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Tawny Frogmouth

Scientific Name: *Podargus strigoides*

Atlas Number: 313

Description:

The general plumage of the Tawny Frogmouth is silver-grey, slightly paler below, streaked and mottled with black and rufous. A second plumage phase also occurs, with birds being russet-red. The eye is yellow in both forms, and the wide, heavy bill is olive-grey to blackish. South-eastern birds are larger than birds from the north. Tawny Frogmouths are



photo by Charles Dove

nocturnal birds (night birds). During the day, they perch on tree branches, often low down, camouflaged as part of the tree.

Similar species:

In Australia there are two other species of frogmouth. The Papuan Frogmouth, *P. papuensis*, is confined to the Cape York Peninsula and is larger, with an orange-red eye. The other species is the Marbled Frogmouth, *P. ocellatus*, which is similar in size to the Tawny Frogmouth, but is found only in the rainforests of far north Queensland and on the Queensland-New South Wales border, and it has an orange-yellow eye. Both species also occur in New Guinea. With their nocturnal habit and owl-like appearance, Tawny Frogmouths are often confused with owls, but are actually more closely related to the nightjars. Their feet are weak however, and lack the curved talons of owls.

Distribution:

The Tawny Frogmouth is found throughout Australia, including Tasmania.

Habitat:

The Tawny Frogmouth can be seen in almost any habitat type except the denser rainforests and treeless deserts.

Feeding:

The bulk of the Tawny Frogmouth's diet is made up of nocturnal insects, worms, slugs and snails. Small mammals, reptiles, frogs and birds are also eaten. Most food is obtained

by pouncing to the ground from a tree or other elevated perch. Some prey items, such as moths, are caught in flight

Breeding:

Tawny Frogmouths have a regular breeding season, but birds in more arid areas may breed in response to heavy rains. Both sexes incubate the eggs. The male sits during the day, but both sexes share sitting at night. The nest is a loose platform of sticks, which is usually placed on a horizontal forked tree branch. Normally only one brood is raised in a season, but birds from the south may have two.

Living with us

There are many unfortunate instances of Tawny Frogmouths being hit by cars while chasing insects illuminated in the beam of the headlights.

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

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To join together people with a common interest who wish to further their knowledge and enjoyment of the bird life

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OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

CLUB MEETING:

Monday 9th at 7.30pm

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

Members Pics

All members of IBOC are invited to do a small presentation of their Photos of Birds or outings from the past and present.

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

MIDWEEK WALK

Wednesday 11th at 8.30am

Leader Rupert Jarvis

Killalea Lagoon

Meet at 8.30 am at the Farm Cafe at Killalea SRA. South of Albion Park on the highway take the Shellharbour Road exit which is signed to Killalea. The route is signed but the signs often poorly placed. Going along Southern Cross Boulevard past some wetland be sure to turn right at the first roundabout into Killalea Drive. After entering the park, the cafe is about 400 metres in on the left.

Bring morning tea.

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

MONTHLY OUTING

NO MONTHLY OUTING DUE TO CAMP

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Next Committee Meeting-

TO BE ADVISED

Newsletter:

DEADLINE 26th October 2017

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 Street, Mollymook 2539.

IBOC gives a big welcome to all our new members

Illawarra Bird Observers Club Reports

September Meeting Talk

Terry Edwell

Monday 11th September 2017

The Australian Museum Bird Collection

Walter Boles spoke to our meeting about the beginnings of the Museums' ornithology collection which was mainly specimens for exhibition only. Lord Bathurst established The Colonial Museum with a budget of \$200 a year to cover all running costs.

The first curator appointed was a carpenter and the poor fellow shot himself accidentally while collecting bird specimens. Another curator contracted consumption and died a few days after he arrived from England. The next unlucky chap was sacked but wouldn't leave his office so was carried out sitting on his chair and left on the street.

Eventually, as the years and curators went by, a man called G. Keft and later two men, E.P Ramsay and A.J North adopted a more scientific approach, collecting specimens for research. Now of course there is DNA where bird families can be traced.

