

**DOUBLE-BANDED PLOVER**

Scientific Name: *Charadrius bicinctus*  
 Atlas Number: 140

**Description:**

The Double-banded Plover is a small shorebird (wader). The breeding male is white below and grey brown above with two bands across its chest: a black upper band and a wider chestnut lower band. The forehead is white from the bill to the eye, with a black band running from eye to eye like a mask, and there is a white eyebrow. The legs are greenish-yellow and the short slender bill is black. The breeding female is



duller in colour with a narrower frontal bar. In non breeding Double-banded Plovers, the chest bands fade from black to a dull grey and the chestnut almost becomes obscure. Immature birds lack chest bands. In flight, the underwings are white, and there is a narrow white wingbar on the upper wing and a dark tail with whitish outer feathers. Most birds seen in Australia are in the duller non-breeding plumage. This species is also known as the Double-banded Dotterel and in New Zealand it is known as the Banded Dotterel.

**Similar species:**

The Double-banded Plover is the only plover in Australia with two breast bands or two broken bands or tabs when not breeding. It also has a more upright stance than most other small plovers. Non-breeding and juvenile birds can be confused with non-breeding and juvenile Lesser Sand (Mongolian) Plovers, *C. mongolus*, or Greater Sand Plovers, *C. leschenaultii*.

**Distribution:**

In Australia, the Double-banded Plover is found mainly on the east coast and Tasmania and is a regular visitor to Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands. It has been recorded occasionally in Western Australia. It is widespread throughout New Zealand.

**Habitat:**

The Double-banded Plover is found on coastal beaches, mudflats, sewage farms, river banks, fields, dunes, upland tussock grasses and shingle.

**Seasonal movements:**

The Double-banded Plover migrates to New Zealand where it breeds and moves back to south-eastern Australia in the winter.

**Feeding:**

Double-banded Plovers eat molluscs, crustaceans, insects, and occasionally seeds and fruit.

**Breeding:**

The Double-banded Plover breeds in New Zealand and the nest site is a scrape in the ground lined with stones, particularly on braided river beds (having small channels separated by gravel bars). It is highly faithful to a nest site. Both parents incubate and chicks forage close to the nest.

**Living with us**

Double-banded Plovers are secure in Australia, but nesting sites on braided rivers are threatened by flood mitigation works and invasive trees such as willow.

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

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

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# JUNE ACTIVITIES

## **VIRTUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

*7pm for 7.30pm start*

IBOC will be conducting a virtual meeting using Zoom, officially starting at 7:30 pm. Please note that the meeting will actually start at 7:00 pm to allow folks to catch up a bit and join before the business starts. While there will not be a speaker, any upcoming events will be discussed and unusual sightings shared. Please also feel free to bring any ideas or questions you have for our ongoing activities in these strange times.

**Note:** to use Zoom, you need a tablet, mobile or laptop/computer and should download the Zoom app; if you require any additional assistance in getting set up, feel free to contact Jann Gowans at 4285 9070.

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

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## **MIDWEEK WALK**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am**

leaders Jann & Ross Gowans

Meet at 9:00 am at Integral Energy Park, Darkes Rd, Kembla Grange at the car park by the picnic shelter. Please note that it will be very important that people maintain physical distance of 1.5 meters from each other and bring their own hand sanitizer to practice good hygiene/wash hands. If more than ten people show up, we will split into separate groups and keep separate bird lists. Bring morning tea and chairs (there are tables if you want to use those).

If weather looks doubtful, contact Ross at 0490 136 231.

***Note:** for those who do not want to gather with the group, please feel free to do your own walk there and let us know what you see!*

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## **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING ON ZOOM**

**Monday on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am**

next committee meeting is on 15th June at 11:00 am (note the time change) on Zoom with Ken and Sue Brown hosting.

Any members with anything they wish to raise are welcome to log on.

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## **NEWSLETTER**

**DEADLINE 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

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

# Illawarra Bird Observers Club Reports

## BIGGEST MORNING TEA ON ZOOM

by Ken Brown

For the last few years, the club has celebrated the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser during our Autumn camp - normally in a nice place in the bush. This year was different of course because the Autumn camp was cancelled and the COVID-19 restrictions prevented us gathering together. So, on Sunday, 17th May, 22 of us, in 10 different homes, got together online using the Zoom application to share a morning tea, even if we couldn't physically share our food. One advantage was people could join in from St Georges Basin in the south to Toowoomba in the north, including some who may not have been able to attend the camp.

The technology worked very well, with only one couple having problems, but they were able to relocate to join in. It was great to catch up with and chat to a lot of friends we had not seen since the March meeting and outings. We chatted for well over an hour, sharing stories of coping with the isolation, talking about birds we have seen and walks we have been doing by ourselves. Robyn Cashman entertained us with a poem she had written about the crisis and then she and John joined in singing Sue and Ken's song to the tune of Yellow Submarine. Of course, it wasn't the same as being together, but with Jann providing some structure to the occasion we all had a good time.

The purpose of the Morning Tea is fundraising for the Cancer Council and that was very successful. We had at least \$585 donated, mainly through electronic transfers into the club's bank account and maybe more directly to the Cancer Council. Many thanks to everyone who logged on and helped to make it a great Morning Tea.



