

## 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	
Blue-billed Duck	Oxyura australis		2.9
Pink-eared Duck	Malacorhynchus membranaceus	2	17.3
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus	36	13.3
Australian Shelduck	Tadorna tadornoides	11	6.0
Hardhead	Aythya australis		5.2
Australasian Shoveler	Spatula rhynchotis	2	9.7
Pacific Black Duck	Anas superciliosa	6	35.3
Domestic Duck (Mallard) *			1.0
Grey Teal	Anas gracilis	6	20.5
Chestnut Teal	Anas castanea		0.0
Freckled Duck	Stictonetta naevosa		0.1
Musk Duck	Biziura lobata	1	0.7
Australian Wood Duck	Chenonetta jubata	5	2.4
Australasian Grebe	Tachybaptus novaehollandiae	1	5.0
Hoary-headed Grebe	Poliiocephalus poliocephalus		0.7
Rock Dove *	Columba livia *		0.6
Spotted Dove *	Streptopelia chinensis *	5	1.7
Laughing Dove *	Streptopelia senegalensis *		0.8
Crested Pigeon	Ocyphaps lophotes		0.0
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	Chalcites basalis		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo	Heteroscenes pallidus		0.2
Southern Boobook	Ninox novaeseelandiae		0.0
Tawny Frogmouth	Podargus strigoides		0.0
Buff-banded Rail	Hypotaenidia philippensis		0.1
Australian Spotted Crake	Porzana fluminea		0.0
Baillon's Crake	Zapornia pusilla		0.0
Spotless Crake	Zapornia tabuensis		3.4
Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio	23	11.7
Dusky Moorhen	Gallinula tenebrosa	2	2.5
Black-tailed Native-hen	Tribonyx ventralis		6.9
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	58	53.3
Red-necked Avocet	Recurvirostra novaehollandiae		0.7
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	Himantopus leucocephalus		12.7
Banded Stilt	Cladorhynchus leucocephalus		0.0
Black-fronted Dotterel	Elsayornis melanops		0.2
Red-kneed Dotterel	Erythrogonyx cinctus		0.0
Masked Lapwing	Vanellus miles		0.1
Terek Sandpiper	Xenus cinereus		0.0
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Calidris acuminata		0.0
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		0.8
Silver Gull	Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae	6	14.0
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		0.3
White-necked Heron	Ardea pacifica		0.2
Great Egret	Ardea alba	1	0.1
White-faced Heron	Egretta novaehollandiae		2.5
Australian White Ibis	Threskiornis moluccus	6	3.4
Straw-necked Ibis	Threskiornis spinicollis	1	0.6
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Platalea flavipes		0.0

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Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		0.0
Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo melanoleucos</i>		0.1
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		0.0
Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>		0.0
Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax varius</i>		0.0
Australasian Darter	<i>Anhinga novaehollandiae</i>		0.0
Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>		0.0
Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus axillaris</i>		0.2
Whistling Kite	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>		0.0
Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>		0.0
Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>		0.2
Collared Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter cirrocephalus</i>		0.1
Nankeen Kestrel	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>		0.1
Australian Hobby	<i>Falco longipennis</i>		0.1
Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>		0.0
Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>		0.3
Laughing Kookaburra *	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i> *	4	2.1
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus banksii</i>		0.4
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	<i>Zanda latirostris</i>		1.7
Galah	<i>Eolophus roseicapilla</i>	6	5.9
Long-billed Corella *	<i>Cacatua tenuirostris</i> *		0.7
Little Corella	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>	7	8.3
Australian Ringneck	<i>Barnardius zonarius</i>		8.6
Rainbow Lorikeet *	<i>Trichoglossus moluccanus</i> *	18	22.0
Purple-backed Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus assimilis</i>		0.2
Splendid Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus splendens</i>		1.7
Brown Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera indistincta</i>	6	7.4
New Holland Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris novaehollandiae</i>	3	0.7
White-cheeked Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris niger</i>		0.7
Western Spinebill	<i>Acanthorhynchus superciliosus</i>		0.0
White-fronted Chat	<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>		3.2
Red Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera carunculata</i>	21	20.0
Western Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera lunulata</i>		1.0
Singing Honeyeater	<i>Gavicalis virescens</i>	5	3.9
Spotted Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus punctatus</i>		0.2
Striated Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>	1	0.5
Western Gerygone	<i>Gerygone fusca</i>	3	1.0
Weebill	<i>Smicronis brevirostris</i>		0.3
Spotted Scrubwren	<i>Sericornis maculatus</i>	2	0.0
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza chrysorrhoa</i>		0.0
Inland Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza apicalis</i>		0.2
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	3	0.5
Rufous Whistler	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>	1	0.1
Australian Magpie	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>	24	7.5
Grey Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus torquatus</i>		3.9
Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	13	10.3
Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i>	1	2.9
Australian Raven	<i>Corvus coronoides</i>	22	10.5
Magpie-lark	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	2	6.9
Little Grassbird	<i>Poodytes gramineus</i>	4	2.0
Brown Songlark	<i>Cincloramphus cruralis</i>		0.0
Australian Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus australis</i>		3.6
Tree Martin	<i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i>	8	12.8
Welcome Swallow	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	14	21.8
Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	21	10.2
<b>Species</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>36.3</b>
<b>Individuals</b>		<b>361</b>	<b>368.5</b>

Recorded by David and Pam Free

\* = introduced species