

Bird Census at Lake Claremont

23 October 2023

Note from the census taker:

The morning the bird census was conducted at Lake Claremont was cool, becoming mild and partly cloudy.

There was standing water in all parts of the lake. The gauge at the jetty registered about 1.5m (see photo below).

We recorded 561 individuals of 39 species, slightly more individuals and species than the average for our spring surveys. Breeding activity was noted for Blue-billed, Hardhead and Pacific Black Ducks, Black Swan, Coot, and Welcome Swallow. A highlight was the presence of a mother Hardhead with seven recently hatched young. We do not recall previously seeing this species breeding at our lake.

Because of work to remove the stumps of recently felled Moreton Bay Fig trees, we were unable to access the peninsular. However, we consider that this omission will not have greatly affected the survey results.



Lake Claremont Bird Census		Spring 2023	Spring average
Common Name	Scientific Name	23/10/2023	
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Blue-billed Duck	Oxyura australis	12	4.1
Pink-eared Duck	Malacorhynchus membranaceus	34	25.7
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus	16	13.6
Australian Shelduck	Tadorna tadornoides		6.2
Hardhead	Aythya australis	13	7.2
Australasian Shoveler	Spatula rhynchotis	3	3.0
Pacific Black Duck	Anas superciliosa	42	93.6
Domestic Duck (Mallard) *			0.1
Grey Teal	Anas gracilis	31	33.8
Chestnut Teal	Anas castanea		0.1
Freckled Duck	Stictonetta naevosa		0.1
Musk Duck	Biziura lobata		0.1
Australian Wood Duck	Chenonetta jubata	10	3.5
Australasian Grebe	Tachybaptus novaehollandiae	2	7.0
Hoary-headed Grebe	Poliiocephalus poliocephalus		1.7
Rock Dove *	Columba livia *		0.1
Spotted Dove *	Streptopelia chinensis *	1	3.0
Laughing Dove *	Streptopelia senegalensis *		2.0
Crested Pigeon	Ocyphaps lophotes		0.0
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	Chalcites basalis		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo	Heteroscenes pallidus		0.0
Southern Boobook	Ninox novaeseelandiae	1	0.0
Tawny Frogmouth	Podargus strigoides		0.0
Buff-banded Rail	Hypotaenidia philippensis		0.1
Australian Spotted Crake	Porzana fluminea		0.2
Baillon's Crake	Zapornia pusilla		0.0
Spotless Crake	Zapornia tabuensis		0.0
Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio	9	16.4
Dusky Moorhen	Gallinula tenebrosa	2	4.8
Black-tailed Native-hen	Tribonyx ventralis		0.3
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	168	80.6
Red-necked Avocet	Recurvirostra novaehollandiae		0.0
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	Himantopus leucocephalus	19	27.1
Banded Stilt	Cladorhynchus leucocephalus		0.0
Black-fronted Dotterel	Elseyaornis melanops		0.5
Red-kneed Dotterel	Erythronyx 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	1	18.3
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	9	2.0
White-necked Heron	Ardea pacifica	1	0.3
Great Egret	Ardea alba	2	0.6
White-faced Heron	Egretta novaehollandiae	2	2.0
Australian White Ibis	Threskiornis moluccus		4.7
Straw-necked Ibis	Threskiornis spinicollis		1.5
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Platalea flavipes		0.0
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus		0.0
Little Pied Cormorant	Microcarbo melanoleucos		1.1

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Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		0.1
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		0.0
Whistling Kite	Haliastur sphenurus		0.0
Swamp Harrier	Circus approximans		0.0
Brown Goshawk	Accipiter fasciatus		0.1
Collared Sparrowhawk	Accipiter cirrocephalus		0.0
Nankeen Kestrel	Falco cenchroides		0.0
Australian Hobby	Falco longipennis	1	0.2
Rainbow Bee-eater	Merops ornatus		0.1
Sacred Kingfisher	Todiramphus sanctus		0.1
Laughing Kookaburra *	Dacelo novaeguineae *	2	1.1
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Calyptrorhynchus banksii		1.4
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	Zanda latirostris		0.0
Galah	Eolophus roseicapilla		5.4
Long-billed Corella *	Cacatua tenuirostris *		0.0
Little Corella	Cacatua sanguinea	8	13.6
Australian Ringneck	Barnardius zonarius		3.4
Rainbow Lorikeet *	Trichoglossus moluccanus *	4	19.5
Purple-backed Fairy-wren	Malurus assimilis		0.1
Splendid Fairy-wren	Malurus splendens		0.0
Brown Honeyeater	Lichmera indistincta	19	7.7
New Holland Honeyeater	Phylidonyris novaehollandiae	5	0.3
White-cheeked Honeyeater	Phylidonyris niger		0.1
Western Spinebill	Acanthorhynchus superciliosus		0.0
White-fronted Chat	Epthianura albifrons		0.0
Red Wattlebird	Anthochaera carunculata	17	23.0
Western Wattlebird	Anthochaera lunulata		0.0
Singing Honeyeater	Gavicalis virescens	6	5.7
Spotted Pardalote	Pardalotus punctatus		0.0
Striated Pardalote	Pardalotus striatus		0.7
Western Gerygone	Gerygone fusca	3	1.0
Weebill	Smicronis brevirostris		0.2
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	2	0.4
Australian Magpie	Gymnorhina tibicen	15	8.2
Grey Butcherbird	Cracticus torquatus	3	1.5
Willie Wagtail	Rhipidura leucophrys	18	12.9
Grey Fantail	Rhipidura fuliginosa		0.4
Australian Raven	Corvus coronoides	26	14.2
Magpie-lark	Grallina cyanoleuca	3	9.5
Little Grassbird	Poodytes gramineus	2	3.5
Brown Songlark	Cinclorampus cruralis		0.0
Australian Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus australis		6.0
Tree Martin	Petrochelidon nigricans	15	4.6
Welcome Swallow	Hirundo neoxena	30	11.5
Silvereye	Zosterops lateralis	4	2.1
Species		39	37
Individuals		561	524.8

Recorded by David and Pam Free

* = introduced species