

CHESTNUT TEAL

Scientific Name: *Anas castanea*
 Atlas Number: 210

Description:

The Chestnut Teal is a small dabbling duck with a high forehead and rounded head. Males are distinctive, having a glossy green head, chestnut brown neck, breast and flanks, dark brown upper body and wings, and a black undertail with contrasting white patch. Females are mottled dark brown and grey, with a pale throat streaked brown and a dark eye stripe. In both sexes the eye is a deep red, the bill is blue-grey and the legs and feet are green-grey. The wings have a dark glossy green to



photo by Charles Dove

purple speculum (panel) edged white and the underwing is brown, with white wing pits.

Similar species:

Female and juvenile Chestnut Teals are extremely similar to, but slightly darker than, the Grey Teal, *A. gracilis*. Since the Chestnut and Grey Teals overlap in habitat, behaviour and even calls, it is quite hard to distinguish between the two species' females or young. The males are not similar.

Distribution:

The Chestnut Teal is found in south-western and south-eastern Australia. In the east, being most common in New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania.

Habitat:

The Chestnut Teal is found on wetlands and estuaries in coastal regions, and is one of the few ducks able to tolerate high salinity waters, although it still needs fresh water for drinking. It will also use open freshwater lakes, reservoirs and sewage ponds during dry seasons. It mainly breeds in coastal areas, needing hollow trees in water or short grasslands near water for nesting.

Seasonal movements:

Some movements between breeding and non-breeding areas, but many birds do not move far.

Feeding:

The Chestnut Teal eats seeds and insects, along with some vegetation, as well as molluscs and crustaceans in more coastal habitats. It dabbles for food while swimming in the water, upends to bottom feed or takes food from the surface.

Breeding:

Chestnut Teals form monogamous pairs that stay together outside the breeding season. Both parents choose and defend a nest site and the males stay with the female while she incubates the eggs. The nest is usually located over water, in a down-lined tree hollow about 6 m to 10 m high. Sometimes nests are placed on the ground, among clumps of grass near water, and are little more than a scrape, lined with down. Males do not assist with incubation but do look after the young when hatched. Sometimes 'dump-laying' occurs, where females leave their eggs in the nest of another female, which accounts for some large clutch sizes (up to 17 eggs in a nest). The young hatch ready to swim and walk within a day, and will move out with their mother onto the water straight away. If threatened by a predator, parents will feign injury, splash and quack in an attempt to distract it while the young dive or swim off.

Living with us

Chestnut Teals, like most waterbirds, have suffered from wetland modifications such as drainage, increased salinity, grazing, clearing and burning. In coastal areas, their preferred estuary and inlet habitats are threatened by increased development. The introduced Fox is a major predator, eating eggs, young and adults.

Bird species cover text courtesy of <http://www.birdsinbackyards.net/>

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Founded in 1977

Club's Aim:
 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

CLUB MEETING

Monday 11th at 7.00pm

Fairy Meadow Community Hall, Cnr. of Cambridge Avenue & Princes H'way Fairy Meadow.

Guest speaker Andy and Anna Knowlson

Our Presentation will feature a trip in 2017 by Anna and Andrew Knowlson, Pam Hazelwood and Neil McKinlay through South Australia, across the Nullarbor and South West Western Australia. We saw some great birds, including some 'lifers', and country and are looking forward to sharing them with everyone. Note: "The good bird photos are by Pam".

Please bring a plate of 'goodies' and a mug for supper after the meeting.

EARLY MIDWEEK WALK

Wednesday 6th February at 5PM
Hooka Point

Leaders Ross and Jann Gowan

Early Midweek Walk Wednesday 6th February 2019. Meet at the carpark on the corner of Sussex St. and Holborn St Berkeley. Bring your binoculars, picnic tea and a chair.

If weather looks threatening contact Ross or Jann Gowan's 42859070 or 0490136231

MONTHLY OUTING

Saturday 16th February at 8.30am

Leaders Alan and Anne Cousins

Picton Botanic Gardens, Regreme Road, Picton. Take the Picton Road exit from Mount Ousley and follow the Picton Road/Old Hume Highway to Picton. At roundabout take the first exit into Regreme Road and follow to gardens car park where there are facilities. Carry morning tea and return to car park for lunch.

In the event of inclement weather contact Alan or Anne Cousins on 0413 869 534 by 7.30am

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday on the 18th February 2019 at 2pm

Will be held at the home of Ken & Sue Brown's, 12 Meads Avenue, Tarrawanna

Any members with anything they wish to raise are welcome to attend the meeting.

