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### POWERFUL OWL

Scientific Name: *Ninox strenua*  
Atlas Number: 248

#### Description:

The Powerful Owl is a large owl with a relatively small head and a rounded tail. It is dark grey to dark grey-brown above, with white barring, and off-white below, with distinctive dark v-shaped chevrons. The eyes are yellow, set in a dark grey/brown facial mask. The legs are feathered and the yellow to orange feet are massive, with sharp talons. The sexes are alike but the female is smaller, with a narrower head.



Juvenile birds are downy white on the head and underparts, the underparts are sparsely streaked, and they have much shorter tails than the adults. Powerful Owls are the largest of the Australian nocturnal birds (night birds).

#### Similar species:

Where the range of the Powerful Owl overlaps with the similarly shaped Rufous Owl, *N. rufa*, it can be distinguished by its chevrons on the underparts, and general lack of rufous colouring. Juveniles can be similar, but those of the Rufous Owl are never streaked.

#### Distribution:

The Powerful Owl is endemic to eastern and south-eastern Australia, mainly on the eastern side of the Great Dividing Range, from south-eastern Queensland to South Australia.

#### Habitat:

The Powerful Owl is found in open forests and woodlands, as well as along sheltered gullies in wet forests with dense understoreys, especially along watercourses. Will sometimes be found in open areas near forests such as farmland, parks and suburban areas, as well as in remnant bushland patches. Needs old growth trees to nest.

#### Seasonal movements:

Sedentary.

#### Feeding:

The Powerful Owl is a carnivore, eating mainly medium to large tree-dwelling mammals, particularly the Common

Ringtail Possum, *Pseudocheirus peregrinus*, and the Great Glider. It will also take roosting birds and sometimes small ground-dwelling mammals such as rabbits or small marsupials. It forages mainly in trees, swooping down on prey and taking prey with its feet.

#### Breeding:

The Powerful Owl mates for life (over 30 years in some cases) and pairs defend an all-purpose territory year-round. The male prepares the nest, which is usually a vertical hollow in a large old tree, and provides the female and young with a constant supply of food during the early part of the nesting period. The female incubates the eggs and broods the young, emerging later in the nesting period to hunt for food as well. Young birds remain with the parents for several months after fledging and may stay within their parents' territory for over a year.

#### Living with us:

The Powerful Owl is adversely affected by land clearing, but can live in fragmented habitats such as farms or suburban areas. Sometimes killed by cars. Young birds are sometimes killed by foxes, cats or dogs.

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

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#### Founded in 1977

**Club's Aim:**  
To join together people with a common interest who wish to further their knowledge and enjoyment of the bird life



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# **NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES**

## **CLUB MEETING:**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**

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

## **AGM ELECTIONS**

### ***IBOC's 40th Anniversary year***

After the AGM business had been completed Bill Zealey will review 40 Years of IBOC culminating with the first showing of Max Davies' video of our February celebrations. You may even recognise some of the participants.

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

## **MIDWEEK WALK**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am**

*Leader Rupert Jarvis*

### **Hooka Point Park**

Meet at 9.00 am in the carpark at the end of Holborn Street which is a turning off Northcliffe Drive in Berkeley. Bring morning tea.

*In the event of inclement weather phone Rupert on 0403 932 635 after 730am.*

## **MONTHLY OUTING**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am**

*Leader Charles Dove*

### **Lake Wollumboola & Greenwell Point.**

Meet in the Carpark at Lake Wollumboola at the end of The Lake Circuit Road, Culburra. Bring morning tea and lunch for a big day out.

*In the event of inclement weather phone Charles Dove on 0417 422 302 after 730am.*

## **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:**

**Next Committee Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> November**

The next committee meeting will be at Ken & Sue Brown's home 12 Meads Avenue, Tarrawanna 42840525 at 2pm Monday 20th November 2017.

## **Newsletter:**

**DEADLINE 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

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 3/15 Shepherd Street, Mollymook 2539.

