

**MISTLETOEBIRD**

Scientific Name: *Dicaeum hirundinaceum*  
 Atlas Number: 564

**Description:**

The small Mistletoebird is the only Australian representative of the flowerpecker family, Dicaeidae, and is also known as the Australian Flowerpecker. Males have a glossy blue-black head, wings and upperparts, a bright red throat and chest, a white belly with a central dark streak and a bright red undertail. Females are grey above, white below, with a grey streak on the belly, and a paler red undertail. Young birds



photo by Charles Dove

resemble females but are paler and have an orange, rather than dark, bill. These birds are swift and erratic fliers, moving singly or in pairs, usually high in or above the canopy.

**Similar species:**

Male Mistletoebirds may superficially resemble Red-headed Honeyeaters or Scarlet Honeyeaters in having a red and black colouring, but these two honeyeaters have red heads, while the Mistletoebird has a black head, lacks their long, curved bills, while also being stockier and smaller overall. Mistletoebirds may also be distinguished from the red robins (*Petroica* species) by having a much shorter tail, a totally dark head (no contrasting cap or spot) and a red undertail.

**Distribution:**

The Mistletoebird is found throughout mainland Australia. It is also found in Papua New Guinea and eastern Indonesia.

**Habitat:**

The Mistletoebird is found wherever mistletoe grows and is important in the dispersal of this plant species.

**Seasonal movements:**

Nomadic out of breeding season.

**Feeding:**

The Mistletoebird is highly adapted to its diet of mistletoe berries. It lacks the muscular gizzard (food-grinding organ) of other birds, instead having a simple digestive system through

which the berries pass quickly, digesting the fleshy outer parts and excreting the sticky seeds onto branches. The seed can then germinate quickly into a new plant. In this way, the Mistletoebird ensures a constant supply of its main food. It will also catch insects, mainly to provide food for its young.

**Breeding:**

The Mistletoebird builds a silky, pear-shaped nest with a slit-like entrance, made from matted plant down and spider web, which is suspended from a twig in the outer foliage of a tree. The female alone builds the nest and incubates the eggs, while both sexes feed the young.

Text courtesy of <https://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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## **DECEMBER ACTIVITIES**

### **Christmas BBQ Integral Energy Park**

11th December 2021

Bring chairs and tables, your own picnic (including meat, salad, and drinks etc). BBQ's will be available to cook on. We will be birding in the park before the BBQ so bring your binoculars.

**Note:** – Due to changed NSW Health Restrictions the 11 December IBOC Picnic/BBQ may only be attended by IBOC Members who:

Are fully vaccinated with 2 doses of an approved Covid-19 vaccine; or

Have a Medical Exemption from a Registered Medical Practitioner or NSW Health.



**(Evidence of compliance with these rules will need to be shown when you sign in to the BBQ activity)**

**DUE TO COVID THERE WILL BE NO CHRISTMAS MEETING!**

### **NO WALKS IN DECEMBER**

#### **MIDWEEK WALK**

**Mid-Week Walks** – Bill and Joan Zealey are the Mid-week Walk Coordinators and walk leaders.

Early Walk Wednesday 9 February 2022 – Pelican Park and Picnic Island

In the event of inclement weather Phone Bill on 0414747644

#### **MONTHLY OUTING**

Saturday 19 or Sunday 20 of February 2022

Location to be determined by Alan and Ann

In the event of inclement weather please contact Alan or Anne Cousins on 0413 869534 by 7.45am

#### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday 17 January 2022 at 7.00pm with the meeting to be held via zoom

#### **NEWSLETTER**

**DEADLINE 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021**

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

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**AND A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO ASSISTED IN KEEPING THE  
NEWSLETTER ALIVE DURING 2021  
IN PARTICULAR – PAM – MIKE – CHRIS AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF IBOC FOR  
SHARING SOME MOMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

