



Manning Great Lakes Birdwatchers Inc

November 2020 Newsletter

Field Outings - are held on the first Thursday and third Saturday of each month (except January and December) and commence at either 8am during eastern standard time or 7:30am during eastern daylight saving time (edst)

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From The Editor

In this edition we welcome new members Sarah Smart and Peter & Karen Pittard and hope you all enjoy your time with our group.

The Challenge Bird Count normally held in early December, has been cancelled this year due to Covid.

Enclosed is the outings list for 2021

For those that I do not get to catch up with before Christmas, I hope you enjoy and have a safe festive season.

Calendar of Outings

- 21/11 (edst) Coopernook Swamp / Harrington Rainforest - meet at the carpark in Coopernook Road just west of the Pacific Highway
- 12/12 (edst) Christmas Party - 12:00 noon for 12:30 pm at Club Forster for a traditional Christmas fare. Cost is \$25.50 per person with name and numbers to Liz McCauley ASAP. Lunch includes ham, turkey, vegetables, bread rolls, tea, coffee and dessert
- 2021**
- 16/01 (edst) Sandy Point / Newby's Lane / Warren's Lane - meet at the Lansdowne General Store, East Lansdowne Road
- 04/02 (edst) Harrington Foreshore / Breakwall / Sewage Treatment area - meet at the Marine Rescue building Harrington
- 19-21 Camp Yamba - based at Calypso Yamba Holiday Park, Harbour Street, Yamba. Phone 02 6646 8847 for bookings. Arrive Thursday 18th and depart Monday 22nd

Towibakh Nature Reserve / Manning Point - 15th August 2020 - By Brian McCauley

It started out as an overcast and drizzly morning but soon became quite bright and sunny, which made great conditions for tall forest birding and the track, being predominantly sand, was quite dry. Sixteen members and one guest, Sarah Smart, set out along the Towibakh Nature Trail and the first birds seen were Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Mistletoebird and a pair of Golden Whistler. The morning chorus was very loud and along the track we identified Bar-shouldered Dove, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Little Lorikeet, Scarlet Honeyeater, Brown Gerygone, Brown Thornbill, Fantailed Cuckoo, White-browed Scrubwren, Variegated Fairy-wren, Pied Butcherbird, Pied Currawong, Australia Magpie and the ubiquitous Grey Fantail. It took us well over an hour and a half just to walk about one kilometre, so we headed back and on the way got a good viewing of the White-throated Treecreeper, which had been calling all morning.

We decided to go to Manning Point for morning tea and along the way Lyn spotted a Sea-Eagle. On our

arrival at Vic Shoesmith Reserve we found that our convoy took up most of the parking but there was lots of space to set up our chairs while keeping to social distancing rules. During morning tea we saw Osprey tending their nest in the tall Pine Trees, a Grey Butcherbird trying to steal some food, Australasian Figbirds flitting about, a lone Brown Cuckoo-Dove and heard a Striped-Honeyeater calling.

From the boatramp we saw two Silver Gull, a Great Pied Cormorant, a Great Cormorant, several Pelican and way off in the distance a Brahminy Kite, which hit the water for a nice fish capture. The walk along the Vic Shoesmith Reserve was pretty uneventful so we headed off to the beach and spotted some female Satin Bowerbird in the low heath and out at sea several Australasian Gannet.

It was still only late morning, so refreshed we headed back to Towibakh, with Tony and Nic spotting a Swamp Harrier on the way. In convoy we then drove along Beal Avenue to a small pond where there was a pair each of Chestnut and Grey Teal's, several Pacific Black Duck and Wood Duck. There were several Crested Pigeon and a lone Little Pied Cormorant, which flew over but didn't land. Amongst a large cluster of lantana we spotted several Superb Fairy-wren and we called up three beautifully coloured male Variegated Fairy-wren. Across the road, Errol spied a Yellow-rumped Thornbill, which I hadn't seen locally for some time, and an Eastern Spinebill also made a brief appearance.

It was now almost 1 pm so we drove along Leslie's Lane past the old cemetery but didn't stop there, instead looping back along Factory Road and Carramar Drive, to where we had started that morning, for lunch. During lunch Janis heard the distant call of a White-throated Gerygone, which we were able to bring closer for a good viewing of this lovely little bird for our guest. It had been a great outing with 64 species seen on the day.

Bird List - Australian Wood Duck, Pacific Black Duck, Grey Teal, Chestnut Teal, White-headed Pigeon, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Crested Pigeon, Bar-shouldered Dove, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Straw-necked Ibis, Australian White Ibis, Cattle Egret, White-necked Heron, White-faced Heron, Australian Pelican, Australasian Gannet, Little Pied Cormorant, Great Pied Cormorant, Australian Pied Oystercatcher, Masked Lapwing, Silver Gull, Osprey, Swamp Harrier, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Whistling Kite, Brahminy Kite, Laughing Kookaburra, Galah, Eastern Rosella, Little Lorikeet, Rainbow Lorikeet, Satin Bowerbird, White-throated Treecreeper, Variegated Fairy-wren, Striped Honeyeater, Noisy Friarbird, Scarlet Honeyeater, Eastern Spinebill, Lewin's Honeyeater, Little Wattlebird, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Brown Gerygone, White-throated Gerygone, White-browed Scrubwren, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Brown Thornbill, Australasian Figbird, Golden Whistler, Grey Shrike-thrush, Eastern Whipbird, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Pied Currawong, Australian Magpie, Pied Butcherbird, Grey Butcherbird, Willie Wagtail, Grey Fantail, Magpie-lark, Torresian Crow, Eastern Yellow Robin, Welcome Swallow, Common Myna, Mistletoebird, Red-browed Finch

Firefly / Tipperary Road - 03rd Sept 2020 By Shirley Henry

It was a wonderful spring morning when 14 birdwatchers gathered in Wallanbah Road Firefly at the duck pond just past Mobbs Lane. Quite a few species were ticked at this location including Pacific Black and Wood Ducks and also Grey Teal. The trio of waterhen's were present on the pond and also there were numerous Tree Martin flying around us. The lovely melody of the White-throated Gerygone filled the air with quite a few of these pretty little birds entertaining members with their presence in the nearby trees. It was exciting to see a Tawny Grassbird pop up atop of the long dry grass, followed by a second grassbird giving all present great sightings.