***IBOC gives a big welcome to all our new members***

**AGM on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November**

**Please do not forget to fill in the Nomination form for a position  
in the 2018 committee that you feel would be  
most suited to you.**

# Illawarra Bird Observers Club Reports

## October Meeting Talk

Ross Gowans

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Well, for the evenings' entertainment, the subject had been set for members' photos. Early in the evening I was approached by Alan & Anne offering a large number of photos from differing sources; Peter Fackender was next with photos featuring his own sound recordings of his recent big trip with Mavis to Darwin. The next offer that could not be turned down was from a very enthusiastic Rosemary and Alistair McIlgorm, who have only been birding since joining the club, with photos of a recent African trip. Alistair was on a working trip with Rosemary accompanying, but very quickly learned the positive impact birding can have on your travels. Max Davies rounded out the entertainment with an edited video of a recent walk at Lake Conjola. So far, all is going reasonably well, but at the start of the entertainment, technical difficulties cropped up. Finally, Alistair prevailed and their photos from Africa were great to see but did show that they may have been afflicted with a photographic bug many of us have seen before. Then, Peter steps up to the computer and provides his interesting spiel on the route they took and some birds they had seen, presses the start button and, hey presto, no sound. After much mulling around, Alistair suggested the all magical reboot, and at last we have sound, thank goodness! Peter's presentation would have been lacking without his wonderful recording matched with the bird photos. Max's video was well produced showing a largish group moving through the Lake Conjola area, interspersed with still bird-photos and commentary from Charles. At this point, it was agreed we should have our cuppa. So, well done to all and a thank you to all those who offered their photos, but unfortunately time limits prevailed.

Ross Gowans

## MID-WEEK WALK REPORT

### Killalea Lagoon Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Rupert Jarvis

This may be a record low turnout due to the camp starting on the weekend. Alan Cousins and myself got there first and decided to start with a cup of coffee at the kiosk and then John Pilkington rolled up so the three of us set off. It was an overcast morning and we completed the circuit of the lagoon which was remarkable for the number (at least 50) of Black Swans accompanied by hundreds of Eurasian Coot. Other waterbirds observed were Little Pied Cormorants, Pelicans and Chestnut Teal. At one point a Brown Goshawk flew past, the only raptor we saw that morning. In all we recorded 27 birds between us. That's 9 each so had we had 15 pairs of eyes we should have seen 135 species but something tells me there is a flaw in that logic!!

| Killalea Lagoon 11 <sup>th</sup> October |                       | 3 members         | 27 species                |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Black Swan                               | Australian Pelican    | Masked Lapwing    | Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike |
| Chestnut Teal                            | White-faced Heron     | Silver Gull       | Australian Magpie         |
| Pacific Black Duck                       | Australian White Ibis | Crimson Rosella   | Grey Fantail              |
| Australasian Grebe                       | Brown Goshawk         | Superb Fairy-wren | Australian Raven          |
| Spotted Dove                             | Purple Swamphen       | Little Wattlebird | Magpie-lark               |
| Little Pied Cormorant                    | Eurasian Coot         | Red Wattlebird    | Welcome Swallow           |
| Great Cormorant                          | Black-winged Stilt    | Eastern Whipbird  |                           |

## A Tweet from the President

Welcome back those IBOC members who finally made it to a Forbes Camp. For those that still remember that far back, last year's attempt to go to Forbes was cancelled due to floods. Well we finally made it and it was a great camp. We joined it a bit late as I flew into Mascot from the UK at 6am on the Monday, was met by Joan and drove straight up with the caravan in tow. Jet-Lag where is thy sting!

Thank you, Betty, for doing another good job of organising the Camp and of all those who made it such an enjoyable experience.

Just a reminder that the next November meeting is the AGM and we need completed nominations for the Office Bearers and Committee Members. Nomination forms and further details were included in last month's newsletter and at the end of this month's. I will not be standing for another term of President, so thank you in advance for making the past three years interesting and memorable.