# REPORTS

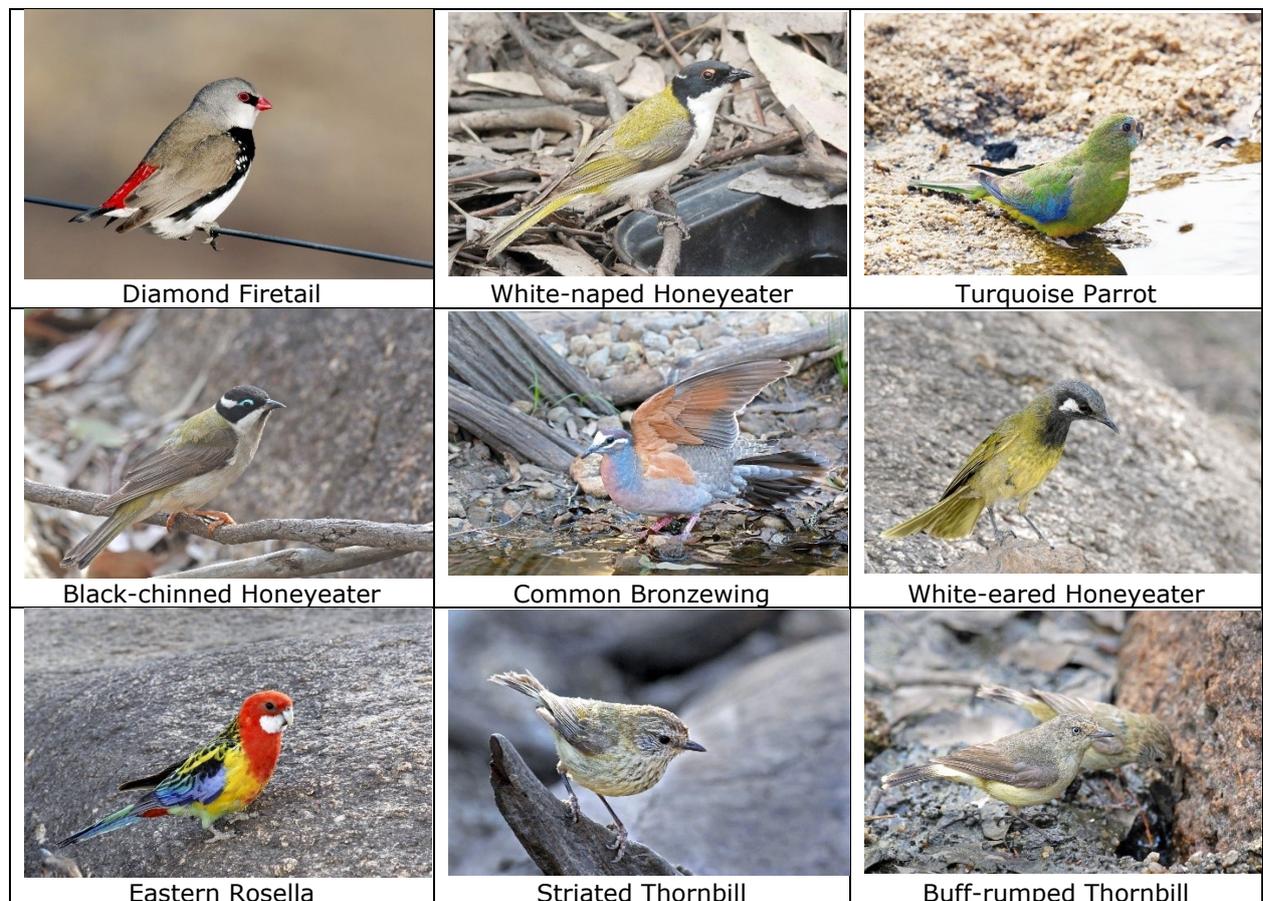
## November Zoom Meeting

*by Ross Gowans*

So, finally some signs that we may be heading back to the hall for meetings; nothing definite yet but we will keep you informed. After an uneventful AGM, we moved on to our presenter for the evening: step forward Peter Fackender.