Newsletter

DEADLINE 21st February 2019

For all articles & photos in the next IBOC newsletter

PLEASE E-mail contributions: To Charles Dove newsletter@iboc.org.au

or post to 3/15 Shepherd Street, Mollymook 2539.

**WISHING YOU HAPPY BIRDING AND A BIG WELCOME
TO ALL NEW MEMBERS**

Illawarra Bird Observers Club Reports

Christmas Meeting 10th December 2018

Ross Gowans

The IBOC Christmas Party started with a delay due to technical issues but got rolling and even ran a little late.

There was a good turnout with everyone partaking in the silent auction raising \$203 and a guessing competition on the number of species sighted in the year was won by Joan and raised \$31.

Bill provided a quiz and video of historic photos of the Illawarra. Darryl had a bird call quiz to keep us guessing and Charles had another ID quiz which featured a series of photos that gradually became clearer until the bird was revealed.

Neil provided a railway station quiz and Betty was back on deck with the traditional Christmas cake and just to be different I provided apples amongst the usual chocolate prizes to my surprise the apples were in demand.

A good night was had by all.

Midweek Walk & BBQ

Integral Park 8th December 2018

By Terry Edwell

Our end of year meeting was attended by 34 of our members. It was a good afternoon with good fellowship and lots of birds. Tom and Neal cooked our BBQ for us and as usual there were plenty of well-cooked sausages and onions.

Some of us went for a walk while the sausages cooked and we were rewarded with plenty of beautiful birds. We saw King Parrots, Crimson Rosellas, Eastern Rosellas, Rainbow Lorikeets along with Dollar birds, Satin Bowerbirds and a Green Catbird. So many colourful birds. The whole area is now well established with walking tracks and small groups of trees and shrubs along the creek and plenty of grass for the birds to forage.

It was wonderful to see Barbara and Brian again and Silvia and Dave. Also, Peter and Judy who travelled up from down the coast to join us. A very enjoyable afternoon with thanks to Tom and Neal for cooking and supplying the BBQ as they do each year.

Integral Park Walk 8 th December 2018		44 Species	34 Members
Pacific Black Duck	Rainbow Lorikeet	Superb Fairy-wren	Grey Shrike-thrush
Spotted Dove	Australian King Parrot	White-browed Scrubwren	Australian Magpie
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	Crimson Rosella	Brown Thornbill	Grey Fantail
Crested Pigeon	Eastern Rosella	Eastern Spinebill	Australian Raven
Topknot Pigeon	Channel-billed Cuckoo	Lewin's Honeyeater	Magpie-lark
White-faced Heron	Fantailed Cuckoo	Noisy Miner	Eastern Yellow Robin
Australian White Ibis	Brush Cuckoo	Little Wattlebird	Silvereye
Nankeen Kestrel	Laughing Kookaburra	New Holland Honeyeater	Red-whiskered Bulbul
Australasian Swamphen	Dollar Bird	Eastern Whipbird	Common Blackbird
Little Corella	Green Catbird	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Common Myna
Galah	Satin Bowerbird	Rufous Whistler	Red Browed Finch

THANK YOU

We were touched by the beautiful card we received and the concern, encouragement and love expressed by IBOC members.

The IBOC members have been such a welcoming group of people.

Ken and Ursula Guymer

NOTICES & ARTICLES OF INTEREST

IBOC CONSTITUTION

In 2015 changes were made to the Incorporation Act that has necessitated the club's committee to review and where appropriate, make changes to our current Constitution so as to comply with the Act. The committee has now completed and endorsed a Draft Constitution (2018) which has to be ratified by a vote of 75% of the total club's financial membership by Special Resolution at the Club's normal General Meeting on Monday 13th May 2019.

The Draft Constitution has been posted on the IBOC web site under the '**Policy**' dropdown icon to enable members to view and review the document.

Also posted on the same heading is a Notice in respect to this forthcoming meeting in May which includes a Proxy voting form. Understandably, not all financial members will find it practical or possible to be able to attend this meeting. In this regard, it is **critical** that non-attending members lodge their Proxy vote forms with the Secretary before the 13th May 2019 in order to achieve the 75% by law majority.

If we don't achieve this legal threshold then we are non-compliant with Incorporation Act and the club is operating illegally.