The Museum now has one of the largest ornithological collections in the southern hemisphere. It contains a variety of bird skins, mounts, skeletons, eggs, nests and tissue samples representing about 95% of the worlds bird families.

Many questions were asked at the end of the talk. One being about what happens with the dead birds that are given to Walter by some of our members and he said he keeps them till the freezer is full then they are sent to the museum. It's good to know that the birds are being used. All the curators down through the years had beards, even the early drawings of some and even Walter has one. So someone had to ask was having a beard a criteria for getting the curators job. Another good meeting and presentation to add to our knowledge about birds.

MID-WEEK WALK REPORT

Wilton & Cordeaux Dam Wednesday 13th September

Betty Hudson

Braving what promised to be the first taste of summer we met at the start of a tree lined road off MacArthur Drive Wilton for some bird watching before heading off to Cordeaux Dam which didn't open until 10.00am. The road was a dead end with small horse and cattle farms either side. There were plenty of birds to be seen 20 White-winged Choughs along one Pine wind break not to be confused with Australian Swampheens feeding close by. Numerous small birds were evident flitting across between the trees immediately at the start of the road including Superb Fairy-wrens & Yellow-faced Honeyeaters. As we moved further along the road stopping at a spot with several well filled dams more birds were seen amongst them Ducks, Grebe, Cattle Egrets, Coots. The trees had now changed from the conifer windbreaks to many eucalyptus species some covered in blossom. We spent a considerable time checking out the lorikeets feeding there before deciding it was a mixed flock of Little & Musk Lorikeets. The blue heads of the Musk Lorikeets were easily distinguished in the bright sunlight while the red face of the Little Lorikeets was very distinctive. A little further along a group of Common Bronzewing was quietly resting under a shady tree before melting silently away at our approach. By the time we were ready to head off to the dam we had amassed a good list of birds despite the wind. This is a small area which could well merit another visit.

Leaving Lisa Rd we drove back to the entrance to Cordeaux Dam and slowly along a narrow road into the picnic area for a belated morning tea. By now it was getting very warm and the wind was gusting strongly. Crimson Rosellas decided that they would share our goodies perching on the end of the tables the usual culprits the Noisy Miners didn't get a look in. A walk around the picnic area gave everyone a good look at a White-throated Gerygone foraging in a large gum tree while a Masked Lapwing patrolled the grassy areas. Due to the wind now gusting wildly few other birds were seen. Our next stop was at the dam wall where it was a little more sheltered in the lee of the cliffs. Walking on the dam wall was a severe hazard for hats & caps alike as we were exposed to the full force of the wind. A Little Pied Cormorant braved the wind on the dam and a Musk Duck was exploring the small creek entering the water just upstream of the dam. A few honeyeaters were to be found in the trees

beside this creek bring our meagre sightings to 18. By now the day was very hot as well as a very strong gusty wind blowing.

Thank you to Ross for a good mornings birding despite the weather. The highlights were the Little & Musk Lorikeets and the White-throated Gerygone. Thank you to Tom for keeping our list of birds recorded not an easy task especially in the wind.

Lisa Rd Wilton 13 th September		35 species	13 members
Australian Wood Duck	Galah	Laughing Kookaburra	Grey Butcherbird
Grey Teal	Little Corella	White-throated Treecreeper	Australian Magpie
Hardhead	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Superb Fairy-wren	Willie Wagtail
Australasian Grebe	Rainbow Lorikeet	Eastern Spinebill	Australian Raven
Common Bronzewing	Musk Lorikeet	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	Magpie-lark
Crested Pigeon	Little Lorikeet	Noisy Miner	White-winged Chough
Cattle Egret	Australian King Parrot	Red Wattlebird	Welcome Swallow
Australasian Swamphen	Crimson Rosella	Noisy Friarbird	Common Blackbird
Eurasian Coot	Eastern Rosella	Grey Shrike-thrush	