The story starts with Peter and his brother heading to Emmaville on the 23 October, 2019 to stay and enjoy the property. Even though the owners had a long-term habit of feeding the birds which helps in times of extreme drought conditions, local conditions eventually changed their minds. Out of control bushfires reached the area and it seemed wise to relocate on 12 November. So, packing up and moving out, the next stop was another property near Barraba which was also very dry, but thankfully lacking bushfires. So dry, in fact, that Peter had not ever seen it so bad with no water flow in the creek. But, as we all know, with only one water hole left in the area, the birds come to you. The brothers set to work, not only setting up their camp but also an alternate watering point about 600 metres from the natural water hole. As featured in some of Peter's earlier presentations, young foxes turned up, as well as a large lace monitor and other animals all making their regular visits to drink, except for the wallaby who liked to bathe. A bird hide was set up about 2 meters away from the water hole and he spent many hours in this hide in hot conditions, broken up with breaks every 1.5 to 2 hours. Some very good images of some 43 species of the local birds were captured and it was these that Peter showed. As it drew close to time for departure, the brothers became a little concerned that they may have set the birds up for a fall, having set up the artificial water hole. But not to worry: not long after their departure for home on the 8 December, the THUNDER clapped, the LIGHTENING flashed and the heavens opened with torrents of rain water. The lack of water was no longer a problem for the present. A great presentation, Peter, showing how you painstakingly gather your images, and greatly enjoyed by all present.

A few excellent images by Peter Fackender



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### **Illawarra Bird Observers' Club Incorporated Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held on 8 November 2021 via Zoom**

**Opening:** The meeting was opened and members & guests welcomed at 7:30pm by the President Ross Gowans

**Attendance:** Number of Members attending 23.

**Minutes of the 2019 AGM:** Returning Officer Chris Cartledge presented the Minutes of the IBOC 2019 AGM. Copies of the Minutes were circulated to Members by email prior to the Meeting.

Moved and Seconded "that the Minutes of the IBOC 2019 AGM be adopted" Carried.

**Reports:** Treasurer Ken Brown presented the Annual Financial and Membership Reports for both 2020 and 2021 as no AGM was held in 2020 due to Covid19 restrictions. Copies of the 2020 and 2021 Annual Financial and Membership Reports were circulated to Members by email prior to the Meeting.

Moved & seconded "that the Annual Financial and Membership Reports for 2020 and 2021 be adopted" – Carried.

**Annual Elections:** Moved & seconded "that Chris. Cartledge act as returning Officer for the AGM" - Carried.

#### **The following office holders and committee members were elected:**

**President:** Ross Gowans

**Vice President:** Pam Hazelwood

**Treasurer:** Ken Brown

**Secretary:** Andrew Knowlson

**Committee:** Kara Eddington, Darryl Goldrick, Anna Knowlson & Alan Cousins

#### **The following non-elected positions were filled:**

**Records Officer:** Darryl Goldrick

**Activities Officer – Monthly walks:** Alan Cousins

**Activities Officer – Mid-week walks:** Joan and Bill Zealey

**Activities Officer – Camps:** Anna Knowlson

**Newsletter Editor:** Charles Dove

**Webmaster:** Charles Dove

**Hall Management:** Ken Brown

**Club Librarians:** Anne Cousins & Terry Edwell

**Badges & Attendance Officer:** Neil Wheway

**Kitchen Volunteers:** Joan Wylie & Tera Wheway

**Public Officer:** Chris. Cartledge

#### **General Business: Nil**

**Closure:** There being no further business of an annual nature the President closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

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**JERRARA DAM –**

SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2021

Alan Cousins

At last we were able to gather for our first weekend outing since the last walk on Comerong Island in February.

18 members gathered on a lovely sunny late Spring morning at the entrance to Jerrara Dam. After spending time greeting each other in person after such a long lockdown we passed around the entrance gate which has unfortunately been permanently locked shut due to vandalism and walked slowly down the driveway hearing and spotting birds (2 horses were spotted in an adjacent paddock but neither of them turned out to be Pegasus!). We reached the picnic area and facilities and proceeded round the gate and on and up the hill to the gate to the other large paddock and additional picnic table at about 10am. There were calls for morning tea which we had at this juncture. 3 Cygnets and adult Swans were spotted on the edge of the dam. After refreshing ourselves we passed through the turnstile into the field leading to the water and having many sightings and also wild strawberry bushes on the way. It was also disappointing to see so much Lantana (although this is good for the protection of small birds) We spotted a magnificent Wedge-tailed Eagle soaring in the sky high above us. We reached the edge of the water which is higher than of late due to the heavy Spring rains. A huge Black Swans nest was seen with what looked like a sleeping swan standing on one leg. A white-faced Heron flew over and landed to the right of the water and a Purple Swamphen showed itself. Most of us were not aware that the footpath actually now goes in a horseshoe shape and comes out to a gate adjacent to our parked cars. It was nice to see that the grounds are being well cared for by all of the new plantings.