For those that don't have computers, a copy of the Draft Constitution is available from the club Secretary, Betty Hudson or from the library at club meetings from Feb onwards.

So please – there are **two urgent requests**:

- **Pay your subs before 13th May and**
- **Fill out you proxy form and mail to the Secretary before 13 May**

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2019 REMINDER

Subscriptions for the 2019 year are now due. Still the same as last year - \$40 single or \$50 for family membership. Payment options are:

- Pay cash to Ken Brown at a meeting or activity
- Send cheque to IBOC at P.O. Box 56, Fairy Meadow 2519
- Transfer funds to BSB: 012878 Account No: 202659313 Account Name: Illawarra Bird Observers Club. Please include your name in the Payment Reference and send an email to membership@iboc.org.au advising you have paid.

NEXT IBOC CAMP 2019

Autumn 2019 Camp

**John Oxley Caravan Park Coonabarabran
30th March to 6th April 2019**

The IBOC Autumn 2019 Camp will be held in Coonabarabran in North Western NSW at John Oxley Caravan Park from **Saturday 30th March to Saturday 6th April 2019.**

Please note the changed dates of the camp.

John Oxley Caravan Park, Newell Highway, Coonabarabran 2357. **Ph 02 6842 1635.**

Email michaelkelly6@bigpond.com.au . Web site www.johnoxleycvn.net (no online booking available) please phone or email the caravan park for bookings

2019 PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Month	Action	Date	Speaker/Leader	Venue
February	Mid-week outing	6.02.19	Ross & Jann Gowans	Hooka Point Berkeley Picnic Tea
	Meeting	11.02.19	Andy Knowlson	Nullarbor Plain & SW WA Trip
	Outing	Saturday 16.02.19	Alan Cousins	Picton Botanic Garden
	Committee Meeting	18.02.19		
March	Meeting	11.03.19	TBA	
	Mid-week walk Joint Outing. With Cumberland BOC	13.03.19	Ross & Jann Gowans	Audley Weir RNP
	Outing	Sunday 17.03.19	Alan Cousins	Dharawal N P
	Committee Meeting	18.03.19		
	Autumn Camp	30.03 to 6.04.19	Betty Hudson	Coonabarabran
April	Meeting	No Meeting due to camp		
	Mid-Week Walk	11.04.18	Rupert Jarvis	Mangerton Bush
	Outing	Saturday 13.04.19	Alan Cousins	Carrington Falls
	Committee Meeting	15.04.19		
	NSW School Hols	13-30.04.19		
May	Meeting	13.05.19	Bob Ashford	TBA
	Mid-week	15.05.19	Rupert Jarvis	Killalea
	Outing	Sunday 19.05.19	Alan Cousins	Tallawarra Ash Ponds
	Committee Meeting	20.05.19		
June	Meeting	10.06.19		
	Mid-Week Walk	12.06.19	Rupert Jarvis	Bombo Headlands
	Outing	Saturday 15.06.19	Alan Cousins	Abrahams Bosum
	Committee Meeting	17.06.19		
July	Meeting	8.07.19		
	School Holidays	6-22.07.19		
	Mid-Week Walk	10.07.19	Rupert Jarvis	Gibson Track
	Outing	Sunday 14.07.19	Alan Cousins	Barren Grounds
	Committee Meeting	16.07.19		
August	Meeting	12.08.19		
	Mid-Week Walk	14.08.19	Rupert Jarvis	William Beach Park
	Outing	Saturday 17.08.19	Alan Cousins	Berrima River
	Committee Meeting	19.08.19		
September	Meeting	9.09.19		
	Mid-Week Walk	11.09.19	Rupert Jarvis	Rhododendron Park
	Monthly Walk	Sunday 15.09.19	Alan Cousins	Australian Botanic Garden Mt Annan
	Committee Meeting	16.09.19		
October	Meeting	14.10.09	No Meeting due to camp	
	School Holidays	28.09 to 13.10.19		
	Mid-Week Walk	16.10.19	Rupert Jarvis	Farmborough Heights
	Monthly Walk	No Outing due to camp		
	Committee Meeting	21.10.19		
	Spring Camp	12.10 – 19.10.19	TO BE ADVISED	
November	Meeting/ AGM	11.11.19		
	Mid-Week Walk	13.11.19	Rupert Jarvis	Korongulla Swamp
	Outing	Sunday 17.11.19	Alan Cousins	Governors Head Jervis Bay
	Committee Meeting	18.11.19		
December	Christmas Picnic	6.12.19		Integral Park Dapto
	Christmas Meeting	9.12.19		
	School Holidays	19.12 – 27.01.20		
Jan 2020	Committee Meeting	13.01.20		
Feb 2020	Mid-Week Walk	5.02.20		
Feb 2020	Meeting	10.02.20		

