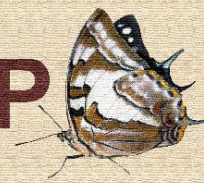




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## BLUE-FACED HONEYEATER

**Scientific Name:** [Entomyzon cyanotis](#)

**Bird family:** [Honeyeaters](#)

**Atlas No:** 641

### Bird Overview:



(Charled Dove)

The Blue-faced Honeyeater is a large black, white and golden olive-green honeyeater with striking blue skin around the yellow to white eye. The crown, face and neck are black, with a narrow white band across the back of the neck. The upperparts and wings are a golden olive green, and the underparts are white, with a grey-black throat and upper breast. The blue facial skin is two-toned, with the lower half a brilliant cobalt blue. Juvenile birds are similar to the adults but the facial skin is yellow-green and the bib is a lighter grey. This honeyeater is noisy and gregarious, and is usually seen in pairs or small flocks.

### Similar Species:

The Blue-faced Honeyeater is not easily mistaken for any other bird. Its golden-green upperparts and pure white underbody distinguish it from similarly sized species with similar behaviour, such as friarbirds, wattlebirds and miners.

### Distribution

The Blue-faced Honeyeater is found in northern and eastern mainland Australia, from the Kimberley region, Western Australia to near Adelaide, South Australia, being more common in the north of its range. It is not found in central southern New South Wales or eastern Victoria. This species is also found in Papua New Guinea.

### Habitat

The Blue-faced Honeyeater is found in tropical, sub-tropical and wetter temperate or semi-arid zones. It is mostly found in open forests and woodlands close to water, as well as monsoon forests, mangroves and coastal heathlands. It is often seen in banana plantations, orchards, farmlands and in urban parks, gardens and golf courses.

### Feeding


The Blue-faced Honeyeater feeds mostly on insects and other invertebrates, but also eats nectar and fruit from native and exotic plants. It forages in pairs or

noisy flocks of up to seven birds (occasionally many more) on the bark and limbs of trees, as well as on flowers and foliage. These flocks tend to exclude other birds from the feeding area, but they do feed in association with other species such as Yellow-throated Miners and Little Friarbirds.

### Breeding

The Blue-faced Honeyeater forms breeding pairs, and may sometimes be a cooperative breeder, where immature birds help the main breeding pair to feed nestlings. Most nests are made on the abandoned nests of Grey-crowned Babblers, Noisy, Silver-crowned and Little Friarbirds, Noisy Miner, Red Wattlebird, Australian Magpie, Magpie-Lark and, rarely, butcherbirds or the Chestnut-crowned Babbler. Both the male and female tend the young birds, sometimes with the assistance of helpers. The fledglings remain with the parents for some time after fledging.

Text courtesy: [Birds in Backyards](#)



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## CLUB MEETING

Fairy Meadow Community Hall, cnr Princes Hwy & Cambridge Ave, Fairy Meadow

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026, commencing at 7.30pm**

**Illawarra Lapidary Club**

*Presentation by Joan Zealey*

I have been a member of the Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc since 1985. The club does a number of lapidary activities - cutting and polishing cabochons, faceting, enamel work, dichroic glass and lampwork beads. We also go fossicking for rocks which often provides an opportunity to birdwatch in areas like Forbes and New England. We hold a number of open days during the year and an exhibition in November at Heining House Dapto. I will bring a short video, as this shows the equipment we use and the techniques employed in turning a lump of rock or glass into a piece of jewelry.

