

Bird Census at Lake Claremont

13 January 2025

Note from the census taker:

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

The lake is drying fast. There is shallow water in the southern section, but the northern area is already dry. The water gauge shows about 1m AHD (see below photo). The bushland is very dry.

We observed 348 individuals of 32 species. The number of individuals is well below average, but the species recorded was slightly higher than our summer average.

Worth noting was our sighting of a single Crested Pigeon. This is the first time we have seen this species in our surveys and there are only two previous records on Birdata.

We were delighted to see a juvenile Cuckoo-shrike being fed by a parent. This is our first breeding record for the lake. We also saw a family of five Southern Boobook owls.

The below spreadsheet also shows the average numbers recorded in our previous twenty-three summer surveys.



Lake Claremont Bird Census		Summer 2025	Summer average
Common Name	Scientific Name	13/01/2025	
Australasian Darter	Anhinga novaehollandiae		0.0
Australasian Grebe	Tachybaptus novaehollandiae		4.2
Australasian Shoveler	Spatula rhynchotis		1.7
Australian Hobby	Falco longipennis		0.0
Australian Little Bittern	Ixobrychus dubius		0.0
Australian Magpie	Gymnorhina tibicen	16	12.5
Australian Pelican	Pelecanus conspicillatus		0.0
Australian Raven	Corvus coronoides	13	16.0
Australian Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus australis		2.1
Australian Ringneck	Barnardius zonarius		2.3
Australian Shelduck	Tadorna tadornoides		4.7
Australian Spotted Crake	Porzana fluminea		0.4
Australian White Ibis	Threskiornis moluccus	6	3.1
Australian Wood Duck	Chenonetta jubata		6.1
Baillon's Crake	Zapornia pusilla		0.0
Banded Stilt	Cladorhynchus leucocephalus		0.0
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus	5	6.3
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina novaehollandiae	4	0.7
Black-fronted Dotterel	Euseyornis melanops		0.8
Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus axillaris		0.3
Black-tailed Native-hen	Tribonyx ventralis		0.0
Blue-billed Duck	Oxyura australis		0.3
Brown Goshawk	Accipiter fasciatus		0.2
Brown Honeyeater	Lichmera indistincta		1.4
Brown Songlark	Cinclorampus cruralis		0.0
Buff-banded Rail	Hypotaenidia philippensis		0.5
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	Zanda latirostris		0.4
Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia		0.0
Cattle Egret *	Ardea ibis		0.0
Chestnut Teal	Anas castanea		0.1
Collared Sparrowhawk	Accipiter cirrocephalus		0.0
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia		0.0
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos		0.0
Crested Pigeon	Ocyphaps lophotes	1	0.0
Domestic Duck (Mallard) *			0.0
Dusky Moorhen	Gallinula tenebrosa		2.5
Eastern Osprey	Pandion cristatus		0.0
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	7	38.0
Freckled Duck	Stictonetta naevosa		0.0
Galah	Eolophus roseicapilla	11	5.5
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus		0.0
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		0.0
Great Egret	Ardea alba		0.2
Grey Butcherbird	Cracticus torquatus	1	1.6
Grey Fantail	Rhipidura fuliginosa	3	0.4
Grey Teal	Anas gracilis	85	34.7
Hardhead	Aythya australis		1.3
Hoary-headed Grebe	Polioccephalus poliocephalus		0.5
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	Chalcites basalis		0.0
Inland Thornbill	Acanthiza apicalis		0.0
Laughing Dove *	Streptopelia senegalensis *		1.3
Laughing Kookaburra *	Dacelo novaeguineae *		1.7
Little Black Cormorant	Phalacrocorax sulcirostris		0.0
Little Corella	Cacatua sanguinea	44	25.1
Little Grassbird	Poodytes gramineus		0.6
Little Pied Cormorant	Microcarbo melanoleucos		1.7
Long-billed Corella *	Cacatua tenuirostris *		1.3
Long-toed Stint	Calidris subminuta		0.0
Magpie-lark	Grallina cyanoleuca	2	9.5
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis		0.0
Masked Lapwing	Vanellus miles		0.0
Musk Duck	Biziura lobata		0.0
Nankeen Kestrel	Falco cenchroides		0.0
Nankeen Night-Heron	Nycticorax caledonicus		0.1
New Holland Honeyeater	Phylidonyris novaehollandiae		0.4
Pacific Black Duck	Anas superciliosa	35	80.0
Pacific Gull	Larus pacificus		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo	Heteroscenes pallidus		0.0
Pectoral Sandpiper	Calidris melanotos		0.0

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Common Name	Scientific Name	13/01/2025	
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	Himantopus leucocephalus	6	34.0
Pied Cormorant	Phalacrocorax varius		0.0
Pink-eared Duck	Malacorhynchus membranaceus		6.4
Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio	21	18.0
Purple-backed Fairy-wren	Malurus assimilis	3	0.0
Rainbow Bee-eater	Merops ornatus		0.0
Rainbow Lorikeet *	Trichoglossus moluccanus *	10	22.2
Red Wattlebird	Anthochaera carunculata	2	15.1
Red-kneed Dotterel	Erythrogonys cinctus	2	1.9
Red-necked Avocet	Recurvirostra novaehollandiae	1	4.1
Red-necked Stint	Calidris ruficollis		0.0
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Calyptrorhynchus banksii		0.9
Rock Dove *	Columba livia *		0.0
Rufous Whistler	Pachycephala rufiventris	1	0.0
Sacred Kingfisher	Todiramphus sanctus	1	0.4
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Calidris acuminata		0.1
Silver Gull	Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae	3	27.0
Silveryeye	Zosterops lateralis	25	11.6
Singing Honeyeater	Gavicalis virescens	8	5.7
Southern Boobook	Ninox novaeseelandiae	5	0.0
Splendid Fairy-wren	Malurus splendens		0.0
Spotless Crake	Zapornia tabuensis		0.0
Spotted Dove *	Streptopelia chinensis *	3	3.1
Spotted Pardalote	Pardalotus punctatus		0.0
Spotted Scrubwren	Sericornis maculatus		0.0
Straw-necked Ibis	Threskiornis spinicollis	1	5.3
Striated Pardalote	Pardalotus striatus		0.3
Swamp Harrier	Circus approximans		0.0
Tawny Frogmouth	Podargus strigoides		0.0
Terek Sandpiper	Xenus cinereus		0.0
Tree Martin	Petrochelidon nigricans		7.1
Weebill	Smicronis brevirostris		1.2
Welcome Swallow	Hirundo neoxena	12	14.1
Western Gerygone	Gerygone fusca	2	0.8
Western Spinebill	Acanthorhynchus superciliosus		0.1
Western Wattlebird	Anthochaera lunulata		0.0
Whistling Kite	Haliastur sphenurus		0.1
White-cheeked Honeyeater	Phylidonyris niger		1.0
White-faced Heron	Egretta novaehollandiae		1.8
White-fronted Chat	Epthianura albifrons		0.0
White-necked Heron	Ardea pacifica		0.1
Willie Wagtail	Rhipidura leucophrys	9	16.5
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola		0.0
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Platalea flavipes		0.1
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	Acanthiza chrysorrhoa		0.0
Species		32	30.1
Individuals		348	469.8

Recorded by David and Pam Free

* = introduced species