

Bird Census at Lake Claremont

18 January 2023

Note from the census taker:

The morning the bird census was conducted at Lake Claremont was mild and sunny with a cool easterly breeze.

For the second year running the lake, normally dry in the summer, still has a good depth of standing water, except in the northeast sector. The water gauge is muddy and difficult to read but shows about 1.5m - see photo below. The bushland is very dry.

We observed 935 individuals of 31 species. The number of waterfowl was very much higher than our average summer census, and counting was particularly challenging. Breeding activity, not usually seen at this time of the year, was noted for Swan, Australasian Grebe, Swamphen, Coot, Singing Honeyeater, Magpie and Raven.



Lake Claremont Bird Census	Summer 2023	Summer average
	18/01/23	
Common Name		
Australasian Darter		0.0
Australasian Grebe	10	4.1
Australasian Shoveler	6	1.5
Australian Hobby		0.0
Australian Little Bittern		0.0
Australian Magpie	15	12.0
Australian Pelican		0.0
Australian Raven	47	14.1
Australian Reed-Warbler		2.3
Australian Ringneck		2.5
Australian Shelduck	2	5.1
Australian Spotted Crake		0.5
Australian White Ibis	1	3.0
Australian Wood Duck	13	5.4
Baillon's Crake		0.0
Banded Stilt		0.0
Black Swan	26	5.4
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike		0.7
Black-fronted Dotterel		0.9
Black-shouldered Kite		0.3
Black-tailed Native-hen		0.0
Blue-billed Duck	1	0.3
Brown Goshawk		0.1
Brown Honeyeater		1.5
Brown Songlark		0.0
Buff-banded Rail		0.6
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo		0.5
Caspian Tern		0.0
Chestnut Teal		0.1
Collared Sparrowhawk		0.0
Common Greenshank		0.0
Common Sandpiper		0.0
Crested Pigeon		0.0
Domestic Duck (Mallard)		0.0
Dusky Moorhen	3	2.6
Eastern Osprey		0.0
Eurasian Coot	218	30.7
Freckled Duck		0.0
Galah	4	5.8
Glossy Ibis		0.0
Great Cormorant		0.0
Great Egret		0.2
Grey Butcherbird		1.7
Grey Fantail	1	0.3
Grey Teal	77	32.4
Hardhead	15	0.7
Hoary-headed Grebe		0.5
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo		0.0
Inland Thornbill		0.0
Laughing Dove		1.5
Laughing Kookaburra		1.8

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Little Black Cormorant		0.0
Little Corella	50	22.5
Little Grassbird	1	0.6
Little Pied Cormorant		1.9
Long-billed Corella		0.4
Long-toed Stint		0.0
Magpie-lark	5	9.5
Marsh Sandpiper		0.0
Masked Lapwing		0.0
Musk Duck		0.0
Nankeen Kestrel		0.0
Nankeen Night-Heron		0.1
New Holland Honeyeater		0.5
Pacific Black Duck	211	75.1
Pacific Gull		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo		0.0
Pectoral Sandpiper		0.0
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	40	33.9
Pied Cormorant		0.0
Pink-eared Duck	31	5.2
Purple Swamphen	11	17.5
Purple-backed Fairy-wren		0.0
Rainbow Bee-eater		0.0
Rainbow Lorikeet	42	20.8
Red Wattlebird	15	15.6
Red-kneed Dotterel		2.0
Red-necked Avocet		4.5
Red-necked Stint		0.0
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo		0.6
Rock Dove		0.0
Rufous Whistler		0.0
Sacred Kingfisher		0.3
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper		0.1
Silver Gull		29.6
Silvereeye	45	9.1
Singing Honeyeater	18	5.2
Southern Boobook		0.0
Splendid Fairy-wren		0.0
Spotless Crake		0.0
Spotted Dove	6	3.0
Spotted Pardalote		0.0
Straw-necked Ibis		5.0
Striated Pardalote		0.3
Swamp Harrier		0.0
Tawny Frogmouth		0.0
Terek Sandpiper		0.0
Tree Martin		7.8
Weebill		1.3
Welcome Swallow	1	15.4
Western Gerygone	2	0.7
Western Spinebill		0.1
Western Wattlebird		0.0
Whistling Kite		0.1

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White-browed Scrubwren		0.0
White-cheeked Honeyeater		1.0
White-faced Heron	1	1.9
White-fronted Chat		0.0
White-necked Heron		0.1
Willie Wagtail	17	16.7
Wood Sandpiper		0.0
Yellow-billed Spoonbill		0.1
Yellow-rumped Thornbill		0.0
Species	31	29.8
Individuals	935	447.6