'Tenacious' Mallee emu-wren breeding itself from South Australian extinction

ABC Radio Adelaide By Malcolm Sutton



Photo: The Mallee Emu-wren are sought after by bird watchers for their long tail feathers. (Supplied: NRSA Murray-Darling Basin)

A tiny bird species wiped out by bushfires in South Australia is surprising ecologists by how quickly they're breeding, after a small number from Victoria were successfully reintroduced.

The Mallee Emu-wren only exists in two core locations in Victoria and South Australia.

When lightning in 2014 sparked two bushfires in the Ngarkat Conservation Park, nearly 300km south-east of Adelaide, it was believed the park's emu-wren population had been wiped out.

The loss of habitat had left the birds "functionally extinct" in South Australia, according to Chris Hedger, an ecologist with Natural Resources SA Murray-Darling Basin (NRSA).

"We could never officially say they were extinct because there's so much habitat out there," he told ABC Radio Adelaide's Saturday Breakfast program. "But we were very confident that if there were any individuals left, it was functionally extinct and would not be able to survive in the long term."

In April this year, 38 of the birds were translocated to Ngarkat from a national park in Victoria's Mallee, where a breeding program had been underway to bolster numbers amid fears another bushfire could knock them out altogether.

Another 40 were sent in August from Victoria's Murray Sunset and Hattah-Kulkyne national parks.

"For many birders, or twitchers, who like to go to Victoria to look for birds, those two parks are often frequented, particularly because they've got good, high levels of diversity, particularly for Mallee species," Mr Hedger said.

Emu-wrens found to be breeding

NRSA said the birds had recently been surveyed and a significant number of paired birds with fledglings had been found. PhD students Will Mitchell and Simon Verdon tracked them with some difficulty, as the elusive birds weigh just 5.5 grams and prefer dense, inaccessible scrub and tussocky grass. "That's pretty amazing considering they must have started [breeding] almost within days of being released at these completely new sites," Mr Hedger said.

The Emu-wrens also surprised the team when three adults were found to be raising fledglings in cooperative breeding behaviour previously unseen among the species. "They've surprised us quite a lot, given that they're a small species and we think they must be really fragile and vulnerable. "In many respects they are, but they are just such a tenacious little species. "We never had any issues feeding them as we were transferring them through to the sites; they were just voracious. "If you put anything in front of them that looked like an insect, they would just destroy it, so I think they're a little tougher than we think they are."

Rare waterbirds, Little Bitterns, head south in search of drought refuge

ABC South East SA By Lucy Robinson and Cherie von Hörchner

Photo: Measuring about 35cm long, Australian Little Bitterns are small and even lesser-known. (Supplied: Andrew Silcocks)