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

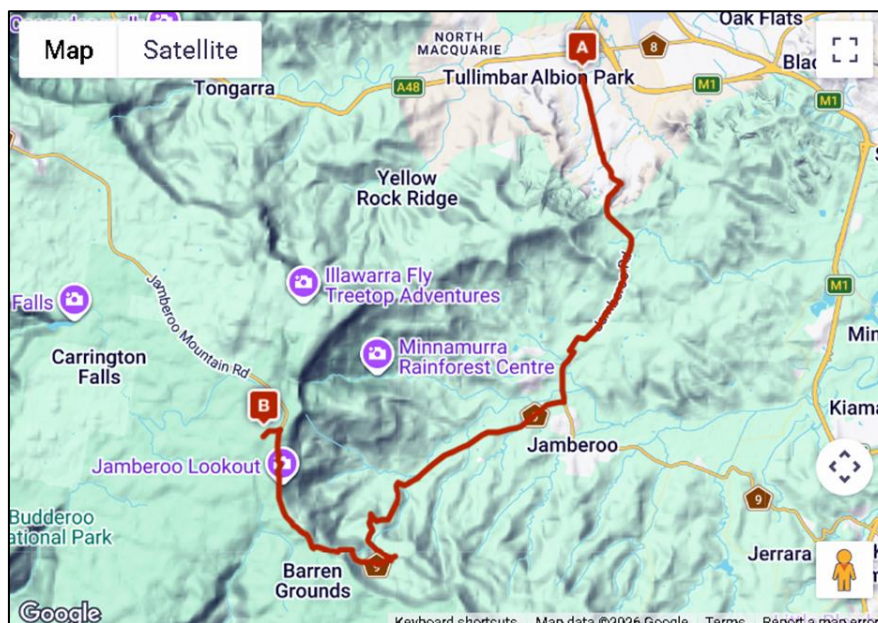
## MIDWEEK WALK

**Wednesday 11th March 2026, starts at 9.00am**

**Budderoo Fire Trail**

*Leaders Bill & Joan Zealey*

Meet at 9.00am at the car park at the start of the Budderoo Fire Trail where the tarmac ends at a metal gate. The walk is on a gravel and rocky track and is easy walking. We will take our morning coffee with us.



- Drive south from Wollongong on the Princes Motorway. Exit the M1 at Albion Park [A] and continue across the traffic lights and drive south along Terry street toward Jamberoo.
- Continue along Terry Street, through 2 roundabouts, onto Jamberoo Rd
- Turn right onto Jamberoo Mountain Rd just outside Jamberoo
- Drive up Jamberoo Pass. At the top drive past the Barren Grounds Reserve Road on left and take the next left onto Budderoo Plateau Rd (Budderoo Fire Trail).
- Park in the car park in front of the steel gate.

Google Maps <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Y9amBeKELur9rnsq8>

*In the event of inclement weather phone Bill on 0414 747 644.*

## NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – The next Committee meeting will be held at Peter Fackender's home, Albion Park Rail at 2pm

## NEXT NEWSLETTER

### DEADLINE is COB Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Please send contributions to [newsletteriboc@gmail.com](mailto:newsletteriboc@gmail.com) or Chris. Cartledge PO Box 8 Keiraville NSW 2500. In your email, please include a caption for each picture submitted. *Feedback on the newsletter welcomed!*

**Contributors this month:** Bill & Joan Zealey, Pam Hazelwood, Ken Brown, Darryl Goldrick, Charles Dove and Mike Morphet.

*Thanks to all! – Editor*

## REPORTS

### IBOC Club Meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026

#### **Wings of Silence - an intimate look at the lives of Australian Owls** *Chris. Cartledge*

Our Club Secretary to the rescue, again! The scheduled guest speaker for February called in sick so Peter Fackender pulled a bird out of the hat with an excellent video on owls in Australia.

Except for the occasional spotlighting walks on camps, IBOC members rarely see owls on our Club excursions. We are more likely to see a Tawny Frogmouth disguised as a tree branch, but they are not owls. Consequently, the twenty-eight members present particularly enjoyed this video recording of John Young's work studying the nesting and feeding habits of different owl species in Australia.

John Young is described as an *Australian naturalist, avian photographer, and field ornithologist*. This is the same John Young that rediscovered the Night Parrot on Brighton Downs cattle station in Western Queensland in 2013.

The video showed how John specialised in high canopy research although, we did see some great footage of the Grass Owl, the only Australian owl that makes a nest (on the ground), feeding its young.

Because owls are nocturnal and many roosting high, beyond sight, John showed how owl detectives look for clues at ground level. Owl droppings are held together with fur and bone fragments from their prey and so, are readily identified. You look up from where the deposit landed.

John has a special interest in the Lesser Sooty Owl and spent two years in the Queensland rainforest researching this rarely seen high living owl. There were images of him camping out high in the canopy on a specially made timber platform for a couple of nights at a time waiting for an owl to return to the nest.

