

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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Australasian Darter	Anhinga novaehollandiae		0.0
Australasian Grebe	Tachybaptus novaehollandiae	2	7.0
Australasian Shoveler	Spatula rhynchotis	3	3.0
Australian Hobby	Falco longipennis	1	0.2
Australian Little Bittern	Ixobrychus dubius		0.0
Australian Magpie	Gymnorhina tibicen	15	8.2
Australian Pelican	Pelecanus conspicillatus		0.0
Australian Raven	Corvus coronoides	26	14.2
Australian Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus australis		6.0
Australian Ringneck	Barnardius zonarius		3.4
Australian Shelduck	Tadorna tadornoides		6.2
Australian Spotted Crane	Porzana fluminea		0.2
Australian White Ibis	Threskiornis moluccus		4.7
Australian Wood Duck	Chenonetta jubata	10	3.5
Baillon's Crane	Zapornia pusilla		0.0
Banded Stilt	Cladorhynchus leucocephalus		0.0
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus	16	13.6
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina novaehollandiae		0.5
Black-fronted Dotterel	Elseya melanops		0.5
Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus axillaris		0.0
Black-tailed Native-hen	Tribonyx ventralis		0.3
Blue-billed Duck	Oxyura australis	12	4.1
Brown Goshawk	Accipiter fasciatus		0.1
Brown Honeyeater	Lichmera indistincta	19	7.7
Brown Songlark	Cinchorampus cruralis		0.0
Buff-banded Rail	Hypotaenidia philippensis		0.1
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	Zanda latirostris		0.0
Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia		0.0
Chestnut Teal	Anas castanea		0.1
Collared Sparrowhawk	Accipiter cirrocephalus		0.0
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia		0.0
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos		0.0
Crested Pigeon	Ocyphaps lophotes		0.0
Domestic Duck (Mallard) *			0.1
Dusky Moorhen	Gallinula tenebrosa	2	4.8
Eastern Osprey	Pandion cristatus		0.0
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	168	80.6
Freckled Duck	Stictonetta naevosa		0.1
Galah	Eolophus roseicapilla		5.4
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus		0.0
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		0.1
Great Egret	Ardea alba	2	0.6
Grey Butcherbird	Cracticus torquatus	3	1.5
Grey Fantail	Rhipidura fuliginosa		0.4
Grey Teal	Anas gracilis	31	33.8
Hardhead	Aythya australis	13	7.2
Hoary-headed Grebe	Poliiocephalus poliocephalus		1.7
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	Chalcites basalis		0.0
Inland Thornbill	Acanthiza apicalis		0.0
Laughing Dove *	Streptopelia senegalensis *		2.0
Laughing Kookaburra *	Dacelo novaeguineae *	2	1.1
Little Black Cormorant	Phalacrocorax sulcirostris		0.0
Little Corella	Cacatua sanguinea	8	13.6
Little Grassbird	Poodytes gramineus	2	3.5
Little Pied Cormorant	Microcarbo melanoleucos		1.1
Long-billed Corella *	Cacatua tenuirostris *		0.0
Long-toed Stint	Calidris subminuta		0.0
Magpie-lark	Grallina cyanoleuca	3	9.5
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis		0.0
Masked Lapwing	Vanellus miles		0.0
Musk Duck	Biziura lobata		0.1
Nankeen Kestrel	Falco cenchroides		0.0

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Nankeen Night-Heron	Nycticorax caledonicus	9	2.0
New Holland Honeyeater	Phylidonyris novaehollandiae	5	0.3
Pacific Black Duck	Anas superciliosa	42	93.6
Pacific Gull	Larus pacificus		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo	Heteroscenes pallidus		0.0
Pectoral Sandpiper	Calidris melanotos		0.0
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	Himantopus leucocephalus	19	27.1
Pied Cormorant	Phalacrocorax varius		0.0
Pink-eared Duck	Malacorhynchus membranaceus	34	25.7
Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio	9	16.4
Purple-backed Fairy-wren	Malurus assimilis		0.1
Rainbow Bee-eater	Merops ornatus		0.1
Rainbow Lorikeet *	Trichoglossus moluccanus *	4	19.5
Red Wattlebird	Anthochaera carunculata	17	23.0
Red-kneed Dotterel	Erythronyx cinctus		0.0
Red-necked Avocet	Recurvirostra novaehollandiae		0.0
Red-necked Stint	Calidris ruficollis		0.0
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Calyptorhynchus banksii		1.4
Rock Dove *	Columba livia *		0.1
Rufous Whistler	Pachycephala rufiventris	2	0.4
Sacred Kingfisher	Todiramphus sanctus		0.1
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Calidris acuminata		0.0
Silver Gull	Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae	1	18.3
Silvereye	Zosterops lateralis	4	2.1
Singing Honeyeater	Gavicalis virescens	6	5.7
Southern Boobook	Ninox novaeseelandiae	1	0.0
Splendid Fairy-wren	Malurus splendens		0.0
Spotless Crake	Zapornia tabuensis		0.0
Spotted Dove *	Streptopelia chinensis *	1	3.0
Spotted Pardalote	Pardalotus punctatus		0.0
Spotted Scrubwren	Sericornis maculatus		0.1
Straw-necked Ibis	Threskiornis spinicollis		1.5
Striated Pardalote	Pardalotus striatus		0.7
Swamp Harrier	Circus approximans		0.0
Tawny Frogmouth	Podargus strigoides		0.0
Terek Sandpiper	Xenus cinereus		0.0
Tree Martin	Petrochelidon nigricans	15	4.6
Weebill	Smicromis brevirostris		0.2
Welcome Swallow	Hirundo neoxena	30	11.5
Western Gerygone	Gerygone fusca	3	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		0.1
White-faced Heron	Egretta novaehollandiae	2	2.0
White-fronted Chat	Epthianura albifrons		0.0
White-necked Heron	Ardea pacifica	1	0.3
Willie Wagtail	Rhipidura leucophrys	18	12.9
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola		0.0
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Platalea flavipes		0.0
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	Acanthiza chrysorrhoa		0.0
Species		39	37
Individuals		561	524.8