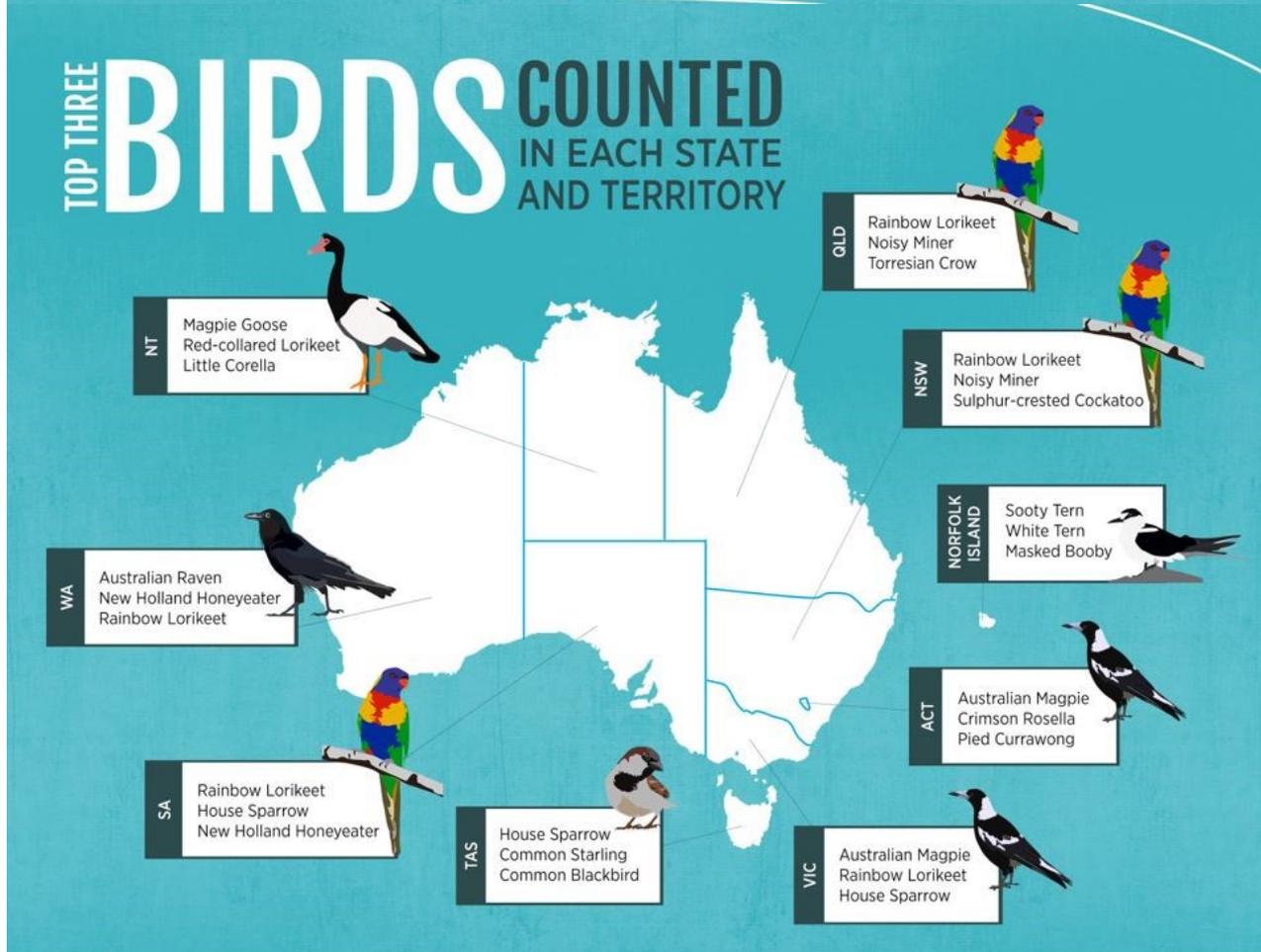
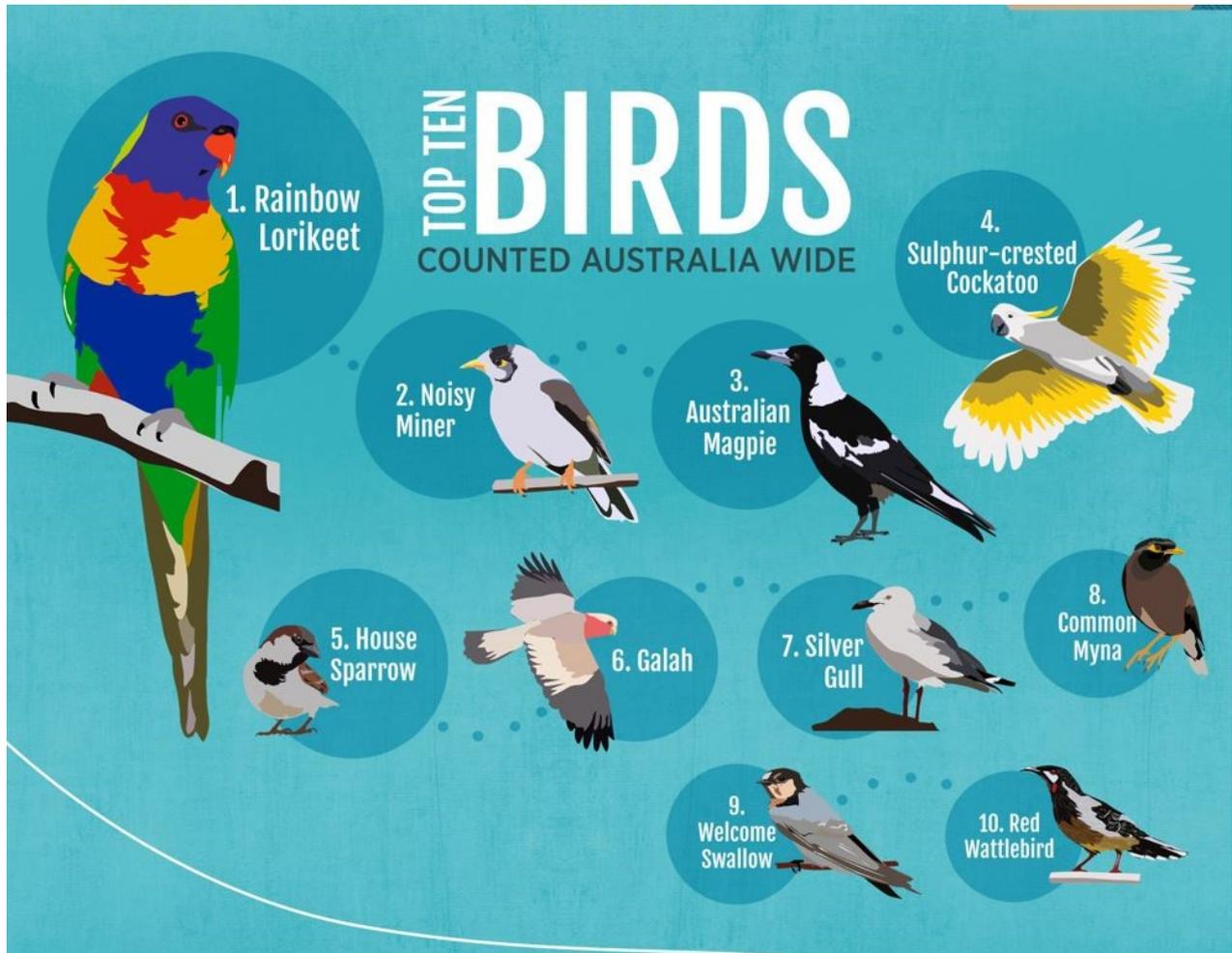
Rare waterbirds appear to be increasingly moving into South Australia to escape dry conditions in northern areas of the country, according to wildlife experts.

