

## Bird Census at Lake Claremont

18 January 2023

### Note from the census taker:

The morning the bird census was conducted at Lake Claremont was mild and sunny with a cool easterly breeze.

For the second year running the lake, normally dry in the summer, still has a good depth of standing water, except in the northeast sector. The water gauge is muddy and difficult to read but shows about 1.5m - see photo below. The bushland is very dry.

We observed 935 individuals of 31 species. The number of waterfowl was very much higher than our average summer census, and counting was particularly challenging. Breeding activity, not usually seen at this time of the year, was noted for Swan, Australasian Grebe, Swampheaven, Coot, Singing Honeyeater, Magpie and Raven.



Lake Claremont Bird Census	Summer 2023	Summer average
	18/01/23	
Common Name		
Blue-billed Duck	1	0.3
Pink-eared Duck	31	5.2
Black Swan	26	5.4
Australian Shelduck	2	5.1
Hardhead	15	0.7
Australasian Shoveler	6	1.5
Pacific Black Duck	211	75.1
Domestic Duck (Mallard)		0.0
Grey Teal	77	32.4
Chestnut Teal		0.1
Freckled Duck		0.0
Musk Duck		0.0
Australian Wood Duck	13	5.4
Australasian Grebe	10	4.1
Hoary-headed Grebe		0.5
Rock Dove		0.0
Spotted Dove	6	3.0
Laughing Dove		1.5
Crested Pigeon		0.0
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo		0.0
Southern Boobook		0.0
Tawny Frogmouth		0.0
Buff-banded Rail		0.6
Australian Spotted Crake		0.5
Baillon's Crake		0.0
Spotless Crake		0.0
Purple Swampphen	11	17.5
Dusky Moorhen	3	2.6
Black-tailed Native-hen		0.0
Eurasian Coot	218	30.7
Red-necked Avocet		4.5
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	40	33.9
Banded Stilt		0.0
Black-fronted Dotterel		0.9
Red-kneed Dotterel		2.0
Masked Lapwing		0.0
Terek Sandpiper		0.0
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper		0.1
Long-toed Stint		0.0
Red-necked Stint		0.0
Pectoral Sandpiper		0.0
Common Sandpiper		0.0
Common Greenshank		0.0
Marsh Sandpiper		0.0
Wood Sandpiper		0.0
Silver Gull		29.6
Pacific Gull		0.0
Caspian Tern		0.0
Australian Pelican		0.0
Australian Little Bittern		0.0

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Nankeen Night-Heron		0.1
White-necked Heron		0.1
Great Egret		0.2
White-faced Heron	1	1.9
Australian White Ibis	1	3.0
Straw-necked Ibis		5.0
Yellow-billed Spoonbill		0.1
Glossy Ibis		0.0
Little Pied Cormorant		1.9
Great Cormorant		0.0
Little Black Cormorant		0.0
Pied Cormorant		0.0
Australasian Darter		0.0
Eastern Osprey		0.0
Black-shouldered Kite		0.3
Whistling Kite		0.1
Swamp Harrier		0.0
Brown Goshawk		0.1
Collared Sparrowhawk		0.0
Nankeen Kestrel		0.0
Australian Hobby		0.0
Rainbow Bee-eater		0.0
Sacred Kingfisher		0.3
Laughing Kookaburra		1.8
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo		0.6
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo		0.5
Galah	4	5.8
Long-billed Corella		0.4
Little Corella	50	22.5
Australian Ringneck		2.5
Rainbow Lorikeet	42	20.8
Purple-backed Fairy-wren		0.0
Splendid Fairy-wren		0.0
Brown Honeyeater		1.5
New Holland Honeyeater		0.5
White-cheeked Honeyeater		1.0
Western Spinebill		0.1
White-fronted Chat		0.0
Red Wattlebird	15	15.6
Western Wattlebird		0.0
Singing Honeyeater	18	5.2
Spotted Pardalote		0.0
Striated Pardalote		0.3
Western Gerygone	2	0.7
Weebill		1.3
White-browed Scrubwren		0.0
Yellow-rumped Thornbill		0.0
Inland Thornbill		0.0
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike		0.7
Rufous Whistler		0.0
Australian Magpie	15	12.0
Grey Butcherbird		1.7
Willie Wagtail	17	16.7

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Grey Fantail	1	0.3
Australian Raven	47	14.1
Magpie-lark	5	9.5
Little Grassbird	1	0.6
Brown Songlark		0.0
Australian Reed-Warbler		2.3
Tree Martin		7.8
Welcome Swallow	1	15.4
Silvereye	45	9.1
<b>Species</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29.8</b>
<b>Individuals</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>447.6</b>