Moving up Wallanbah Road to Tipperary Road we stopped at various locations which proved successful in our endeavours. A Golden Whistler was singing away along with a very brief sighting of a Black-faced Monarch. This bird was sighted once again to confirm its identification. Keen spotter Tony sighted the magnificent Wedge-tailed Eagle way off in the distance but which was soon joined by its partner soaring gracefully in the skies close above. This was my favourite sighting for this outing. Other birds at this location were Figbird, Red-browed Finch and Grey Shrike-Thrush. Whilst travelling further along Tipperary Road quite a few Jacky Winter were perched along the fence lines. We arrived at our morning tea break location where we spotted a pair of Brown Cuckoo-dove and also a pair of Brown Goshawk circling above.

The wind was starting to pick up by this time when we followed a bush track to a small stream. There was not a lot of birdlife happening but as a bonus a Russet-tailed Thrush was spotted along the creek bed.

The final destination of our journey was to Mobbs Lane where Gay Sargent generously opened her property for us to partake of our lunch whilst sitting under the shady mixture of fruit and nut trees and bird-attracting grevilleas in her lovely garden. Gay joined us for lunch and all members showed their appreciation to her for her warm welcome.

The gardens were alive with beautiful small birds such as wrens, finches and the strikingly vibrant Scarlet Honeyeater. There was a very friendly Grey Fantail which kept us company throughout our visit, always swooping close by to entertain us and ensure we did not forget about him. Some of the group finished the day with a walk around Gay's property, revealing another 7 species including the Variegated Fairy-wren and Spotted Pardalote. The tally for the day was 64.

It is so good to be able to participate once again in a friendly, relaxed and healthy outdoors hobby whilst still observing the social distancing and sanitising protocol required by Government officials. A great day was had by all.

Bird List - Australian Wood Duck, Pacific Black Duck, Grey Teal, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Wonga Pigeon, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Purple Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Eurasian Coot, Cattle Egret, White-necked Heron, White-faced Heron, Little Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, Masked Lapwing, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Brown Goshawk, Laughing Kookaburra, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Galah, Crimson Rosella, Eastern Rosella, Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, Australian King-Parrot, White-throated Treecreeper, Variegated Fairy-wren, Superb Fairy-wren, Scarlet Honeyeater, Eastern Spinebill, Lewin's Honeyeater, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Spotted Pardalote, Striated Pardalote, Brown Gerygone, White-throated Gerygone, White-browed Scrubwren, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Yellow Thornbill, Brown Thornbill, Australasian Figbird, Eastern Shrike-tit, Golden Whistler, Grey Shrike-thrush, Eastern Whipbird, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Pied Currawong, Australian Magpie, Pied Butcherbird, Willie Wagtail, Grey Fantail, Magpie-lark, Black-faced Monarch, Torresian Crow, Australian Raven, Jacky Winter, Eastern Yellow Robin, Tawny Grassbird, Fairy Martin, Tree Martin, Welcome Swallow, Silvereye, Common Myna, Russet-tailed Thrush, Red-browed Finch

Mount George / Rocks Crossing - 19th Sept 2020 - By Liz McCauley

A very heavy fog blanketed the countryside and kept a bright sunny day at bay, but by the time the members and 3 guests gathered at the Mount George General store, it was starting to lift. As usual there were quite a few birds to be seen at this site, most notably lots of active Figbirds, several Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, several pairs of Crimson Rosella, a family of Superb Fairy-wren and some Tree Martin flying about with lots of Welcome Swallow.

After introducing our guests, Karen and Peter Pittard and Murray Rankin, we moved on to Borserio Drive near the school to find that there was now restricted entry. With no entry signs to this public road warning of impending prosecution, we birded along Nowendoc Road for half an hour and moved on to Caffreys Flat, parking at the beginning of Paddock Creek Road. There were lots of birds calling as we walked down to the Nowendoc River Crossing, we spotted Yellow-faced and Scarlet Honeyeater's, Yellow and Brown Thornbill's, Red-browed Finch, Silvereye, an aggressive Australian Magpie, several Wompoo Fruit-Dove, Variegated and Superb Fairy-wren's and King Parrot.



White-throated Gerygone - Photo: B McCauley

It was almost 10am so we headed off to Rocks Crossing for morning tea. It was now a really beautiful sunny day and after birdcall we set off to explore, but to our disappointment another setback confronted us. This area had been quite heavily impacted by the bushfires and the wooden stairs leading down to the river were totally gone, presumed burned and removed by the authorities for safety. Undeterred however we birded along the tree line adjacent to the reserve and we got some great birds. Eastern Spinebill, Golden and Rufous Whistler's, a Grey Shrike-thrush, Yellow Robin, a Brown Cuckoo-Dove, a Wonga Pigeon calling, two juvenile White-bellied Sea-Eagle circling way up high, Crimson Rosella, Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Jacky Winter, a White-throated Gerygone and several White-throated Treecreepers were all seen. After lunch we found a track that led down to the river but it only led to a clearing where 3 Pacific Black Duck and a Little Pied Cormorant were seen. Totals for the day were 15 members, 3 guests and 66 species

Bird List - Australian Wood Duck, Pacific Black Duck, Rock Dove, White-headed Pigeon, Spotted Dove, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Wonga Pigeon, Crested Pigeon, Bar-shouldered Dove, Wompoo Fruit-Dove, Eastern Koel, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Cattle Egret, Great Egret, Little Pied Cormorant, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Rainbow Bee-eater, Laughing Kookaburra, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Galah, Crimson Rosella, Eastern Rosella, Rainbow Lorikeet, Australian King-Parrot, Satin Bowerbird, White-throated Treecreeper, Variegated Fairy-wren, Superb Fairy-wren, Noisy Friarbird, Scarlet Honeyeater, Eastern Spinebill, Lewin's Honeyeater, Little Wattlebird, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Bell Miner, Noisy Miner, White-throated Gerygone, White-browed Scrubwren, Yellow Thornbill, Brown Thornbill, Australasian Figbird, Olive-backed Oriole, Rufous Whistler, Golden Whistler, Grey Shrike-thrush, Eastern Whipbird, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Pied Currawong, Australian Magpie, Dusky Woodswallow, Willie Wagtail, Grey Fantail, Magpie-lark, Torresian Crow, White-winged Chough, Jacky Winter, Eastern Yellow Robin, Tree Martin, Welcome Swallow, Silvereye, Common Starling, Common Myna, Red-browed Finch, Double-barred Finch

Mudbishops / Old Bar / Saltwater - 01st Oct 2020 - By Brian McCauley

12 members gathered at the start of the track that runs alongside the Airstrip, which was to be our first walk of the day. We didn't get too far though before light rain sent everyone scurrying back to the cars for wet weather gear. We did, however, manage to see numerous Little Wattlebird, several Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike, a pair of Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, several Rainbow Lorikeet, and after venturing into the thick grass, a very elusive Tawny Grassbird, some Superb Fairy-wren and a couple of Red-browed Finch.