The December Christmas meeting approaches, making a young man's fancy turn to thoughts of quizzes, acts, skits and other entertainments. So; if you have any ideas for a quiz, poem, comedy item please contact a committee member or email the IBOC Secretary or President. In celebration of IBOC's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary there will be a prize for the person/persons who come dressed as a bird related to the number 40 or is red [ruby anniversary]. Be innovative and devious in your entry.

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## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

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### Which Bird Is the Fastest Runner?

Find out how an emu, a roadrunner, and an ostrich would place in a race against each other—and a pair of Olympic sprinters.



Olympic sprinters are awesomely fast runners. Usain Bolt ran the fastest men's 100-meter dash ever recorded, reaching a top speed during the sprint of almost 28 miles per hour. Man, that's fast! And Florence Griffith-Joyner, the fastest woman, ran the hundred just a shade slower. But are they any match for some of the swiftest birds on two legs? In the time it took to explain this, all of our runners have crossed the finish line.

And the gold medal goes to... Africa's Ostrich! Sprinting across the finish line at an incredible 43 miles an hour. This bird can trot at 31 miles an hour for miles and miles. The Emu from Australia takes silver, easily topping 30 miles an hour. And standing proudly on the podium alongside the big birds, the world's fastest man and woman. They took bronze just a tick ahead of the roadrunner.

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### Drastic action demanded for our plastic addiction

*Mike Morphett*

In the 1950s my teenage years were spent on a small Council estate in a Kent village. The father of the family next-door switched from his dirty job of delivering household coal to the 'cleaner' one of working on a production line in a new plastics factory set up in the nearby small town. Extolling the virtues of this new wonder, he presented me with a small round red plastic solitaire puzzle with yellow pegs, which I proudly showed off to my school friends. Were he alive today, I wonder if he'd still be that enthusiastic about the plastic phenomenon.

Worldwide we humans have developed an ever-increasing dependence on plastic (notably shopping bags, packaging and toys) with far-reaching devastating consequences on all living things, ourselves included, compounded by our often-single use of items and our throw-away mentality.

The recently released Transmission Australian documentary movie ‘Blue’ (Regrettably an all-too-brief screening locally) portrays the impact of plastic, together with industrial pollutants, illegal and over-fishing, and discarded ‘ghost’ fishing nets on marine life. Plastic micro-particles invade the plankton-to-whale (and us) food chain. Marine eco-toxicologist Jennifer Lavers alludes to a rainbow of colours when extracting an array of plastic fragments from a young Shearwater’s stomach. Incidentally, she has also researched the inundation of diverse plastic materials on the beaches of the remote uninhabited Henderson Island in the Pitcairn Group, brought in by the South Pacific gyre. Diver and shark expert Valerie Taylor refers to the sea as the mother of all on this planet and calls for its protection, and the film lists methods we can adopt to curb the prevalence of plastic.

Sir David Attenborough urges immediate action in his forthcoming BBC TV series ‘Blue Planet II’, which features the impact of plastic particles on albatross feeding and breeding. Supported by World Animal Protection Australia, Boomerang Alliance is convening a three-day ‘Beyond Plastic Pollution: Pathways to Cleaner Oceans’ Conference in Sydney’s Darling Harbour, beginning on October 30, to develop an action plan. In the style of Peter Sellers’s 1958 spoof travelogue ‘Balham: Gateway to the South’, lunch and dinner attendees might well be told by the waitress that “Fish and oysters are off, dear.”