Six Australian Little Bitterns were recorded at Bool Lagoon in the state's south-east during the most recent survey of the species' numbers. While the count may seem small, Birdlife South East SA convenor Bob Green said it was a "staggering" result for the notoriously elusive species, which is classified as endangered in South Australia.

"We've been keeping records in the south-east since our group's formation almost 20 years ago," he said. "In that time we've only had three individual [Little Bitterns] recorded ... one was in Lake Alexandrina and the other two were in Bool Lagoon. "So to actually have six recorded on the one night in one location is staggering."



Full story -- <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-01-21/little-bitterns-on-the-move/10703234>



Western Australian beachgoers have been amazed to see penguins on beaches in the southern part of the state, with as many as eight different Rockhopper Penguins spotted ashore since Christmas.

Five of the penguins have been rescued by wildlife carers after appearing on regional beaches between Jurien Bay, north of Perth, and Augusta in the state's south west.

[Photo: Experts say it is unclear why so many penguins have travelled so far from home. \(Supplied: Carolyn Forte\)](#)

The birds head for land to moult once a year and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions said while it was not unusual to see them in WA, there were more around this year.

Rockhopper Penguins were not generally found in Australia and regional wildlife officer Pia Courtis said the animals were a long way from home.

"They're found on islands sort of south of Western Australia — half way between us and South Africa," she said.

"They have swum a long way to make it to our shores."



Protected birds abandon WA sanctuary after feral cat massacre

By Carla Hildebrandt 8 January 2019 — 12:36pm

A protected colony of birds has been forced to move on from their WA sanctuary after a feral cat killed 40 chicks last year. The Mandurah estuary colony was ravaged in December by an unidentified cat, [which is believed to have single-handedly killed 40 Fairy-tern chicks and at least five adults.](#)

The Mandurah Fairy-tern breeding program has been a long-running project by the City of Mandurah, and chief executive Mark Newman said the colony had since abandoned the estuary as a result of the attacks. "After numerous attempts to prevent the cat from entering the sanctuary, it was trapped and euthanised," he said. "As a result [of the attacks], the Fairy-tern abandoned the sanctuary — however, it is believed that two surviving juvenile birds successfully fledged a few days ago. "Our officers, partners and many volunteers put in an enormous effort to help them breed and we are devastated that this has not been completely successful." Murdoch University PhD researcher Claire Greenwell, who worked with the Mandurah Fairy-tern population as a part of her work, confirmed she had observed the colony leave the sanctuary following the incidents. "Unfortunately there was so much disturbance after the cat entered the sanctuary, that they didn't stay," she said.