We moved further along the road and stopped to look at an Osprey and some White-cheeked Honeyeater and Judy spotted a Tawny Grassbird, which responded to the call and gave Karen, our newest member a tick for this bird. Noticing a track leading off to the left, we walked down for a look. How lucky we did as there were birds calling everywhere. We saw several male Variegated Fairy-wren and about 5 females, a family of

Superb Fairy-wren, lots of White-cheeked Honeyeater, a Rufous Whistler, Lewin's Honeyeater and a Whipbird calling.

We then drove to an established viewing spot where we looked out over the sand flats. There was a flock of about eight godwit in the distance, presumably Bar-tailed but several Black-tailed have been seen in the area recently. A lone Pied Oystercatcher, again way over in the distance, and a Whimbrel flew past at least close enough for a positive ID. We thought that a couple of small grey birds might have been Grey Plovers but they were just too far away to positively ID.

We moved along to the picnic area for morning tea and birdcall and saw several Dollarbird, the first of the season for all of us, several Figbird and heard a Cicadabird. The group then walked the bush track and saw Sacred Kingfisher, another season first, an Olive-backed Oriole, several White-browed Scrubwren and more White-cheeked Honeyeater. Back at the picnic area some of the members spotted an unusually marked Brown Thornbill, which kept us enthralled for a time. It appeared to have a thick band of black feathers between his breast and belly on the right side.



Unusual Brown Thornbill - Photo: B McCauley

Several members had to leave, so the rest went on to Saltwater for lunch. After lunch Liz and I had to go to Taree for car repairs, before the Lake Cargelligo trip, but Neil and Barbara stayed on and added a pair of Regent Bowerbird and several Green Catbird to the list. 59 species for the day.

Bird List - Australian Brush-turkey, Australian Wood Duck, White-headed Pigeon, Crested Pigeon, Bar-shouldered Dove, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Cattle Egret, White-faced Heron, Australian Pelican, Australian Pied Oystercatcher, Masked Lapwing, Whimbrel, Far Eastern Curlew, Bar-tailed Godwit, Osprey, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Whistling Kite, Rainbow Bee-eater, Oriental Dollarbird, Sacred Kingfisher, Laughing Kookaburra, Galah, Little Corella, Eastern Rosella, Rainbow Lorikeet, Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, Green Catbird, Regent Bowerbird, Variegated Fairy-wren, Superb Fairy-wren, White-cheeked Honeyeater, Noisy Friarbird, Lewin's Honeyeater, Little Wattlebird, Spotted Pardalote, Striated Pardalote, White-browed Scrubwren, Yellow Thornbill, Brown Thornbill, Australasian Figbird, Olive-backed Oriole, Rufous Whistler, Golden Whistler, Grey Shrike-thrush, Eastern Whipbird, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Common Cicadabird, Australian Magpie, Pied Butcherbird, Willie Wagtail, Grey Fantail, Magpie-lark, Torresian Crow,

Eastern Yellow Robin, Tawny Grassbird, Welcome Swallow, Silvereeye, Red-browed Finch

Lake Cargelligo Camp - 04-12th Oct 2020

By Various

Day 1 (05th) - Tony Bennett - Our choices for birdwatching on our first day meant that our team of 19 keen members was in for a long day. Essentially following what the local Tourist Information Office calls 'bird route #2', we headed north out of town and followed a large, clockwise circuit before completing the orbit to home base after 5.00 pm. This bird route took us through a variety of environments, including a small area with concentrated salt bush (known locally as Chat Alley), light woodland next to flowing creeks, then off into the red dirt and Mallee, White Cypress and Spinifex country, with great swathes of purple Patterson's Curse and fields of yellow Canola adding great colour.

Luckily, the day was cooler than the previous one and reached only about 33°C, so we managed to get active in all the spots we stopped at. We saw some 63 species during the long day and many were special and out of the ordinary for us, such as; Black-eared Cuckoo, Black Honeyeater, Southern White-face, Crimson and White-fronted Chat, Spotted Bowerbird, White-plumed and Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater's, Mallee Ringneck, Shy Heathwren, Chestnut-quilled Quail-Thrush, Budgerigar, Blue Bonnet, Cockatiel, Splendid Fairy-wren, Inland Thornbill, Apostlebird and Crested Bellbird.



Morning tea - Photo: L McCauley

Day 2 (06th) - Lyn Davis - Today we are going to Round Hill Nature Reserve and Whoey Tank. Heading north towards Euabalong, after a 7.30am start, we were all buzzing with excitement at the prospects of a great day birding in the iconic area. Stopping along the way to check out a sighting of parrots that Brian had seen, we all spread out along a lush field, dotted along the edge with mature trees. We saw Red-rumped Parrot, Mallee Ringneck, Budgerigar and in the field Jacky Winter, Galah and one Major Mitchell's Cockatoo.

Continuing on to Round Hill Nature Reserve, we arrived about 8.30am and were greeted by a large flock of Masked and White-browed Woodswallow's. The piping

call of a Pied Honeyeater soon had us all scanning the trees. The call of the Black-eared Cuckoo (a new one for me!) was checked out, giving us all excellent views.

We moved further along the road to Whoey Tanks and there were lots more woodswallow and Pied Honeyeater and also Crested Bellbird. The Dam had no water and was full of trees and shrubs. The country had recovered very well after the drought and there were several trees flowering. Over the road we found a dam with plenty of water and a flock of budgies coming down to drink. We have seen a lot of budgies this trip which means they are breeding well.

On the way back to Lake Cargelligo we stopped on the corner of Mt Hope Road and Tipping Way. Here we heard a pipping call and tried to track it down, believing it to be a Southern Scrub-robin. Brian had a fleeting glimpse of a Chestnut Quail-thrush and scoured the ground in the hope of seeing the Robin. However Sarah and I moved further down and there high up in the branches sat the Southern Scrub-robin scolding us for disturbing his peace. We called in Elizabeth and Errol, but it flew off.

We headed home via Chat Alley and stopped for a while. We saw more White-fronted Chat but no Crimson Chat. A great day with 64 species for the day.

Day 3 (07th) - Janis Cossill - The day was overcast and heavy clouds threatened rain as we arrived at the gates of the Sewage Ponds. Unable to go in, we decided to bird around it. A Brown Songlark came to greet us while Australian Shelduck and Pied Stilt flew over and Double-barred and Zebra Finches jumped around the low vegetation.

