

ROSE-CROWNED FRUIT-DOVE

Scientific Name: *Ptilinopus regina*
Atlas Number: 21

Description:

The Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove is a small, compact dove, with a short tail and rounded wings. Its name comes from the deep pink cap or forehead, which is bordered behind by a narrow yellow stripe. The upper body is bright green and the underbody orange and yellow with a rose-coloured patch. The throat and upper breast is rough grey. In flight, dark underwings contrast with the yellow body and band on the end of the tail.



The female is similar, but lighter. This species is also known as Pink Cap, Rose- or Red-crowned Fruit-Pigeon.

Similar species:

The Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove is similar in size and shape to the Superb Fruit-Dove, *P. superbus*, and hard to distinguish in the upper canopy. The yellow belly and tail tip of the Rose-crowned distinguishes it from the patchy white and green belly and tail of the Superb Fruit-Dove.

Distribution:

The Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove is widespread in northern and eastern Australia, from the Kimberley region of Western Australia through the Top End to Cape York and the Torres Strait and to the mid-north coast of New South Wales. They also are found in Indonesia.

Habitat:

Rose-crowned Fruit-Doves are found in coastal tall tropical and sub-tropical forests, particularly with dense vine growth, in monsoon rainforest and tall woodlands near rainforest with many fruiting trees. They are sometimes found in mangroves.

Seasonal movements:

Partly migratory and partly resident, maybe with local dispersal for feeding. In eastern Australia, there is some north-south seasonal migration.

Feeding:

Rose-crowned Fruit-Doves feed in the canopy of rainforest, mainly in the morning or late afternoon. They swallow fruit whole and particularly like figs and the fruit of other species of rainforest trees, palms and vines. They also use Camphor Laurel as a food source. They feed singly or in pairs or small parties and take water from leaves or from dew, not from the ground.

Breeding:

Rose-crowned Fruit-Doves breed in rainforests with a dense growth of vines. Courting is the typical bowing display of pigeons, tucking in the head and displaying the pink cap. The nest is a frail loosely woven cup of twigs and tendrils. Both birds incubate, but predators often take the single egg.

Living with us

The Rose-crowned Fruit Dove is listed as vulnerable in New South Wales, with threats including: rainforest clearing and fragmentation, logging, weeds and increased fire regimes altering habitat, and the removal of Camphor Laurel, an introduced tree that has become an important food source, without appropriate alternatives.

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<https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/>

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To join together people with a common interest who wish to further their knowledge and enjoyment of the bird life around them.

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FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

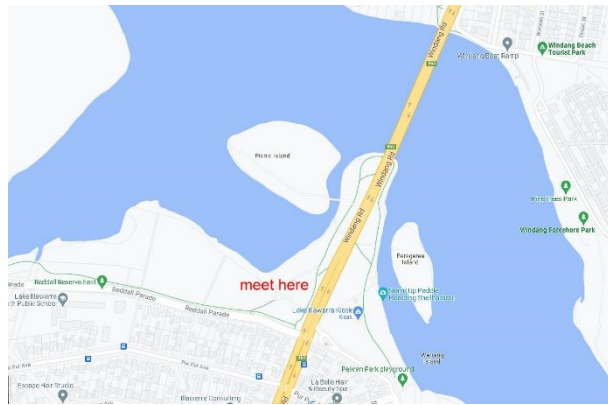
EARLY MIDWEEK WALK 2022

Wednesday 9th February at 4.30pm

leaders *Bill & Joan Zealey*

Pelican View Reserve- Reddall Parade, Lake Illawarra South

Drive south through Warrawong and across Windang Bridge. Meet at Pelican View Reserve, Warilla, 114 Reddall Parade at 5pm. Bring your binoculars, your own sandwiches and drinks and a chair etc. We'll walk to Picnic Island, or under the road bridge to view the sandbanks there, depending on the tide.



If the weather looks threatening contact Bill Zealey on 0414747644

GENERAL MEETING ON ZOOM

Monday 14th February 7pm for 7.30pm start

Happy 2022 to all our members! While we have welcomed a new year, sadly, our meetings will remain virtual for the time being. As is our new normal, the virtual meeting will be conducted using Zoom, officially starting at 7:30 pm. Please note that the meeting will start at 7:00 pm to allow folks to catch up a bit and join before the business starts.

For those late bloomers who have just decided to join us; to use Zoom.

Note: to use Zoom, you need a tablet, mobile or laptop/computer and should download the Zoom app and **make sure Ken Brown has your email at membership@iboc.org.au** ; If you require any additional assistance in getting set up, feel free to contact Jann Gowans at info@iboc.org.au or 4285 9070.

Please RSVP Jann if you would like to join the meeting ASAP.

