

## ZEBRA FINCH

Scientific Name: *Taeniopygia guttata*

Atlas Number: 653

### Description:

Zebra Finches are mainly grey, with characteristic black 'tear drop' eye stripes and 'zebra like' black and white barring on the rump and upper tail. The throat and upper breast are pale grey, with fine black barring, and there is a broad black band on upper chest. The sides of the belly are chestnut with many white spots. The remainder of the belly and the undertail are white. The male



photo by Charles Dove

is distinguished from the female by its chestnut cheek patches, a character that gave the species the alternative name of Chestnut-eared Finch. Both sexes have red eyes and bill. The legs and feet are orange yellow. Young are similar in plumage to the female, except that the clear black and white markings of the head are absent. The eyes are grey-brown and the bill is black.

### Distribution:

Zebra Finches are the most common and widespread of Australia's grassfinches, found across the Australian mainland, with the exception of Cape York Peninsula and some coastal areas. They are also found in Timor and the Lesser Sunda Islands.

### Habitat:

Zebra Finches are most commonly found in the drier areas of Australia, living year round in social flocks of up to 100 or more birds. They can be found in a variety of habitats, mainly dry wooded grasslands, bordering watercourses.

### Feeding:

Zebra Finches feed in large flocks on fallen or ripening grass seeds. Insects may be taken at any time of the year, but are particularly favoured when feeding young. Feeding takes place on the ground, and, unlike some other grassfinches, birds never pull seed heads down with their feet.

### Breeding:

Zebra Finches pair for life. The female alone selects the nest site, but both birds care for the eggs and young. The male gathers almost all the nesting material, with which the female constructs the loose dome-shaped nest. Birds have also been reported to nest in hollows in the ground, although this behaviour is uncommon.

### Living with us

The introduction of artificial dams and water tanks has actually increased the Zebra Finch's natural range, as the birds need to drink on a regular basis.

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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## **NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES**

### **NOVEMBER MEETING ON ZOOM**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm for 7.30pm start**

**IBOC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** to be held via Zoom 8th November 2021. Please note that the meeting will once again start at 7:00 pm to allow folks to catch up a bit and join before the business starts.

The AGM will be followed by a Members Night.

Email [membership@iboc.org.au](mailto:membership@iboc.org.au) to undertake a member's presentation please.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:info@iboc.org.au) or 4285 9070.

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

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### **MIDWEEK WALK**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 8.30am Bass Point, Shellharbour**

*Leaders Bill & Joan Zealey*

Meet at 8.30am just past the entrance of the Bass Point Reserve

**Further details on page 3**

In the event of inclement weather Phone Bill on 0414747644

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### **MONTHLY OUTING**

**Sunday 14th November Jerrara Dam**

Leaders Alan and Anne Cousins

Meet at 9am

Go to Jamberoo and at roundabout take first exit into Alowrie Street and follow for about 3.5kms. Turn right at transformer station (brown sign on left to Jerrara Dam), follow for about 1.3kms and turn right into Mt. Brandon Road and follow for about 1.2kms to Jerrara Dam entrance which is on the left, the gate is permanently closed so park on clearing outside.

Bring morning tea and lunch. We will carry morning tea and return to cars to collect lunch which we will have at the picnic area near the toilets

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

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### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm with the meeting to be held via zoom

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### **NEWSLETTER**

**DEADLINE 27<sup>th</sup> November 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.

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**Christmas BBQ Integral Energy Park**  
**11th December 2021**