Across the road on a fence line, a White-winged Fairy-wren, looking resplendent in his blue and white, gave us a very good display as he jumped from fence to low clumps of foliage. On the fence line of the ponds a male and female Variegated 'purple-backed' Fairy-wren paraded back and forth.



White-winged Fairy-wren - Photo: B McCauley

At the Lecki Hide, on the edge of the lake and where we had morning tea, the Great and Little Pied Cormorant, Australasian Darter, and the Pelican reigned. There were many Whiskered Tern and several White-breasted and Masked Woodswallow's. Further

around the lake we saw Masked Lapwing, Black-fronted Dotterel and Fairy Martin on the wires.

Finally we moved on to Curlew Water where a small juvenile Cockatiel caught our attention and Sheila spotted two large turtles on a small island. All this led to a Whistling Kite and its nest in a huge tree. We saw Red-rumped Parrot, Black Kite and Yellow-billed Spoonbill before lunch was called.

Day 4 (08th) - Shirley Henry - I was awoken by the sound of very heavy rain at 4am, hoping that our early start for a full day of birding was not going to be impacted by bad weather. Luckily, I was able to go back to sleep then to wake up before the crack of dawn, fuelled on by the knowledge of a scrumptious lunch awaiting in The Outback.

We set out from camp at 7am heading west, the rain having abated by now. The first bird, I was so excited to see, was a Major Mitchell's Cockatoo sitting on a fence close by the road. What a magnificently beautiful cockatoo – my favourite by far! Large numbers of Sulphur-crested Cockatoos and Galahs were sighted in the adjacent paddocks. Kangaroos were still plentiful at this time of the morning. Other prominent birds on this stretch of road included Whistling Kite and Nankeen Kestrel and a single Great Egret in a drainage channel. We continued along this road for approx. 60km where we turned right at the intersection with the Kidman Highway. At this point a huge flock of Cockatiel burst into view with their swift and erratic flight patterns.

A short way along the highway we stopped at Lachlan River Crossing. I stepped out of the car and brrrrrrrr, I froze, it was absolutely freezing. The car thermometer read 16°C but the wind chill factor made it barely bearable. A friendly Brown Treecreeper was climbing a small tree next to the car. Tree Martin were flying in large numbers and the far away sound of a Peaceful Dove could be clearly heard by all. A large raptor was seen swooping low in the tree line of the river and was identified as a Little Eagle. The river had plenty of water in it and was flowing freely which was good to see.

We continued on our way along The Kidman Way and then we saw what I had been waiting to see - an Emu, with two half-grown chicks. I was so excited and almost immediately we spotted another two Emu running along the road verge. This made my day. Along the highway we passed a sign stating "Welcome to the Outback". Shortly after this, a Brown Falcon was sighted darting past our car.

We pulled into Marooba Fire Trail in Nombinnie State Conservation Area and drove 3 kms along a red sandy and rocky road surrounded by Mulga. I was totally enchanted to see a male Emu guiding his charge of juveniles across the path disappearing into the Mulga scrubland. We were all given strict instructions before entering the Mulga as in this terrain it is very easy to become disoriented and lost. We all tried to stay in visual contact at least and not to go out on our own. The wind was very strong and icy cold, not very conducive of good birding. Regardless, we were able to get good sightings of Inland Thornbill, Black

Honeyeater, Varied Sittella, Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater, Black-eared Cuckoo and female Scarlet and Red-capped Robin's. We also had excellent vision of the Rufous Whistler. We partook of morning tea in this locality with the icy-cold wind presenting discomfort to many. The family of Emu was sighted once again as was a flock of Budgerigar.

We then continued a further 10 km along The Kidman Way to Mt Hope where we presented to the local Royal Hotel for lunch. With an influx of 19 visitors the hotel capably offered us quick, friendly and professional quality meals - very much appreciated by cold and hungry birdwatchers. At Mt Hope there was excitement as two Major Mitchell's Cockatoo were feasting on local weedy plants and presented an excellent opportunity for any photographic enthusiasts.



Major Mitchell's Cockatoo - Photo B McCauley

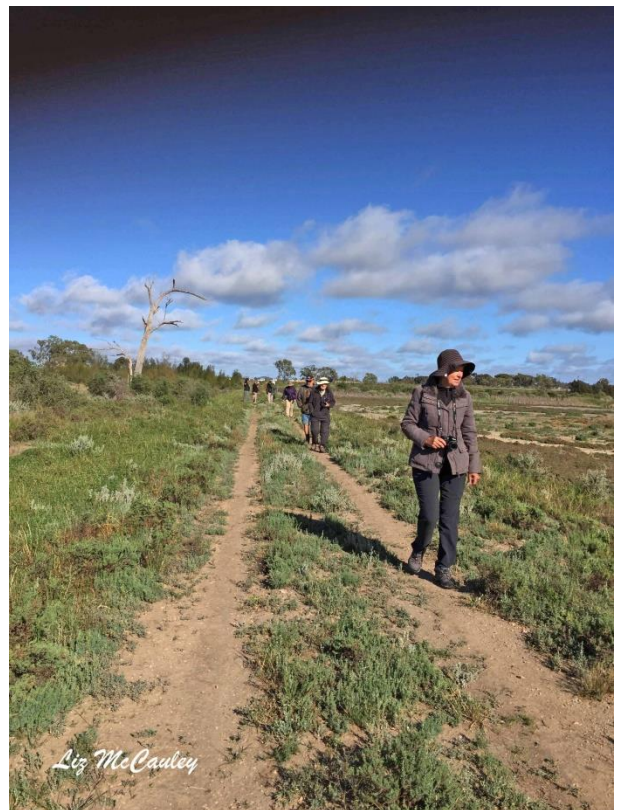
After lunch we ventured a short distance northward to Bruce Collenward Drive searching for the Wagga Tank where good birding was promised. There were roadworks being undertaken and no visible signs of the Wagga Tank so this mission was aborted and we returned to the main Highway, turning right and headed south turning into Tipping Way.

We stopped at the T-intersection of Round Hill Road and Tipping Way where everyone enjoyed great close up views of the Southern Scrub-robin, a treat for everyone present. This brought to a close our day of birdwatching with a total of 55 species observed, a good total considering the adverse weather conditions throughout most of the day.

Day 5 (09th) - Elizabeth Galvin - Our group of 18 (Christine had left for home early that morning) set off at 8 am under a sunny, clear blue sky, not a cloud to be

seen. However, it was cold at 9° and already windy. As we turned the corner to pick up Janis, we were blinded by the sun sparkling on the lake. It was then only a short drive out on the road to Condobolin, turning right to drive past the showground to our first birding site for the day; the Wastewater Plant.

