

## Bird Census at Lake Claremont

15 January 2024

### Note from the census taker:

The morning the bird census was conducted at Lake Claremont was hot and sunny.

The lake was drying fast. There was shallow water in the southern section, but most of the northern area was already dry. The water gauge was muddy and difficult to read but shows perhaps 1m (see below photo). The bushland was very dry.

We observed 470 individuals of 36 species. The number of species recorded was higher than our summer average.

It was worth noting that in between surveys we had seen Sharp-tailed Sandpipers and a Black-tailed Native-hen. Both species are rare visitors to the lake.



Lake Claremont Bird Census		Summer 2024	Summer average
Common Name	Scientific Name	15/01/2024	
Blue-billed Duck	Oxyura australis		0.3
Pink-eared Duck	Malacorhynchus membranaceus	6	6.4
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus	5	6.3
Australian Shelduck	Tadorna tadornoides		5.0
Hardhead	Aythya australis		1.3
Australasian Shoveler	Spatula rhynchotis		1.7
Pacific Black Duck	Anas superciliosa	52	81.3
Domestic Duck (Mallard) *			0.0
Grey Teal	Anas gracilis	40	34.5
Chestnut Teal	Anas castanea		0.1
Freckled Duck	Stictonetta naevosa		0.0
Musk Duck	Biziura lobata		0.0
Australian Wood Duck	Chenonetta jubata	13	5.8
Australasian Grebe	Tachybaptus novaehollandiae		4.4
Hoary-headed Grebe	Poliiocephalus poliocephalus		0.5
Rock Dove *	Columba livia *		0.0
Spotted Dove *	Streptopelia chinensis *	3	3.1
Laughing Dove *	Streptopelia senegalensis *		1.4
Crested Pigeon	Ocyphaps lophotes		0.0
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	Chalcites basalus		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo	Heteroscenes pallidus		0.0
Southern Boobook	Ninox novaeseelandiae	1	0.0
Tawny Frogmouth	Podargus strigoides		0.0
Buff-banded Rail	Hypotaenidia philippensis		0.5
Australian Spotted Crake	Porzana fluminea		0.5
Baillon's Crake	Zapornia pusilla		0.0
Spotless Crake	Zapornia tabuensis		0.0
Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio	37	17.2
Dusky Moorhen	Gallinula tenebrosa		2.6
Black-tailed Native-hen	Tribonyx ventralis		0.0
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	10	39.2
Red-necked Avocet	Recurvirostra novaehollandiae		4.3
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	Himantopus leucocephalus	29	34.2
Banded Stilt	Cladorhynchus leucocephalus		0.0
Black-fronted Dotterel	Eseyornis melanops		0.9
Red-kneed Dotterel	Erythronyx cinctus	2	1.9
Masked Lapwing	Vanellus miles		0.0
Terek Sandpiper	Xenus cinereus		0.0
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Calidris acuminata		0.1
Long-toed Stint	Calidris subminuta		0.0
Red-necked Stint	Calidris ruficollis		0.0
Pectoral Sandpiper	Calidris melanotos		0.0
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos		0.0
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia		0.0
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis		0.0
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola		0.0
Silver Gull	Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae		28.2
Pacific Gull	Larus pacificus		0.0
Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia		0.0
Australian Pelican	Pelecanus conspicillatus		0.0
Australian Little Bittern	Ixobrychus dubius		0.0
Nankeen Night-Heron	Nycticorax caledonicus		0.1
White-necked Heron	Ardea pacifica		0.1
Great Egret	Ardea alba		0.2
White-faced Heron	Egretta novaehollandiae	1	1.8
Australian White Ibis	Threskiornis moluccus	9	2.9
Straw-necked Ibis	Threskiornis spinicollis	19	4.7
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Platalea flavipes	1	0.1
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus		0.0
Little Pied Cormorant	Microcarbo melanoleucos		1.8
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		0.0

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Little Black Cormorant	Phalacrocorax sulcirostris		0.0
Pied Cormorant	Phalacrocorax varius		0.0
Australasian Darter	Anhinga novaehollandiae		0.0
Eastern Osprey	Pandion cristatus		0.0
Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus axillaris		0.3
Whistling Kite	Haliastur sphenurus		0.1
Swamp Harrier	Circus approximans		0.0
Brown Goshawk	Accipiter fasciatus	1	0.1
Collared Sparrowhawk	Accipiter cirrocephalus		0.0
Nankeen Kestrel	Falco cenchroides		0.0
Australian Hobby	Falco longipennis		0.0
Rainbow Bee-eater	Merops ornatus		0.0
Sacred Kingfisher	Todiramphus sanctus	2	0.3
Laughing Kookaburra *	Dacelo novaeguineae *		1.7
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Calyptorhynchus banksii	9	0.5
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	Zanda latirostris		0.5
Galah	Eolophus roseicapilla	2	5.7
Long-billed Corella *	Cacatua tenuirostris *	20	0.4
Little Corella	Cacatua sanguinea	54	23.8
Australian Ringneck	Barnardius zonarius		2.4
Rainbow Lorikeet *	Trichoglossus moluccanus *	32	21.8
Purple-backed Fairy-wren	Malurus assimilis		0.0
Splendid Fairy-wren	Malurus splendens		0.0
Brown Honeyeater	Lichmera indistincta	2	1.4
New Holland Honeyeater	Phylidonyris novaehollandiae		0.5
White-cheeked Honeyeater	Phylidonyris niger		1.0
Western Spinebill	Acanthorhynchus superciliosus		0.1
White-fronted Chat	Epthianura albifrons		0.0
Red Wattlebird	Anthochaera carunculata	6	15.5
Western Wattlebird	Anthochaera lunulata		0.0
Singing Honeyeater	Gavicalis virescens	4	5.8
Spotted Pardalote	Pardalotus punctatus		0.0
Striated Pardalote	Pardalotus striatus	1	0.3
Western Gerygone	Gerygone fusca	2	0.8
Weebill	Smicromnis brevirostris		1.3
Spotted Scrubwren	Sericornis maculatus		0.0
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	Acanthiza chrysorrhoa		0.0
Inland Thornbill	Acanthiza apicalis		0.0
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina novaehollandiae	2	0.6
Rufous Whistler	Pachycephala rufiventris	1	0.0
Australian Magpie	Gymnorhina tibicen	21	12.1
Grey Butcherbird	Cracticus torquatus	1	1.6
Willie Wagtail	Rhipidura leucophrys	13	16.7
Grey Fantail	Rhipidura fuliginosa	2	0.4
Australian Raven	Corvus coronoides	24	15.6
Magpie-lark	Grallina cyanoleuca	13	9.3
Little Grassbird	Poodytes gramineus		0.6
Brown Songlark	Cincloramphus cruralis		0.0
Australian Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus australis		2.2
Tree Martin	Petrochelidon nigricans		7.5
Welcome Swallow	Hirundo neoxena		14.8
Silvereye	Zosterops lateralis	30	10.7
<b>Species</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>29.9</b>
<b>Individuals</b>		<b>470</b>	<b>469.8</b>