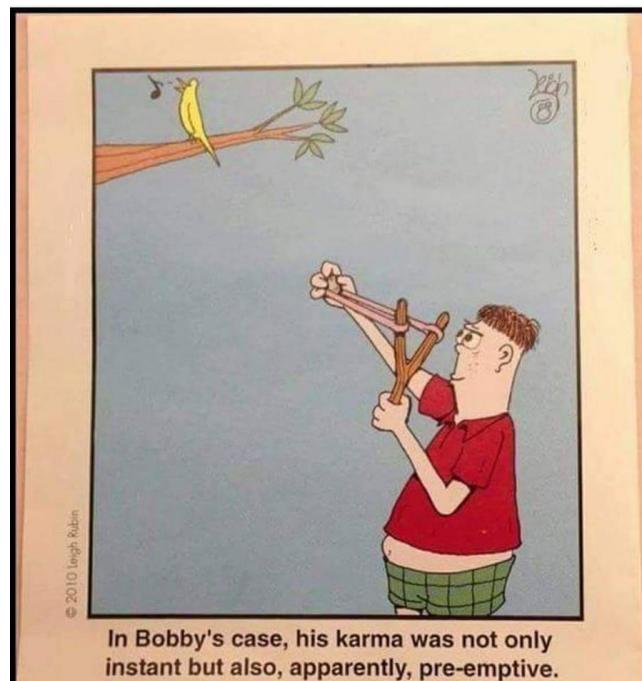
On the other side of the plastic coin there is at least one non-human species that has benefitted from our use of plastic: the well-documented satin bowerbird. The male’s collection (and thieving from others) of blue straws, clothes pegs, bottle tops and the like have long been a major drawcard for impressing and enticing a mate. Over time I have come across a variety of oddments decorating bowers in the old Excelsior Mine area and have experimented with different coloured bottle tops I’ve placed in my garden to see which get taken or rejected. Should we ever successfully eradicate the presence of plastic, the satinbird might have to make do with the natural blue of the crimson rosella’s retrices. To add to Emily Dickinson’s poem title: Hope is the thing with feathers and a plastic-free gut.



An Excelsior bower



Plastic oddments I've pilfered from various bowers



## 'Birding' catching on among new generation of nature buffs in Top End

By Stephanie Zillman

It is a hobby that does not require much money — you just need time and a healthy dose of patience. Those in the know say the art of bird watching, known as "birding", is experiencing a renaissance of sorts, with the quiet pastime now attracting a younger group to its ranks.

[Read the full story](#)

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-10-07/birding-catching-on-among-new-generation-of-nature-buffs/9025754>

## Artificial nests airlifted to boost shy albatross breeding on Tasmanian island

The shy albatross is listed as a vulnerable species, with warming climate blamed for undermining their nests, but Tasmanian scientists have come up with a creative solution proving popular with the birds.



[Read the full story](#)

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-10-08/artificial-nests-help-shy-albatross-breed-on-tasmanian-island/9027926>

## Oldest known orange-bellied parrot makes welcome return to Tasmanian breeding ground

A nine-year-old orange-bellied parrot that was hatched in southern Tasmania and has crossed Bass Strait about 20 times, defies the odds to make it back and hopefully boost the species' chance of avoiding extinction.



[Read the full story](#)

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-10-03/oldest-orange-bellied-parrot-back-for-breeding/901153>

## HOW CARIBBEAN BIRDS ARE FARING AFTER HURRICANES DEVASTATED THEIR HOMES

*The first surveys of Caribbean birds, many with small populations limited to a single island, sows worry with glimmers of hope.*

By Andy McGlashen  
September 29, 2017

The Caribbean is reeling after back-to-back Category 5 hurricanes roared through the region earlier this month. Irma destroyed or damaged 95 percent of the homes and buildings on Barbuda, slammed Cuba, and

continued into Florida, where it wiped out all the endangered Everglade Snail Kite's active nests at Lake Okeechobee. Then, Maria battered Dominica and pummeled Puerto Rico. Maria, the strongest hurricane to hit Puerto

Rico since 1928, knocked out power for the entire island, and getting food, water, and medicine to residents remains an urgent challenge. Some islands were hit by both storms, which caused dozens of deaths. While not economically wealthy, many of the islands hardest hit by the storms are rich in bird diversity. There are 172 bird species found only in the Caribbean—many limited to a single island—and 56 of them are threatened with extinction, according to the nonprofit conservation group Birds Caribbean. Inhabiting such a limited range makes these species especially vulnerable to extreme events. "When you have an endemic species living on just one island, one hurricane can wipe them out entirely," says Andrew Dobson, president of Birds Caribbean.