Cordeaux Dam 13 th September		18 species	13 members
Musk Duck	Crimson Rosella	White-throated Gerygone	Pied Currawong
Australasian Grebe	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	Brown Thornbill	Welcome Swallow
Little Pied Cormorant	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	Spotted Pardalote	Fairy Martin
Masked Lapwing	Noisy Miner	Olive-backed Oriole	
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	New Holland Honeyeater	Australian Magpie	

WEEKEND WALK REPORT

Thirlmere Lakes 16/9/2017

Neil Wheway

Thirlmere Lakes

Who drives about 70klms on an overcast day with wind blowing $\frac{3}{4}$ of a gale it could only be 14 IBOC members looking for birds. A week before the walk Tera, Joan, Tom and I drove to Thirlmere do a reconnoiter we got a bit lost. Instead of crossing the M5 to Picton we turned left and drove on to the Hume highway. but did get to the lakes. I mention this because we had set a precedent for others to follow.

We arrived at the Lake View car park 8 30am shortly followed by a few others with no others in sight and no phone signal we strolled along the track. We had good spotting of a Crested-Shrike Tit, shortly after this a phone call "where are you" Ken walked back to collect the lost souls. They had waited at another car park; we now walked back when the others had caught up for morning tea it was still blowing a $\frac{3}{4}$ gale. We cut 2 cakes to celebrate Terry and Mark's 50th wedding anniversary. "Where are the Rose Robins" we were asked we had told everyone that we saw them the week before but there was no wind that day.

Gallantly we marched on towards the other side of the lake all the time trying to find birds still blowing a $\frac{3}{4}$ gale. At this point I headed back wanting to rest a sore knee. When the rest of the mob arrived back I learnt that Joan had cut her leg whilst walking on the side of the lake also Sue tripped over and landed on her derriere a bit sore and her pride wounded, but otherwise okay. After a little first aid time for lunch it was to be taken back at the Lake View car park I drove out expecting all the others to follow, some did, others followed a vehicle going in the opposite direction. Everyone did get back for lunch, the week before while eating lunch Tera had spotted a Brown Cuckoo Dove again disappointment with a $\frac{3}{4}$ gale blowing no Brown Cuckoo Dove. Lunch over another short walk taken where the week before a Scarlet Honeyeater was drinking in a large puddle. This time no Scarlet Honeyeater puddle was all dried up in the $\frac{3}{4}$ gale.

It was now time to leave and head off some to home, some for coffee in Thirlmere. Everyone had a great day out with 27 birds sighted not bad for a $\frac{3}{4}$ gale blowing. It was a fun day despite the lack of birds and the weather.

Thank you, Joan and Tom, for looking after us.

Thirlmere Lakes 16 th September		27 Species	14 Members
Australasian Grebe	Laughing Kookaburra	Spotted Pardalote	Rufous Whistler
Little Pied Cormorant	White-throated Treecreeper	Eastern Spinebill	Grey Shrike-thrush
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Superb Fairy-wren	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	Pied Currawong
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Rock Warbler	Scarlet Honeyeater	Grey Fantail
Crimson Rosella	White-throated Gerygone	Noisy Friarbird	Australian Raven
Eastern Rosella	Striated Thornbill	Crested Shrike-tit	Eastern Yellow Robin
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	Brown Thornbill	Golden Whistler	

NOTICE

William T Cooper: The great bird artist's legacy to NSW

Even when he was a boy of 5, the internationally acclaimed birdman and artist William T Cooper – who British naturalist Sir David Attenborough described as the "world's greatest living wildlife illustrator" – loved animals.

Growing up in the industrial town of Newcastle in the 1930s and 1940s, Cooper's father had the foresight to realise that a "kid who loved butterflies was going to be tortured when he went to school", said Cooper's widow Wendy, a botanist.