MONTHLY OUTING

Saturday 19th February at 9am

Leaders *Alan & Anne Cousins*

Comerong Island - Shoalhaven Heads via Numbaa Ferry

Meet at the ferry at 9am -The ferry toll is \$10 and is paid by card on the ferry (no cash anymore). Going south to Nowra turn left into Moss Street just after crossing the Shoalhaven River Bridge and proceed to Terara Road then on to Comerong Island Road (this is a narrow turn straight ahead on a right bend). Approx. 11kms to ferry.

Bring morning tea and lunch. As we will be near water and February is a warm month a good dose of insect repellent and sunscreen is advisable.

NB The ferry is running for visitors to the island at present. Any change to this will be notified to members ASAP

In the event of inclement weather contact Alan or Anne on 0413 869534 by 7.30am

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Next Committee Meeting Monday February 21st

Will be held on Zoom at 11 am. Any members with anything they wish to raise are welcome to attend the meeting but must let Ken Brown know ahead of the meeting.

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE 24th February

For all articles & photos in the next IBOC newsletter PLEASE E-mail contributions: To Charles Dove newsletter@iboc.org.au or post to 1/13 Horrocks Crescent, Kearney's Spring, Toowoomba QLD 4350.

REPORT FOR CHRISTMAS PICNIC

Integral Park, Saturday 11th December 2021

By Jann Gowans

Perhaps in a measure of the times, I'm belatedly writing this, so recall may be poor?! Thankfully, we were able to have our outdoor BBQ picnic with double-vaxxed members after a lean year with Delta lockdowns and then rising Omicron COVID cases... Rather than the usual club-provided sausage sizzle, those who wanted to could BBQ their own offerings; another sign of the times. While 23 members fronted up despite the iffy weather, not all went for a walk around. Due to the threat of rain, it was the first time I've seen the area so deserted of other folks which made it easier to socially distance! The birds were many of the usual suspects including several cuckoo species (Fan-tailed, Shining-bronze and Brush) and some were treated to a Black-faced Monarch and the White-throated Gerygone was heard calling. A Sacred Kingfisher even perched on the flying fox cable for all to see. It was just nice to be out and sharing a meal with friends but the 42 species we spotted made it even better! Let's hope 2022 allows us to continue our outdoor pursuits...

| Bird List for Integral Park Walk 11 th December 2021 | | 23 Members | 42 Species |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Brown Cuckoo-Dove | Galah | Brown Thornbill | Maggie-lark |
| Crested Pigeon | Sulphur-crested Cockatoo | Yellow Thornbill | Australian Raven |
| Bar-shouldered Dove | Rainbow Lorikeet | White-throated Gerygone | Eastern Yellow Robin |
| Shining Bronze-Cuckoo | Satin Bowerbird | Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike | Welcome Swallow |
| Fan-tailed Cuckoo | Superb Fairywren | Eastern Whipbird | Red-whiskered Bulbul |
| Brush Cuckoo | Eastern Spinebill | Golden Whistler | Silvereye |
| Masked Lapwing | Lewin's Honeyeater | Olive-backed Oriole | Common Myna |
| Australian White Ibis | Yellow-faced Honeyeater | Australian Magpie | Common Blackbird |
| Laughing Kookaburra | Noisy Miner | Grey Fantail | Mistletoebird |
| Sacred Kingfisher | Little Wattlebird | Black-faced Monarch | Red-browed Finch |
| Dollarbird | New Holland Honeyeater | | |

Ebird reference: S99993123

EARLY NOMINATION FOR BIRD OF THE YEAR

Supplied by Ross Gowans



BARBARA HALES 1942-2022

It is with deep, profound sorrow that I have to inform members of the passing of Barbara who succumbed to cancer after 4 years of constant battle with this awful disease. She passed away peacefully with Brian at her bedside in the early hours of Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Her wish was for a small, short ceremony attended by her family.

The cremation service was conducted on Thursday 13th January as per her wishes with family members. Anne and I also had the honour of being invited to attend.

Barbara and Brian have been stalwarts of IBOC for many years with Brian serving as the President for 10 years with Barbara always at his side. Their service to the Club was recognised when they were both awarded Life Membership. Barbara and Brian have been together ever since they were 15 years old and Barbara along with Brian would have been 80 this year.



Many in IBOC will be aware that Barbara, Brian, Anne and I have been close friends for many years sharing many days out together, along with sharing accommodation at IBOC camps. The days outing usually ending with coffee and cake somewhere. Due to their extensive travels Barbara always seemed to know a suitable coffee shop or bakery wherever we were.

They moved into Warrigal-Shell Cove at the end of last year for additional care where they received great care and treatment. Brian is continuing to receive the very best of care in this lovely new accommodation.