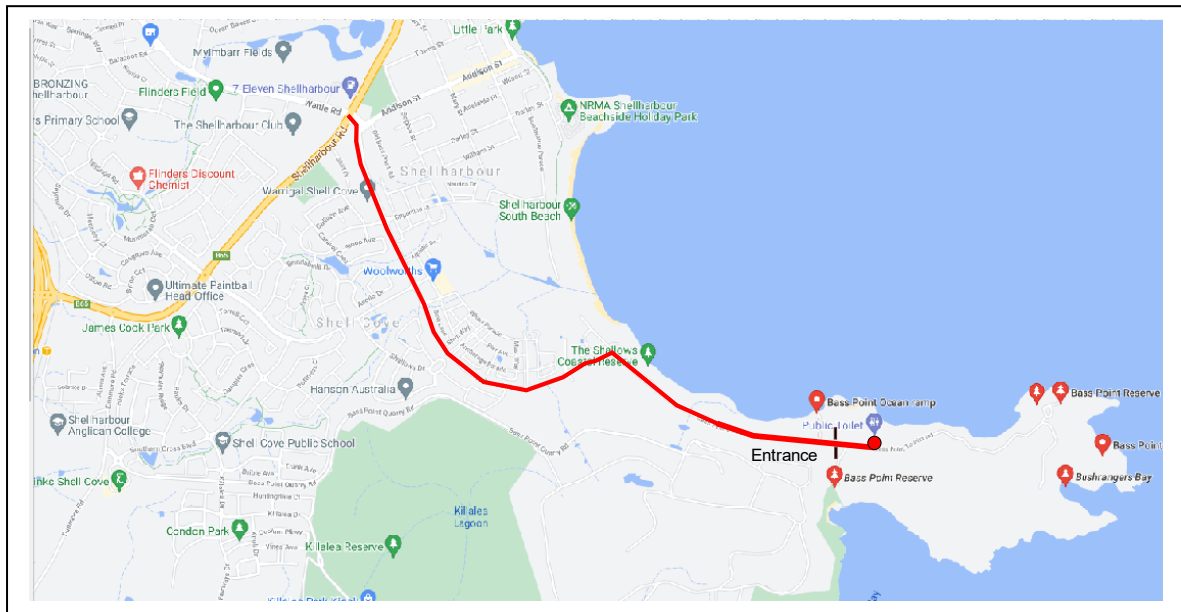
**BASS POINT OUTING DETAILS for MIDWEEK WALK**

Meet at 8.30am just past the entrance of the Bass Point Reserve

**NOTE All IBOC** members should carry and be prepared to produce their proof of COVID vaccination

Also note it is back at the usual time of 8.30

Bring morning tea. Be sure to bring plenty of insect repellent and sunscreen.



Head south from Wollongong to Shellharbour. If you are on the M1 then take the B65 to Shell Cove and Shellharbour. Turn right at the main intersection, by the Shellharbour Club.

If you are on the Princes Highway, take the left turn toward Shellharbour. Remain in the righthand lane and continue along Harbour Boulevard to its end. Turn right along Bass Point Tourist Road. We will meet at the toilet block parking area immediately past the entrance to the reserve.

The walking is generally easy. We will walk along the beach track to the Point. Here we may find Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos, Honeyeaters, Figbirds and Orioles. At the Point we will have coffee/tea and look for Albatross, Gannets, Oystercatchers, Terns and Shearwaters. We will walk back along the road (if it's not too busy) we may find Cuckoos and even Fruit-doves. Bass Point is one of the two most important archaeological sites on the NSW coast. The Wodi Wodi tribe had a "walkabout area" between Picton, Stanwell Tops, Marulan and Nowra and would camp at Bass Point. It is also the site of the sinking of the American Merchant Ship City Services Boston, during a storm in May 1943. The memorial on the Point remembers the Australian Soldiers who lost their lives in the rescue attempt. In the event of inclement weather Phone Bill on 0414747644



## **Illawarra Bird Observers Club Reports**

### **ZOOM MEETING REPORT**    October 11th 2021

October zoom meeting was well attended and entertained, plus even educated some.

This was all down to Lyndall Dawson's presentation on her and Terry's trip to South America; in particular the Galapagos islands.

First their journeys took them through Peru and Ecuador but at this time birds were not proving to be of much interest.

So, on to the star of the trip, the Galapagos, where they boarded their cruise to see the islands and meet the wildlife. There you find out on your first shore excursion the difficulty not being sure where to step and avoid the wildlife! There was a number of different birds including, Nazca Boobies and lots of Finches but most notable for me was the Red Footed Booby: what a striking bird. Also in abundant numbers were brightly coloured crabs, seals and iguanas, all of which were not likely to move if approached, they have no fear of humans. Just briefly getting back to the Finches, you probably have heard of Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution. Well, these Finches gave him the start of that idea due to their subtle

variations; these mainly being differing beak sizes and shapes so it makes them hard to ID. With some it's easier, because they are confined to particular islands.

