

Plumed Whistling Duck

Scientific Name: *Dendrocygna eytoni*
 Atlas Number: 205

Description:

The Plumed Whistling-Duck is one of two whistling ducks found in Australia. It is a tall, long necked duck, with very prominent long lanceolate off-white plumes edged in black along the flanks. The face and foreneck are light, the crown and hind neck are pale brown and the brown feathers of the upper back are edged buff. The breast is pale chestnut, finely



photo by Charles Dove

barred in black. The bill is mottled pink and grey and the legs and feet are pink. It is also known as Grass Whistle Duck, Eyton's Plumed, Red-legged or Whistling Tree-duck, Grass, Grey or Red-legged Whistler, and the Monkey Duck.

Similar species:

The related Wandering Whistling-Duck, *Dendrocygna arcuata*, is similar to the Plumed Whistling-Duck, though it has darker body plumage and shorter flank plumes. Wandering Whistling-Ducks are more often found on water.

Distribution:

The Plumed Whistling-Duck is mainly found in the northern and eastern tropics of Australia, it also extends southwards to New South Wales in the east but does not come far south of the Kimberleys in the west.

Habitat:

During the day the Plumed Whistling-Duck congregates in large numbers with other waterfowl, on the margins of lagoons, swamps and mangrove creeks, for preening and sleeping. At night they fly out, often quite long distances, to feed on grasslands.

Seasonal movements:

In the breeding season the Plumed Whistling-Duck leaves the water and nests on the grassy plains.

Feeding:

Plumed Whistling-Ducks graze on tropical grasses. They pluck grass (like a goose) and also take food from the water by dabbling from the surface.

Breeding:

Breeding for the Plumed Whistling-Duck begins in the tropical Wet Season. The nest is a scrape in the ground, sparsely lined with grass, usually under shelter of a bush or other vegetation. The Plumed Whistling-Duck is monogamous, and pair-bonds are probably life-long. Both sexes share the duties of incubation, with the changeover taking place in the evening, and brood the young.

Living with us

Although the Plumed Whistling-Duck is a bird of the tropical grasslands, it has benefitted from pastoral practices which provide dams for water and pasture on which to graze.

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

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NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

CLUB MEETING:

Monday 14th November at 7.30pm ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Fairy Meadow Community Hall - Corner of Cambridge Avenue & Princes H'way Fairy Meadow.

Message from the Vice President

Well it's that time of the year again...the AGM will be held in November.

We need to fill all of the Committee positions, so I hope that you are all giving some thought to either nominating yourself or nominating another member.

We need an active Committee to steer the course of IBOC beyond its 40th year.

Unfortunately I'll be away in the UK for the meeting, so won't be able to participate in any meaningful way. I have however submitted my nomination for President with the proviso that there is a Vice President elected who can run the meetings and chair the Committee when the President is absent [2016 was my quiet year].

We also need to find a new Secretary, since Pam is retiring from this position. Thank you for performing so efficiently and keeping the Committee and IBOC on track, Pam.

After the Elections the rest of the evening will allow members to present their favourite images and videos of 2016. Please bring along your presentations on a USB stick. There will also be a slightly tongue in cheek 15 minute video on what IBOC really means. This is based on old slides and prints from our archives. Watch out you may recognise yourself.

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

MIDWEEK WALK

Wednesday 16th November 2016

Leader Betty Hudson

Purry Burry Pt & Primbee Foreshore

Meet in the car park at the end of Purry Burry Ave Primbee at 8.30am.

Travel from the north or south along the M1 to the Northcliffe Drive exit and turn east to Warrawong. Turn right at the traffic lights by Bunnings, continue past the lights by Harvey Norman and take the next right into Lake View Parade. Keep right at the cross roads still in Lake View Parade and then turn right into Bundah Place and right again at T junction to the end of Purry Burry & park.

After checking out any waders we will then drive the opposite way along Purry Burry to the corner of Nichole Rd and park. From here we will walk along the edge of the lake towards the Oasis Motel and return.

Bring a carry morning tea and something to sit on if the grass is wet, as well as the usual insect repellent & sunscreen.