There are more questions than answers about how well birds weathered the storms, but Dobson and colleagues were relieved to learn that some of the most concerning species survived. At least a handful of Barbuda Warblers made it through Irma's storm surge and 185-mile-per-hour winds. Birds Caribbean reported that its partners with Environment Awareness Group and the Antigua and Barbuda Department of the Environment conducted a September 22 survey of Barbuda, the Warbler's only home, and found eight of the sprightly songbirds. Pre-hurricane estimates put the Barbuda Warbler's total population somewhere between 1,000 and 2,500, and conservationists will have a better sense of how many remain after Birds Caribbean and collaborators complete a more in-depth study of the island over the next month. But even the few birds spotted so far were a big source of relief. "It's incredible that a Warbler that just weighs a few ounces can find a place to hunker down and survive," Dobson says.

Barbuda also is home to the region's largest colony of Magnificent Frigatebirds, with about 2,500 adult pairs nesting at Codrington Lagoon National Park before Irma. Unfortunately, although some Frigatebirds remain, the colony was devastated. "Where there'd normally be thousands of birds covering every bit of mangrove you could put your eyes on, there were only about 20 or 25 birds in the mangroves, and maybe 250 in the air," says Lisa Sorenson, executive director of Birds

Caribbean. Any young birds still in their nests—the tropical climate allows an extended nesting season—would have perished in the storm. And if Irma had blown a large number of adult Frigatebirds to other countries where they don't normally hang out, Birds Caribbean would most likely have heard reports of the sightings. They have not. "It does look pretty pessimistic, really," Dobson says.

For other Caribbean birds, the news is mixed, according to an update from the American Bird Conservancy and reports we've received from our BirdLife International partner organization Bahamas National Trust. American Flamingoes fared well in the Bahamas, but thousands of them died in Cuba. "Being such an awkward bird, it's pretty defenseless against big storms," Dobson says. Shelters allowed captive Puerto Rican Parrots to pull through, but the state of their wild counterparts is unknown. Maria barreled through the Puerto Rican coastal habitat that is the Yellow-shouldered Blackbird's only home, and it's not yet clear if the species—which numbered only in the low hundreds before the hurricanes—survived. Conservationists also don't know much yet about how the storms affected Black-capped Petrels, Imperial Parrots, West Indian Whistling-Ducks, and many other vulnerable species.

As it turns out, surviving the storms might have been the easy part for some birds. The hurricanes stripped or destroyed much of the vegetation birds rely on for food and shelter from predators. "Getting through these next few weeks with such a limited food supply is going to be difficult," Dobson says. One of Birds Caribbean's partners reportedly went through 10 pounds of sugar in two weeks to feed hummingbirds.

The biggest lesson from the storms is the importance of preserving and restoring native habitat, Dobson and Sorenson say—especially mangroves, which not only provide homes for birds, but also soften the impacts of storms on coastal communities and ecosystems. It will take months for a fuller picture of the Caribbean's bird populations to emerge, but one thing is clear now: There will be more hurricanes, and protecting habitat now will help birds survive the storms to come.

## THE 25 MOST VENOMOUS SNAKES IN THE WORLD

Of the 25 most venomous snakes in the world, can you guess how many are Australian? The short answer is: bloody heaps. A list has found its way on to social media highlighting the fact that 21 of the world's 25 most deadly snakes can be found in Australia, and it's freaking the world out. only 5 of the top 25 most venomous snakes in the world are NOT in Australia. yup everything wants to kill us here coming face to face with incredibly venomous snakes?