Moving on, the cruise went to West Island which is very barren onshore but rich in wildlife, including the Flightless Cormorants which have to waddle from the water to their nesting sites. This looked like quite an effort. Cruising further on to the island of Isobella and views of the Galapagos Penguin: not a bird usually in the tropics. Also seen, the stunning Blue-Footed Booby, another beautiful bird. Then along to Ravenna Island and its lone Flamingo 🦩; apparently the rest have left but this bird lingered.

Last, but definitely not least, the giant tortoise was added to the list of sightings. While all of these animals were abundant, the islands also have wide variations in the vegetation from cactus to lush green areas, and totally barren volcanic rock.

A great presentation enjoyed by all.

**Thank very much Lyndall.**

Ross Gowans

## **NOTICES & ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

### **GENERAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS**

#### **AGM Meeting Notice update:**

The I.B.O.C. Inc. 2021 Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 8th November 2021 via Zoom. All members will be sent the Zoom connection details in the days prior to the meeting.

Business of the meeting:

- Confirmation of the minutes of the 2019 AGM
- Committee activity reports for 2020 and 2021
- Receive and consider annual financial statements for 2020 and 2021
- Election of IBOC office bearers and ordinary committee members for 2022

The positions to be filled are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 4 Committee Members.

Nomination for the above positions close with the Secretary at 5pm Monday, November 1, 2021.

Nominations may be sent via email to: [secretary@iboc.org.au](mailto:secretary@iboc.org.au) or posted to P.O. Box 56 Fairy Meadow 2519 (no form required). Nominations via email need to be copied to the Nominees. Nominations via post need to include the Nominees' signature.

If insufficient nominations are received for positions prior to the closing date, nominations will be called at the meeting by the Returning Officer.

In addition to the above official positions the following non-elected positions need to be filled: Records Officer, Activities Officer (Monthly Walks), Activities Officer (Mid-Week Walks), Activities Officer (Camps), Editor and Librarian. If you are interested in assisting in any of these important roles, please advise the Secretary prior to the meeting.

Voting at the AGM will be by show of hands-on Zoom and for those attending without video, by audio.

## AGM NOMINATIONS

### IBOC Positions 2022 (AGM 8 Nov 2021)

Elected Positions	2022	2020/21
President	Ross Gowans	Ross Gowans
Vice President	Pam Hazelwood	Andrew Knowlson
Treasurer	Ken Brown	Ken Brown
Secretary	Andrew Knowlson	Andrew Knowlson (temp)
Committee		Jann Gowans
Committee	Darryl Goldrick	Darryl Goldrick
Committee	Anna Knowlson	Tom Wylie
Committee	Alan Cousins	Alan Cousins
Non-elected Positions		
Records Officer	Darryl Goldrick	Darryl Goldrick
Activities Officer – Monthly walks	Alan & Anne Cousins	Alan Cousins
Activities Officer – Mid-week walks	Joan & Bill Zealey	Rupert Jarvis
Activities Officer - Camps	Anna Knowlson	Betty Hudson
Newsletter Editor	Charles Dove	Charles Dove
Webmaster	Charles Dove	Charles Dove
Hall Management		Tom Wylie
Club Librarians	Anne Cousins	Anne Cousins Terry Edwell
Badges & Attendance Officer	Neil Wheway	Neil Wheway
Kitchen Volunteers	Tera Wheway Joan Wylie	Joan Wylie Tera Wheway
Public Officer	Chris. Cartledge	Chris. Cartledge

## QUESTION

**Q =** Which seabirds are known as 'clowns of the sea' because of their multi-coloured bills?

## Critically endangered Plains-wanderers gifted 13,000ha of habitat by farmers to stop extinction

[ABC Riverina](#) By [Shannon Corvo](#)

Posted Wed 20 Oct 2021 at 2:08pm

**More than 13,000 hectares of prime Plains-wanderer habitat in south-west New South Wales has been conserved with the help of rural landholders.**

Fondly known as the Goldilocks bird because it does not live in areas too dense or too sparse with vegetation, the Plains-wanderer is one of Australia's rarest birds.

There are estimates of only 500 in the wild, found mainly in NSW's Riverina and the northern plains in Victoria, with some hanging on in south-east South Australia.