At this point we retrieved our lunches and chairs from the cars and returned down the track back to the picnic area and facilities where we indulged in our well-earned lunches and chatter.

Joan Zealey had kindly offered to record all of our sightings and read the list of 43 species which was a great start to our hopefully future walks. The walk took us for 3kms which was another good start to get the pins moving again.

After lunch most members were satisfied with the result and we decided to return home.

Thank you all for a lovely day bird watching and the rekindling of our great friendships together.

Bird List for Jerrara Dam 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2021		18 Members	43 Species
Black Swan	Wedge-tailed Eagle	Lewin's Honeyeater	Grey Fantail
White-headed Pigeon	Grey Goshawk	New Holland Honeyeater	Black-faced Monarch
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	Laughing Kookaburra	Large-billed Scrubwren	Australian Raven
Pacific Koel	Dollarbird	Yellow Thornbill	Eastern Yellow Robin
Brush Cuckoo	Little Corella	Brown Gerygone	Australian Reed Warbler
White-throated Needletail	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Eastern Whipbird	Welcome Swallow
Dusky Moorhen	Crimson Rosella	Grey Shrike-thrush	Red-whiskered Bulbul
Australasian Swamphen	Green Catbird	Golden Whistler	Silvereye
Masked Lapwing	Satin Bowerbird	Australian Magpie	Common Blackbird
Little Pied Cormorant	Superb Fairywren	Pied Currawong	Red-browed Finch
White-faced Heron	Eastern Spinebill	Willie Wagtail	

## BBQ at the Cashmans

BBQ on the 28th January 2022 at 5pm

Bring chairs and meat.

Please let Robyn know if you will be also bringing sweet or savoury to share.

Robyn & John Cashman

5 Madden Street, Fernhill 2519

02 42840538

If you will be coming please let us know to give us an idea how many will come, rain, hail or shine it will happen.

## NOTICES & ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Thanks Mike

I enjoyed Mike Morphett's article "Raising a wing and a smile" in the November 21 newsletter. I always find his avian observations interesting and educational. This time Mike wrote about feeding native birds in his backyard and the habit of "brown pigeons" raising one wing at a time.

Whilst we don't feed wild birds, we do have a well-used birdbath and a couple of caged birds in our backyard. Over the years these have ranged from Rhode Island Reds, White Leghorns, Australorps and the current variety, ISA Browns.

We recently introduced a new feeding mechanism to overcome a mice problem (where you have chook food you invariably have mice). Previously we had an open self-feeder suspended from the chook house rafters, but there was always spilt feed on the floor, so we invested in a treadle feeder – an aluminium box sealed with a hinged lid that opens when a chook puts its foot on the treadle. As the pellets can't be seen the chooks had to learn how to access their food, now hidden away. The pamphlet that came with the feeder assured us that chooks were opportunistic feeders and would soon learn what was required. They were correct, it took less than 24 hours before we heard the bang as the lid closed. Our birds raise their wings as well. On hot days they walk around their ponderosa with their wings at half mast, air-conditioning their plump bodies.

Chris. Cartledge

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### Bass Point – Bill Carwardine

*Chris. Cartledge*

The November midweek walk at Bass Point brought back memories of good friend and IBOC member the late Bill Carwardine OAM (2-7-23 to 26-6-09). Bill was instrumental in saving Bass Point from industrial development in the early 1970s. Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) owned all the land from the tip of the peninsula to Minnamurra and had approval from Shellharbour Council to flatten the hills and fill the valleys with the overburden from the blue metal quarry creating a large flat area of prime industrial land. Under Council's approval only Killalea lagoon was to be preserved.

Bill was alerted to these plans by then Alderman Peter Hodgson and, at a meeting on 5 December 1969 in Bill's Oak Flats home, with the others present, formed the South Coast Conservation Society (SCCS). Bill was nominated as inaugural president by Dr Jim Hagan from Wollongong Uni. The SCCS went on to win the battle with ICI and Shellharbour Council and today we all enjoy the results of their collective efforts.