On another occasion, we saw John in a bird hide made from light weight steel scaffolding about 20 metres tall. This hide reminded me of an earlier presentation by Peter Fackender where he is in a similar fragile structure high in the sky.

It was a good night, thanks again Peter.

### Midweek Walk Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026

#### **Pelican Island Picnic & Walk**

In the absence of a written report for this event, I have pasted the Google Map courtesy of eBird – Ed.



#### **Bird List for Pelican Island**

5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 18 Members 28 Species

Black Swan	Australian Pelican
Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon)	Little Corella
Pacific Koel	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	Rainbow Lorikeet
Masked Lapwing	Superb Fairywren
Eastern Curlew	Little Wattlebird
Silver Gull	New Holland Honeyeater
Kelp Gull	Yellow Thornbill
Crested Tern	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
Little Pied Cormorant	Australasian Figbird
Great Cormorant	Grey Butcherbird
Australian White Ibis	Australian Magpie
Little Egret	Pied Currawong
White-faced Heron	Magpie-lark

*eBird checklist number S298321687*

#### **Q & A** (*Illawarra Mercury 4/10/25*) Answer back page.

In Australia, the Brolga is one of only two representatives of which family of birds?

**Monthly Outing** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Royal National Park - Audley** Ken Brown

The weather was not good, but it wasn't raining when it was time to leave, so we headed off. We got some rain on the drive, but it had stopped by the time we got to Audley. We weren't surprised that only 6 of us came out for the day, but it turned out to be great weather for a walk – overcast, not too hot and no more rain (though we did get some more rain on the drive home).

We left the cars in the car park beside the causeway and walked across Ironbark Flat towards Lady Carrington Drive. The usual sightings on the flat – lots of Wood Ducks, a few Dusky Moorhens and Masked Lapwings and a couple of White-faced Herons. Also, plenty of Sulphur-crested Cockatoos and the odd Magpie and Raven. Starting along Lady Carrington Drive we picked up the first of a number of Lewins Honeyeaters and Noisy Miners. On the water there were Eurasian Coots and Pacific Black Ducks and a Little Pied Cormorant on a tree on the opposite bank.



L-R Peter, Rose, Joan & Ken on the Riverside Walk (Ken Brown)

A bit further up the river an Australasian Darter was sharing a log sticking out of the water with a number of Wood Ducks. In the trees between the Drive and Willow Tree Flat we found our first small birds – some Superb Fairy-wrens hopping around on the bank and some Brown Thornbills in a tree. There was also a Dollarbird in one of the tall trees and three Australasian Swamphens down on the flat. After walking a short way up past the gate, we decided it was getting close to morning tea time and we turned back, picking up Grey Fantails, Rainbow Lorikeets and a Brown Cuckoo-dove along the way.

Back at Ironbark we had a pleasant morning tea sitting on the bank opposite the boatshed, giving us a good view of a very large white swan and yellow duck, but we weren't tempted to take them out for a paddle. While sitting there we were able to add to the list with Satin Bowerbirds, a Currawong, a Crimson Rosella and a Kookaburra.

After morning tea, we drove over the causeway and along to the carpark at the end of Riverside Drive,

downstream of the causeway. We walked the good path along the western bank for about 600m. Not many small birds, but another Little Pied Cormorant and White-faced Heron. Also, a large Water Dragon sitting on the same rock where we had seen one on a previous visit.

A highlight was a Little Heron that flew in and landed on the ridge of rocks that were exposed by the low tide. Very hard to see with the naked eye and we may have missed him if we hadn't seen him flying. We turned around when we got to the little waterfall and picked up a Yellow Robin on the way back.



Little Heron (Peter Fackender)

Back at the cars we sat and had a relaxed lunch overlooking Wants Beach. A good location to watch an Osprey fly past with a fish in its mouth and then fly back again, this time with a fish in its claws. Despite the small numbers we had a very enjoyable day, and the weather was much kinder than it threatened to be.

