

Bird Census at Lake Claremont

17 April 2023

Note from the census taker:

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

The lake still has standing water in the southern half and shallow water in parts of the northern section. The water gauge is muddy and difficult to read but shows about 1m; see below photo. Following a very dry summer, the bushland is starting to respond to the rain we enjoyed at the end of March.

We observed 373 individuals of 34 species. These results are somewhat higher than our average autumn census. No breeding activity was observed, as is expected at this time of the year.



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Common Name	Scientific Name	17/04/23	
Blue-billed Duck	<i>Oxyura australis</i>		0.0
Pink-eared Duck	<i>Malacorhynchus membranaceus</i>	18	2.0
Black Swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	21	4.0
Australian Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadornoides</i>	2	5.0
Hardhead	<i>Aythya australis</i>		0.0
Australasian Shoveler	<i>Spatula rhynchotis</i>	4	0.9
Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	43	48.8
Domestic Duck (Mallard) *			0.0
Grey Teal	<i>Anas gracilis</i>		21.7
Chestnut Teal	<i>Anas castanea</i>		0.0
Freckled Duck	<i>Stictonetta naevosa</i>		0.0
Musk Duck	<i>Biziura lobata</i>		0.0
Australian Wood Duck	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>	7	0.9
Australasian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>	4	1.0
Hoary-headed Grebe	<i>Poliiocephalus poliocephalus</i>		0.0
Rock Dove *	<i>Columba livia</i> *		0.5
Spotted Dove *	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i> *	3	1.1
Laughing Dove *	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i> *		0.7
Crested Pigeon	<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>		0.0
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	<i>Chalcites basalus</i>		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo	<i>Heteroscenes pallidus</i>		0.0
Southern Boobook	<i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>		0.0
Tawny Frogmouth	<i>Podargus strigoides</i>		0.0
Buff-banded Rail	<i>Hypotaenidia philippensis</i>		0.2
Australian Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana fluminea</i>		0.0
Baillon's Crake	<i>Zapornia pusilla</i>		0.0
Spotless Crake	<i>Zapornia tabuensis</i>		0.1
Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	22	16.0
Dusky Moorhen	<i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i>	2	0.6
Black-tailed Native-hen	<i>Tribonyx ventralis</i>		0.0
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	19	9.8
Red-necked Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra novaehollandiae</i>		0.0
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	<i>Himantopus leucocephalus</i>	9	14.9
Banded Stilt	<i>Cladorhynchus leucocephalus</i>		0.0
Black-fronted Dotterel	<i>Euseyonis melanops</i>	7	0.9
Red-kneed Dotterel	<i>Erythronyx cinctus</i>		0.0
Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>		0.0
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>		0.0
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>		0.0
Long-toed Stint	<i>Calidris subminuta</i>		0.0
Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>		0.0
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>		0.0
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		0.0
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		0.0
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>		0.0
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		0.0
Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>		4.1
Pacific Gull	<i>Larus pacificus</i>		0.0
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>		0.0
Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>		0.0
Australian Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus dubius</i>		0.0

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Nankeen Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>		0.0
White-necked Heron	<i>Ardea pacifica</i>		0.0
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		0.0
White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>		1.6
Australian White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis moluccus</i>	1	2.0
Straw-necked Ibis	<i>Threskiornis spinicollis</i>		9.7
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	<i>Platalea flavipes</i>		0.1
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		0.0
Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo melanoleucos</i>		0.0
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		0.0
Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>		0.0
Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax varius</i>		0.0
Australasian Darter	<i>Anhinga novaehollandiae</i>		0.0
Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>		0.0
Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus axillaris</i>		0.7
Whistling Kite	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>		0.0
Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>		0.0
Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>		0.0
Collared Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter cirrocephalus</i>		0.0
Nankeen Kestrel	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>		0.1
Australian Hobby	<i>Falco longipennis</i>		0.2
Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>		0.0
Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>		0.0
Laughing Kookaburra *	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i> *	6	2.0
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus banksii</i>	5	1.8
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	<i>Zanda latirostris</i>		5.0
Galah	<i>Eolophus roseicapilla</i>	5	4.0
Long-billed Corella *	<i>Cacatua tenuirostris</i> *		0.0
Little Corella	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>	17	12.0
Australian Ringneck	<i>Barnardius zonarius</i>		5.2
Rainbow Lorikeet *	<i>Trichoglossus moluccanus</i> *	20	29.7
Purple-backed Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus assimilis</i>		0.0
Splendid Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus splendens</i>		0.0
Brown Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera indistincta</i>		4.0
New Holland Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris novaehollandiae</i>	4	0.7
White-cheeked Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris niger</i>		0.7
Western Spinebill	<i>Acanthorhynchus superciliosus</i>		0.0
White-fronted Chat	<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>		0.7
Red Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera carunculata</i>	28	27.1
Western Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera lunulata</i>		0.0
Singing Honeyeater	<i>Gavicalis virescens</i>	7	5.3
Spotted Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus punctatus</i>		0.1
Striated Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>		0.2
Western Gerygone	<i>Gerygone fusca</i>	1	0.5
Weebill	<i>Smicronis brevirostris</i>		0.6
White-browed Scrubwren	<i>Sericornis frontalis</i>	1	0.1
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza chrysorrhoa</i>		0.0
Inland Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza apicalis</i>		0.0
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	2	0.4
Rufous Whistler	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>	2	0.0
Australian Magpie	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>	18	14.9
Grey Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus torquatus</i>	2	2.7
Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	21	12.3

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Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i>	1	0.6
Australian Raven	<i>Corvus coronoides</i>	10	12.2
Magpie-lark	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	6	9.9
Little Grassbird	<i>Poodytes gramineus</i>		0.1
Brown Songlark	<i>Cinclorampus cruralis</i>		0.0
Australian Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus australis</i>		1.0
Tree Martin	<i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i>		4.6
Welcome Swallow	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	5	9.0
Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	50	13.1
Species		34	27.4
Individuals		373	328.6

Recorded by David and Pam Free

* = introduced species