If the weather is doubtful contact Betty Hudson on mobile 0432 892 945 before 7.30am

MONTHLY OUTING

Sunday 20th November 2016

Leader Betty Hudson

Bomaderry Creek

Meet at **8.30am at the end of Falcon Crescent North Nowra.**

Travel south on the Princes Highway and then turn right at the traffic lights at Shoalhaven River Bridge into Illaroo Rd. At the roundabout bear right and Falcon Crescent is the 2nd turning on the right. Don't forget to allow extra time to get through the road works around Berry.

From here we will walk across the heathland to lookouts by the creek joining the main walk on the western side of the creek.

After morning tea we will return to the cars and drive to the picnic area off Nerang Rd for lunch and an afternoon walk along the track following the creek.

Bring a carry morning tea and lunch to eat in the picnic area

The morning walk is relatively level with a board walk but the afternoon one has some rocky areas as well as steps. We will not be crossing the creek on our walks. A good list of birds is always the reward for this walk and include; the Rock Warbler, Azure Kingfisher, a number of honeyeaters, and the Olive-backed Oriole.

If the weather is doubtful phone Betty on 4236 0307 or text mobile 0432 892 945 before 7.15am.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Tuesday 22nd November at 2pm

Next Meeting Tuesday 2pm 22nd November 2016 Ken Brown's home 12 Meads Avenue Tarrawanna

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

Newsletter:

DEADLINE 25th November 2016

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 Avenue, Mollymook 2539. Ph: 0417 422 302

IBOC WISHES TO WELCOME ITS NEW MEMBERS

Ken and Ursula Guymer

CHRISTMAS MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Club Meeting – Monday 12th December 7.30pm

Fairy Meadow Community Hall.

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

CHRISTMAS MEETING

No guest speaker but instead, for your entertainment, numerous people will pull out all stops to keep you amused with an evening of song, verse, music, slide shows and brain training quizzes. (Brush up on bird names and towns).

The featured bird in our **"Come as a Bird"** this year is the King Parrot....Dress in your bird/Christmas/favourite T-shirt and join the parade. Great prizes to be won.

We need contributions from members please....email Pam secretary@iboc.org.au if you want to present a comedy skit, read a poem, or run a quiz.

So come along and bring that extra special plate for supper and be assured of a happy and fun filled evening.

Regards Bill

CLUB MEETING REPORT

October Club Meeting – by Alan Cousins

Our October presentation was by Peter Fullagar and was very bird orientated but very different in that we had bird sounds instead of photo's. We were treated to an historical evening of 'Wildlife Sound Recordings past, present and future – early sound recordings were through a large horn (no electronics). I am sure most of us will remember the HMV ad. which had a dog sitting beside a large horn.

In 1889 the first studio recording was made by Ludwig Koch who was 8 years old at the time. It was the recording of a captive White-rumped Sharma (Peter showed us a photo). In 1900 the first recording of wild birds was made by Cherry Kearton of a Nightingale (not in Berkeley Square) and a Song Thrush.

In the late 1920's (around 1929) in the USA Arthur Allen recorded a House Wren, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and he also recorded the Ivory-beaked Woodpecker which is now extinct. Peter played a recording of this Woodpecker and also showed a picture.

In 1934 Albert R. Brand recorded optical sound track on film - Sounds of Wildbirds using a parabolic reflector, sound mirror amplifying sounds to a microphone.

In 1978 the last 78 rpm recording of British birds was made and in the late 1900's recordings were on 33.3 rpm vinyl.

The first wild bird recording in Australia was made on a 10 inch 78 rpm record made by R.T.Littlejohns of a Lyrebird and Peter had a copy which he played.

In the late 1960's a collection of Australian wildlife recordings was established by Norman Robinson. We were then shown a photo of Beatrice Harrison dated 19th May 1924 playing a cello to the tune of 'A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square' this was broadcast live from Oxsted in Surrey UK by the BBC. The 1942 event was played by Peter, and in background sounds of a German bombing raid could be heard.

The timeline significant technical developments is from Edisons cylinders to online music and internet stores and key Bird Song Recording Events onto iPhones (Peter showed us a microphone that can be connected to an iPhone which he uses). Whilst many of the recordings that Peter played were very old the reproduction through his two tripod mounted Bose speakers was excellent. This was a very interesting and informative presentation by an enthusiastic and knowledgeable presenter on a subject that we have not been privy to before.