By 1973 the new Bass Point recreation area was being overrun by 4WDs, trail bikes and bitou bush. With financial contributions from the quarry, Council decided to employ a full-time ranger at Bass Point. Bill Carwardine applied and got the job, giving up his successful consultant engineering business to care for his beloved Bass Point. He started by setting-up the inaugural Management Plan however, at this time there wasn't even a map of Bass Point. To fix this, he got a mate from Minnamurra with the necessary skills to do a detailed step and compass map. Once approved Bill went about implementing the plan, roping-in volunteers whenever he could. After almost a year Bill went back to recover his consulting business, leaving Bass Point management to a new ranger.

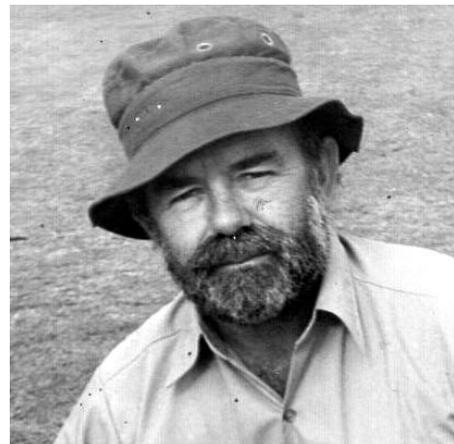
Bill went on to set up the Tongarra Wildlife Refuge on his property at the end of Tongarra Lane, Tongarra. Years later, he built himself a new home on a farm off Croome Rd Albion Park owned by friends. In time, he got the owner's permission to setup the Djilinga Wildlife Refuge. Djilinga is the Wodi-Wodi word for 'little bird'.

Years later Bill and second wife Olia bought 12.5 acres on Repentance Creek Rd Goonengerry near Federal in the Byron Shire. Here they created the Gerygone Wildlife Refuge. Bill's special avian interest was small birds.

Bill and Olia's final move was to Wrights Beach where, with the Shoalhaven Council's approval, they named the land next to their property the Gurumbi Creek Nature Reserve and subsequently formed the Gurumbi Creek Bushcare Group. Gurumbi meaning Glossy Black-Cockatoo. They love the local forest oaks, their main food tree. Glossy blacks are known in the area as "Flying Bolt Cutters" for their enormously big and strong beaks.

In 2003, at about the same time, Bill received the OBE award for being Over Bloody Eighty, and the Order of Australia Medal for a lifetime of environmental activism.

The facts for this article were purloined from *Illawarra Grozzle – Five Decades of Green Activism* by Bill Carwardine, 2004. I assisted Bill with editing and production of his book.



## AUTUMN CAMP 2022

### MARCH/APRIL CAMP IN TOOWOOMBA 26<sup>TH</sup> March – 2<sup>ND</sup> April 2022



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None of our Cabins come supplied with linen, we do hire out double and single packs for \$15.00 per bed if you can't bring your own.

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# WORD FIND No 4

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The remaining letters will spell out a message.

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SHOVELER  
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SPINEBILL  
STORK  
SWAMPHEN  
SWAN  
TATTLER

**QUESTION**

**Q =** What is the only Australasian bird with nostrils/sensors at the tip of it's beak?

**Satin bowerbird: collector, decorator, and maybe demographics indicator** Mike Morphett

To decorate. A verb with three meanings: we can honour someone, by way of the presentation of a medal for instance, for their significant contribution to the rest of us; we can apply paint or wallpaper to a building; or more generally make things look beautiful. It stems from the Latin for 'ornament' and by extension 'elegance' or 'beauty'. Pottery and cabinetmaking are decorative arts. But the art of decorating isn't confined to human activity: there is a bird measuring no more than 32 centimetres in length that I've come to know pretty well over the past five years and is representative of the Ptilinorynchidae family of bowerbirds and Birds of Paradise, endemic to Australia and New Guinea, that can be regarded as an artist. I've named him Bluey, who keeps himself in tip-top condition with