His father taught the young Bill (as he was known) to box, which gave him self-confidence. Later he would "rock up at the pub with a snake down the shirt", said Mrs Cooper. That shut up those who may have otherwise laughed at his teetotalism.

As a teenager of 16, Cooper showed signs of the career that would give him international recognition - when he drew birds in their natural environment, Cooper took care to add the name of the species, the location and the date. A sweet watercolour of a Little Grebe from that time is among thousands of Cooper's drawings that were given to the State Library of NSW this year by Mrs Cooper.



A detailed drawing of a Barking Owl's head, one of thousands of field drawings and other sketches by the late and famous bird artist, William T Cooper, given to the NSW State Library.

Photo: Dominic Lorrimer

The charitable, tax-deductible gift also includes his entire professional work, including more than 2000 of his working sketches, often in pencil and partly painted with watercolours, as well as his field diaries and letters.

These diaries don't only include illustrations of the flora and fauna he encountered, said State Library senior curator Elise Edmonds, they also include commentary and details of where and when he was, and what else he saw. These records would be valuable to scientists and historians, she said.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

TWITCHATHON TIME

Received from Elisabeth Karplus are the rules for the Twitchathon that will take place on Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th October.

Previous Twitchathon participants will receive information via email about how to register and raise funds for the 2017 Twitchathon. Anyone wishing to do the Twitchathon for the first time should email twitchathon.aus@gmail.com and request a registration pack. In NSW we are fundraising for "Bitterns in Rice".

The rules are shown for three separate races – Big Weekend (30 hours – 24 hours birding and 6 hours sleeping), 12 hour Champagne race and Birdathon (3 hours).

Everyone is encouraged to take part in the Twitchathon or give donations to those who are taking part to support "Bitterns in Rice" <https://www.bitternsinrice.com.au/>

BIRDS THAT FARM

By Tim Low |
September 15, 2017

Australia has the only birds in the world to have been seriously described as farmers. Bell miners tend 'herds' of bugs, whose sweet coverings they harvest as their staple food.

Tim Low lives in a state of perpetual surprise at everything wild and alive. His response is to write searching books, *Australian Geographic* articles and this blog. His book *Where Song Began* (Penguin, 2014) recently became the first nature book ever to win the Australian Book Industry Award for best general non-fiction. Tim's newest book is called *The New Nature*.

IN SO MANY ways these birds are exceptional. They form immense colonies in eucalypt forests from which they drive away most other birds. Henry Kendall's beloved poem, *Bellbirds*, portrays them as silver-voiced darlings of daytime, 'softer than slumber, and sweeter than singing,' but their 'tink' notes threaten violence. By signalling forest possession from dawn to dusk, 365 days of the year, a bell miner colony probably broadcasts the world's most constant animal noise.

Bell miners are especially hostile towards other birds that like lerp – the sweet protective coverings produced by psyllid bugs. These aphid-like insects imbibe sap in large amounts and excrete some of it, in a congealed form, to make coverings they shelter beneath. Lerp is only about 7 millimetres long but they are plentiful and nutritious, containing sugar and starch, and many birds eat them.

Bell miners qualify as farmers because they often lever the lerp off without harming the bug, so that it produces another. The birds are like farmers that guard a flock of sheep and periodically remove the wool. The psyllids multiply under guardianship, but that has a downside.

The bugs reach such high numbers they weaken and often kill their host trees by removing too much sap. Bell miners are like farmers who overstock and degrade their pasture.

In a region extending from southern Queensland to Melbourne, large tracts of forest have died from what is called BMAD – bell-miner associated dieback. Forestry managers have been forced to mark down estimates of future timber production.

Oddly, the problem was not recognised until the 1990s. It typically emerges in sites that were logged and have a thick layer of undergrowth that provides good Miner nesting sites.

Miners often nest in lantana, a dense weedy shrub that can be removed to deter them. In some forests young rainforest is growing up under dying eucalypts and a welcome habitat transformation may take place. Although many studies on BMAD have been conducted, much remains to be learned about how to limit it.

