

Bird Census at Lake Claremont

22 August 2025

Note from the census taker:

The morning the bird census was conducted at Lake Claremont was cool, overcast and still. Good winter rainfall has pretty much filled the lake. The gauge by the jetty showed approximately 1.95m Australian Height Datum (see below photo).

We recorded 459 individuals of 38 species, which was slightly above normal for our winter surveys. Breeding activity was noted for Black Swan, Swamphen, Coot, Galah, Red Wattlebird, Singing Honeyeater, and Welcome Swallow.

The below spreadsheet also shows the average numbers recorded in our previous twenty-four winter surveys.

Duck numbers were mostly below average, coots above normal. Large numbers of Brown Honeyeaters and Red Wattlebirds were enjoying the flowering eucalypts.

It is worth noting that, after we had completed the survey, an Inland Thornbill was spotted, which is rarely seen in the metropolitan area, on the edge of the Ballaruk bush.



Lake Claremont Bird Census		Winter 2025	Winter average
Common Name	Scientific Name	22/08/2025	
Blue-billed Duck	Oxyura australis		1.9
Pink-eared Duck	Malacorhynchus membranaceus	11	14.6
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus	15	16.4
Australian Shelduck	Tadorna tadornoides	2	5.7
Hardhead	Aythya australis	1	5.1
Australasian Shoveler	Spatula rhynchotis	4	7.4
Pacific Black Duck	Anas superciliosa	14	34.3
Domestic Duck (Mallard) *			0.0
Grey Teal	Anas gracilis	4	20.3
Chestnut Teal	Anas castanea		0.0
Freckled Duck	Stictonetta naevosa		0.0
Musk Duck	Biziura lobata		0.2
Australian Wood Duck	Chenonetta jubata	9	2.6
Australasian Grebe	Tachybaptus novaehollandiae	2	5.2
Hoary-headed Grebe	Poliiocephalus poliocephalus		0.8
Rock Dove *	Columba livia *		0.0
Spotted Dove *	Streptopelia chinensis *	4	2.4
Laughing Dove *	Streptopelia senegalensis *		0.8
Crested Pigeon	Ocyphaps lophotes		0.0
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	Chalcites basalis		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo	Heteroscenes pallidus		0.1
Southern Boobook	Ninox novaeseelandiae	1	0.2
Tawny Frogmouth	Podargus strigoides		0.0
Buff-banded Rail	Hypotaenidia philippensis		0.1
Australian Spotted Crake	Porzana fluminea		0.0
Baillon's Crake	Zapornia pusilla		0.0
Spotless Crake	Zapornia tabuensis		0.0
Purple Swampphen	Porphyrio porphyrio	19	14.1
Dusky Moorhen	Gallinula tenebrosa	2	2.7
Black-tailed Native-hen	Tribonyx ventralis		0.0
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	123	61.1
Red-necked Avocet	Recurvirostra novaehollandiae		0.7
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	Himantopus leucocephalus		11.2
Banded Stilt	Cladorhynchus leucocephalus		0.0
Black-fronted Dotterel	Elseyornis melanops		0.2
Red-kneed Dotterel	Erythronyx cinctus		0.0
Masked Lapwing	Vanellus miles		0.1
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	21	14.2
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	1	0.3
White-necked Heron	Ardea pacifica		0.0
Great Egret	Ardea alba		0.2
Cattle Egret	Ardea ibis		0.0

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White-faced Heron	Egretta novaehollandiae		1.8
Australian White Ibis	Threskiornis moluccus	7	3.9
Straw-necked Ibis	Threskiornis spinicollis		0.5
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Platalea flavipes		0.0
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus		0.0
Little Pied Cormorant	Microcarbo melanoleucos		0.1
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		0.0
Little Black Cormorant	Phalacrocorax sulcirostris		0.0
Pied Cormorant	Phalacrocorax varius		0.0
Australasian Darter	Anhinga novaehollandiae	3	0.0
Eastern Osprey	Pandion cristatus		0.0
Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus axillaris		0.1
Whistling Kite	Haliastur spenurus		0.0
Swamp Harrier	Circus approximans		0.0
Brown Goshawk	Accipiter fasciatus		0.1
Collared Sparrowhawk	Accipiter cirrocephalus		0.1
Nankeen Kestrel	Falco cenchroides		0.0
Australian Hobby	Falco longipennis		0.1
Rainbow Bee-eater	Merops ornatus		0.0
Sacred Kingfisher	Todiramphus sanctus		0.0
Laughing Kookaburra *	Dacelo novaeguineae *		2.4
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Calyptorhynchus banksii		0.4
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	Zanda latirostris	6	0.9
Galah	Eolophus roseicapilla	10	6.0
Long-billed Corella *	Cacatua tenuirostris *		0.0
Little Corella	Cacatua sanguinea	2	8.8
Australian Ringneck	Barnardius zonarius	1	5.5
Rainbow Lorikeet *	Trichoglossus moluccanus *	34	24.6
Purple-backed Fairy-wren	Malurus assimilis	5	0.3
Splendid Fairy-wren	Malurus splendens		0.0
Brown Honeyeater	Lichmera indistincta	18	9.1
New Holland Honeyeater	Phylidonyris novaehollandiae	6	1.7
White-cheeked Honeyeater	Phylidonyris niger		0.7
Western Spinebill	Acanthorhynchus superciliosus		0.0
White-fronted Chat	Epthianura albifrons		0.0
Red Wattlebird	Anthochaera carunculata	43	22.8
Western Wattlebird	Anthochaera lunulata		0.0
Singing Honeyeater	Gavicalis virescens	14	4.5
Spotted Pardalote	Pardalotus punctatus		0.1
Striated Pardalote	Pardalotus striatus		0.3
Western Gerygone	Gerygone fusca	2	1.0
Weebill	Smicromis brevirostris		0.5
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		0.6
Rufous Whistler	Pachycephala rufiventris		0.3
Australian Magpie	Gymnorhina tibicen	11	10.0
Grey Butcherbird	Cracticus torquatus		1.9
Willie Wagtail	Rhipidura leucophrys	13	11.3
Grey Fantail	Rhipidura fuliginosa	8	0.8
Australian Raven	Corvus coronoides	19	12.4
Magpie-lark	Grallina cyanoleuca	2	6.3
Little Grassbird	Poodytes gramineus	2	2.3
Brown Songlark	Cinclorampus cruralis		0.0

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Australian Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus australis		2.6
Tree Martin	Petrochelidon nigricans	2	10.7
Welcome Swallow	Hirundo neoxena	8	20.8
Silvereye	Zosterops lateralis	10	6.5
Species		38	34.9
Individuals		459	405.6