The elusive ground-dwelling bird is listed as critically endangered nationally.

About 25 landholders have now set aside room for its habitat across about 200 kilometres from Hay to Jerilderie in the south.

They are part of the Paddocks for Plains-wanderer project, in partnership with Local Land Services in the Riverine Plains.

**Read more at...**

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-10-20/plains-wanderers-gifted-13000ha-of-habitat/100552434>



## AUTUMN CAMP 2022

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



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**Please let them know you are from IBOC or  
mention Charles Dove when booking**

**NO deposit is required**

**You only pay for 6 nights then the 7<sup>th</sup> night is free**

### Tariffs

**Units** 1 to 12 = \$130.00 for 2 adults per night, extra \$15.00 per person/s per night, sleep up to 5.  
(Queen bed, 2 x single beds & a fold up bed) these are air conditioned. \$780.00 p/w

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.

Double Bed Linen Pack = (Double bed sheets, blankets, towels, face washer & soap)

Single Bed Linen Pack = (Single bed sheets, blankets, mattress protector, pillow, towel, face washer & soap)

You can provide your own linen if you wish, the configuration is: -  
1 x double bed and or 2 x single beds

**Mini Ensuite Cabins** A to G = \$82.00 per night, extra \$10.00 per person/s per night. No air conditioning and \$410.00 p/w.

**Maxi Ensuite Cabins** L to I = \$92.00 per night, extra \$10.00 per person/s per night. No air conditioning and \$460.00 p/w.

**Non Ensuite Cabins** Q to W = \$72.00 per night, extra \$10.00 per person/s per night. No air conditioning and \$300.00 p/w.

**Caravan Sites: \$38 Per night \$228 Per Week Extra Person/s \$5**

Wendy has pre booked 7 Mini Cabins and 2 Maxi Cabins

Also 6 sites have been pre booked after I have contacted them for the IBOC camp Charles

**These will be held for a month so Please get back to us ASAP so we can lock you in.**

We hope you will enjoy your stay with us.

**Kind regards**

**Vaughn and Wendy Smith Managers**

## MEMBERS NOTICE

The IBOC Committee is reviewing the mail out and email lists for circulation of the IBOC Newsletter with a view to including as many Members as possible in the email list.

Currently if you receive a paper copy of the IBOC Newsletter and we were wondering if you now have access to an email address which would enable the Club to move you from the Mail Out List to the Email List for the Newsletter as this would assist the Club to reduce its annual administrative costs.

**If you do now have access to an email address, could you please forward it to [secretary@iboc.org.au](mailto:secretary@iboc.org.au)**

We hope you are all managing in the current circumstances and are looking forward to your early response."

## LINKS : for those on the internet

Mercury build-up in humpback whales, fur seals and petrels cause concern Scientists are calling for further mercury monitoring after detecting the chemical in humpback whales foraging in the Southern Ocean. [Read the full story](#)  
Shared from [ABC app](#)

Some very interesting articles in this edition. BirdLife Shoalhaven Magazine - Spring 2021  
<http://www.birdlifeshoalhaven.org/magazines/blsnewsspring2021.pdf>

Birdwatching doesn't make me forget Covid, but it helps me see life anew | Debbie Lustig | The Guardian  
<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/commentisfree/2021/oct/05/birdwatching-doesnt-make-me-forget-covid-but-it-helps-me-see-life-anew>

Collins Street Falcons and their fans have a new domestic drama  
<https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/for-melbourne-s-falcons-and-their-fans-a-new-domestic-drama-20211001-p58who.html>

Conservationists say rocket launch site could push endangered southern emu-wren to extinction | Endangered species | The Guardian  
[https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/sep/28/conservationists-say-rocket-launch-site-could-push-endangered-southern-emu-wren-to-extinction?CMP=Share\\_AndroidApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/sep/28/conservationists-say-rocket-launch-site-could-push-endangered-southern-emu-wren-to-extinction?CMP=Share_AndroidApp_Other)

Critically endangered plains-wanderers gifted 13,000ha of habitat by farmers to stop extinction - ABC News  
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-10-20/plains-wanderers-gifted-13000ha-of-habitat/100552434>