Australia has many ecologically influential birds and our lerp-farmers are a dramatic example of that.

Magpie Swooping Season 2017!

Australia's social website to track aggressive Magpies in your area. If you are a cyclist, walker, runner or maybe a concerned member of the public then help protect others and share swooping Magpie attacks on-line here!

<https://www.magpiealert.com/>

CARNABY'S NUMBERS CONTINUE TO DECLINE

When a Western Australian man dragged a hollow log on to the roof of his farmhouse and strapped it to the chimney with old fencing wire, he hoped endangered Cockatoos would come home to roost.

Five years later, the unusual decision is improving the survival odds of the native Carnaby's cockatoo which faces extinction.



The latest figures suggest Carnaby's numbers continue to decline in southern Western Australia [due to habitat fragmentation caused by large-scale land clearing](#).

The naturally placid Cockatoo now competes with Corellas, Galahs and even Bees in the remaining eucalypt woodlands for nests in hollow trees which may take 100 years to form.

Photo: [Two newborn Carnaby's cockatoos have hatched on Leo Page's rooftop. \(Supplied: Leo Page\)](#)

Cockatoos in the chimney

Back in 2012, Leo Page watched as several Carnaby's nests near his home in Tambellup in the Great Southern region were taken over by Pink Galahs.

Soon after, Mr Page found a one attempting to build a nest in his chimney. That was when he tied a hollow log to his roof to provide a better site.

"When I put that (hollow log) up on my chimney it was pretty much when the breeding season started," he said.



Photo: [Nesting hollows on the roof of Leo Page's Tambellup home.](#) (ABC Great Southern: Aaron Fernandes)

"For the first year they didn't nest, a couple of them came and looked and I thought 'oh well, at least they're interested'.

"The next year, they came back and laid there."

Since 2012, Mr Page has watched 14 new cockatoos hatch from his rooftop.

"I heard that they were dying out and I thought that every one that I could raise is one more that is going to be in the wild," he said.

"If I can help in any way, help save a species. It's something isn't it?"

Push to rebuild hollows

Mr Page's efforts coincide with a program by the WA Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions to rebuild nesting sites across southern WA by introducing artificial hollows.

DBCA senior wildlife officer Rick Dawson said an artificial hollow meets all the nesting requirements of the Carnaby's Cockatoo and has increased nesting success by 25 per cent.

AUSTRALASIAN BIRDFAIR

2017 Australasian Bird Fair and Wildlife Expo 3-5 November 2017

Expressions of interest for exhibitors and other participants are now invited.

Email admin@birdfair.com.au for more information.

The 2017 Bird Fair and Wildlife Expo will be open from 9-5 all three days

<http://birdfair.com.au/>

on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AustralasianBirdFair?fref=ts>

<https://www.chriswatson.com.au/blog/owl-pellets-what-are-they-and-what-can-they-teach-us>

Scientists use sound technology to attract seabirds to coastal islands in Australian first

[1233 ABC Newcastle](#)

By [Robert Virtue](#)

In what is believed to be an Australian first, scientists with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) are using audio technology to attract seabirds back to islands off the state's coast to breed.

The project was being run on Broughton Island off Port Stephens, as well as Five Islands and Montague Island off the state's south coast.

The rangers were installing speakers, which would play the calls of specific seabirds, in a bid to lure them onto the island and use specially set-up nest boxes to breed.

At Broughton Island, NPWS rangers were hoping to attract white-faced storm petrels and Gould's petrels, while on Five Islands and Montague Island, the focus was on attracting white-faced storm petrels.

"The use of sound attraction equipment with sea birds is a first in Australia," NPWS ranger Susanne Callaghan said





Working with the Bellambi Dunes Bushcare Group last Tuesday (15/8) under a largely Casuarina forest we came across a white splattered area, a bit more than a metre wide, and on closer inspection found at least 3 dry grassy/seedy cylindrical pellets (approx. 2 cm long, 1 cm thick). There were no bones or scraps of victim visible however. One of our number, recalling another site, suggested Powerful Owl, having been told that under the roost looks like white paint has been spilt. We have never seen a Powerful Owl on site so would be happy to hear from anyone with expertise/experience to help identify the "painter".