There is a website www.xeno-canto.org which has a collection of bird songs from around the world.

Some Comments on the Upcoming 2016 AGM

IBOC has continued to run this year without a President. For a vibrant Club we need to ensure that all Committee positions are filled....particularly those of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

While IBOC members take on much of the week to week running of walks, trips, meetings etc, an active President and Vice-President are vital to for the survival of IBOC. Their role is far more than just fronting the monthly meetings and chairing committee meetings. They chart future courses of action and represent IBOC on other organisations.

Whilst The Committee has coped remarkably well with the lack of a President and the absences of the Vice-President during the latter part of 2016, it is unfair to expect them to continue without having both positions filled for 2017.

I am therefore willing to nominate as President only if there are also nominations for the position of Vice President. Alternatively if a dynamic member nominates for President, I will nominate as Vice-President and help them in every way possible to rejuvenate IBOC. Should we not be able to fill both the President and Vice-President positions it is clear that IBOC may be forced to dissolve, which would be a pity just before their Fortieth Anniversary.

Bill Zealey

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR IBOC AGM ON 14th Nov. 2016

'That Betty Hudson be awarded Life Membership to the Illawarra Bird Observers Club'

Proposed: Darryl Goldrick **Seconded:** Jann Gowans

Background:

Betty has been a member of the Club for 25 years and has been either an elected or held a non-elected position for 24 of those years.

Almost everyone who has been associated with the club over those years would be well aware of her outstanding past and continuing contribution in the administration and smooth functioning of the club.

She has been the 'quite behind the scenes' achiever and has made many past president's jobs so much easier, as either supper/kitchen helper, secretary, walks - camps organiser or records officer just to name a few.

This award of Life Membership would be a fitting recognition of Betty's sustained commitment and contribution to IBOC over the 25 years.

Illawarra Bird Observers Club



'One good Tern
deserves another'

40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Illawarra Bird Observers Club was founded in 1977 with the aim to join together people with a common interest who wish to further their knowledge and enjoyment of the bird life around them and encourage bird observing.

The IBOC Committee invites past and present members to join us for afternoon tea to help celebrate on:

Saturday 25th February 2017 – 2pm

**At Fairy Meadow Community Hall
Cnr Cambridge Ave & Princes Highway, Fairy Meadow**

A donation of a plate of food to share would be welcome.



RSVP by 14/2/2017 by either E-mail: secretary@iboc.org.au or

Phone Bill Zealey on [0414747644](tel:0414747644) or Post to: PO Box 56 Fairy Meadow 2519

Or let a Committee member know you are coming.

Please let us know if you require help with transport to the venue

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Breaking news



AWC scientists uncover Night Parrot population on Diamantina National Park



Diamantina National Park

Large increase in known population of Night Parrots

A joint initiative by Australian Wildlife Conservancy and the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) has uncovered the largest known population of the endangered Night Parrot on Diamantina National Park.

A field survey led by AWC Senior Field Ecologist, John Young - who in 2013 became the first person in over a century to find a living Night Parrot - has confirmed a significant increase in its known population and distribution.

Exploring remote sections of Diamantina National Park by helicopter, all-terrain vehicle and on foot, John Young located three nests, observed birds at these three nests and at another location, and identified birds at three additional locations by their distinctive call. John was assisted by AWC Senior Ecologist, Dr Rod Kavanagh, and by a number of experienced volunteers.

AWC scientists have developed a habitat model which indicates a large area of Diamantina National Park is preferred roosting habitat for Night Parrots. It is hoped the model will help identify and protect additional populations of the Night Parrot.



Night Parrot habitat, Diamantina National Park



Night parrot nest with eggs

We need your help

AWC is working in partnership with QPWS to protect the largest known population of Night Parrots as well as important populations of other species such as the Kowari, Bilby, Grey Falcon and Plains Wanderer. Please help by donating to support our field team, led by John Young, as we implement additional biological surveys and land management at Diamantina.

ABC News: A chainsaw may not seem like the obvious solution for a bird facing extinction because of habitat loss, but a group of volunteer arborists are hoping it could be the key to saving the swift parrot.