From Spangled Drongos to the Gang-gang Cockatoo: how well do you know Australian birds? | Birds | The Guardian  
[https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2021/sep/25/from-spangled-drongos-to-the-gang-gang-cockatoo-how-well-do-you-know-australian-birds?CMP=Share\\_iOSApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2021/sep/25/from-spangled-drongos-to-the-gang-gang-cockatoo-how-well-do-you-know-australian-birds?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)

Full article: Avifaunal use of an artificial waterpoint in the Strzelecki Desert during an extended dry period  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/01584197.2021.1966311>

Bird-cams  
<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/cams/>

How lovers of the hooded plover are helping the species recover | Australian bird of the year (2021) | The Guardian  
[https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/oct/05/how-lovers-of-the-hooded-plover-are-helping-the-species-recover?CMP=Share\\_AndroidApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/oct/05/how-lovers-of-the-hooded-plover-are-helping-the-species-recover?CMP=Share_AndroidApp_Other)

If your cat is roaming free, it could be killing the local wildlife. Here's what you can do to prevent that - ABC News  
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-09-16/pet-cat-curfew-roaming-free-local-wildlife-how-to-help-/100422136>

King of the Ring - Ireland's record-breaking birds - BirdWatch Ireland  
<https://birdwatchireland.ie/king-of-the-ring-irelands-record-breaking-birds/>

## Raising a wing and a smile

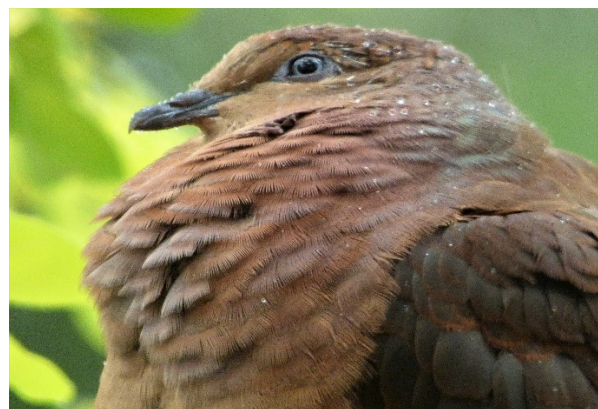
Mike Morphet

Critics of backyard bird-feeding stations, in my opinion, miss out on the opportunity to study much more closely avian behaviour and the sheer enjoyment that comes with it, especially during ongoing pandemic lockdown restrictions that have brought about so much social dislocation. Mixed seed and blueberries and grapes, combined with various types of planted vegetation to various levels, plus my aviary birds, have attracted a range of bird species to my home, totaling at least twenty, some replacing others, most months of the year. There is much coming and going. I enjoy a balcony view of the many dramas played out, as different individual birds or groupings display reactive and adaptive behaviours; namely, aggression, adventurousness, opportunism, diffidence, patience, and some cooperation (mainly adult feeding young). Then there are the different vocalisations to consider, indicating how each bird is feeling about its surroundings and probably itself; the prime example is the male Satin Bowerbird that has made the back garden his territory for nigh on three years, with prime attention on advertising his well-maintained, adorned and protected bower to females. I could be further criticised for being anthropomorphic. But might not avian intelligence, high up in the non-human world, be akin to ours and therefore their ways of coping with, and responding to, life's challenges?

One species I've become much acquainted with is the "Brown Pigeon" (I prefer that name to Cuckoo-dove). For many months now groups of four, sometimes six, have been making daily visits and in all weathers. They are typical of exhibiting the variety of behaviours and calls I've referred to above. Coincidentally, while I'm jotting down my thoughts for this article, three of them have landed on the verandah in front of me. After their usual jerky head movements from side to side to scout what's about, one male is bowing his head up and down, trying to impress a female, while the third takes advantage of finishing off a few seeds in the tray unchallenged.



Wing-raising is a regular feature among "Brown Pigeons". On the one hand, both wings are held upright as an offensive and defensive mechanism towards rival conspecifics or other species competing for food, which is more of a bluff gesture; on the other, just one wing is raised slowly and kept upright or to one side for a short while, then lowered, followed by the same process with the other wing, usually when the bird is perching on a branch. This latter habit could at first be interpreted as the sign of an injury, but has in fact a beneficial purpose and is not uncommon in the bird world. It enables the sun's rays to penetrate the bird's feathers, which helps with their alignment, through to its body, enhancing both its health, by getting rid of unwanted feather lice and other parasites, and its chances in the mating stakes. Often sunbaking turns to preening. According to the Audubon Society, over fifty bird families carry out such procedure, termed maintenance behaviour, which constitutes nine per cent of a bird's time.







