had 2 Godman's Rock-wallaby and 3 Bennett's Tree-kangaroo. We did not get images of the Godman's Rock-wallaby, but the experience with the Bennett's Tree-kangaroo was just amazing.

For this expedition, I had hoped that I would find the tree-kangaroo during the day. Not that this makes it easier. I just wanted to see them during the day because I feel the animals feel less disturbed and they often just keep doing what they were doing when you find them. And so it happened. We did not find any tree-kangaroos on our first night. We found three animals in the morning of the next day, a female with joey and a male in close proximity. Our first views were distant, but we managed to get closer and got some fantastic shots of one individual. We stayed with the animals for over an hour and a mode of continuous awe. Very happy guest and guide.

The second night was used to try and see some other creatures, but also to check whether the family of three would still be around. I found them again. They had moved about 100m. This time, the animals were very close to the ground. However, we felt they were disturbed and stayed with them for only a few minutes.

This time, a second guest had joined us upon invitation with the kind permission of my paying guest. We were again....in awe.

The next morning, while my guest was still enjoying a good night's rest, I went back and tried to find the animals again. I found the mum and the joey, but I could not see the male. They had moved a little more than the night before. I had about 1 hr to be with the animals. I used it well. I photographed and filmed the two animals and could just not believe I was with them again. One of the best experiences ever.

There is a short **VIDEO** of the female and joey you can watch when you visit this link:
<https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/764335058>



On a walk the second day, I found marks of tree-kangaroo climbing in a second location, but we did not see any animals. I will be spending some more time in the area of interest to find more families.