Thirty-two arborists from the Victorian Tree Industry Organisation travelled to Bruny Island in Tasmania to carve hollows for the birds to nest in.

The critically endangered parrot only breeds in Tasmania.

"Hollows are so rare that you can actually see swift parrots literally searching tree after tree after tree, inspecting every little black hole, every broken branch stub, just checking, is this a hole, is that a hole, is it suitable? Is it not?" Dr Dejan Stojanovic from the Australian National University said.

Andrew McKernan from the Victorian Tree Industry Organisation said the group of arborists offered to come and carve hollows after hearing about illegal firewood collectors cutting down trees in a breeding area.



Read the full story <http://ab.co/2de3Vnt>

ABC News: A group of endangered carnivorous marsupials have been released on an island near Esperance in an effort to expand a small population established last year.

Scientists released 35 dibblers on the predator-free, Gunton Island, east of Esperance in the Recherche Archipelago. The small carnivorous creatures are part of the family that includes the Tasmanian devil and the extinct Tasmanian tiger.

Dibblers could once be found from Shark Bay to Eyre Peninsular in South Australia, but habitat destruction and predation from introduced species such as cats and foxes, had placed their species close to extinction.

"It's basically a hunter, extremely active, and it's a beautiful little animal," principle research scientist leading the Western Shield, Department of Parks and Wildlife conservation program, Tony Friend, said.

"Their role in the environment is basically controlling invertebrates, but they have their own value, in the fact that they are a unique species."

Dibblers were once thought to be extinct until they were rediscovered in 1967 at Cheyne Beach, east of Albany.

"The Perth Zoo has been breeding dibblers since the late 1990s," Dr Friend said.

"Fitzgerald River National Park is the stronghold of the dabbler, and that breeding colony has been churning out young dibblers ever since.

"Their numbers are low, and the number of sites of which they occur are also small."

Dr Friend said introduced predators and habitat destruction have forced wild dibblers to take refuge away from mainland Australia.

"It's gone down to the point where there are only two populations off Jurien Bay, on very small Islands, and the Fitzgerald River National Park," he said.



Read the full story <http://ab.co/2d93A5m>

The Birdman's Wife by Melissa Ashley: Elizabeth Gould's forgotten talent

The Birdman's Wife is published by Affirm Press at \$32.99.

The birds came first. Melissa Ashley was a twitcher before she decided to write *The Birdman's Wife*, a historical novel that brings Elizabeth Gould out of the shadow of her husband John, Australia's most celebrated ornithologist.

A New Zealander, Ashley, 43, came to Australia aged eight with her parents as the eldest of four children. As an adult living in inner-city Brisbane, she worked in disability care, helping deaf people talk on the phone before technology took over that role. She first became interested in birds when her poet partner wrote a poem about a Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike. Ashley had also published a collection of poems, *A Hospital for Dolls*, in 2003 and decided that in order to share her partner's other enthusiasm, she would join a birdwatching group.

After the poet flew the nest, Ashley remained a committed birder (her website is called *Satin Bowerbird*). Her favourite species are the Fairy-wren she sees frequently in her backyard, featured in an exquisite painting

by Elizabeth Gould on the cover of her novel, and the Royal Albatross – a scene-stealing presence in an entirely imagined episode in the book, but which Ashley has yet to see for herself.

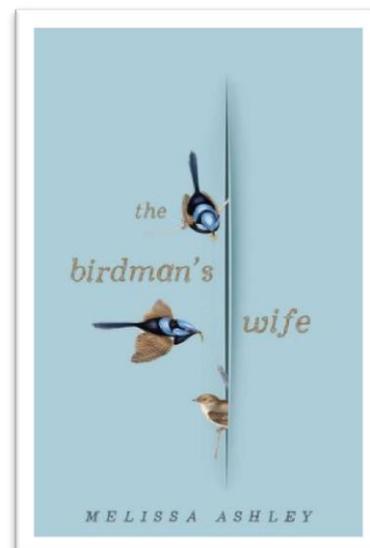
Elizabeth Gould designed and completed 650 superb hand-coloured lithographs of the world's most beautiful bird species, including Charles Darwin's Galapagos Finches, before dying at the age of just 37.