Shirley saw two each of Zebra and Double-barred Finch's in the bushes as the first car stopped. A flock of about 50 Budgerigar flew in on our right and Rufous Songlark and a triller could be heard. There was a Crested Pigeon on a bush and a House Sparrow on the wire. Thanks to the efforts of Liz and Brian, we were able to legally enter the gated site, two days before there had been a no entry sign. Tony did a great job as gatekeeper.



Surveying the Sewage Ponds - Photo: L McCauley

Two Black Kite glided overhead as we approached the bird hide and two Cockatiel were perched in a dead tree to the right of the path. We turned right at the bird hide, keeping an eye out for any crakes, none to be seen. We could hear the rich sound of the many reed-warblers in the rushes and the call of the secretive Little Grassbird. Both Red-kneed and Black-fronted Dotterel's darted in front of us as we walked along the narrow track between two of the ponds.

Returning to the main track, we continued in an anti-clockwise direction to the next path between ponds. As we moved onto this track, two Grey Teal and a Purple Swamphen flew up. An entertaining family of Variegated Fairy-wren flew from one thorn bush to the next, keeping just in front of us. At a distance were two Pied Stilt, a Red-necked Avocet, several Grey Teal, two Eurasian Coot, a Black Swan, an Australian Shelduck and about 15 Pink-eared Duck.

Some of us braved the thorn bushes to return to the main track, others took the sensible route back via the outside track to meet us. By now it was 9 am, the clouds rolled in and the wind blew stronger. As we walked into the headwind, we watched a swan with three cygnets and further along Pied Stilt walking in the shallow water. A Black-tailed Native-hen had been seen at this spot two days before by Jim and Liz. Turning the corner gave some relief from the wind. On the left side of the track, two White-fronted Chat alternated between perching on top of the low bushes and running along the ground. On the right side were two Zebra Finch and a butcherbird being harassed by a Willie Wagtail. A Swamp Harrier flew overhead.

As we approached the large wetland on our left, the sight of a flock of Whiskered Tern flying low over the water, often dipping and shallow diving, caught everyone's attention. Amazingly, a Gull-billed Tern flew close enough to be easily identified. On a log in the water, one lone white Silver Gull perched alongside a group of grey Whiskered Tern.

We then turned another corner, out of the uncomfortable wind and Jim was able to set up his scope. Sheila had spotted a shoveler among the many ducks, which was confirmed. The most abundant waterbirds were Pink-eared Duck, Hardhead, Grey Teal, Pacific Black Duck, and Coot. Two pairs of Australian Shelduck stood out as did the four swans. Only one Australian Grebe and one Hoary-headed Grebe could be seen. A pair of Cockatiel was perched on one of the dead trees in the water, disappearing at times into a nest hole.



Cockatiel - Photo: B McCauley

On dry land, another pair of Cockatiel was perched in a tree, with a pair of Red-rumped Parrot beneath them. A White-breasted Woodswallow also flew in. Further along the track, Yellow-rumped Thornbill and a Little Friarbird were spotted.

Windblown, we arrived back at our cars about 10:30 and drove past the golf club to Frogs Hollow campground for morning tea. As we arrived two Pelican were swimming on the lake and one Eastern Great Egret foraged lakeside. Three Little Black Cormorant perched on sticks in the lake and only three Apostlebird scuttled around the cars. A Whistling Kite flew overhead as did a lone White Ibis. The most interesting bird sighting was that of a juvenile Little Raven.

About 11.45 am, we departed for Brewster's Weir, travelling about 42 km's along the Hillston Rd and turning right at the Balyrogan Channel sign. Two Eastern Great Egret were standing in the channel, two Pacific Black Duck were swimming and a Little Pied cormorant flew along it. Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Galah and four Red-rumped Parrot flew past as we drove along the dirt road following the "To the Weir" signs and arrived at the picturesque picnic and camping ground about 12.30 pm. Seven Pelican and 13 Little Black Cormorant were sighted perched on a dead tree branch overhanging the water.

A darter flew overhead as our group went for a walk in the warm sun before lunch. Other birds seen were a Willie Wagtail and a Magpie-lark. As we stood in an area with abundant casuarina trees, Lyn heard a sound. A pair of Glossy Black-Cockatoo was quietly feeding high up in the foliage of one of the trees. The red panel in their tails could be easily seen and the photographers persevered to get a clear shot behind all the leaves of the casuarina. As Helen commented at lunch, "The glossy blacks made our day".

Walking back to the water, a Sacred Kingfisher was perched on a dead stump, a Kookaburra heard and a Blue-faced Honeyeater, Purple Swamphen and Dusky Moorhen were seen. Another lone White Ibis flew over. A tally of 77 birds for the day was announced after the bird call at lunch.

Day 6 (10th) - Brian McCauley - Naradhan Nature Reserve was to be a new site for the club, but when we got there we found it no longer exists. After wandering about some pretty rough tracks trying to find it we discovered that the area has now been absorbed into the new and much larger rubbish tip, but there is absolutely no information online about this change. It is a very small town, with a very nice school, a couple of houses and a pretty rundown store but not much else.

Undeterred we found a likely spot along a street and the members started birding while Liz and I went to speak to a resident, a lovely lady who filled us in on all the information about the town. On the way back to the cars I got a clear sighting of an Eastern Yellow Robin, which could be out of its usual range. It turned out to be an excellent spot with lots of smaller birds such as Striated Pardalote, Yellow-rumped and Yellow

Thornbill's, Rufous Whistler, White-winged Triller, Grey Fantail, Red-capped Robin, Jacky Winter, White-plumed and Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater's and an Eastern Rosella.

We had morning tea by the school and moved back up north to Bootoowah Road which traverses Yelkin State Forest. There is a fire trail that runs beside a fallow field and we saw a Western Gerygone, a first for some of our members and a beautiful Splendid Fairy-wren. There were several Red-rumped Parrot, lots of Galah, a female Red-capped Robin and a few Inland Thornbill. We managed to find a shady spot for lunch and then decided to return to the caravan park and go to the sewage ponds at 3pm.

At sewage ponds entrance, several Zebra Finch were flitting about and I saw three Yellow-rumped Thornbill. There are several gravel levies crossing the ponds and from one of these I briefly spotted a crane. Jim and Errol set up their scopes but all we got over more than half an hour was a few glimpses. Moving further along the pond, we saw Pink-eared Duck, Hardhead, lots of Grey Teal, only one Chestnut Teal, several Australian Shelduck, lots of terns swooping over the pond in the far distance and a very well concealed Latham Snipe on the far side of the pond. At about 16:45 we headed back to camp but Elizabeth, Jim, Errol and Linda stayed on and were lucky to see two Baillon's Crane and a flock of Gull-billed Tern.