If you wish to make a donation in Barbara's name her daughter Karla suggested that you may like to donate to WIRES who help to rescue and rehabilitate sick, injured or orphan birds and wildlife, or your chosen charity. <http://www.wires.org.au>

If you would like any further, please feel free to contact Anne or myself on 0413869534 or al.cuz@bigpond.com

Alan Cousins



The IBOC trip to Lord Howe Island, which was arranged by Barbara and Brian. Many members will recall that trip fondly.

Nick and Daphne Van Oudtshoorn



ARTICLES AND NOTICES OF INTEREST

Threatened birdsongs on Aussie music chart

Aaron Bunch - Illawarra Mercury 21/12/2021

An album of bird songs from Australia's most threatened species has climbed two spots to number three on Australia's Aria chart.

Songs of Disappearance is beating Christmas albums by Paul Kelly, Michael Buble and Mariah Carey after two weeks on the chart.

The 54-song collection was based on recordings by well-known wildlife sound recordist David Stewart, who has spent decades travelling around Australia for his work.

The album reached number five in the ARIA top 50 albums chart in the first week of its release, beating ABBA's latest album Voyage.

It was produced by cellist Anthony Albrecht, who is also a PhD candidate at Charles Darwin University in the Northern Territory.

"The Australian public must be made aware of the dire situation facing our unique wildlife," Mr Albrecht said before the album was released.

"With Songs of Disappearance we offer the sounds of species that could soon disappear forever".

The 53 species included on the album are the rarest species in Australia and all on the brink of extinction.

"The Night Parrot is a special call because it has been recorded so rarely. Few people would have heard any of these bird calls," Mr Albrecht said.

Also featured are songs of the extremely rare Swift Parrot, Orange-bellied Parrot and some vulnerable migratory shorebirds, such as the Far-eastern Curlew and Bar-tailed Godwit.



Mr Albrecht is co-creator of The Bowerbird Collective, which aims to strengthen emotional connections to nature through the arts.

Songs of Disappearance was inspired by a similar project in the UK: Let Nature Sing.

Buy a copy here: <https://songsofdisappearance.com/>

I will place my copy in IBOC Library – Chris. Cartledge

‘Most beautiful’ dinosaur egg complete with embryo provides bird link

By *Jordan Mendoza*

December 22, 2021 — 3.15pm

An artist impression by Julius Csotonyi based on the baby dinosaur bones found in a fossilised egg. Credit: Twitter/@SteveBrusatte



Los Angeles: The discovery of a fossilised dinosaur egg laid more than 66 million years ago and containing a complete tucked-in embryo has excited researchers and provided a link between dinosaurs and modern-day birds.

The egg was found in 2000 in Ganzhou, Jiangxi Province in southern China by Yingliang Group, a company that mines stones, and put into storage.

It wasn't until the company began building the Yingliang Stone Nature History Museum in 2010 that museum staff found the fossil, noticing bones within the egg.

Scientists who examined it said it contained an embryo, which they named "Baby Yingliang".

Their findings were published in the [peer-reviewed journal iScience](#).

"Dinosaur embryos are some of the rarest fossils, and most of them are incomplete with the bones dislocated. We are very excited about the discovery of 'Baby Yingliang'," Fion Waisum Ma, author of the study and researcher at the University of Birmingham in England, said in a statement. "It is preserved in a great condition and helps us answer a lot of questions about dinosaur growth and reproduction with it."

[Links of interest](#) -

courtesy of Pam Hazelwood

'Matrix of threats': the precarious plight of Tasmania's swift parrots

https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2021/dec/29/matrix-of-threats-the-precarious-plight-of-tasmanias-swift-parrots?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

A victory for wildlife at this Welsh coastal lagoon

https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/jan/08/a-victory-for-wildlife-at-this-welsh-coastal-lagoon?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

Panic turned to relief when wildlife officers found red-tailed black cockatoos nesting sites intact despite a 7,000 hectare bushfire scorching an old state forest. [Read the full story](#)

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A bird flu outbreak in northern Israel kills at least 5,200 migratory cranes and forces farmers to slaughter hundreds of thousands of chickens as authorities try to contain what they say is the deadliest wildlife disaster in the nation's history.