**Bird List for Royal National Park**

14<sup>th</sup> February 2026 6 Members 33 Species

Domestic goose sp	Crimson Rosella
Australian Wood Duck	Rainbow Lorikeet
Pacific Black Duck	Satin Bowerbird
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	Superb Fairywren
Dusky Moorhen	Eastern Spinebill
Eurasian Coot	Lewin's Honeyeater
Australasian Swamphen	Noisy Miner
Masked Lapwing	Little Wattlebird
Australasian Darter	Brown Thornbill
Little Pied Cormorant	Grey Butcherbird
Little Black Cormorant	Australian Magpie
White-faced Heron	Pied Currawong
Little Heron (see note below)	Grey Fantail
Osprey	Magpie-lark
Laughing Kookaburra	Australian Raven
Dollarbird	Eastern Yellow Robin
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	

eBird checklist number S303186452

**Note from eBird – Striated/Little Heron**

Following this walk, Ken Brown entered 'Striated Heron' in eBird however, we received a note from an eBird moderator as follows: "Due to changes in taxonomy, Striated Heron now refers to South American birds only. The correct species here is now Little Heron".

## CLUB NEWS

### Walks programme - A message from our President

The committee have decided to trial having fewer monthly walks this year. Generally, we will alternate between having a mid-week walk and a weekend walk. If you have any feedback on this approach, please talk to one of the committee members.

Cheers,  
Ken

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Snake bite preparedness has been discussed by IBOC members in recent times. Below is a description of a text-book response to snake bite.

From Hastings Birdwatchers Newsletter - Summer 2025 (with permission)

### Adventurous walk in Gwydir Park TSR

Report by Teresa Foran

Peter Hudd, being the Leader of the group, came across a brown snake with its head up so we quickly retreated.



The attacker/defender  
(Julia Hudd)

Then Peter noticed two red marks just above his socks. So, Karen Smedley sprang into action and applied the snake bite bandage. While Robyn Burley quickly rang for help.

Although Peter didn't feel the bite all precautions were

taken. Darin Rounsevell quickly ran to his ute then drove up the bush track to where Peter was lying down. After getting Peter in the ute they drove down to the carpark. Within ten minutes a Fire and Rescue truck came. They were on their way to Box Hill so they detoured to render assistance. One of the burley men offered Peter some water, but he declined as the triple 0 dispatcher said no water or food for the patient. In about another fifteen minutes the ambulance from Armidale arrived with three paramedics. They got Peter out of the ute and onto the stretcher, they put all sorts of round stickers on his bare chest and hooked him up to a monitor. Peter received five-star treatment from the attractive paramedics. Oh well, with Peter taken to hospital and Julia and Robyn following that was the end of the drama.

Word came through that Peter Hudd was ok and out of danger as it was a dry bite, but they were going to keep him under observation until 9.30pm.



The victim Peter, on his way to hospital  
(Teresa Foran)

### Update from Queensland

Charles Dove

Hi, on a recent trip I found disappointment in the overwhelming amount of Cattle Egret taking up the breeding grounds of our native species at Lake Galletly & Lake Apex.

Anyway, apart from that, I was surprised to converse with a Pheasant Coucal when I was trying to attract the attention of the White-browed Scrubwren with a tch, tch, tch call and Coucal jumped out of the grass into a nearby tree and made the sound I was doing for the scrubwren, went on for at least 10minutes.



Pheasant Coucal (Charles Dove)

Later on, at Lake Apex I was surprised to come across a Comb-crested Jacana feeding in the lilies, first I have seen them here.



Comb-crested Jacana (Charles Dove)

## A denture adventure par avian

Mike Morphett



A YouTube photograph of a black bird with false teeth in its beak that prefaced an Animalogic (a Canadian channel) article on February 20 last, titled 'Are crows smarter than we think?' appealed to my sense of humour and inspired me to delve into the development of the avian bill. Questioning the misnomer of 'bird-brain', the presenter, Tasha Schumann, focussed on the New Caledonia Crow among the intelligent Corvid family: to extract a grub from its habitat hole, the bird makes an improvised tool by fashioning a hook on the end of a broken-off twig.