regular baths and preening, and appears to have well exceeded the general lifespan of nine years for this species, which is only two years of full maturity. From lookout posts or bouncing his way up tree trunks and along branches, he is continually in alert mode for prospective mates and threats from other males. Much time is spent attending to his bower to enhance its, and his, attraction to females. His slightly hooked bill, I think, must aid him both in sticking into the ground his avenue of twigs, all about the same height, and in collecting the variety of items to decorate the ground, predominantly on the northern side to receive the most sunlight. Further decoration comes in the form of painting parts of the inside of the bower, not with a brush, but using his bill to wipe squeezed fruit juice on the twigs. Typical of the Ptilinorynchidae family, he 'performs some of the most elaborate courtship displays of all birds' (1). Accompanied by a range of calls, he prances and dances around and through the bower, often holding one or two ornaments in his bill to win over his lady. Not wanting to be a Peeping Mike, I haven't yet observed the final act of copulation.

In the chapter headed Courtship Theatres, James Parry wrote, 'The speculative construction of nests with which to entice a mate is one thing, but the creation and presentation of a separate arena dedicated solely to the potential act of mating seems an extraordinary investment of time and energy. Yet that is precisely what the bowerbirds of Australasia do... Early European travellers in Australia did not at first accept that these structures [bowers] were made by birds, believing them instead to be the creations of Aboriginal people. Bowers are works of art, and the care and originality with which they are decorated is unique in the animal world.'

But the demolition of bowers and the theft of decorative items by rival males is rife in the bowerbird world. Often issuing a raucous, rasping call, Bluey has so far managed to shoo off such challengers, so his bower has largely remained intact. I too could be deemed a thief, by removing what I regard as the most fascinating of his collected ornaments, quite a step removed from the umpteen plastic clothes pegs, straws and bottle tops. My purloined collection (photograph below) demonstrates his eye for oddities, with colours not confined to blueness, and a mixture of natural and human-made items: the skull of a rat, mouse and Pied Currawong; part of a Paper Wasp's nest (presumably disused by that stage); Sulphur-crested Cockatoo crest feathers; and children's playthings. I intend to return all of them in a pile to his arena, leaving it up to him as to where best to display them. In the meantime, he receives a reward of sliced blueberries and grapes, which he has learnt are available whenever I whistle in imitation of his 'wee-ooo' call, that sounds like a shortened form of a falling incendiary bomb. This trick I in turn have learnt from the psychological theories and experiments formulated by Edward Thorndike and then B.F. Skinner, known as positive reinforcement or operant conditioning.



