

Bird Census at Lake Claremont

16 April 2022

Note from the census taker:

The morning the bird census was conducted was cool, becoming mild, clear with a very light breeze.

The lake still has standing water in the southern half and patches of very shallow water in some of the northern part. The water gauge is muddy and difficult to read but shows about 1m (see photo below). The bushland is very dry.

We observed 493 individuals of 35 species. These results are much higher than our average autumn census. Black Swans and coot were present in greater than average numbers. We counted 47 Pied Stilt; more than is usual in autumn but well below the 200+ seen earlier in the month. Welcome Swallows were nest building at the bird observation platform; we would not normally expect to see breeding activity at this time of the year.



Lake Claremont Bird Census	Autumn 2022	Autumn average
	16/04/22	
Common Name		
Blue-billed Duck		0.0
Pink-eared Duck	2	2.0
Black Swan	34	2.4
Australian Shelduck	4	4.8
Hardhead		0.0
Australasian Shoveler		0.9
Pacific Black Duck	14	48.1
Domestic Duck (Mallard)		0.0
Grey Teal	23	20.6
Chestnut Teal		0.0
Freckled Duck		0.0
Musk Duck		0.0
Australian Wood Duck		0.9
Australasian Grebe	5	0.8
Hoary-headed Grebe		0.0
Rock Dove		0.5
Spotted Dove	1	1.0
Laughing Dove		0.7
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo		0.0
Southern Boobook		0.0
Tawny Frogmouth		0.0
Buff-banded Rail	1	0.2
Australian Spotted Crake		0.0
Baillon's Crake		0.0
Spotless Crake	2	0.0
Purple Swamphen	44	14.0
Dusky Moorhen		0.6
Black-tailed Native-hen		0.0
Eurasian Coot	78	6.0
Red-necked Avocet		0.0
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	47	12.6
Banded Stilt		0.0
Black-fronted Dotterel	7	0.6
Red-kneed Dotterel		0.0
Masked Lapwing		0.0
Terek Sandpiper		0.0
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper		0.0
Long-toed Stint		0.0
Common Greenshank		0.0
Marsh Sandpiper		0.0
Wood Sandpiper		0.0
Silver Gull		4.1
Caspian Tern		0.0
Australian Pelican		0.0
Australian Little Bittern		0.0
Nankeen Night-Heron		0.0
White-necked Heron		0.0
Great Egret		0.0
White-faced Heron	2	1.5
Australian White Ibis	6	1.7
Straw-necked Ibis	6	9.4
Yellow-billed Spoonbill		0.1

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Glossy Ibis		0.0
Little Pied Cormorant		0.0
Great Cormorant		0.0
Little Black Cormorant	1	0.0
Pied Cormorant		0.0
Australasian Darter		0.0
Eastern Osprey		0.0
Black-shouldered Kite		0.7
Whistling Kite		0.0
Swamp Harrier		0.0
Brown Goshawk		0.0
Collared Sparrowhawk		0.0
Nankeen Kestrel		0.1
Australian Hobby		0.2
Rainbow Bee-eater		0.0
Sacred Kingfisher		0.0
Laughing Kookaburra	1	2.0
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	7	1.4
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo		5.0
Galah	3	3.9
Long-billed Corella		0.0
Little Corella	36	10.3
Australian Ringneck		5.2
Rainbow Lorikeet	28	28.3
Purple-backed Fairy-wren	1	0.0
Splendid Fairy-wren		0.0
Brown Honeyeater		4.0
New Holland Honeyeater		0.7
White-cheeked Honeyeater		0.7
Western Spinebill		0.0
White-fronted Chat		0.7
Red Wattlebird	14	26.4
Western Wattlebird		0.0
Singing Honeyeater	2	5.2
Spotted Pardalote		0.1
Striated Pardalote		0.2
Western Gerygone	3	0.3
Weebill		0.6
White-browed Scrubwren	2	0.0
Yellow-rumped Thornbill		0.0
Inland Thornbill		0.0
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike		0.4
Rufous Whistler		0.0
Australian Magpie	24	13.8
Grey Butcherbird	2	2.6
Willie Wagtail	24	11.1
Grey Fantail		0.6
Australian Raven	13	11.6
Magpie-lark	9	9.4
Little Grassbird		0.1

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Brown Songlark		0.0
Australian Reed-Warbler	2	0.9
Tree Martin		4.6
Welcome Swallow	10	8.5
Silvereye	35	11.5
Species	35	25.8
Individuals	493	305.1

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