As well as being her husband's secret weapon, she became close friends with Lady Jane Franklin, another woman remarkable for her curiosity and initiative in the Victorian era, as wife of the Governor of Tasmania. And she formed a professional friendship with the eccentric artist Edward Lear, who joined the Goulds for seven years due to his impecunious circumstances. "He was an ally to Elizabeth in that he teased John slightly about being a bit of a miser and very demanding."

These secondary characters act as a foil to John Gould, who comes across as relentlessly energetic, ambitious and entrepreneurial. In real life, he was no match for his his wife's artistic skill, despite his fame for the book *Birds of Australia*. Ashley says she too lacks drawing ability.

This is an extract from a book review written by Caroline Baum - The Sydney Morning Herald – October 14, 2016

<http://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/books/the-birdmans-wife-by-melissa-ashley-elizabeth-goulds-forgotten-talent-20161005-grvqxy.html>



Bird sounds online

By Chris Cartledge

Dr Peter Fullagar from Canberra was the guest speaker at the IBOC October 2016 meeting.

Peter's talk was titled "*Wildlife sound recording, past present and future*" and was very informative and interesting. Peter mentioned national and international reference collections, important wildlife sound recording groups and the way that wildlife sounds today can be accessed via the Internet.

He told the meeting about [xeno-canto](#) which is a citizen science project in which volunteers record, upload and annotate recordings of birdsong and bird calls. The website is supported by a number of academic and birdwatching institutions worldwide, with its primary support being in the Netherlands.

[xeno-canto](#) is a website dedicated to sharing bird sounds from all over the world. Whether you are a research scientist, a birder, or simply curious about a sound that you heard out your kitchen window, you can listen, download, and explore the bird sound recordings in the collection. There is a [link on the IBOC website](#) to xeno-canto.

What's New at the ZOO

TARONGA NEWS

The Plains Wanderer is so discreet only a handful of farmers, scientist and bird enthusiasts are likely to see one in the wild.

Taronga has welcomed the first successful Zoo bred Plains-wanderer in over 30 years, an achievement made possible under a partnership between the Zoo and Office of the Environment and Heritage. Much to the delight of all involved, a pair of birds mated and produced eggs that hatched into 5 healthy young chicks.



Whitley Award 2016 Best Zoological Resource

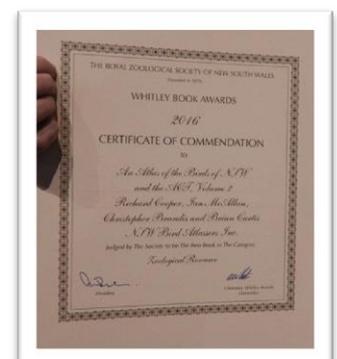
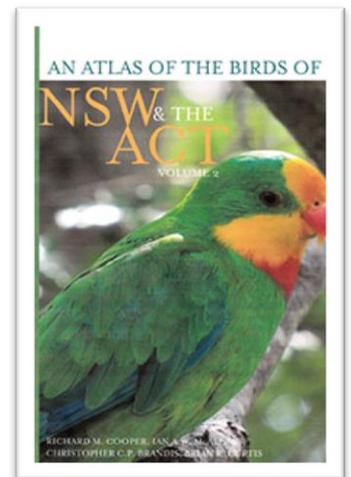
On Thursday 22 September at the Australian Museum, Sydney, a dedicated group of volunteers was recognised by the Royal Zoological Society of NSW's Whitley Awards Committee when their publication 'AN ATLAS OF THE BIRDS OF NSW & THE ACT: Volume 2' was announced as the Best Zoological Resource published on any Australian fauna or flora during 2016. The 2nd Volume is one of a 3 part set which, when complete, will cover every species found in NSW and the ACT, including the Lord Howe group, and what needs to be addressed for the long-term welfare of each species.

Needless to say, the authors and the NSWBA were delighted! A total of 69 books were reviewed by the RZS across 12 categories including children's books, field guides, and Multi-volume Handbooks of Fishes and Mammals of the world. To be considered the best of its kind amongst such highly esteemed works is indeed an honour.