Ten years ago, this same photograph appeared in 'The Dodo', an American Facebook online publication about 'Crow steals man's teeth', written by Hudson Hongo. The thieving crow was Blackie, held at an animal rescue farm in South Africa; the teeth belonged to veterinarian Chris Pretorius, who was able to retrieve them. With his family he later migrated to Australia, eventually settling in North Queensland.

Modern birds lack teeth, which has given us much scope for humorous cartoons and images. They are so unlike their dinosaur ancestors: just think of the Archaeopteryx, considered the earliest bird 150 million years ago. Among the theories for their toothlessness is weight reduction in flight, and more recently, about breeding and the incubation period. Among other organisms, ourselves included, the formation of teeth is a lengthy process, which would otherwise place the egg, chick or attendant parent bird at risk of predation or damage. In their evolution birds have developed a gene to deactivate teeth formation. Keratin has replaced enamel, whilst the gizzard, with the help of ingested stones and grit, has taken up the role of crushing, 'chewing' and digesting food, some of which may be swallowed whole. For feeding, the beak has been adapted in a variety of ways. The sharpness of the mandibles enhances the cutting process, whilst the tomia (coined from New Latin derived from Ancient Greek, meaning 'cutting, sharp') ensures a firm grip on the food source. Tomia are tiny, serrated notches or spikes arranged along one or both edges of the bill. In addition to the turtle, some notable avian examples are to be found among ducks, geese,

penguins, peregrine falcon, and the tooth-billed bowerbird of North-East Queensland that breaks off stems and leaves. Sometimes when my resident satin bowerbird has opened his bill to call, I've been able to observe such serrations, which, I imagine facilitate his crushing of small whole fruit and securing twigs into the ground for his bower construction. In contrast, to entice females for mating, the related 'stagemaker' in Queensland makes do with large leaves he cuts off that are then strewn around a tree.



*Bird with Human Teeth  
(Hilarious AI Art)*



*Tooth-billed Bowerbird  
(Wikipedia)*

In the aftermath of gingivitis, I've long been devoid of natural teeth or even tomia, but been most grateful for the formation of made-to-measure dentures, thus enjoying a barbecued pork cutlet without toothache; mindful, however, not to leave my choppers lying around, not just at feeding time!

## How to train a cocky to walk on stilts

Mike Morphett

I've edited this photograph to give this impression from my verandah viewpoint. No artificial intelligence on the part of this sulphur-crested cockatoo, but ingenuity in deciding the best place to undertake several minutes of preening: on top of two of the four arms of my rotary clothesline. No teetering despite the jerky movements. Its body maintenance ritual certainly brightened up a dull, cloudy mid-February Sunday morning.



## Being curlew across Yorkshire

Matt Lewis

### Matt Trevelyan, the man who walked 53 miles dressed as a curlew.

When most people think of endurance challenges, they imagine marathons or mountain climbs—not hiking miles across the Yorkshire countryside in a towering, handmade curlew costume. But for Matt Trevelyan, Farming in Protected Landscapes Officer for the [Nidderdale National Landscape](#), this unusual feat was part of a heartfelt campaign to raise awareness and funds for one of Britain's most iconic but endangered birds: the Eurasian curlew.

In the guise of 'Cathy the Curlew'—a 10-foot long, hand-crafted symbol of wildness and wonder—Matt walked the 53-mile Nidderdale Way, over two days, to draw attention to the species' decline and highlight conservation efforts.



Matt Trevelyan is a puppet maker who gained public attention for his work as a Farming in Protected Landscapes (FIPL) Officer for Nidderdale National Landscape in Yorkshire, England.

Full story [Being curlew across Yorkshire | Garland Magazine](#)

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## LINKS TO ARTICLES OF INTEREST

### Nursing a skink

Eleven endangered Guthega skinks released into a gated community in Victoria's Alpine national park could soon become 13, with a female known as Omeo [Read the full story](#).