Thirroul bower



Mount Wilson bower



**Monthly Sightings: Oct/Nov 2021**

compiled by Darryl Goldrick

SPECIES	Nº	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Australian Wood Duck	42+9 ch	5/11/2021	Stuart Park N W'gong	grassed area beside pond	Mike Morphet
Chestnut Teal	10	5/11/2021	Stuart Park N W'gong	grassed area beside pond	Mike Morphet
Crested Pigeon	11	5/11/2021	Stuart Park N W'gong	foraging under Norfolk pines	Mike Morphet
Topknot Pigeon	several	17/11/2021	Russell Vale Golf Course	Native Fig	Ian McKinlay
White-faced Heron	1	9/11/2021	Bonaira Native Garden	On footpath	Alan & Anne Cousins
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	4+ heard	28/10/2021	Bonaira Street Kiama	Trees in park	Alan & Anne Cousins
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	2	3/11/2021	Thirroul shopping centre	in flight SW	Mike Morphet
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	4	5/11/2021	Bonaira Kiama	Native garden	Alan and Anne Cousins
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	4	5/11/2021	Bonaira Kiama	Native garden	Alan and Anne Cousins
Little Black Cormorant	2+ch in nest	31/10/2021	Hewitts Ck Lagoon	Nest in Tree above water	Ian McKinlay
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	2	17/11/2021	RVGC	High above	Ian McKinlay
Nankeen Kestrel	1	13/11/2021	Walker St, Helensburgh	urban /park edge	Ian McKinlay
Purple Swamphen	3	5/11/2021	Stuart Park N W'gong	grassed area beside pond	Mike Morphet
Dusky Moorhen	3 +10 ch	25/10/2021	Hewitts Ck Lagoon, Thirroul	aquatic	Ian McKinlay
Crimson Rosella	2	27/10/2021	Jamberoo Mountain Road	Bush	Alan & Anne Cousins
Eastern Koel	2	2/11/2021	Thirroul	backyard casuarina	Mike Morphet
Eastern Koel	1	5/11/2021	Stuart Park N W'gong	treed isle in pond	Mike Morphet
Eastern Koel	1 fem	8/11/2021	Bonaira Kiama	Kentish Palm in garden	Alan and Anne Cousins
Channel-billed Cuckoo	2	13/11/2021	McCauleys Hill, Thirroul	Native Fig	Ian McKinlay
Southern Boobook	2 herd	1/11/2021	Thirroul	edge of Excelsior Mine site bushland	Mike Morphet
Southern Boobook	1 herd	11/11/2021	Thirroul	Seafoam Ave-Goast St residential	Mike Morphet
Laughing Kookaburra	2	4/11/2021	Thirroul Excelsior	Sylvan Way Fire Trail	Mike Morphet
Dollarbird	1	16/11/2021	Thirroul	backyard casuarina	Mike Morphet
Dollarbird	1	3/11/2021	Hewitts Ck surrounds	Regenerating Forest	Ian McKinlay
White-throated Treecreeper	1	4/11/2021	Thirroul Excelsior	Phillip Street Fire Trail	Mike Morphet
Green Catbird	1	23/10/2021	Hewitts Ck surrounds	Regenerating Forest - first in 25yrs	Ian McKinlay
Satin Bowerbird	2	4/11/2021	Thirroul Excelsior	Sylvan Way & Phillip St. F/T	Mike Morphet
Superb Fairy-wren	2	25/10/2021	Thirroul	front garden	Mike Morphet
Variegated Fairy-wren	2	23/10/2021	Cycleway, McCauleys Beach	low shrubs	Ian McKinlay
Yellow-throated Scrubwren	8	4/11/2021	Excelsior Thirroul	Sylvan Way & Phillip St. F/T	Mike Morphet
White-browed Scrubwren	1	4/11/2021	Thirroul Excelsior	Phillip Street fire trail	Mike Morphet
Brown Thornbill	3	3/11/2021	Thirroul	front garden	Mike Morphet
Lewin's Honeyeater	2	4/11/2021	Thirroul Excelsior	Sylvan Way Fire Trail	Mike Morphet
Noisy Friarbird	1	8/11/2021	Thirroul	backyard flowering jacaranda	Mike Morphet
Eastern Whipbird	8	4/11/2021	Thirroul Excelsior	Sylvan Way & Phillip St F/T	Mike Morphet
Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike	1	25/10/2021	Thirroul	backyard lemon tree	Mike Morphet
Crested Shrike-tit	1	4/11/2021	Thirroul Excelsior	Sylvan Way Fire Trail	Mike Morphet
Golden Whistler	1	4/11/2021	Thirroul Excelsior	Sylvan Way Fire Trail	Mike Morphet
Olive-backed Oriole	1	4/11/2021	McCauleys Hill, Thirroul	Native Figs	Ian McKinlay
Grey Butcherbird	1	4/11/2021	Thirroul Excelsior	Phillip Street Fire Trail	Mike Morphet
Rufous Fantail	1	9/11/2021	Bellambi Dunes	Hind dune forest	Ian McKinlay
Australian Raven	18	17/11/2021	Staites Mews, Bellambi	raiding garbage bins	Mike Morphet
Eastern Yellow Robin	6	4/11/2021	Thirroul Excelsior	Sylvan Way & Phillip St. F/T	Mike Morphet
Golden-headed Cisticola	1	15/11/2021	McCauleys Beach, Thirroul	Shrubs/Blady	Ian McKinlay
Welcome Swallow	6	5/11/2021	Stuart Park N W'gong	in low flight above grassed area	Mike Morphet
Common Blackbird	2	23/10/2021	Hewitts Ck surrounds	Bush Regeneration area	Ian Mckinlay

*Thank 'you to everyone who posted sightings during this past year- hopefully next year we will be at greater liberty to get out and about more than what we have been able to do over the past 2yrs. I wish you all a very Merry and safe Xmas and I look forward to many sighting postings in 2022'. Cheers - Darryl.*

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