The NSWBA Co-ordinator, David Martin, said "he was thrilled that the Whitley Award Committee of the Royal Zoological Society of NSW had recognised our Bird Atlas as the Best Zoological Resource published during 2016". He added that "Our group is indebted to the dedicated band of birders who collaborated in systematically surveying New South Wales and its waters in order to document the changing distributions of those bird species that find their homes here. This commendation recognises the quality and excellence of the contribution the NSWBA is providing for Australian birds and their conservation."

Lead author Richard Cooper, in his acceptance speech, was generous in his praise of all the hundreds of contributors who had done the field work over 40 years. The RZS commendation reinforces the value of the work of the NSW Bird Atlassers Inc. and gave credit to the vision of the past and present members of NSWBA Committee, the many people who supported the data collection, contributed photographs and/or provided the much needed financial support.

The award presenter Dr Phil Straw said the incredible detail of the book was a key feature. When the final volume is published all Australian Bird species found in NSW and the ACT will have their current habitat, distribution, migratory habits and current status assessed. The Atlas is a benchmark for the scientist, environmentalist and field observer alike.



The authors to receive the Whitley Award 2016
for the Best Zoological Resource were
Brian Curtis, Ian McAllan, Richard Cooper and Chris Brandis

[Footnote: The NSW Bird Atlassers Incorporated (NSWBA) was established in 1982 as an independent, volunteer-based, non-profit group with the joint aims of monitoring the distribution of birds in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, preserving habitats, providing a proper basis for environmental impact studies and for other ornithological reference purposes.]



MY MAGIC MOMENT - NAROOMA

by Peter Salvair

My magic moment of the recent Narooma camp came on the Monday. I was on the track to Camel Rock Lookout, just north of Bermagui and separated from the main IBOC group when I saw two male and two or three female Variegated Fairy-wrens ahead on the track. As I positioned myself for a clear shot, both males disappeared into the shrubbery. Just my usual luck, I thought. So I focused on one of the females but before I could take a photo one of the males reappeared next to her. Wow, my luck is changing! Either that or these birds have mistaken me for Charles Dove. I took 80 photos as the pair preened and remained very close to each other for almost two minutes. I tried but didn't completely avoid bits of vegetation between me and the birds. But the results, for me, are magic!

My current kit is camera: Canon 7D Mk II; Lens: Canon 100-400mm 1:4.5-5.6 L IS II. The lens is new and replaces a 100 400 Mk I version. I am very happy with the improvement in the imagery. All exposures were taken in RAW using P (Program) mode, 1/1000 sec (set as a minimum), f/5 or f5.6, ISO 200-800 (auto), no filters, cropping and minor shadow and highlight adjustment in Picasa, then saved as JPG.



A Willie Wagtail nest is on a Hills washing line at the Wollongong Surf Leisure Centre. It looks big in the photo but it is really tiny as you will well know.
By Alan Cousins

Ralph Stadius is lucky to have The Tawny Frogmouth nesting nearby with the Chicks 10 days old now