**MOST VENOMOUS SNAKES IN THE WORLD**

|                                |                                |   |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Inland taipan                  | Gwardar or western brown snake | Blue-bellied black snake                |
| Eastern brown snake            | Australian copperhead          | Collett's snake                         |
| Coastal taipan                 | <b>Indian cobra</b>            | King brown or mulga snake               |
| Eastern states tiger snake     | <b>Black mamba</b>             | Red-bellied black snake                 |
| Reevesby inland tiger snake    | Dugite or spotted brown snake  | Small-eyed snake                        |
| Beaked sea snake               | Papuan black snake             | Spotted snake                           |
| Western Australian tiger snake | Yellow-banded snake            | <b>Eastern diamond-back Rattlesnake</b> |
| Chappell Island tiger snake    | Rough scaled snake             |   |
| Death adder                    | <b>King cobra</b>              |   |



Look what was at the Wollongong Botanical Gardens  
by Terry Edwell



Powerful Owl



Cattle Egret



Kelp Gull – Ulladulla Harbour

By Charles Dove  
White-faced Heron – Mollymook

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG**

**MONTHLY SIGHTINGS :- September/October 2017**

compiled by Darryl Goldrick

| SPECIES                      | NUMBER   | DATE       | LOCATION                   | HABITAT           | OBSERVER         |
|------------------------------|----------|------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Black Swan                   | 2ad+2cyg | 27/09/2017 | Campbelltown               | Dam               | John Pickering   |
| Australian Brush-Turkey      | 1        | 1-9/10/17  | Marshall Mount             | Dry Rainforest    | Anna Knowlson    |
| Black-winged Stilt           | 75       | 28/09/2017 | Milton                     | Wetland           | Charles Dove     |
| Grey Teal                    | 100      | 12/10/2017 | Milton                     | Wetland           | Charles Dove     |
| White-headed Pigeon          | 1 immat  | 6/10/2017  | Thirroul                   | Yard              | Mike Morphett    |
| Brown Cuckoo-dove            | 5        | 23/09/2017 | Burrill Lake               | Open Forest       | Charles Dove     |
| Wonga Pigeon                 | 1 heard  | 13/10/2017 | Bulli Firetrail            | Rainforest        | Ian McKinlay     |
| Topknot Pigeon               | ~ 15     | 13/10/2017 | Old Bulli Mine Dam         | Rainforest        | Ian McKinlay     |
| Topknot Pigeon               | 80       | 28/09/2017 | Milton                     | Figtrees          | Charles Dove     |
| White-faced Heron            | 1        | 7/10/2017  | Woronora Dam-H/cote N/Park |                   | Mike Morphett    |
| Square-tailed Kite           | 1        | 27/09/2017 | Narrawallee                | Open Forest       | Charles Dove     |
| Brown Quail                  | 3        | 1/10/2017  | Thirroul                   |                   | Mike Morphett    |
| Pacific Baza                 | 1        | 25/09/2017 | Balgownie                  | O'head            | Terry Edwell     |
| Grey Goshawk                 | 1 wh. ph | 13/10/2017 | Bulli Firetrail            | O'head            | Ian McKinlay     |
| Brown Falcon                 | 2        | 7/10/2017  | Woonona                    | O'head            | Ross Gowans      |
| Peregrine Falcon             | 1        | 7/10/2017  | Woronora Dam-H/cote N/Park | o'head            | Mike Morphett    |
| Buff-banded Rail             | 1        | 9/10/2017  | Thomas Dalton Park         | Drain-Reeds       | Ken Guymer       |
| Australian Spotted Crake     | 1        | 28/09/2017 | Milton                     | Wetland           | Charles Dove     |
| Red-necked Avocet            | 5        | 12/10/2017 | Milton                     | Wetland           | Charles Dove     |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper       | 40       | 28/09/2017 | Milton                     | Wetland           | Charles Dove     |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper       | 7        | 12/10/2017 | Milton                     | Wetland           | Charles Dove     |
| Red-kneed Dotterel           | 1        | 28/09/2017 | Milton                     | Wetland           | Charles Dove     |
| Glossy Black-Cockatoo        | 3        | 4/10/2017  | Heathland Ulladulla        | Casuarina         | Charles Dove     |