[Read the full story](#)

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Conservationists are using DNA to identify ideal breeding birds from separate groups of eastern bristlebirds in a bid to create enough genetic diversity in the species to save it. [Read the full story](#)

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Hubert is the first of his species ever seen in eastern Australia, and birders are wondering whether he's a climate change vagrant from Europe or he just got lost in La Niña. [Read the full story](#)

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Eddie's dad left her for dead. Eight years on, the white emu spends her days swimming, chasing snakes, rolling in mud and hanging out with her best buddies — poddy calves. [Read the full story](#)

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Barry the brolga was being eaten alive when he was rescued a year ago by Diane Hauff in outback Queensland. Now he's part of the family. [Read the full story](#)

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The Butchulla Land and Sea Rangers join researchers using trail cameras to study the birds and understand the impact of drought and bushfires. [Read the full story](#)

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Monthly Sightings: Dec 2021-Jan 2022

compiled by Darryl Goldrick

| SPECIES | Nº | DATE | LOCATION | HABITAT | OBSERVER |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Powerful Owl | 1 calling | 20-Dec-21 | Thirroul | south-eastern edge of Excelsior Mine area | Mike Morphet |
| Bar-shouldered Dove | 1 | 5-Jan-22 | Primbee NSW | Backyard (bird got itself trapped in chicken coop) | Walter Boles |
| Wonga Pigeon | 1 | 26-Dec-21 | Woonona | Carole Avenue Reserve | Mike Morphet |
| Wonga Pigeon | 1 | 4-Jan-22 | Thirroul | front garden | Mike Morphet |
| Topknot Pigeon | 1 1 | 12-Jan-21 | TV Antenna Bellambi | Open air on antenna in backyard | Joan Wylie |
| White-faced Heron | 4 | 14-Sep-22 | Wollongong | Tom Thumb Lagoon Wetland | Mike Mprphett |
| Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo | 1 | 13-Dec-21 | Thirroul | neighbour's backyard jacaranda | Mike Morphet |
| White-breasted Sea-Eagle | 1 | 13-Dec-21 | Lake Illawarra South | O'head at Bevan's Island | Darryl Goldrick |
| Australian Hobby | 1 | 10-Jan-22 | Lake Illawarra South | Roosting Powerline | Darryl Goldrick |
| Long-billed Corella | ~ 200 | 1-Jan-22 | Balarang | Public Reserve | Darryl Goldrick |
| Long-billed Corella | 100 | 1-Jan-22 | Lake Illawarra South | High School Grounds | Darryl Goldrick |
| Eastern Koel | 1 female | 8-Dec-21 | Thirroul | backyard robinia | Mike Morphet |
| Eastern Koel | 1m +1 fem | 12-Jan-22 | Lake Illawarra South | Yard | Darryl Goldrick |
| Southern Boobook | 1 calling | 20-Dec-21 | Thirroul | southern edge of Excelsior mine area | Mike Morphet |
| Dollarbird | 2 | 25-Dec-21 | Woonona | Carole Avenue Reserve | Mike Morphet |
| Superb Lyrebird | 1 | 3-Jan-22 | Thirroul | southern end of Gibson Track | Mike Morphet |
| Superb Lyrebird | 1 | 3-Jan-22 | Excelsior, Thirroul | eastern side of Phillip Street Fire Trail | Mike Morphet |
| White-browed Scrubwren | 1 | 3-Jan-22 | Thirroul | Sylvan Woods Track | Mike Morphet |
| Red Wattlebird | 2 | 14-Jan-22 | Tom Thumb lagoon Wetland | tree-lined track | Mike Morphet |
| Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike | 1 | 10-Dec-21 | West Wollongong | Suburban back yard | Chris. Cartledge |
| Grey Shrike-thrush | 1 | 3-Jan-22 | Illawarra Escarpment SCA, Thirroul | north side of Panorama House powerline track | Mike Morphet |
| Australasian Figbird | 1 | 27-Nov-21 | Woodward Memorial Park, Thirroul | melaleuca | Mike Morphet |
| Australasian Figbird | 1m +1fem | 10-Jan-22 | Lake Illawarra South | PCYC grounds | Darryl Goldrick |
| Olive-backed Oriole | 1 | 5-Dec-21 | Downie Place, Woonona | tree canopy in small park | Mike Morphet |
| Olive-backed Oriole | 1 | 10-Jan-22 | Lake Illawarra South | PCYC grounds | Darryl Goldrick |
| Grey Butcherbird | 1 adult & 1 juvenile | 10-Dec-21 | Thirroul | backyard robinia | Mike Morphet |
| Australian Magpie | 5 | 14-Jan-22 | Tom Thumb Lagoon Wetland | track & casuarinas | Mike Morphet |
| Rufous Fantail | 1 | 3-Jan-22 | Thirroul | Sylvan Woods Track | Mike Morphet |
| Australian Raven | 6 | 14-Jan-22 | Tom Thumb Lagoon Wetland | trees & in flight | Mike Morphet |
| Red-whiskered Bulbul | 2 | 9-Jan-22 | Thirroul | backyard tea-tree | Mike Morphet |
| Common Blackbird | 1 m +1 fem | 4.5.6-Jan-2022 | Lake Illawarra South | Front Yard - daily, scratching in garden mulch | Darryl Goldrick |
| Red-browed Finch | 5 | 14-Jan-22 | Tom Thumb Lagoon Wetland | grasses | Mike Morphet |

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