Please contact Ian McKinlay: ph 42683535 or at akhurstc@hotmail.com

PS: As a member of 3 Bushcare Groups I can recommend them as an excellent way to get outside, see some birds and other wildlife while repairing our damaged environment and keeping a measure of fitness. You meet a range of interesting people, very few of whom have much bird knowledge, so you instantly have some value to the group. Your local Council has contact details of each active group.

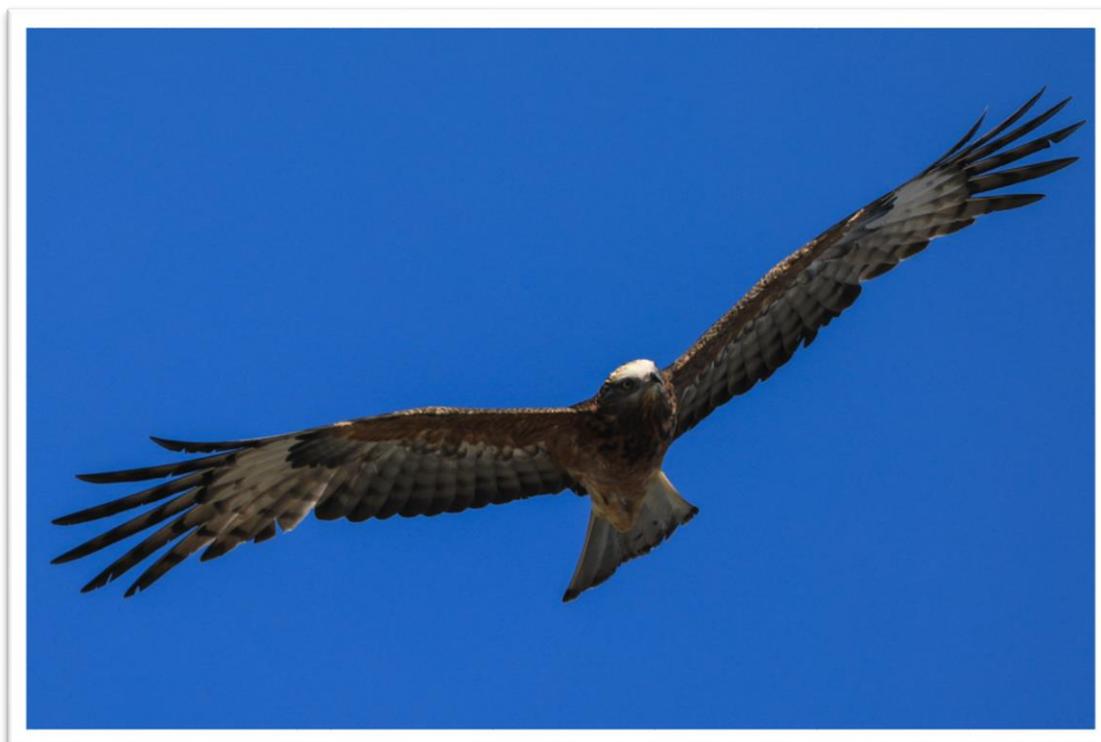
Ian McKinlay



Crimson Rosella



Eastern Whipbird



Square-tailed Kite

Peter Salvair managed a few Great Pics(above) around the grounds of his home in Worroving Heights



Black Honeyeater



White-fronted Honeyeater



Crested Bellbird



Spotless Crake



Emu

Terrific images from Roundhill by Terry Edwell from a recent trip to Lake Cargelligo

