

## Bird Census at Lake Claremont

15 January 2024

### Note from the census taker:

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

The lake was drying fast. There was shallow water in the southern section, but most of the northern area was already dry. The water gauge was muddy and difficult to read but shows perhaps 1m (see below photo). The bushland was very dry.

We observed 470 individuals of 36 species. The number of species recorded was higher than our summer average.

It was worth noting that in between surveys we had seen Sharp-tailed Sandpipers and a Black-tailed Native-hen. Both species are rare visitors to the lake.



Lake Claremont Bird Census		Summer 2024	Summer average
Common Name	Scientific Name	15/01/2024	
Australasian Darter	Anhinga novaehollandiae		0.0
Australasian Grebe	Tachybaptus novaehollandiae		4.4
Australasian Shoveler	Spatula rhynchotis		1.7
Australian Hobby	Falco longipennis		0.0
Australian Little Bittern	Ixobrychus dubius		0.0
Australian Magpie	Gymnorhina tibicen	21	12.1
Australian Pelican	Pelecanus conspicillatus		0.0
Australian Raven	Corvus coronoides	24	15.6
Australian Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus australis		2.2
Australian Ringneck	Barnardius zonarius		2.4
Australian Shelduck	Tadorna tadornoides		5.0
Australian Spotted Crake	Porzana fluminea		0.5
Australian White Ibis	Threskiornis moluccus	9	2.9
Australian Wood Duck	Chenonetta jubata	13	5.8
Baillon's Crake	Zapornia pusilla		0.0
Banded Stilt	Cladorhynchus leucocephalus		0.0
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus	5	6.3
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina novaehollandiae	2	0.6
Black-fronted Dotterel	Euseyonis melanops		0.9
Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus axillaris		0.3
Black-tailed Native-hen	Tribonyx ventralis		0.0
Blue-billed Duck	Oxyura australis		0.3
Brown Goshawk	Accipiter fasciatus	1	0.1
Brown Honeyeater	Lichmera indistincta	2	1.4
Brown Songlark	Cinclorampus cruralis		0.0
Buff-banded Rail	Hypotaenidia philippensis		0.5
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	Zanda latirostris		0.5
Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia		0.0
Chestnut Teal	Anas castanea		0.1
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		2.6
Eastern Osprey	Pandion cristatus		0.0
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	10	39.2
Freckled Duck	Stictonetta naevosa		0.0
Galah	Eolophus roseicapilla	2	5.7
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus		0.0
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		0.0
Great Egret	Ardea alba		0.2
Grey Butcherbird	Cracticus torquatus	1	1.6
Grey Fantail	Rhipidura fuliginosa	2	0.4
Grey Teal	Anas gracilis	40	34.5
Hardhead	Aythya australis		1.3
Hoary-headed Grebe	Poliiocephalus poliocephalus		0.5
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	Chalcites basalis		0.0
Inland Thornbill	Acanthiza apicalis		0.0
Laughing Dove *	Streptopelia senegalensis *		1.4
Laughing Kookaburra *	Dacelo novaeguineae *		1.7
Little Black Cormorant	Phalacrocorax sulcirostris		0.0
Little Corella	Cacatua sanguinea	54	23.8
Little Grassbird	Poodytes gramineus		0.6
Little Pied Cormorant	Microcarbo melanoleucos		1.8
Long-billed Corella *	Cacatua tenuirostris *	20	0.4
Long-toed Stint	Calidris subminuta		0.0
Magpie-lark	Grallina cyanoleuca	13	9.3
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis		0.0
Masked Lapwing	Vanellus miles		0.0
Musk Duck	Biziura lobata		0.0

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Nankeen Kestrel	Falco cenchroides		0.0
Nankeen Night-Heron	Nycticorax caledonicus		0.1
New Holland Honeyeater	Phylidonyris novaehollandiae		0.5
Pacific Black Duck	Anas superciliosa	52	81.3
Pacific Gull	Larus pacificus		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo	Heteroscenes pallidus		0.0
Pectoral Sandpiper	Calidris melanotos		0.0
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	Himantopus leucocephalus	29	34.2
Pied Cormorant	Phalacrocorax varius		0.0
Pink-eared Duck	Malacorhynchus membranaceus	6	6.4
Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio	37	17.2
Purple-backed Fairy-wren	Malurus assimilis		0.0
Rainbow Bee-eater	Merops ornatus		0.0
Rainbow Lorikeet *	Trichoglossus moluccanus *	32	21.8
Red Wattlebird	Anthochaera carunculata	6	15.5
Red-kneed Dotterel	Erythronyctes alba	2	1.9
Red-necked Avocet	Recurvirostra novaehollandiae		4.3
Red-necked Stint	Calidris ruficollis		0.0
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Calyptorhynchus banksii	9	0.5
Rock Dove *	Columba livia *		0.0
Rufous Whistler	Pachycephala rufiventris	1	0.0
Sacred Kingfisher	Todiramphus sanctus	2	0.3
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Calidris acuminata		0.1
Silver Gull	Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae		28.2
Silvereye	Zosterops lateralis	30	10.7
Singing Honeyeater	Gavicalis virescens	4	5.8
Southern Boobook	Ninox novaeseelandiae	1	0.0
Splendid Fairy-wren	Malurus splendens		0.0
Spotless Crake	Zapornia tabuensis		0.0
Spotted Dove *	Streptopelia chinensis *	3	3.1
Spotted Pardalote	Pardalotus punctatus		0.0
Spotted Scrubwren	Sericornis maculatus		0.0
Straw-necked Ibis	Threskiornis spinicollis	19	4.7
Striated Pardalote	Pardalotus striatus	1	0.3
Swamp Harrier	Circus approximans		0.0
Tawny Frogmouth	Podargus strigoides		0.0
Terek Sandpiper	Xenus cinereus		0.0
Tree Martin	Petrochelidon nigricans		7.5
Weebill	Smicromis brevirostris		1.3
Welcome Swallow	Hirundo neoxena		14.8
Western Gerygone	Gerygone fusca	2	0.8
Western Spinebill	Acanthorhynchus superciliosus		0.1
Western Wattlebird	Anthochaera lunulata		0.0
Whistling Kite	Haliastur sphenurus		0.1
White-cheeked Honeyeater	Phylidonyris niger		1.0
White-faced Heron	Egretta novaehollandiae	1	1.8
White-fronted Chat	Epthianura albifrons		0.0
White-necked Heron	Ardea pacifica		0.1
Willie Wagtail	Rhipidura leucophrys	13	16.7
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola		0.0
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Platalea flavipes	1	0.1
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	Acanthiza chrysorrhoa		0.0
<b>Species</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>29.9</b>
<b>Individuals</b>		<b>470</b>	<b>469.8</b>

Recorded by David and Pam Free

\* = introduced species