

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.



Lake Claremont Bird Census		Autumn 2023	Autumn average
Common Name	Scientific Name	17/04/23	
Australasian Darter	<i>Anhinga novaehollandiae</i>		0.0
Australasian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>	4	1.0
Australasian Shoveler	<i>Spatula rhynchotis</i>	4	0.9
Australian Hobby	<i>Falco longipennis</i>		0.2
Australian Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus dubius</i>		0.0
Australian Magpie	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>	18	14.9
Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>		0.0
Australian Raven	<i>Corvus coronoides</i>	10	12.2
Australian Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus australis</i>		1.0
Australian Ringneck	<i>Barnardius zonarius</i>		5.2
Australian Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadornoides</i>	2	5.0
Australian Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana fluminea</i>		0.0
Australian White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis moluccus</i>	1	2.0
Australian Wood Duck	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>	7	0.9
Baillon's Crake	<i>Zapornia pusilla</i>		0.0
Banded Stilt	<i>Cladorhynchus leucocephalus</i>		0.0
Black Swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	21	4.0
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	2	0.4
Black-fronted Dotterel	<i>Elseya melanops</i>	7	0.9
Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus axillaris</i>		0.7
Black-tailed Native-hen	<i>Tribonyx ventralis</i>		0.0
Blue-billed Duck	<i>Oxyura australis</i>		0.0
Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>		0.0
Brown Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera indistincta</i>		4.0
Brown Songlark	<i>Cinclorampus cruralis</i>		0.0
Buff-banded Rail	<i>Hypotaenidia philippensis</i>		0.2
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	<i>Zanda latirostris</i>		5.0
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>		0.0
Chestnut Teal	<i>Anas castanea</i>		0.0
Collared Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter cirrocephalus</i>		0.0
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		0.0
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		0.0
Crested Pigeon	<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>		0.0
Domestic Duck (Mallard) *			0.0
Dusky Moorhen	<i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i>	2	0.6
Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>		0.0
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	19	9.8
Freckled Duck	<i>Stictonetta naevosa</i>		0.0
Galah	<i>Eolophus roseicapilla</i>	5	4.0
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		0.0
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		0.0
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		0.0
Grey Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus torquatus</i>	2	2.7
Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i>	1	0.6
Grey Teal	<i>Anas gracilis</i>		21.7
Hardhead	<i>Aythya australis</i>		0.0
Hoary-headed Grebe	<i>Poliiocephalus poliocephalus</i>		0.0
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	<i>Chalcites basalis</i>		0.0
Inland Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza apicalis</i>		0.0
Laughing Dove *	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i> *		0.7

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Laughing Kookaburra *	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i> *	6	2.0
Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>		0.0
Little Corella	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>	17	12.0
Little Grassbird	<i>Poodytes gramineus</i>		0.1
Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo melanoleucos</i>		0.0
Long-billed Corella *	<i>Cacatua tenuirostris</i> *		0.0
Long-toed Stint	<i>Calidris subminuta</i>		0.0
Magpie-lark	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	6	9.9
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>		0.0
Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>		0.0
Musk Duck	<i>Biziura lobata</i>		0.0
Nankeen Kestrel	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>		0.1
Nankeen Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>		0.0
New Holland Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris novaehollandiae</i>	4	0.7
Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	43	48.8
Pacific Gull	<i>Larus pacificus</i>		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo	<i>Heteroscenes pallidus</i>		0.0
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>		0.0
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	<i>Himantopus leucocephalus</i>	9	14.9
Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax varius</i>		0.0
Pink-eared Duck	<i>Malacorhynchus membranaceus</i>	18	2.0
Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	22	16.0
Purple-backed Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus assimilis</i>		0.0
Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>		0.0
Rainbow Lorikeet *	<i>Trichoglossus moluccanus</i> *	20	29.7
Red Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera carunculata</i>	28	27.1
Red-kneed Dotterel	<i>Erythronyx cinctus</i>		0.0
Red-necked Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra novaehollandiae</i>		0.0
Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>		0.0
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	<i>Calyptrorhynchus banksii</i>	5	1.8
Rock Dove *	<i>Columba livia</i> *		0.5
Rufous Whistler	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>	2	0.0
Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>		0.0
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>		0.0
Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>		4.1
Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	50	13.1
Singing Honeyeater	<i>Gavicalis virescens</i>	7	5.3
Southern Boobook	<i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>		0.0
Splendid Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus splendens</i>		0.0
Spotless Crake	<i>Zapornia tabuensis</i>		0.1
Spotted Dove *	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i> *	3	1.1
Spotted Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus punctatus</i>		0.1
Straw-necked Ibis	<i>Threskiornis spinicollis</i>		9.7
Striated Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>		0.2
Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>		0.0
Tawny Frogmouth	<i>Podargus strigoides</i>		0.0
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>		0.0
Tree Martin	<i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i>		4.6
Weebill	<i>Smicrornis brevirostris</i>		0.6
Welcome Swallow	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	5	9.0
Western Gerygone	<i>Gerygone fusca</i>	1	0.5
Western Spinebill	<i>Acanthorhynchus superciliosus</i>		0.0

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Western Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera lunulata</i>		0.0
Whistling Kite	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>		0.0
White-browed Scrubwren	<i>Sericornis frontalis</i>	1	0.1
White-cheeked Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris niger</i>		0.7
White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>		1.6
White-fronted Chat	<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>		0.7
White-necked Heron	<i>Ardea pacifica</i>		0.0
Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	21	12.3
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		0.0
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	<i>Platalea flavipes</i>		0.1
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza chrysorrhoa</i>		0.0
Species		34	27.4
Individuals		373	328.6

Recorded by David and Pam Free

* = introduced species