

## Bird Census at Lake Claremont

13 January 2025

### Note from the census taker:

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

The lake is drying fast. There is shallow water in the southern section, but the northern area is already dry. The water gauge shows about 1m AHD (see below photo). The bushland is very dry.

We observed 348 individuals of 32 species. The number of individuals is well below average, but the species recorded was slightly higher than our summer average.

Worth noting was our sighting of a single Crested Pigeon. This is the first time we have seen this species in our surveys and there are only two previous records on Birdata.

We were delighted to see a juvenile Cuckoo-shrike being fed by a parent. This is our first breeding record for the lake. We also saw a family of five Southern Boobook owls.

The below spreadsheet also shows the average numbers recorded in our previous twenty-three spring surveys.



Lake Claremont Bird Census		Summer 2025	Summer average
Common Name	Scientific Name	13/01/2025	
Blue-billed Duck	Oxyura australis		0.3
Pink-eared Duck	Malacorhynchus membranaceus		6.4
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus	5	6.3
Australian Shelduck	Tadorna tadornoides		4.7
Hardhead	Aythya australis		1.3
Australasian Shoveler	Spatula rhynchotis		1.7
Pacific Black Duck	Anas superciliosa	35	80.0
Domestic Duck (Mallard) *			0.0
Grey Teal	Anas gracilis	85	34.7
Chestnut Teal	Anas castanea		0.1
Freckled Duck	Stictonetta naevosa		0.0
Musk Duck	Biziura lobata		0.0
Australian Wood Duck	Chenonetta jubata		6.1
Australasian Grebe	Tachybaptus novaehollandiae		4.2
Hoary-headed Grebe	Poliiocephalus poliocephalus		0.5
Rock Dove *	Columba livia *		0.0
Spotted Dove *	Streptopelia chinensis *	3	3.1
Laughing Dove *	Streptopelia senegalensis *		1.3
Crested Pigeon	Ocyphaps lophotes	1	0.0
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	Chalcites basalus		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo	Heteroscenes pallidus		0.0
Southern Boobook	Ninox novaeseelandiae	5	0.0
Tawny Frogmouth	Podargus strigoides		0.0
Buff-banded Rail	Hypotaenidia philippensis		0.5
Australian Spotted Crake	Porzana fluminea		0.4
Baillon's Crake	Zapornia pusilla		0.0
Spotless Crake	Zapornia tabuensis		0.0
Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio	21	18.0
Dusky Moorhen	Gallinula tenebrosa		2.5
Black-tailed Native-hen	Tribonyx ventralis		0.0
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	7	38.0
Red-necked Avocet	Recurvirostra novaehollandiae	1	4.1
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	Himantopus leucocephalus	6	34.0
Banded Stilt	Cladorhynchus leucocephalus		0.0
Black-fronted Dotterel	Elseya melanops		0.8
Red-kneed Dotterel	Erythrogonys cinctus	2	1.9
Masked Lapwing	Vanellus miles		0.0
Terek Sandpiper	Xenus cinereus		0.0
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Calidris acuminata		0.1
Long-toed Stint	Calidris subminuta		0.0
Red-necked Stint	Calidris ruficollis		0.0
Pectoral Sandpiper	Calidris melanotos		0.0
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos		0.0
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia		0.0
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis		0.0
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola		0.0
Silver Gull	Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae	3	27.0
Pacific Gull	Larus pacificus		0.0
Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia		0.0
Australian Pelican	Pelecanus conspicillatus		0.0
Australian Little Bittern	Ixobrychus dubius		0.0
Nankeen Night-Heron	Nycticorax caledonicus		0.1
White-necked Heron	Ardea pacifica		0.1
Great Egret	Ardea alba		0.2
Cattle Egret *	Ardea ibis		0.0
White-faced Heron	Egretta novaehollandiae		1.8
Australian White Ibis	Threskiornis moluccus	6	3.1
Straw-necked Ibis	Threskiornis spinicollis	1	5.3
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Platalea flavipes		0.1
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus		0.0
Little Pied Cormorant	Microcarbo melanoleucos		1.7
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		0.0
Little Black Cormorant	Phalacrocorax sulcirostris		0.0
Pied Cormorant	Phalacrocorax varius		0.0
Australasian Darter	Anhinga novaehollandiae		0.0
Eastern Osprey	Pandion cristatus		0.0
Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus axillaris		0.3
Whistling Kite	Haliastur sphenurus		0.1
Swamp Harrier	Circus approximans		0.0

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Common Name	Scientific Name	13/01/2025	
Brown Goshawk	Accipiter fasciatus		0.2
Collared Sparrowhawk	Accipiter cirrocephalus		0.0
Nankeen Kestrel	Falco cenchroides		0.0
Australian Hobby	Falco longipennis		0.0
Rainbow Bee-eater	Merops ornatus		0.0
Sacred Kingfisher	Todiramphus sanctus	1	0.4
Laughing Kookaburra *	Dacelo novaeguineae *		1.7
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Calyptorhynchus banksii		0.9
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	Zanda latirostris		0.4
Galah	Eolophus roseicapilla	11	5.5
Long-billed Corella *	Cacatua tenuirostris *		1.3
Little Corella	Cacatua sanguinea	44	25.1
Australian Ringneck	Barnardius zonarius		2.3
Rainbow Lorikeet *	Trichoglossus moluccanus *	10	22.2
Purple-backed Fairy-wren	Malurus assimilis	3	0.0
Splendid Fairy-wren	Malurus splendens		0.0
Brown Honeyeater	Lichmera indistincta		1.4
New Holland Honeyeater	Phylidonyris novaehollandiae		0.4
White-cheeked Honeyeater	Phylidonyris niger		1.0
Western Spinebill	Acanthorhynchus superciliosus		0.1
White-fronted Chat	Epthianura albifrons		0.0
Red Wattlebird	Anthochaera carunculata	2	15.1
Western Wattlebird	Anthochaera lunulata		0.0
Singing Honeyeater	Gavicalis virescens	8	5.7
Spotted Pardalote	Pardalotus punctatus		0.0
Striated Pardalote	Pardalotus striatus		0.3
Western Gerygone	Gerygone fusca	2	0.8
Weebill	Smicronis brevirostris		1.2
Spotted Scrubwren	Sericornis maculatus		0.0
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	Acanthiza chrysorrhoa		0.0
Inland Thornbill	Acanthiza apicalis		0.0
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina novaehollandiae	4	0.7
Rufous Whistler	Pachycephala rufiventris	1	0.0
Australian Magpie	Gymnorhina tibicen	16	12.5
Grey Butcherbird	Cracticus torquatus	1	1.6
Willie Wagtail	Rhipidura leucophrys	9	16.5
Grey Fantail	Rhipidura fuliginosa	3	0.4
Australian Raven	Corvus coronoides	13	16.0
Magpie-lark	Grallina cyanoleuca	2	9.5
Little Grassbird	Poodytes gramineus		0.6
Brown Songlark	Cinclorampus cruralis		0.0
Australian Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus australis		2.1
Tree Martin	Petrochelidon nigricans		7.1
Welcome Swallow	Hirundo neoxena	12	14.1
Silvereye	Zosterops lateralis	25	11.6
<b>Species</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>30.1</b>
<b>Individuals</b>		<b>348</b>	<b>469.8</b>

Recorded by David and Pam Free

\* = introduced species