"The risks of possible predation was too high.

Geolocator deployment reduces return rate, alters selection, and impacts demography in a small songbird

In the past few years, miniature light-level geolocators have been developed for tracking wild bird species that were previously too small to track during their full annual cycle. Geolocators offer an exciting opportunity to study the full annual cycle for many species. However, the potential detrimental effects of carrying geolocators are still poorly understood, especially for small-bodied birds. Here, we deployed light-level geolocators on Common Yellowthroat Warblers (*Geothlypis trichas*). Over two years, we monitored return rates and neighbourhood demography for 40 warblers carrying a geolocator and 20 reference birds that did not carry a geolocator. We compared the two groups with long-term data from 108 unmanipulated birds breeding at the same location in previous and subsequent years. Overall, we found that individuals carrying a geolocator were less likely to return to the study site in the following year (21% to 33% returned, depending on inclusion criteria) than either contemporaneous controls (55%) or long-term controls (55%). Among birds marked with geolocators, we also detected viability selection for greater wing length, whereas this pattern was not present in control birds. Finally, in each year after geolocator deployment,

inexperienced breeders colonized vacant territories and this demographic effect persisted for two years after deployment. Sexual selection and ornamentation are strongly age-dependent in this system, and behavioral data collected after geolocator deployment is likely to differ systematically from natural conditions. Clearly geolocators will continue to be useful tools, but we suggest that future studies should carefully consider the potential for biased returns and the ecological validity of behavioural data collected from geolocator marked populations.

<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0207783>



Brush Cuckoo by Terry Edwell



Dancing Crested Terns by Terry Edwell



Common Terns



Beach Stone-curlew

Hi I went for an early walk at Shoalhaven Heads then Lake Woolumboola to catch up on some of the waders and shorebirds to see whats around at present. **Shoalhaven Heads** has a good number of Pacific Golden Plovers and Eastern Curlews along with a smaller than usual number of Bar-tailed Godwits with the **Common and Gull Billed Terns** present along with **6 Nankeen Kestrels** 4 adults and 2 juveniles feeding on grasshoppers, cicadas, Christmas beetles and whatever crosses their path. **Lake Woolumboola** is very low and is covered in numerous sandbars, the Red-necked Avocets and White-headed Stilts seem to be favouring the NW corner along with Ducks and Pelicans, lots of mixed Cormorants on various sandbars. A big surprise was the **Beach Stone-curlew** in the vegetation on the SE second sandbar - only see 4 Bar-tailed Godwits present on the day, so a long way down on numbers, but they could have been over the far side. A few Sharp-tailed Sandpipers, Ruddy Turnstones, Red Knots and Little Terns, the numerous sand-bars and around the eastern edge have large numbers of Red-necked Stints and Red-capped Plovers too many to count. I did not venture out to sand-bars into the middle, but sure there could be a number of other species in the Lake, as the water slowly recedes revealing more feeding areas.