### Calls for volunteers as hundreds of cygnets found stranded at sea

Wildlife volunteers in WA's Southwest are urging people to get involved in caring for hundreds of baby swans found abandoned over summer. [Read the full story](#)

### World's fastest animal spotted in Central Australian outback for first time

The world's fastest falcon has been spotted in Central Australia for the first time, surprising even the seasoned birdwatcher who caught the rare sight on camera. [Read the full story](#)

### Fears glossy black-cockatoo eggs will 'cook' in nest boxes during heatwaves

South Australia's population of a unique subspecies of glossy black-cockatoos is heavily dependent on artificial nesting boxes. That could pose a problem during extreme heat conditions. [Read the full story](#)

### Drawings of Kangaroo Island fossils provide inspiration for stamp series

Colourful illustrations by Peter Trusler depict 500m-year-old fossils of creatures from the Palaeozoic and inspire Australia Post. [Read the full story](#)

### Gluepot Reserve's Summer 2026 Newsletter

There's always plenty of interesting activities taking place at Gluepot. You can read about them in the latest newsletter, available [here](#)

### Scientists to track 10,000 moths across Australia, using little more than eyelash glue and confetti-like tags

First-of-its-kind project will see bogong moths tagged in the Australian Alps and monitored as they reach breeding grounds. [Read the full story](#)

### Orange-bellied parrots on a journey back from the brink

A decade ago, the total population of the Critically Endangered [Orange-bellied Parrot](#) had fallen to just 17 birds, including only three females. The species was teetering perilously on the brink of becoming extinct in the wild. [Read the full story](#)

**Autumn Camp – Nelson Bay Area, 16-23 May 2026**

Lyndall Dawson

Our next camp will be held around the Nelson Bay area in May this year. We will be based at the Ingenia Holidays One Mile Beach campground at Anna Bay.

The details are:

**Dates:** Check in Saturday 16 May, check out Saturday 23 May 2025. But you can stay longer or shorter if you wish.

**Park Name:** Ingenia Holidays One Mile Beach

**Address:** 426 Gan Gan Rd, One Mile (Anna Bay) NSW 2316 [Google Maps](#)

**Phone:** 4982 1112

**Web site:** [Ingenia Holidays One Mile Beach](#)

The park has powered van sites and 14 powered ensuite sites as well as family cabins and many cabins that sleep 2-6 people. The park will tentatively hold a total of 10 budget and standard cabins for IBOC until at least Easter (2-6 April). This is a very popular area so it is recommended that you **BOOK AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE**.

When you book, tell them you are from the Illawarra Bird Observers Club and **quote the booking number #116096**. After you book, please send me an email at [lynfount40@gmail.com](mailto:lynfount40@gmail.com) and tell me what dates and accommodation you have booked.

If you are familiar with the region and would like to help by suggesting activities and helping to organise the daily programme for the camp, please contact me by email or phone 0408 603 259.

## *It's renewal time!*

**Annual membership fees are due 1st January each year and it's time to renew for 2026. Fees remain unchanged at: Single: \$40 and Family: \$50.**

**If you want to receive a posted newsletter there is an additional \$30 fee to cover the cost of printing and postage. Alternatively, you can switch to receiving the newsletter by email.**

Renewing members do not need to use a [Membership Application/Renewal Form](#) if there has been no change to your details in the past 12 months.

If you are coming to a meeting, you can hand your payment to the Treasurer. Otherwise, you can make the payment electronically using EFT (preferred), or post a cheque to IBOC PO Box 8 Keiraville 2500.

**Make your EFT payment to:**

**BSB:** 641800

**Account no:** 200613494

**Account name:** Illawarra Birds Observers' Club Inc

**Payment Reference:** Your name or a code number (of your making) if not able to enter your name.



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If you have a change of details, hand your completed [Membership Application/Renewal Form](#) to the Treasurer, attach it to your post-payment email or post it to the address shown on the form.

**Membership queries:** Send an email to [membershipiboc@gmail.com](mailto:membershipiboc@gmail.com) if you have any questions about your membership status.

