

Bird Census at Lake Claremont

14 April 2024

Note from the census taker:

The morning the bird census was conducted at Lake Claremont was warm, still and sunny.

Following a prolonged rainless spell, the lake is almost completely dry, with just a few damp patches in the southern sector (see photo below). The bushland is suffering, but many mature eucalypts are in flower, attracting nectar feeding species. Honeyeaters and Rainbow Lorikeets were more numerous than is normally the case. Raven and Silvereye numbers were also above average. As was to be expected, we saw no ducks.

We observed 304 individuals of 25 species. These results are lower than our average autumn census, which has sometimes taken place when there has been water in the lake. Breeding activity was observed only for the Red Wattlebird.



Lake Claremont Bird Census		Autumn 2024	Autumn average
Common Name	Scientific Name	14/04/2024	
Australasian Darter	Anhinga novaehollandiae		0.0
Australasian Grebe	Tachybaptus novaehollandiae		1.2
Australasian Shoveler	Spatula rhynchotis		1.0
Australian Hobby	Falco longipennis		0.2
Australian Little Bittern	Ixobrychus dubius		0.0
Australian Magpie	Gymnorhina tibicen	13	15.0
Australian Pelican	Pelecanus conspicillatus		0.0
Australian Raven	Corvus coronoides	30	12.1
Australian Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus australis		1.0
Australian Ringneck	Barnardius zonarius		5.0
Australian Shelduck	Tadorna tadornoides		4.9
Australian Spotted Crake	Porzana fluminea		0.0
Australian White Ibis	Threskiornis moluccus		2.0
Australian Wood Duck	Chenonetta jubata		1.2
Baillon's Crake	Zapornia pusilla		0.0
Banded Stilt	Cladorhynchus leucocephalus		0.0
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus		4.8
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina novaehollandiae		0.5
Black-fronted Dotterel	Elseya melanops		1.2
Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus axillaris	1	0.7
Black-tailed Native-hen	Tribonyx ventralis		0.0
Blue-billed Duck	Oxyura australis		0.0
Brown Goshawk	Accipiter fasciatus		0.0
Brown Honeyeater	Lichmera indistincta	13	3.8
Brown Songlark	Cinclorampus cruralis		0.0
Buff-banded Rail	Hypotaenidia philippensis	1	0.2
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	Zanda latirostris		4.8
Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia		0.0
Chestnut Teal	Anas castanea		0.0
Collared Sparrowhawk	Accipiter cirrocephalus		0.0
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia		0.0
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos		0.0
Crested Pigeon	Ocyphaps lophotes		0.0
Domestic Duck (Mallard) *			0.0
Dusky Moorhen	Gallinula tenebrosa		0.6
Eastern Osprey	Pandion cristatus		0.0
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra		10.2
Freckled Duck	Stictonetta naevosa		0.0
Galah	Eolophus roseicapilla	2	4.1
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus		0.0
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		0.0
Great Egret	Ardea alba		0.0
Grey Butcherbird	Cracticus torquatus		2.6
Grey Fantail	Rhipidura fuliginosa	2	0.6
Grey Teal	Anas gracilis		20.7
Hardhead	Aythya australis		0.0
Hoary-headed Grebe	Poliiocephalus poliocephalus		0.0
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	Chalcites basalis		0.0
Inland Thornbill	Acanthiza apicalis		0.0
Laughing Dove *	Streptopelia senegalensis *		0.7
Laughing Kookaburra *	Dacelo novaeguineae *	2	2.2
Little Black Cormorant	Phalacrocorax sulcirostris		0.0
Little Corella	Cacatua sanguinea	20	12.2
Little Grassbird	Poodytes gramineus		0.1
Little Pied Cormorant	Microcarbo melanoleucos		0.0
Long-billed Corella *	Cacatua tenuirostris *		0.0
Long-toed Stint	Calidris subminuta		0.0
Magpie-lark	Grallina cyanoleuca	8	9.7

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Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis		0.0
Masked Lapwing	Vanellus miles		0.0
Musk Duck	Biziura lobata		0.0
Nankeen Kestrel	Falco cenchroides		0.1
Nankeen Night-Heron	Nycticorax caledonicus		0.0
New Holland Honeyeater	Phylidonyris novaehollandiae	12	0.8
Pacific Black Duck	Anas superciliosa		48.5
Pacific Gull	Larus pacificus		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo	Heteroscenes pallidus		0.0
Pectoral Sandpiper	Calidris melanotos		0.0
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	Himantopus leucocephalus		14.6
Pied Cormorant	Phalacrocorax varius		0.0
Pink-eared Duck	Malacorhynchus membranaceus		2.8
Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio	17	16.3
Purple-backed Fairy-wren	Malurus assimilis	4	0.0
Rainbow Bee-eater	Merops ornatus		0.0
Rainbow Lorikeet *	Trichoglossus moluccanus *	57	29.2
Red Wattlebird	Anthochaera carunculata	43	27.1
Red-kneed Dotterel	Erythronyctes alba		0.0
Red-necked Avocet	Recurvirostra novaehollandiae		0.0
Red-necked Stint	Calidris ruficollis		0.0
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Calyptorhynchus banksii		1.9
Rock Dove *	Columba livia *		0.5
Rufous Whistler	Pachycephala rufiventris		0.1
Sacred Kingfisher	Todiramphus sanctus		0.0
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Calidris acuminata		0.0
Silver Gull	Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae		4.0
Silvereye	Zosterops lateralis	35	14.8
Singing Honeyeater	Gavicalis virescens	16	5.4
Southern Boobook	Ninox novaeseelandiae		0.0
Splendid Fairy-wren	Malurus splendens		0.0
Spotless Crake	Zapornia tabuensis		0.1
Spotted Dove *	Streptopelia chinensis *	3	1.2
Spotted Pardalote	Pardalotus punctatus		0.1
Spotted Scrubwren	Sericornis maculatus		0.1
Straw-necked Ibis	Threskiornis spinicollis	1	9.2
Striated Pardalote	Pardalotus striatus		0.2
Swamp Harrier	Circus approximans		0.0
Tawny Frogmouth	Podargus strigoides		0.0
Terek Sandpiper	Xenus cinereus		0.0
Tree Martin	Petrochelidon nigricans	1	4.4
Weebill	Smicronis brevirostris	2	0.6
Welcome Swallow	Hirundo neoxena	2	8.8
Western Gerygone	Gerygone fusca	4	0.5
Western Spinebill	Acanthorhynchus superciliosus		0.0
Western Wattlebird	Anthochaera lunulata		0.0
Whistling Kite	Haliastur sphenurus		0.0
White-cheeked Honeyeater	Phylidonyris niger	3	0.7
White-faced Heron	Egretta novaehollandiae		1.5
White-fronted Chat	Epthianura albifrons		0.7
White-necked Heron	Ardea pacifica		0.0
Willie Wagtail	Rhipidura leucophrys	12	12.7
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola		0.0
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Platalea flavipes		0.1
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	Acanthiza chrysorrhoa		0.0
Species		25	27.7
Individuals		304	330.6

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* = introduced species