In addition to sunbathing, 'my' "Brown Pigeons" have indulged in bathing in water, making use of the two large, shallow bird-baths. Rolling to one side has accompanied the raised wings, reminiscent of a ship on the ocean, buffeted to port or starboard by a cyclone. There have been occasions when I've been grateful to be under shelter from a heavy downpour of rain, while watching a pigeon remain perched on a robinia branch for many minutes, motionless, just soaking up the rain; luxuriating maybe. I've thought of a rehash of the scene in the 1952 movie, 'Singin' in the Rain' (accessible on Youtube), with Gene Kelly expressing his happiness by dancing in the street in heavy rain until confronted by a bemused police officer: 'Perching in the Rain' with an intro of 'Coo-dloo-coo coo-coo' (My apologies to lyricist, Arthur Freed). Whilst there's a smile on his face (and also on mine during such observations), but not on the bird's, it's apparent to me that it's enjoying the health benefits.

## A - Puffins

Monthly Sightings : Sept/Oct 2021				compiled by Darryl Goldrick	
SPECIES	NUMBER	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVERS
Australian Pelican	7	4-Oct-21	Bellambi Lagoon	mudflat & on water	Mike Morphet
Chestnut Teal	8	4-Oct-21	Bellambi Lagoon	on water	Mike Morphet
Australasian Grebe	1	4-Oct-21	East Woonona Lagoon	on water	Ian McKinlay
White-Headed Pigeon	1	3-Oct-21	Premier Drive; Albion Park	Grassy Woodland, next door	Bruce Coyte
White-headed Pigeon	1	26-Sep-21	Hewitts Creek Lagoon	mixed forest	Ian McKinlay
White-headed Pigeon	1	22-Oct-21	Thirroul	on backyard aviary	Mike Morphet
Wonga pigeon	1	7-Oct-21	Slacky Flat Bulli	Open Woodland	Joan Wylie and Terry Edwell
Wonga Pigeon	1	15-Oct-21	Thirroul	backyard	Mike Morphet
Wonga Pigeon	1	29-Sep-21	Clowes Park, Austinmer	urban edge forest	Ian McKinlay
Wonga Pigeon	1	5-Oct-21	Otford	forest	Ian McKinlay
Topknot Pigeon	1 dead	20-Sep-21	Thirroul Library	urban-ground under Fig Tree	Ian McKinlay
Topknot Pigeon	several	20-Sep-21	Russell Vale Golf Course	Fig tree canopy	Ian McKinlay
Eastern Great Egret	1	4-Oct-21	Bellambi Lagoon	feeding in shallow water	Mike Morphet
White-faced Heron	2	4-Oct-21	Bellambi Lagoon	run-off retention basis	Mike Morphet
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	2	14-Oct-21	Thirroul residential	in flight	Mike Morphet
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	8	18-Oct-21	McCauleys Beach, Thirroul	overhead - flying south	Ian McKinlay
Little Black Cormorant	2	4-Oct-21	Bellambi Lagoon	mudflat	Mike Morphet
Little Black Cormorant	2	7-Oct-21	Coledale Beach	sand & rock platform	Mike Morphet
Australian White Ibis	3	4-Oct-21	Bellambi Lagoon	stormwater retention basin	Mike Morphet
Australian White Ibis	6	20-Oct-21	East Corrimal Lagoon	shoreline	Ian McKinlay
Royal Spoonbill	1	20-Oct-21	East Corrimal lagoon	feeder stream pond	Ian McKinlay
Pacific Baza	1	7-Oct-21	Balgownie	Overhead	Pam Hazelwood
Pacific Baza	2	14-Oct-21	Balgownie	Tall gum trees & part rainforest	Terry Edwell
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	20-Oct-21	Russell Vale GC	overhead, under harassment	Ian McKinlay
Brown Goshawk	1	3-Oct-21	Primbee dunes	over golf course	Bill and Joan Zealey
Brown Goshawk	1	5-Oct-21	Cellodene Av, Stanwell Park	regrowth forest	Ian McKinlay