What started out as a disappointment ended up being quite a good day with 71 species observed.

Day 7 (11th) - Liz McCauley - An early start at 7:30 am on a beautiful sunny morning saw us travelling along Curlew Road, where there were lots of parrots eating seeds at the verge. We saw Red-rumped Parrot, Mallee Ringneck, Galah, Little Corella, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo and Cockatiel but unfortunately no Budgerigar. Turning onto Weir Road was a similar experience, but the predominant parrots here were definitely Galah and Sulphur-crested Cockatoo and no wonder because the area was full of trees with lots of nesting holes.

It wasn't long before we were all spread out and searching. Birds of interest were a Plumed Egret, Brown Treecreeper, Little Friarbird, Rufous Whistler, White-winged Chough building a nest and several pairs of Wood Duck which, surprisingly, had been quite scarce during this trip. It was a really nice spot beside the river but the flies were terrible so we decided to go to Euabalong Nature Reserve where there was a great picnic ground with access to public amenities. During morning tea we spotted a few White-plumed Honeyeater and some Sulphur-crested Cockatoo coming down to drink.

Next stop was at Greys Bridge which crossed the Booberoi Creek just west of Euabalong. Not as well maintained, this area offers a very natural environment near the creek. We saw two Sacred Kingfisher, a Rufous Whistler, a pair of White-plumed Honeyeater, Grey Shrike-Thrush, a White-faced Heron and Jim

photographed a Sea-Eagle, one of several circling high up and spotted by Linda.

Returning back to Euabalong we had lunch in the shade and then set off for Lake Cargelligo to start dismantling camp for the return home and getting ready for the farewell dinner at the local Bowling Club.

It had been a good outing with 46 species seen and a fitting end to our trip during which we saw 144 species.

Bird List – Emu, Pink-eared Duck, Black Swan, Australian Shelduck, Australian Wood Duck, Hardhead, Australasian Shoveler, Pacific Black Duck, Grey Teal, Chestnut Teal, Australasian Grebe, Hoary-headed Grebe, Rock Dove, Common Bronzewing, Crested Pigeon, Peaceful Dove, Bar-shouldered Dove, Black-eared Cuckoo, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Pallid Cuckoo, Baillon's Crane, Spotless Crane, Purple Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Black-tailed Native-hen, Eurasian Coot, Yellow-billed Spoonbill, Royal Spoonbill, Straw-necked Ibis, Australian White Ibis, White-necked Heron, Great Egret, Plumed Egret, White-faced Heron, Australian Pelican, Little Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, Great Pied Cormorant, Australasian Darter, Red-necked Avocet, Pied Stilt, Black-fronted Dotterel, Masked Lapwing, Red-kneed Dotterel, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Latham's Snipe, Silver Gull, Australian Gull-billed Tern, Whiskered Tern, Black-shouldered Kite, Little Eagle, Swamp Harrier, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Whistling Kite, Black Kite, Rainbow Bee-eater, Sacred Kingfisher, Laughing Kookaburra, Nankeen Kestrel, Brown Falcon, Cockatiel, Glossy Black-Cockatoo, Galah, Major Mitchell's Cockatoo, Little Corella, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Red-rumped Parrot, Bluebonnet, Mulga Parrot, Eastern Rosella, Australian Ringneck, Budgerigar, Spotted Bowerbird, Brown Treecreeper, Variegated Fairy-wren, Splendid Fairy-wren, White-winged Fairy-wren, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Brown-headed Honeyeater, Striped Honeyeater, Little Friarbird, Black Honeyeater, Pied Honeyeater, Crimson Chat, White-fronted Chat, Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater, Singing Honeyeater, White-plumed Honeyeater, Yellow-plumed Honeyeater, Noisy Miner, Yellow-throated Miner, Striated Pardalote, Western Gerygone, Shy Heathwren, Southern Whiteface, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Yellow Thornbill, Striated Thornbill, Inland Thornbill, Grey-crowned Babbler, White-browed Babbler, Varied Sittella, Olive-backed Oriole, Crested Bellbird, Chestnut Quail-thrush, Rufous Whistler, Grey Shrike-thrush, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, White-winged Triller, Pied Currawong, Australian Magpie, Pied Butcherbird, Grey Butcherbird, Masked Woodswallow, White-browed Woodswallow, White-breasted Woodswallow, Willie Wagtail, Grey Fantail, Magpie-lark, Little Crow, Little Raven, Australian Raven, White-winged Chough, Apostlebird, Scarlet Robin, Red-capped Robin, Jacky Winter, Southern Scrub-robin, Eastern Yellow Robin, Hooded Robin, Horsfield's Bushlark, Australian Reed-Warbler, Brown Songlark, Rufous Songlark, Little Grassbird, Fairy Martin, Tree Martin, Welcome Swallow, Common Starling, Mistletoebird, Zebra Finch, Double-barred Finch, House Sparrow, Australasian Pipit

Minimbah Nature Reserve - 05th Nov 2020

By Simon Lemon

Fifteen members in a convoy of ten cars assembled at the corner of McKinnon Road and Kia Ora Road, Nabitac about 7:30 am. The weather was overcast, calm and humid but the forecast threatened rain, storms and damaging winds later in the day. The dull grey light,

whilst not helpful for photography, did not diminish the splendour of a Sacred Kingfisher on display in front of the gathered birdwatchers. The formality signing the register done we drove towards the Nature Reserve along Old Airport Road, stopping several times in search of the elusive King Quail. A Brown Falcon atop a tall tree was unperturbed by our procession. The surrounding bushland along the way provided a spectacular display of heathland flowers; a stark contrast to the devastation caused by the bushfires just 12 months ago.

A cool westerly breeze arose right on 10am ahead of a black sky, a flash of lightning and a few drops of rain. Jackets and umbrellas were gathered for a short walk into the Reserve. An easy stroll along the path provided good sightings of a wide variety of birds feeding on nectar, predominantly honeyeaters, but also cockatoos, lorikeets, a Swamp Harrier and a Pheasant Coucal. A King Quail was eventually glimpsed by a couple of members at the front of our group as it was flushed from the bush alongside the track. The bird was called resulting in a muted response but did not appear until it too was flushed out by an overly-eager birdwatcher.

