

Bird Census at Lake Claremont

27 July 2024

Note from the census taker:

The morning the bird census was conducted at Lake Claremont was cool, becoming mild, clear, and still.

Perth's rainfall has been almost 100mm below the average for the first six months of the year and there is less water than we normally see in our winter surveys. The gauge by the jetty showed approximately 1.3m (see photo below).

We recorded 361 individuals of 39 species, which was close to the average for our winter surveys. Breeding activity was noted for Black Swan, Swamphen and Galah.

The attached spreadsheet also shows the average numbers recorded in our previous twenty-three winter surveys. Grey Teal, Shoveler, Pink-eared and Pacific Black Duck numbers were below average. Swans, Shelducks, Swamphen, Magpies, Ravens and Silvereyes were more abundant than normal. We were somewhat surprised to see a Musk Duck, as this diving species normally prefers deeper water.



Lake Claremont Bird Census		Winter 2024	Winter average
Common Name	Scientific Name	27/07/2024	
Australasian Darter	Anhinga novaehollandiae		0.0
Australasian Grebe	Tachybaptus novaehollandiae	1	5.0
Australasian Shoveler	Spatula rhynchotis	2	9.7
Australian Hobby	Falco longipennis		0.1
Australian Little Bittern	Ixobrychus dubius		0.0
Australian Magpie	Gymnorhina tibicen	24	7.5
Australian Pelican	Pelecanus conspicillatus		0.0
Australian Raven	Corvus coronoides	22	10.5
Australian Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus australis		3.6
Australian Ringneck	Barnardius zonarius		8.6
Australian Shelduck	Tadorna tadornoides	11	6.0
Australian Spotted Crake	Porzana fluminea		0.0
Australian White Ibis	Threskiornis moluccus	6	3.4
Australian Wood Duck	Chenonetta jubata	5	2.4
Baillon's Crake	Zapornia pusilla		0.0
Banded Stilt	Cladorhynchus leucocephalus		0.0
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus	36	13.3
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina novaehollandiae	3	0.5
Black-fronted Dotterel	Elseornis melanops		0.2
Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus axillaris		0.2
Black-tailed Native-hen	Tribonyx ventralis		6.9
Blue-billed Duck	Oxyura australis		2.9
Brown Goshawk	Accipiter fasciatus		0.2
Brown Honeyeater	Lichmera indistincta	6	7.4
Brown Songlark	Cincloramphus cruralis		0.0
Buff-banded Rail	Hypotaenidia philippensis		0.1
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	Zanda latirostris		1.7
Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia		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) *			1.0
Dusky Moorhen	Gallinula tenebrosa	2	2.5
Eastern Osprey	Pandion cristatus		0.0
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	58	53.3
Freckled Duck	Stictonetta naevosa		0.1
Galah	Eolophus roseicapilla	6	5.9
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus		0.0
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		0.0
Great Egret	Ardea alba	1	0.1
Grey Butcherbird	Cracticus torquatus		3.9
Grey Fantail	Rhipidura fuliginosa	1	2.9
Grey Teal	Anas gracilis	6	20.5
Hardhead	Aythya australis		5.2
Hoary-headed Grebe	Poliiocephalus poliocephalus		0.7
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	Chalcites basalis		0.0
Inland Thornbill	Acanthiza apicalis		0.2
Laughing Dove *	Streptopelia senegalensis *		0.8
Laughing Kookaburra *	Dacelo novaeguineae *	4	2.1
Little Black Cormorant	Phalacrocorax sulcirostris		0.0
Little Corella	Cacatua sanguinea	7	8.3
Little Grassbird	Poodytes gramineus	4	2.0
Little Pied Cormorant	Microcarbo melanoleucos		0.1
Long-billed Corella *	Cacatua tenuirostris *		0.7
Long-toed Stint	Calidris subminuta		0.0
Magpie-lark	Grallina cyanoleuca	2	6.9
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis		0.0

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Masked Lapwing	Vanellus miles		0.1
Musk Duck	Biziura lobata	1	0.7
Nankeen Kestrel	Falco cenchroides		0.1
Nankeen Night-Heron	Nycticorax caledonicus		0.3
New Holland Honeyeater	Phylidonyris novaehollandiae	3	0.7
Pacific Black Duck	Anas superciliosa	6	35.3
Pacific Gull	Larus pacificus		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo	Heteroscenes pallidus		0.2
Pectoral Sandpiper	Calidris melanotos		0.0
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	Himantopus leucocephalus		12.7
Pied Cormorant	Phalacrocorax varius		0.0
Pink-eared Duck	Malacorhynchus membranaceus	2	17.3
Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio	23	11.7
Purple-backed Fairy-wren	Malurus assimilis		0.2
Rainbow Bee-eater	Merops ornatus		0.0
Rainbow Lorikeet *	Trichoglossus moluccanus *	18	22.0
Red Wattlebird	Anthochaera carunculata	21	20.0
Red-kneed Dotterel	Erythronyctes alba		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 *		0.6
Rufous Whistler	Pachycephala rufiventris	1	0.1
Sacred Kingfisher	Todiramphus sanctus		0.3
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Calidris acuminata		0.0
Silver Gull	Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae	6	14.0
Silvereye	Zosterops lateralis	21	10.1
Singing Honeyeater	Gavicalis virescens	5	3.9
Southern Boobook	Ninox novaeseelandiae		0.0
Splendid Fairy-wren	Malurus splendens		1.7
Spotless Crake	Zapornia tabuensis		3.4
Spotted Dove *	Streptopelia chinensis *	5	1.7
Spotted Pardalote	Pardalotus punctatus		0.2
Spotted Scrubwren	Sericornis maculatus	2	0.0
Straw-necked Ibis	Threskiornis spinicollis	1	0.6
Striated Pardalote	Pardalotus striatus	1	0.5
Swamp Harrier	Circus approximans		0.0
Tawny Frogmouth	Podargus strigoides		0.0
Terek Sandpiper	Xenus cinereus		0.0
Tree Martin	Petrochelidon nigricans	8	12.8
Weebill	Smicronis brevirostris		0.3
Welcome Swallow	Hirundo neoxena	14	21.8
Western Gerygone	Gerygone fusca	3	1.0
Western Spinebill	Acanthorhynchus superciliosus		0.0
Western Wattlebird	Anthochaera lunulata		1.0
Whistling Kite	Haliastur sphenurus		0.0
White-cheeked Honeyeater	Phylidonyris niger		0.7
White-faced Heron	Egretta novaehollandiae		2.5
White-fronted Chat	Epthianura albifrons		3.2
White-necked Heron	Ardea pacifica		0.2
Willie Wagtail	Rhipidura leucophrys	13	10.3
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola		0.8
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Platalea flavipes		0.0
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	Acanthiza chrysorrhoa		0.0
Species		39	36.3
Individuals		361	368.5

Recorded by David and Pam Free

* = introduced species