By Charles Dove

MONTHLY SIGHTINGS :- December 2018/ January 2019

compiled by Darryl Goldrick

SPECIES	Nº	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Black-winged Stilt	2	22/01/2019	Kanahooka	Lake	A Cousins/B Hales
Topknot Pigeon	6	5/01/2019	Milton	Figtree	Charles Dove
Tawny Frogmouth	1	6/01/2019	Burrill Lake	Backyard	Charles Dove
Red-kneed Dotterel	3	5/01/2019	Milton	Wetland	Charles Dove
Masked Lapwing	2 A /2 ch	5/12/2018	Bellambi	Crossing Rothery St	Mike Morphet
White-faced Heron	3	7/12/2018	Bellambi	Holy Spirit playing field	Mike Morphet
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	5	7/02/2019	Ulladulla	Heathland	Charles Dove
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	12	20/01/2019	Ulladulla	Heathland	Charles Dove
Eastern Reef Egret	1	14/01/2019	Ulladulla	Tidal Rock	Charles Dove
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	8	20/01/2019	Ulladulla	Banksia's	Charles Dove
Australian White Ibis	4	22/01/2019	Kanahooka	Lake	A Cousins/B Hales
Royal Spoonbill	5	22/01/2019	Kanahooka	Lake	A Cousins/B Hales
Royal Spoonbill	15	13/01/2019	Dolphin Point	Dam	Charles Dove
Black-shouldered Kite	1	26/11/2018	Berry	Broughton Creek Crossing No2	Mike Morphet
Black-shouldered Kite	1	23/01/2019	Shellharbour Square	O'head residential	Darryl Goldrick
Square-tailed Kite	1	29/12/2018	Balgownie	O'head residential	Joan Zealey
Whistling Kite	1	26/11/2018	Illaroo/Shoalhaven River	Bundanoon Homestead	Mike Morphet
Common Greenshank	1	5/01/2019	Milton	Wetland	Charles Dove
Long-billed Corella	~50	Dec/Jan '19	Lake Illawarra South	Grazing in Grass	Darryl Goldrick
Eastern Koel	2 pr	Jan '19	Lake Illawarra South	Yard	Darryl Goldrick
Eastern Koel	4	5/01/2019	Milton	Wetland	Charles Dove
Eastern Koel	3	13/01/2019	Dolphin Point	mixed trees	Charles Dove
Channel-billed Cuckoo	12	5/01/2019	Milton	Wetland	Charles Dove
Powerful Owl	1	27/11/2018	Thirroul	Residential Garden	Mike Morphet
Sacred Kingfisher	1	14/01/2019	Ulladulla	Gumtree	Charles Dove
Green Catbird	1	29/12/2018	Thirroul	Backyard	Mike Morphet
Satin Bowerbird	1f /1j	29/12/2018	Thirroul	Feeding cicada in yard	Mike Morphet
Brown Thornbill	4	9/12/2018	Thirroul	Yard	Mike Morphet
Rufous Whistler	1 f	14/01/2019	Ulladulla	Gumtree	Charles Dove
Olive-backed Oriole	1	1/12/2018	Thirroul	Yard	Mike Morphet
Leaden Flycatcher	2	18/01/2019	Ulladulla	Gumtree Forest	Charles Dove
Common Blackbird	1	17-18/1/19	Lake Illawarra South	Yard	Darryl Goldrick

Thank you to those members who posted their sightings to me for records and newsletter.
So, please email me or phone.

www.iboc.com.au

PS: Unusual Bird sightings can also be seen and reported to Birdline to share with the Birding community it is worth visiting every other day

<http://www.ereama.com/BirdlineRecentSightings.aspx?Birdline=2>



<https://www.facebook.com/Illawarra-Bird-Observers-Club-NSW-Australia-223624561002229/>

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

A General Meeting of IBOC will be held Monday 13 May 2019 commencing at 7:30pm at the Fairy Meadow Community Hall, Cambridge Avenue & Princes Highway Fairy Meadow.

The normal Club monthly meeting will follow the 'General Meeting'.

Item of Business - Special Resolution

"That the Illawarra Bird Observers Club Incorporated rescind the current 'Objectives & Rules' (6/9/1994) and adopt the 'Constitution of the Illawarra Bird Observers Club Inc (Under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009)'".

Explanatory Notes

At NSW Fair Trading's encouragement many not-for-profit organisations have updated their constitution to become compliant with the current legislation (Associations Incorporation Act 2009). During 2018, using the Fair Trading model constitution the IBOC Committee developed this new constitution which complies with the Act.

You may download a draft copy of the proposed Constitution from the [IBOC website](#) or ask the IBOC Secretary to view a copy. Copies will also be available at the meeting.

Voting Information

1. A special resolution must be passed by a majority which comprises not less than three quarters of the financial members of the Club.
2. Only members who are financial for 2019 will be eligible to vote.
3. Each member shall be entitled to appoint another member as proxy by notice given to the secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting.
4. No member shall hold more than 2 proxies.

Proxies

Because many members may not be able to attend the meeting, to reach the 75% approval required it's imperative we use proxies to meet the approval requirement.

If you are unable to attend please use the proxy form below or send an email to elizabethjudson@bigpond.com

with the same information as the form (no signature required for the email). Proxies must be with the Secretary 24 hours before the meeting.

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APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I.....being a financial member of IBOC Inc. appoint financial member
PRINT FULL NAME

..... as my proxy for the General meeting to be held 13 May 2019.
PRINT FULL NAME

..... Dated:
SIGNATURE

Post to: Secretary IBOC,
PO Box 56 Fairy Meadow 2519