Morning tea, or rather a banquet, was held at the entrance to the Reserve. A giant cake was produced to celebrate Sheila's special birthday accompanied by a hearty rendition of "She's a jolly good fellow" and of course three cheers. Birthday cake was followed by lamingtons and several cups of tea. The convoy slowly made its way back towards Nabiac for a comfort stop and lunch at the boat ramp at the Wallamba River. Lunch was taken under shelter from intermittent light rain and by now a cool breeze. Brian conducted the bird call and a plan for the rest of the outing was made to walk the track to the wharf and then to find a Wompoo Fruit-Dove at a large fig tree near Candoormach Creek Road, at the back of Nabiac. A total of 75 km's travelled for 65 birds in rather less than ideal conditions can still be rated a good day's birding in my book. Thanks again to Liz and Brian for their tireless efforts in organising yet another successful outing.

Bird List - King Quail, Australian Wood Duck, Pacific Black Duck, Chestnut Teal, Crested Pigeon, Bar-shouldered Dove, Wompoo Fruit-Dove, Pheasant Coucal, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Purple Swamphen, White-faced Heron, Little Black Cormorant, Masked Lapwing, Swamp Harrier, Grey Goshawk, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Rainbow Bee-eater, Oriental Dollarbird, Sacred Kingfisher, Laughing Kookaburra, Brown Falcon, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Galah, Little Corella, Musk Lorikeet, Little Lorikeet, Rainbow Lorikeet, Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, Australian King-Parrot, Satin Bowerbird, White-throated Treecreeper, Southern Emu-wren, White-cheeked Honeyeater, New Holland Honeyeater, Noisy Friarbird, Scarlet Honeyeater, Eastern Spinebill, Lewin's Honeyeater, Little Wattlebird, Red Wattlebird, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Noisy Miner, White-throated Gerygone, Australasian Figbird, Olive-backed Oriole, Rufous Whistler, Golden Whistler, Grey Shrike-thrush, Eastern Whipbird, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, White-winged Triller, Australian Magpie, Pied Butcherbird, Dusky Woodswallow, White-breasted Woodswallow, Willie Wagtail, Grey Fantail, Magpie-lark, Black-faced Monarch, Torresian Crow, Eastern Yellow Robin, Tree Martin, Welcome Swallow, Common Myna, Mistletoebird, Red-browed Finch



Sheila and birthday cake - Photo: S Lemon

Other Snippets

Little Australia

Some people like to show off their patriotism by draping themselves in an Australian flag. However, earlier this year in Taree, a playful Little Corella took this to new heights when it became hopelessly entangled in a flag that was flying in a local park. The district Fire and Rescue unit was bemused when it was summoned to free the bird after it's claws had become firmly stuck in the flag's fabric. They duly lowered the flag and unhooked the bird, so it could re-join it's noisy flock.

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Lake Cargelligo and Beyond Text and photos by Brian McCauley

While the club members were packing up, Liz and I were up and away for our last attempt to get the Red-lored Whistler and another chance at a few of the ones we missed. First stop was the southern end of the Roundhill Firetrail where Errol and Simon had seen the Shy Heathwren. I am sure that it was the same three birds that came scurrying to our call and we saw several more along the track up to the waterhole. The Whistler never responded, which was disappointing as it had been heard here within the last few days.

We managed to squeeze past the three bog holes on the Cactus Trail and at the Old Wheat Paddock finally heard the Red-lored Whistler answering our call, but it stayed well hidden. While Liz stayed put and "talked" to

the bird, I tracked down a very bold Rufous Whistler, up in a tree skilfully mimicking and responding to Liz's every word. Aaargh! Enough is enough.

Next stop the T-intersection where we were able to easily call up the Southern Scrub-robin for some nice pics. Destination now was the Nombinnie Firetrail which was 12 km further along Marooba Firetrail from where the club stopped. The Mallee here was recovering from fire and very harsh, dry and inhospitable. Even with GPS we didn't venture far but to my absolute disbelief the area was rich with birds. We soon had better video of the Shy Heathwren, Chestnut-rumped Thornbill and I got a brief sighting of the Chestnut Quail-Thrush, but no Red-lored Whistler or Gilbert's for that matter.



Shy Heathwren

Several further stops were equally disappointing so we headed back for a late afternoon at Whoey Tanks. I soon had video of the Black, Pied and Striped Honeyeaters in the bag, and then we briefly spotted the Crimson Chat, so the hunt was on. Several hours later the hunt was off with a little bit of long distance video. They would just not sit still or stay put when approached. There is always tomorrow. So we headed back via Euabalong and were rewarded with a huge Wedge-tailed Eagle on the side of the road.

We didn't do much better the next day either so we headed back via Round hill and Chat Alley where we got some nice video of the White-winged Fairy-Wren. That afternoon we birded the Sewage Ponds and got a nice male Variegated 'purple-backed' Fairy-wren but not much else. Tomorrow we were headed to Cobar.

Cobar

Nice van park, nice town but the first birding location was a dump. Literally it was a dump. The spot where the Chestnut-breasted Quail-thrush was recently seen was an old industrial dump with bits of everything imaginable scattered and piled up all over the place. I hated it. What a total desecration, but there were birds here, just not the one we were after. We spent the whole afternoon criss-crossing the area but to no avail. We did find a Spotted Bowerbird and filmed him in his bower, but not much else. Devil's Rock sounded much more promising so next morning, after a brief look at the old Town Reservoir, we found ourselves standing at

a very poor excuse for a monolith. But we are birders not tourists and off we headed, into the barren wilderness, and joy-of-joys we had a pair of Crimson Chat ready to talk to us and very friendly. With great video in the bag, next triumph was a friendly lone White-browed Babbler and to my utter amazement a family of Rufous-crowned Babbler.



Rufous-crowned Babbler

It was very hot so we headed back to the cool of the Reservoir where Liz spotted a pair of Black-tailed Native-hen with chick in tow and after a walk around the foreshore we sat and watched the budgies coming to drink. The next morning we went straight to the Reservoir, put out our chairs and got great Budgerigar video. A pair of Restless Flycatcher was squabbling with the neighbouring White-plumed Honeyeater over boundaries and I got some really nice shots. That afternoon we had a look at the treatment pond but it was really civilised, manicured and a popular picnic spot for the locals and the cool of the air-conditioning in the van was calling.

We decided to give the dump another try, so we headed out there at daybreak and flogged the place all morning, but all we saw was a very big fox looking smugly back as it loped over the rocky embankment. I wonder how the Quail-thrush tasted? I'd had enough, so we spent the afternoon at Devil's Rock and saw the Chestnut Babbler again, but locals running big dogs decided for us that it was time to go. All in all it had been a great place and well worth the visit.