MONTHLY SIGHTINGS:- August - September 2017

compiled by Darryl Goldrick

SPECIES	Qty	Date	Location	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Topknot Pigeon	1	11/09/2017	Balgownie	O'head	Pam Hazelwood
Little Black Cormorant	10	18/9/2017	Fairy Creek, Nth Wollongong	Roosting on pipeline	Mike Morphett
Eastern Great Egret	1	8-10/9/2017	Hewitts Ck,Thirroul(1st in 20yrs)	Found dead on 11/9(fox/cat?)	Ian McKinlay
White-faced Heron	1	1/09/2017	Avondale Rd	Yard?	Neil Wheway
Grey Goshawk	1wh phase	27/08/2017	Cambewarra Lookout	In diving flight	Ian McKinlay
Black-tailed Godwit	2	29/08/2017	Lake Wollumboola	Sand Spit	Charles Dove
Bar-tailed Godwit	1	9/01/2017	Orient Point	Overhead	Charles Dove
Whimbrel	11	9/01/2017	Orient Point	Rocky Reef	Charles Dove
Eastern Curlew	15	9/01/2017	Orient Point	Overhead	Charles Dove
Red-necked Stint	5	15/09/2017	Lake Wollumboola	Sand Spit	Charles Dove
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	1	9/01/2017	Lake Wollumboola	Sand Spit	Charles Dove
Gull-billed Tern	3	29/08/2017	Lake Wollumboola	Sand Spit	Charles Dove
Pacific Gull	1	2/09/2017	Lake Conjola	Lake	Charles Dove
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	4	7/09/2017	Avondale Rd	Yard	Tera Wheway
Little Corella	2	11/09/2017	Thirroul	Backyard	Mike Morphett
Eastern Koel	1	12/9/2017	Lake Illawarra South	Residential	Darryl Goldrick
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1	17/09/2017	Excelsior Mine site+o'head	Flying south	Mike Morphett
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	4	21/09/2017	Manyana	Open Forest	Charles Dove
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	3	5/09/2017	Dolphin Point	Open Forest	Charles Dove
Powerful Owl	1heard	7/09/2017	Excelsior Mine	S-W corner	Mike Morphett
Southern Boobook	1heard	11/09/2017	Tarrawanna Escarpment	Bushland	Alan Cousins
Dollarbird	one	11/09/2017	Wollongong	o'head	Rob McKinlay
Superb Lyrebird	1	27/08/2017	Cambewarra Mountain Rd	Roadside	Ian McKinlay
Green Catbird	2	4/09/2017	Thirroul	Front yard	Mike Morphett
Variiegated Fairy-wren	2 m,br pl	25/08/2017	Hewitt's Creek	Estuary vegetation	Ian McKinlay
Spotted Pardalote	2n	7/09/2017	Burrill Lake	Pathway	Charles Dove
Eastern Whipbird	1	11/09/2017	Jamberoo	Garden	Betty Hudson
Olive-backed Oriole	1	7/09/2017	Burrill Lake	Open Forest	Charles Dove
Grey Currawong	1	20/09/2017	Mt Bushwalker	Open Forest	Charles Dove
Leaden Flycatcher	1m	24/09/2017	Narrawallee	Open Forest	Charles Dove
Rose Robin	1	2/09/2017	Lake Conjola	Open Forest	Charles Dove
Rose Robin	5	2/09/2017	Thirlmere Lakes	Bushland	Wylie/Wheway's
Fairy Martin	50+	18/09/2017	Milton	Bridge	Charles Dove
Beautiful Firetail	1	20/09/2017	Mt Bushwalker	Open Forest	Charles Dove

Please remember to forward all your sighting that you think would be appropriate and not necessarily a rare sighting to Darryl Goldrick.

Keep your eyes open over the next few weeks with the waders and migratory birds arriving with the change of seasons.

With the dry weather, particularly out west we are getting reports of unusual sightings in different locations especially in and near the wetlands, you might see some bonus birds so do not be too complacent in your regular areas.



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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 6th 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 13th 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 6th November 2017****

Position nominated: _____

Members Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date _____

Nominated by: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Secoded by: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

