

Bird Census at Lake Claremont

16 April 2022

Note from the census taker:

The morning the bird census was conducted was cool, becoming mild, clear with a very light breeze.

The lake still has standing water in the southern half and patches of very shallow water in some of the northern part. The water gauge is muddy and difficult to read but shows about 1m (see photo below). The bushland is very dry.

We observed 493 individuals of 35 species. These results are much higher than our average autumn census. Black Swans and coot were present in greater than average numbers. We counted 47 Pied Stilt; more than is usual in autumn but well below the 200+ seen earlier in the month. Welcome Swallows were nest building at the bird observation platform; we would not normally expect to see breeding activity at this time of the year.



Lake Claremont Bird Census	Autumn 2022	Autumn average
	16/04/22	
Common Name		
Australasian Darter		0.0
Australasian Grebe	5	0.8
Australasian Shoveler		0.9
Australian Hobby		0.2
Australian Little Bittern		0.0
Australian Magpie	24	13.8
Australian Pelican		0.0
Australian Raven	13	11.6
Australian Reed-Warbler	2	0.9
Australian Ringneck		5.2
Australian Shelduck	4	4.8
Australian Spotted Crake		0.0
Australian White Ibis	6	1.7
Australian Wood Duck		0.9
Baillon's Crake		0.0
Banded Stilt		0.0
Black Swan	34	2.4
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike		0.4
Black-fronted Dotterel	7	0.6
Black-shouldered Kite		0.7
Black-tailed Native-hen		0.0
Blue-billed Duck		0.0
Brown Goshawk		0.0
Brown Honeyeater		4.0
Brown Songlark		0.0
Buff-banded Rail	1	0.2
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo		5.0
Caspian Tern		0.0
Chestnut Teal		0.0
Collared Sparrowhawk		0.0
Common Greenshank		0.0
Domestic Duck (Mallard)		0.0
Dusky Moorhen		0.6
Eastern Osprey		0.0
Eurasian Coot	78	6.0
Freckled Duck		0.0
Galah	3	3.9
Glossy Ibis		0.0
Great Cormorant		0.0
Great Egret		0.0
Grey Butcherbird	2	2.6
Grey Fantail		0.6
Grey Teal	23	20.6
Hardhead		0.0
Hoary-headed Grebe		0.0
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo		0.0
Inland Thornbill		0.0
Laughing Dove		0.7
Laughing Kookaburra	1	2.0
Little Black Cormorant	1	0.0
Little Corella	36	10.3
Little Grassbird		0.1
Little Pied Cormorant		0.0
Long-billed Corella		0.0

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Common Name		
Long-toed Stint		0.0
Magpie-lark	9	9.4
Marsh Sandpiper		0.0
Masked Lapwing		0.0
Musk Duck		0.0
Nankeen Kestrel		0.1
Nankeen Night-Heron		0.0
New Holland Honeyeater		0.7
Pacific Black Duck	14	48.1
Pallid Cuckoo		0.0
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	47	12.6
Pied Cormorant		0.0
Pink-eared Duck	2	2.0
Purple Swamphen	44	14.0
Purple-backed Fairy-wren	1	0.0
Rainbow Bee-eater		0.0
Rainbow Lorikeet	28	28.3
Red Wattlebird	14	26.4
Red-kneed Dotterel		0.0
Red-necked Avocet		0.0
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	7	1.4
Rock Dove		0.5
Rufous Whistler		0.0
Sacred Kingfisher		0.0
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper		0.0
Silver Gull		4.1
Silvereye	35	11.5
Singing Honeyeater	2	5.2
Southern Boobook		0.0
Splendid Fairy-wren		0.0
Spotless Crake	2	0.0
Spotted Dove	1	1.0
Spotted Pardalote		0.1
Straw-necked Ibis	6	9.4
Striated Pardalote		0.2
Swamp Harrier		0.0
Tawny Frogmouth		0.0
Terek Sandpiper		0.0
Tree Martin		4.6
Weebill		0.6
Welcome Swallow	10	8.5
Western Gerygone	3	0.3
Western Spinebill		0.0
Western Wattlebird		0.0
Whistling Kite		0.0
White-browed Scrubwren	2	0.0
White-cheeked Honeyeater		0.7
White-faced Heron	2	1.5
White-fronted Chat		0.7
White-necked Heron		0.0
Willie Wagtail	24	11.1

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Wood Sandpiper		0.0
Yellow-billed Spoonbill		0.1
Yellow-rumped Thornbill		0.0
Species	35	25.8
Individuals	493	305.1

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