**Monthly Sightings January/February 2026***Compiled by Darryl Goldrick*

SPECIES	N <sup>o</sup>	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Black Swan	2000-3000 (est)	31-01-26	Lake Wollumboola	closed shallow lake	Ian McKinlay
White-headed Pigeon	2	05-02-26	Lower Farmborough Road, Unanderra.	At water-bath in backyard - drinking	Shane Spence
White-headed Pigeon	1	26-02-26	Saddleback Mountain Road Kiama	Tree	Anne Cousins
Crested Pigeon	2	19-02-26	Thirroul	Backyard Robinia where else!	Mike Morphett
Wonga Pigeon	1 immature	10-02-26	Thirroul	Backyard	Mike Morphett
Topknot Pigeon	50+	23-01-26	Upper escarpment track, Thirroul	Vine covered tall Eucalypts	Ian McKinlay
Topknot Pigeon	1	20-02-26	Kiama	Nature Reserve	Anne Cousins
Royal Spoonbill	1	20-Feb-26	Wyjuck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Feeding in shallows	Darryl Goldrick
Black-shouldered Kite	1	04-02-26	McCauleys Hill, Thirroul	Top of Norfolk Pine	Ian McKinlay
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	19-01-26	Over McCauleys Hill, Thirroul	In flight	Ian McKinlay
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	27-01-26	Over Corrimal CBD	Flying S West	Ian McKinlay
Buff-banded Rail	1	24-01-26	Flanagans Creek lagoon, Thirroul	Creek edge reeds	Hunter Diment per Ian McKinlay
Buff-banded Rail	2 adults, 3+ Juv.	09-02-26	By Flanagans Creek lagoon, Thirroul	Feeding in leaf litter-waterside edge vegetation	Ian McKinlay
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	1	05-02-26	Woodrow Pl., Figtree (Chickos)	In tall Eucalypt - calling	Shane Spence
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	2	07-02-26	Jenkins St., Unanderra	In White cedar tree ( resident pair)	Shane Spence
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	2	23-02-26	Lower Farmborough Road, Unanderra	Pair flying east high overhead (1000') evening.	Shane Spence
Australian King-Parrot	2	18-Feb-26	Albion Park Public Swim Pool	Flying o'head to neighbouring Paperbarks	Darryl Goldrick
Eastern Rosella	8	26-02-26	Dallas Road Jamberoo	Paddock	Alan Cousins
Eastern Koel	1 juv./fledgling	27-02-26	Lake Illawarra	Backyard in Avocado Tree-fed by Red Wattlebird	Darryl Goldrick
Channel-billed Cuckoo	2	03-02-26	Surfers Pde, Thirroul	Native Fig trees + fatigued Currawong	Ian McKinlay
Sacred Kingfisher	1	20-01-26	Powerlines, west of McCauleys Beach, Thirroul	Perched above grassland	Ian McKinlay
Sacred Kingfisher	1	22-01-26	Walking track near Hewitts Creek, Thirroul	Perched over grassland	Ian McKinlay
Dollarbird	4	20-01-26	McCauleys beach, Thirroul	Powerlines over grassland	Ian McKinlay
Superb Lyrebird	1	23-01-26	above Gibson Track, Thirroul	Rainforest	Ian McKinlay
Green Catbird	2	23-01-26	heard in rainforest , upper escarpment, Thirroul	Rainforest	Ian McKinlay
Satin Bowerbird	1 fem	27-Feb-26	Lake Illawarra	Backyard in Avocado Tree	Darryl Goldrick
Yellow-throated Scrubwren	2	23-01-26	Lower escarpment firetrail, Thirroul	Track edge lantana	Ian McKinlay
Eastern Whipbird	1 heard	01-02-26	Lower Farmborough Road, Unanderra.	Shrubbery in back yard - calling .	Shane Spence
Eastern Whipbird	2	01-02-26	Thirroul	Backyard shrubs	Mike Morphett
Rufous Fantail	2	23-01-26	Firetrail & upper escarpment tracks, Thirroul	Forest	Ian McKinlay
Australian Raven	3	05-02-26	Woodrow Pl., Figtree (Chickos)	In tall Eucalypt and associated scavenging area.!	Shane Spence
Black-faced Monarch	several heard	23-01-26	Firetrail & upper escarpment tracks, Thirroul	Forest	Ian McKinlay
Fairy Martin	~30	18-Feb-26	Albion Park Public Pool	Flock flying and skimming over water to drink	Darryl Goldrick
Red-browed Finch	2	22-01-26	Gibson Park, Thirroul	Grasses	Ian McKinlay

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#### Q & A Answer - Cranes

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