Collared Sparrowhawk	1	24-Sep-21	McCauleys Hill, Thirroul	urban- overhead	Ian McKinlay
Peregrine Falcon	1	3-Oct-21	Primbee dunes	flying along edge of woodland	Bill and Joan Zealey
Long-billed Corella	2	4-Oct-21	Bellambi Lagoon	palm branch beside cycle/path	Mike Morphet
Little Corella	3	4-Oct-21	Bellambi Lagoon	grass verge beside cycle/path	Mike Morphet
Little Corella	~ 35-40	25-Sep-21	East Thirroul	urban - flying north	Ian McKinlay
Little Corella	3	4-Oct-21	East Woonona Lagoon	branch above lagoon	Ian McKinlay
Crimson Rosella	2	29-Sep-21	Mt Keira	Suburban creek bank	Chris. Cartledge
Eastern Rosella	2	6-Oct-21	Russell Vale Golf Course	Grassland	Ian McKinlay
Eastern Koel	1 calling	1-Oct-21	Thirroul	residential area	Mike Morphet
Eastern Koel	1m1f	17-Oct-21	Lake Illawarra South	Yard-Eucalypt - calling.	Darryl Goldrick
Channel-billed Cuckoo	2	28-Sep-21	Balgownie	pursued by wattlebird	Pam Hazelwood
Channel-billed Cuckoo	2	2-Oct-21	Balgownie	Suburban	Joan Zealey
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1	8-Oct-21	Tarrawanna	residential area	Laurie Williams
Powerful owl	1	3-Oct-21	Bulli Grevillea Park	Bushland	Joan Wylie
Laughing Kookaburra	2 albino	8-Oct-21	Redgum Ridge, Figtree	Woodland adjoining residential	Laurie Williams
Laughing Kookaburra	1 nest	18-Oct-21	Lake Illawarra South	Nesting Canary Island Palm	Darryl Goldrick
Dollarbird	1	10-Oct-21	Thirroul residential	eucalypt canopy	Mike Morphet
Dollarbird	1	16-Oct-21	Balgownie	Bush near a small park Balgownie	Terry Edwell
Superb Lyrebird	1D 2F	22-Sep-21	Gibson Track, Thirroul	Rainforest	Ian McKinlay
Green Catbird	1	22-Sep-21	Gibson Track, Thirroul	rainforest	Ian McKinlay
Variegated Fairy-wren	2	18-Oct-21	McCauleys Beach, Thirroul	low native shrubs adjoining cycleway	Ian McKinlay
Yellow-throated Scrubwren	4	7-Oct-21	Slacky Flat Bulli	Creek line	Joan Wylie and Terry Edwell
Scarlet Honeyeater	Several	12-Sep-21	Balgownie	Bottle brush/birdbath	Terry Edwell
White-naped Honeyeater	3	3-Oct-21	Primbee dunes	Woodland	Bill and Joan Zealey
Rufous Whistler	5 F	3-Oct-21	Primbee Dunes	Woodland	Bill and Joan Zealey
Australasian Figbird	1	2-Oct-21	Balgownie	in tree in local garden	Joan Zealey
Olive-backed Oriole	1	3-Oct-21	Wollongong Botanic Gardens	tree canopy nr Glenniffer Brae	Mike Morphet
Olive-backed Oriole	1	10-Oct-21	Thirroul residential	eucalypt canopy	Mike Morphet
Olive-backed Oriole	1	19-Oct-21	Clowes Park, Austinmer	Eucalypt forest	Ian McKinlay
Australian Raven	15	19-Oct-21	Staithe Mews, Bellambi	foraging household garbage	Mike Morphet
Leaden flycatcher	2m+2f	14-Oct-21	Blanchard Cr. Balgownie	Tall casuarina	Terry Edwell
Welcome Swallow	2Ad+4ch	7-Oct-21	Coledale	under awning above hairdressing salon	Mike Morphet
Common Blackbird	1 M	3-Oct-21	Lake Illawarra South	Yard	Darryl Goldrick
European Goldfinch	1	21-Oct-21	McCauleys Beach, Thirroul	hind grassland	Ian McKinlay

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