MONTHLY SIGHTINGS: Sept-October 2016

by Darryl Goldrick

SPECIES	NUMBER	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Brush Bronzewing	1	03-10-16	Darkes Forest Dharawal	10A Fire Trail - woodland	Mike Morphett
Topknot Pigeon	2	12-10-16	Balgownie	Yard	Pam Hazelwood
Topknot Pigeon	12	19-09-16	Thirroul	O'head Garden	Richard Miller
Square-tailed Kite	1	7- 21/10/16	Old Erowal Bay	O'head	Peter Salvair
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	11-10-16	Coalcliff-Stanwell Park	Cruising Shoreline	Mike Morphett
Brown Goshawk	1	10-10-16	Old Erowal Bay	O'head	Peter Salvair
Australian Hobby	1	23-10-16	Old Erowal Bay	O'head	Peter Salvair
Bar-tailed Godwit	1	06-10-16	Wilford Lane Wetland Milton	Shoreline	C.Dove C. Brandis
Sanderling	3	29-09-16	Lake Conjola	Sandspit	Charles dove
Red-necked Stint	07-01-00	26-09-16	Lake Conjola	Sandspit	Charles dove
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	12	06-10-16	Wilford Lane Wetland Milton	Shoreline	C.Dove C. Brandis
Curlew Sandpiper	15	06-10-16	Wilford Lane Wetland Milton	Shoreline	C.Dove C. Brandis
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	calling	03-10-16	Darkes Forest Dharawal	10A Fire Trail - woodland	Mike Morphett
Long-billed Corella	3	06-Oct-16	Bulli Showground	Grazing	Mike Morphett
Eastern Rosella	2	03-10-16	Darkes Forest Dharawal	10A Fire Trail - woodland	Mike Morphett
Eastern Koel	1 f/dark	23-10-16	Burrill Lake	Bush	Charles dove
Channel-billed Cuckoo		15-09-16	Thirroul	O'head Township	Richard Miller
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	3	19-09-16	Heathland	Tree	Charles dove
Barking Owl	1 heard	11- 18/10/16	Tarrawanna	Escarpment	Anne/Alan Cousins
Southern Boobook	1 heard	21-10-16	Tarrawanna	Escarpment	Anne/Alan Cousins
Dollarbird	1	10-10-16	Thirroul	Edge Resid-Excelsior Mine	Mike Morphett
White-throated Treecreeper	3	03-10-16	Darkes Forest Dharawal	10A Fire Trail - woodland	Mike Morphett
White-throated Treecreeper	3	03-10-16	Darkes Forest Dharawal	10A Fire Trail - woodland/heath	Mike Morphett
Superb Fairy-wren	2	03-10-16	Darkes Forest Dharawal	10A Fire Trail - woodland	Mike Morphett
Southern Emu-wren	2	03-10-16	Darkes Forest Dharawal	10A Fire Trail - woodland/heath	Mike Morphett
Yellow Thornbill	6	06-10-16	Wilford Lane Wetland Milton	Gumtree	C.Dove C. Brandis
Spotted Pardalote	2	03-10-16	Darkes Forest Dharawal	10A Fire Trail - woodland	Mike Morphett
Yellow-faced Honeyeater	2pair nesting	30-09-16	Burrill Lake	small trees	Charles dove
Crested Shrike-tit	1	03-10-16	Darkes Forest Dharawal	10A Fire Trail - woodland	Mike Morphett
Rufous Whistler	2	03-10-16	Darkes Forest Dharawal	10A Fire Trail- woodland	Mike Morphett
Grey Shrike-thrush	1	03-10-16	Darkes Forest Dharawal	10A Fire Trail- woodland	Mike Morphett
Grey Shrike-thrush	1	03-10-16	Darkes Forest Dharawal	10A Fire Trail - woodland/heath	Mike Morphett
Dusky Woodswallow	7	14-10-16	Sporstground Ulladulla	Fence	Charles dove
Variagated Wren	3	03-10-16	Darkes Forest Dharawal	10A Fire Trail - woodland/heath	Mike Morphett



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I.B.O.C. 2016 Annual General Meeting Monday 14th November 2016

Nomination Form for Positions on 2017 Committee

This form is included in this newsletter to allow time for completed nomination forms to reach the Secretary no later than Monday 7th November 2016.

Completed Nomination Forms should be posted to the club mailbox

P.O. Box 56 Fairy Meadow 2519 or handed to the Secretary prior to 7TH November 2016 .

Please note that all nominations must be signed and dated by the Nominee, the Nominator and the Secunder, as well as clearly indicating the position sought.

If any of these are missing the nomination will be invalid.

If no valid nomination forms are received for a position, then nominations will be called from the floor of the Annual General Meeting on 14th November 2016.

The positions to be elected are:

President; Vice-President; Secretary, Treasurer and 4 Committee Members.

If you are interested in assisting in any of the non-elected positions

i.e. **Records Officer, Activities Officer** (Monthly Walks), **Activities Officer** (Mid-Week Walks), **Activities Officer** (Camps), **Editor, Librarian & Webmaster** please let the President know prior to the AGM.

NOMINATION FORM FOR IBOC OFFICE BEARERS - 2017

The AGM will be held at the start of the November 2016 meeting and nominations are invited for the following positions:

President; Vice-President; Treasurer; Secretary and four (4) Committee Members.

Nominations should be received in writing by the Secretary no later than 7 days prior to the meeting.

****Nominations are required to reach the Secretary by Monday 7th November 2016****

Position nominated: _____ +

Members Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date _____

Nominated by: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Secunderd by: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: The non – elected positions are not Committee positions and nominations are not required.