Wellington

Another really nice town and terrific views from the back of the van across the river, all set in a bushland environment. We were off to a good start but it was raining and shopping was called for. The next morning we headed off to the Burrendong Botanic Garden and Arboretum, about 25 km south-east of town. This is a lovely spot. You just drive around the well-formed dirt tracks, stopping to look at the flora and fauna. There wasn't anything new here but I got very close and friendly with a pair of Australian Grebe, got immersed in chest high fields of Paterson's Curse and managed to get some Striated Pardalote and Yellow Thornbill. There were kangaroo's all over the place and, grazing among the purple and yellow fields, they made a very picturesque sight. We whiled away a very pleasant, if

not a little damp, morning and headed back to Wellington that afternoon.

I walked the van park up to dusk and got some nice footage of feeding Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Eastern Rosella and the ubiquitous Galah. There were lots of birds nesting in hollows along the river bank. Just outside of town is a massive installation of solar panels, covering a huge area, well beyond visible limits. This is the future of power in this country and any doubters should go there just to have a look.

Lithgow

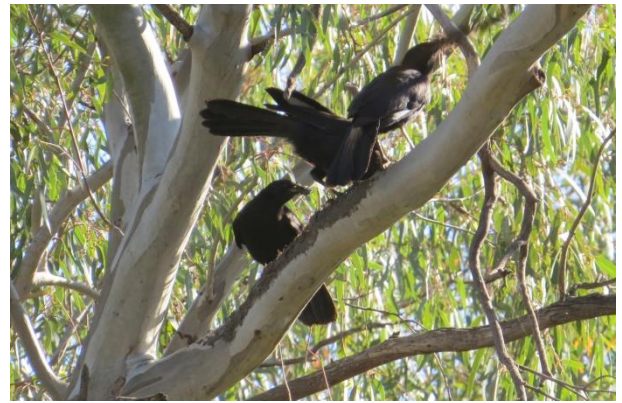
Sometime back in June, Nick Thompson got some shots of the Pilotbird at Blue Mountains Botanical Gardens at Mt. Tomah. Car issues halted that excursion mid-journey for us, so this was to be a second chance. On the afternoon of arrival, we went for a drive and spotted a Grey Currawong, which is only the second time we had seen this bird. Unfortunately it was wet and horrible the next morning and we sat in the car outside the Gardens waiting to enter. It was very foggy, visibility down to only a few metres, the trip up Bell's Line of Road was terrible and I was getting increasingly despondent, but Liz, forever the optimist soon had us rain-coated under an umbrella and walking about looking for Nick's spot. Several hours later the sun had come out, it was warm, the gardens were truly beautiful, but there was no sign of our quarry. We asked the staff, we rang Nick, we looked everywhere and we had lunch but no sign of our bird. It seems they pop out and become active when the staff are raking and shuffling the understory, but today was a pruning day so we were out of luck. Not to mind, we got nice shots of Brown Thornbill bathing, Eastern Spinebill feeding on the abundant flowers, Satin Bowerbird scurrying about and several species of honeyeater. That afternoon we went up to Hassan's Walls but there were loud tourists at the lookout and the picnic area had been bulldozed so we headed back to prepare for the trip home.

It had been a great week and we got some good birds, unfortunately none of our target species and nothing, but lots of first time video. Oh well there is always another birding spot somewhere.

Mudbrick Housing

Most will be familiar with the construction of mud nests by numerous species of birds, however most have probably only seen the end result. Like any good construction, it all starts with the foundations.

While on the birdwatchers recent camp at Lake Cargelligo, Tony captured an image of a group of White-winged Chough preparing the foundations of their next family home. Close inspection of the photo will reveal a strip of damp mud down the side of the branch and two of the individual birds holding beaks full of a mud / grass mix.



Nest building White-winged Choughs - Photo: T Bennett

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Unusual and Interesting Sightings - Compiled by Ashley Carlson

Date	Observer	Species	Location
17/08/20	S Henry	Regent Bowerbird	Lansdowne
19/08/20	P Goonan	Dusky Woodswallow 6x	Minimbah
22/08/20	D Turner	Topknot Pigeon 5x	Forster Keys
	A Carlson	Great Crested Grebe 4x, Azure Kingfisher	Bootawa Dam
28/08/20	B&L McCauley	Pallid Cuckoo, Southern Emu-wren, White-throated Gerygone, Rufous Whistler, Dusky Woodswallow	Minimbah
01/09/20	S Henry	Black-necked Stork	Harrington Road - Stone's Oysters
02/09/20	A Carlson	Topknot Pigeon 7x	Forster
03/09/20	MGLBW	Wonga Pigeon, White-throated Gerygone, Eastern Shrike-tit, Black-faced Monarch, Fairy & Tree Martin	Firefly
05/09/20	A Carlson	Spotless Crake	Pipers Bay Forster
13/09/20	D Morris	Black-necked Stork	Black Head
19/09/20	MGLBW	Eastern Koel, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Rainbow Bee-eater, White-throated Gerygone, Rufous Whistler, Dusky Woodswallow, Tree Martin	Mt George / Rocks Crossing
	D Turner	Channel-billed Cuckoo 2x	Forster (1 st return)
22/09/20		Eastern Koel	Forster (1 st return)
25/09/20	A Carlson	Oriental Dollarbird 2x	Forster (1 st return)
01/10/20	MGLBW	Channel-billed Cuckoo, Whimbrel, Far Eastern Curlew, Bar-tailed Godwit, Rainbow Bee-eater	
		Oriental Dollarbird, Sacred Kingfisher, Rufous Whistler, Common Cicadabird	Mudbishops Point
03/10/30	E Masters	Australian Logrunner	Wallingat NP
05/10/20	D Turner	Common Cicadabird	Forster Keys
16/10/20		Musk Lorikeet 3x	Forster south
	A Morris	Pallid Cuckoo, Aust Pied Oystercatcher 10x, Pacific Golden Plover 37x, Whimbrel, Eastern Curlew 48x, Bar-tailed Godwit 119x, Great Knot 5x, Red Knot 56x, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper 5x, Red-necked Stint 26x, Sanderling 2x, Little Tern 426x	Mudbishops Point
18/10/20		Aust Pied Oystercatcher 2+3 chicks	Harrington
02/11/20	A Carlson	Swamp Harrier	Darawank
05/11/20	MGLBW	King Quail, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Little Lorikeet, Dusky Woodswallow	Minimbah Nature Reserve
		Wompoo Fruit-Dove	Nabiac
08/11/20	A Carlson	Comb-crested Jacana 2+3dy, Varied Sittella 2x	Hillville Dam
16/11/20	S Gorta	White-throated Needle-tail 50+	Coolongolook