

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	
Australasian Darter	Anhinga novaehollandiae	3	0.0
Australasian Grebe	Tachybaptus novaehollandiae	2	5.2
Australasian Shoveler	Spatula rhynchotis	4	7.4
Australian Hobby	Falco longipennis		0.1
Australian Little Bittern	Ixobrychus dubius		0.0
Australian Magpie	Gymnorhina tibicen	11	10.0
Australian Pelican	Pelecanus conspicillatus		0.0
Australian Raven	Corvus coronoides	19	12.4
Australian Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus australis		2.6
Australian Ringneck	Barnardius zonarius	1	5.5
Australian Shelduck	Tadorna tadornoides	2	5.7
Australian Spotted Crake	Porzana fluminea		0.0
Australian White Ibis	Threskiornis moluccus	7	3.9
Australian Wood Duck	Chenonetta jubata	9	2.6
Baillon's Crake	Zapornia pusilla		0.0
Banded Stilt	Cladorhynchus leucocephalus		0.0
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus	15	16.4
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina novaehollandiae		0.6
Black-fronted Dotterel	Elseyornis melanops		0.2
Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus axillaris		0.1
Black-tailed Native-hen	Tribonyx ventralis		0.0
Blue-billed Duck	Oxyura australis		1.9
Brown Goshawk	Accipiter fasciatus		0.1
Brown Honeyeater	Lichmera indistincta	18	9.1
Brown Songlark	Cinclorampus cruralis		0.0
Buff-banded Rail	Hypotaenidia philippensis		0.1
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	Zanda latirostris	6	0.9
Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia		0.0
Cattle Egret	Ardea ibis		0.0
Chestnut Teal	Anas castanea		0.0
Collared Sparrowhawk	Accipiter cirrocephalus		0.1
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	2.7
Eastern Osprey	Pandion cristatus		0.0
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	123	61.1
Freckled Duck	Stictonetta naevosa		0.0
Galah	Eolophus roseicapilla	10	6.0
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus		0.0
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		0.0
Great Egret	Ardea alba		0.2
Grey Butcherbird	Cracticus torquatus		1.9
Grey Fantail	Rhipidura fuliginosa	8	0.8
Grey Teal	Anas gracilis	4	20.3
Hardhead	Aythya australis	1	5.1
Hoary-headed Grebe	Poliiocephalus poliocephalus		0.8
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	Chalcites basalis		0.0
Inland Thornbill	Acanthiza apicalis		0.0
Laughing Dove *	Streptopelia senegalensis *		0.8
Laughing Kookaburra *	Dacelo novaeguineae *		2.4
Little Black Cormorant	Phalacrocorax sulcirostris		0.0
Little Corella	Cacatua sanguinea	2	8.8
Little Grassbird	Poodytes gramineus	2	2.3

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Little Pied Cormorant	Microcarbo melanoleucos		0.1
Long-billed Corella *	Cacatua tenuirostris *		0.0
Long-toed Stint	Calidris subminuta		0.0
Magpie-lark	Grallina cyanoleuca	2	6.3
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis		0.0
Masked Lapwing	Vanellus miles		0.1
Musk Duck	Biziura lobata		0.2
Nankeen Kestrel	Falco cenchroides		0.0
Nankeen Night-Heron	Nycticorax caledonicus	1	0.3
New Holland Honeyeater	Phylidonyris novaehollandiae	6	1.7
Pacific Black Duck	Anas superciliosa	14	34.3
Pacific Gull	Larus pacificus		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo	Heteroscenes pallidus		0.1
Pectoral Sandpiper	Calidris melanotos		0.0
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	Himantopus leucocephalus		11.2
Pied Cormorant	Phalacrocorax varius		0.0
Pink-eared Duck	Malacorhynchus membranaceus	11	14.6
Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio	19	14.1
Purple-backed Fairy-wren	Malurus assimilis	5	0.3
Rainbow Bee-eater	Merops ornatus		0.0
Rainbow Lorikeet *	Trichoglossus moluccanus *	34	24.6
Red Wattlebird	Anthochaera carunculata	43	22.8
Red-kneed Dotterel	Erythronyx cinctus		0.0
Red-necked Avocet	Recurvirostra novaehollandiae		0.7
Red-necked Stint	Calidris ruficollis		0.0
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Calyptorhynchus banksii		0.4
Rock Dove *	Columba livia *		0.0
Rufous Whistler	Pachycephala rufiventris		0.3
Sacred Kingfisher	Todiramphus sanctus		0.0
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Calidris acuminata		0.0
Silver Gull	Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae	21	14.2
Silvereye	Zosterops lateralis	10	6.5
Singing Honeyeater	Gavicalis virescens	14	4.5
Southern Boobook	Ninox novaeseelandiae	1	0.2
Splendid Fairy-wren	Malurus splendens		0.0
Spotless Crake	Zapornia tabuensis		0.0
Spotted Dove *	Streptopelia chinensis *	4	2.4
Spotted Pardalote	Pardalotus punctatus		0.1
Spotted Scrubwren	Sericornis maculatus		0.1
Straw-necked Ibis	Threskiornis spinicollis		0.5
Striated Pardalote	Pardalotus striatus		0.3
Swamp Harrier	Circus approximans		0.0
Tawny Frogmouth	Podargus strigoides		0.0
Terek Sandpiper	Xenus cinereus		0.0
Tree Martin	Petrochelidon nigricans	2	10.7
Weebill	Smicronis brevirostris		0.5
Welcome Swallow	Hirundo neoxena	8	20.8
Western Gerygone	Gerygone fusca	2	1.0
Western Spinebill	Acanthorhynchus superciliosus		0.0
Western Wattlebird	Anthochaera lunulata		0.0
Whistling Kite	Haliastur sphenurus		0.0
White-cheeked Honeyeater	Phylidonyris niger		0.7
White-faced Heron	Egretta novaehollandiae		1.8
White-fronted Chat	Ephianura albifrons		0.0
White-necked Heron	Ardea pacifica		0.0

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Willie Wagtail	Rhipidura leucophrys	13	11.3
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola		0.0
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Platalea flavipes		0.0
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	Acanthiza chrysorrhoa		0.0
Species		38	34.9
Individuals		459	405.6