

## 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	
Blue-billed Duck	Oxyura australis		0.0
Pink-eared Duck	Malacorhynchus membranaceus		2.8
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus		4.8
Australian Shelduck	Tadorna tadornoides		4.9
Hardhead	Aythya australis		0.0
Australasian Shoveler	Spatula rhynchotis		1.0
Pacific Black Duck	Anas superciliosa		48.5
Domestic Duck (Mallard) *			0.0
Grey Teal	Anas gracilis		20.7
Chestnut Teal	Anas castanea		0.0
Freckled Duck	Stictonetta naevosa		0.0
Musk Duck	Biziura lobata		0.0
Australian Wood Duck	Chenonetta jubata		1.2
Australasian Grebe	Tachybaptus novaehollandiae		1.2
Hoary-headed Grebe	Poliiocephalus poliocephalus		0.0
Rock Dove *	Columba livia *		0.5
Spotted Dove *	Streptopelia chinensis *	3	1.2
Laughing Dove *	Streptopelia senegalensis *		0.7
Crested Pigeon	Ocyphaps lophotes		0.0
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	Chalcites basalus		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo	Heteroscenes pallidus		0.0
Southern Boobook	Ninox novaeseelandiae		0.0
Tawny Frogmouth	Podargus strigoides		0.0
Buff-banded Rail	Hypotaenidia philippensis	1	0.2
Australian Spotted Crake	Porzana fluminea		0.0
Baillon's Crake	Zapornia pusilla		0.0
Spotless Crake	Zapornia tabuensis		0.1
Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio	17	16.3
Dusky Moorhen	Gallinula tenebrosa		0.6
Black-tailed Native-hen	Tribonyx ventralis		0.0
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra		10.2
Red-necked Avocet	Recurvirostra novaehollandiae		0.0
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	Himantopus leucocephalus		14.6
Banded Stilt	Cladorhynchus leucocephalus		0.0
Black-fronted Dotterel	Elsayornis melanops		1.2
Red-kneed Dotterel	Erythrogonyx cinctus		0.0
Masked Lapwing	Vanellus miles		0.0
Terek Sandpiper	Xenus cinereus		0.0
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Calidris acuminata		0.0
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		4.0
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		0.0
White-necked Heron	Ardea pacifica		0.0
Great Egret	Ardea alba		0.0
White-faced Heron	Egretta novaehollandiae		1.5
Australian White Ibis	Threskiornis moluccus		2.0
Straw-necked Ibis	Threskiornis spinicollis	1	9.2
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Platalea flavipes		0.1

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Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus		0.0
Little Pied Cormorant	Microcarbo melanoleucos		0.0
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	1	0.7
Whistling Kite	Haliastur sphenurus		0.0
Swamp Harrier	Circus approximans		0.0
Brown Goshawk	Accipiter fasciatus		0.0
Collared Sparrowhawk	Accipiter cirrocephalus		0.0
Nankeen Kestrel	Falco cenchroides		0.1
Australian Hobby	Falco longipennis		0.2
Rainbow Bee-eater	Merops ornatus		0.0
Sacred Kingfisher	Todiramphus sanctus		0.0
Laughing Kookaburra *	Dacelo novaeguineae *	2	2.2
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Calyptorhynchus banksii		1.9
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	Zanda latirostris		4.8
Galah	Eolophus roseicapilla	2	4.1
Long-billed Corella *	Cacatua tenuirostris *		0.0
Little Corella	Cacatua sanguinea	20	12.2
Australian Ringneck	Barnardius zonarius		5.0
Rainbow Lorikeet *	Trichoglossus moluccanus *	57	29.2
Purple-backed Fairy-wren	Malurus assimilis	4	0.0
Splendid Fairy-wren	Malurus splendens		0.0
Brown Honeyeater	Lichmera indistincta	13	3.8
New Holland Honeyeater	Phylidonyris novaehollandiae	12	0.8
White-cheeked Honeyeater	Phylidonyris niger	3	0.7
Western Spinebill	Acanthorhynchus superciliosus		0.0
White-fronted Chat	Epthianura albifrons		0.7
Red Wattlebird	Anthochaera carunculata	43	27.1
Western Wattlebird	Anthochaera lunulata		0.0
Singing Honeyeater	Gavicalis virescens	16	5.4
Spotted Pardalote	Pardalotus punctatus		0.1
Striated Pardalote	Pardalotus striatus		0.2
Western Gerygone	Gerygone fusca	4	0.5
Weebill	Smicronis brevirostris	2	0.6
Spotted Scrubwren	Sericornis maculatus		0.1
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	Acanthiza chrysorrhoa		0.0
Inland Thornbill	Acanthiza apicalis		0.0
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina novaehollandiae		0.5
Rufous Whistler	Pachycephala rufiventris		0.1
Australian Magpie	Gymnorhina tibicen	13	15.0
Grey Butcherbird	Cracticus torquatus		2.6
Willie Wagtail	Rhipidura leucophrys	12	12.7
Grey Fantail	Rhipidura fuliginosa	2	0.6
Australian Raven	Corvus coronoides	30	12.1
Magpie-lark	Grallina cyanoleuca	8	9.7
Little Grassbird	Poodytes gramineus		0.1
Brown Songlark	Cincloramphus cruralis		0.0
Australian Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus australis		1.0
Tree Martin	Petrochelidon nigricans	1	4.4
Welcome Swallow	Hirundo neoxena	2	8.8
Silvereye	Zosterops lateralis	35	14.8
<b>Species</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>27.7</b>
<b>Individuals</b>		<b>304</b>	<b>330.6</b>

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\* = introduced species