| Glossy Black-Cockatoo        | 5        | 29/10/2017 | Porters Creek Dam          | Open Forest       | Charles Dove     |
| Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo | 7        | 4/10/2017  | Heathland Ulladulla        | Gumtrees          | Charles Dove     |
| Little Corella               | 20       | 15/10/2017 | Lake Illawarra South       | Foreshore Reserve | Darryl Goldrick  |
| Eastern Koel                 | 1        | 30/09/2017 | Thirroul Public School     | Grounds           | Mike Morphett    |
| Eastern Koel                 | 1        | 20/10/2017 | Lake Illawarra South       | Residential yard  | Darryl Goldrick  |
| Channel-billed Cuckoo        | ?        | all Sept   | Balgownie                  | Rainforest        | Terry Edwell     |
| Sacred Kingfisher            | 1m       | 5/10/2017  | Woonona                    | Collins Creek     | Jann/Ross Gowans |
| Dollarbird                   | 1        | 11-Oct-17  | Balgownie Tucker Ave       |                   | Mike Morphett    |
| Dollarbird                   | 1        | 13/10/2017 | Bulli Firetrail            | Powerlines        | Ian McKinlay     |
| Dollarbird                   | 1        | 7/10/2017  | Tarrawanna                 | Park              | Joan Zealey      |
| Superb Lyrebird              | 1heard   | 10/10/2017 | Thirroul – Flanagan's Ck   | Creek             | Mike Morphett    |
| Satin Bowerbird              | 7        | 14/10/2017 | Ulladulla                  | Open Forest       | Charles Dove     |
| Chestnut-rumped Heathwren    | 1        | 27/09/2017 | Heathland Ulladulla        | Heath             | Charles Dove     |
| Little Wattlebird            | 8        | 7/10/2017  | Woronora Dam-H/cote N/Park |                   | Mike Morphett    |
| Scarlet Honeyeater           | 3        | 7/10/2017  | Ulladulla                  | Grevillia         | Charles Dove     |
| Noisy Friarbird              | 2        | 7/10/2017  | Woronora Dam-H/cote N/Park |                   | Mike Morphett    |
| Eastern Whipbird             | 5        | 4/10/2017  | Heathland Ulladulla        | Ground            | Charles Dove     |
| Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike    | 2        | 7/10/2017  | Woronora Dam-H/cote N/Park |                   | Mike Morphett    |
| Golden Whistler              | 1        | 7/10/2017  | Woronora Dam-H/cote N/Park |                   | Mike Morphett    |
| Rufous Whistler              | 4        | 14/10/2017 | Ulladulla                  | Open Forest       | Charles Dove     |
| Olive-backed Oriole          | 1        | 7/10/2017  | Balgownie Escarpment       | Rainforest        | Joan Zealey      |
| Black-faced Monarch          | 1        | 10/10/2017 | Thirroul Flanagan's Ck     |                   | Mike Morphett    |
| Black-faced Monarch          | 1        | 13/10/2017 | Old Bulli Mine Dam         | Edge              | Ian McKinlay     |
| Golden-headed Cisticola      | 3        | 1/10/2017  | Thirroul Near Hewitt's Ck  |                   | Mike Morphett    |
| Australian Reed-warbler      | 2        | 29/09/2017 | Milton                     | Reedy Creek       | Charles Dove     |
| Bassian Thrush               | 2        | 1-9/10/17  | Marshall Mount             | Dry Rainforest    | Anna Knowlson    |
| Bassian Thrush               | 2        | 29/09/2017 | Balgownie                  | Yard              | Terry Edwell     |



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# I.B.O.C. 2017 Annual General Meeting

## Monday 13th November 2017

### Nomination Forms for Positions on 2018 Committee

These forms are included in this newsletter to allow time for completed nomination forms to reach the Secretary no later than Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Completed Nomination Forms should be posted to the club mailbox- P.O. Box 56 Fairy Meadow 2519 or handed to the Secretary prior to this date.

Please note that all nominations must be signed and dated by the Nominee, the Nominator and the Seconder, 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 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

The positions to be filled by election 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, please let the President know prior to the AGM.

#### NOMINATION FOR IBOC OFFICE BEARERS - 2018

The AGM will be held at the start of the November 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 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017\*\*

Position nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** All other positions are also available but these are not Committee positions and nominations are not required.