### And Mummy Said

Our mummies always told us "Wash your hands!  
Use your hankie, never hawk or spit  
So everywhere across our wide brown land  
The citizens are trying to keep fit

We wear our masks and do our elbow greetings  
If techno smart we even do Zoom meetings  
We've stockpiled heaps of paper for the loo  
Emailed our chums to ask "How do you do?"

By Robyn Cashman

We've cleaned out drawers and planted beans and peas  
There's jobs enough to keep us busy as bees

This nasty virus, spiny and very ugly  
Has stopped us getting nice and close and cuddly  
But one fine day when all this is forgot  
We'll shout Good Riddance, Covid!  
Go to Pot!



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## **"IBOC Spring Camp – 12th to 19th September 2020.**

At the May Committee Meeting we discussed the possibility that travel may be permitted and caravan parks open by October. As a result, it was decided we would advise IBOC Members that we will tentatively include the previously cancelled Sawtell Camp as our IBOC Spring Camp for 2020:

### **IBOC Spring Camp Saturday 12th to Saturday 19th September 2020**

**Location -** Sawtell

**Accommodation** Big4 Sawtell Beach Holiday Park, 5 Lyons Rd, Sawtell 2432  
Phone: 02 6648 4485 or 1800 200 555,  
Email: [sbhp@chcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sbhp@chcc.nsw.gov.au)

***You will need to arrange your own booking with the Caravan Park directly.***

Having checked the caravan park web site, they are now taking bookings from 1 June 2020 and you can book on the web site.

The IBOC Committee has also decided not to recommence Meetings yet so if you are interested in attending the Camp can you please email Anna and Andrew Knowlson on [knowlsons@bigpond.com](mailto:knowlsons@bigpond.com) and we can send you the Sawtell spring Camp Program.

We will also need to know when you have booked, your anticipated time of arrival and departure and phone and email contact information for our Camp Attendance List. Anyone proposing to attend should still seek their own medical advice."

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### **Latest COVID-19 Update**

Fellow IBOC friends,

As restrictions slowly ease, the committee is working to figure out what we are able to do. This includes walks, general club meetings and camps. Importantly, we will continue to monitor when caravan parks open and non-work gathering sizes increase. At the time of this writing, up to 10 people may gather for non-work purposes. Please note that it is your personal responsibility to continue to follow the NSW health advice and restrictions and also continue to physically distance and wash hands! Also please do not attend any events in person (one benefit of virtual gatherings!) if you have any cold or flu symptoms. Changes may occur to advice after the newsletter is compiled, so always check and obey the latest government advice.

And as always, please continue to stay safe, sane and well!

Many of you know that long-time member and bird list scribe extraordinaire, Tom Wylie, has been in hospital for some time. He and Joan and their extended family have been in our thoughts and we hope that he continues to improve and is back on deck soon!

## April Home Bird Lists 2020 –

**Andy Anna Knowson** At Hillview, Marshall Mount, NSW

As requested in the May Newsletter the following is a comment and list of birds Anna and I saw at Hillview during April 2020 while in isolation.

'Hillview' is a 42Ha property at Marshall Mount in the upper Duck Creek catchment of the foothills of the Illawarra Escarpment. The property varies from rainforest to eucalypt forest and pasture with a couple of farm dams so there is an opportunity for a number of bird habitats and food sources. During our isolation in the month of April this year 51 species were seen or heard. It was interesting to note that the Fantail Cuckoo and Yellow faced Honeyeater were still around and had not yet migrated north. The White Cheeked Honeyeater and Little Lorikeet were unusual sightings at our property having not been seen here previously and possibly a result of loss of habitat and food sources due to the drought and bush fires. We count ourselves very fortunate the bush fires did not reach our property this time. All the other birds we have heard or seen on a regular basis throughout the year.

However we did note some variations:

- Both Eastern Rosella and Noisy Miner have moved further up the creek catchment for the first time
- Boobook Owl would normally be heard most nights and was only heard on two occasions plus no Powerful Owl or Tawny Frogmouth heard or seen.
- Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoo have been seeking food much closer to our house than previously
- Breeding and nesting behaviour seemed to be much later this year
- While species numbers seemed reasonable the number of each species seemed to be down

There were certainly the drought and bush fires which could have direct impacts and also the increasing impacts of climate change as possible drivers for these variations.

Despite everything it was good to be doing our bird list while confined to home so thanks to Jann Gowans for the competition.

### **Bird List:**

White Faced Heron, Fantail Cuckoo, Lewins Honeyeater, White cheeked Honeyeater, Grey Butcherbird, Magpie Lark, Eastern Rosella, Crimson Rosella, Eastern Whipbird, Superb Lyrebird, Golden Whistler, Noisy Miner, Galah, Black Duck, Mistletoe Bird, Satin Bowerbird, Green Catbird, Bar Shouldered Dove, Eastern Yellow Robin, Brush Turkey, Grey Shrike-Thrush, Laughing Kookaburra, Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoo, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Wonga Pigeon, Wedge Tailed Eagle, Magpie, Top Knot Pigeon, King Parrot, Grey Fantail, Brown Thornbill, Brown Gerygone, Yellow Thornbill, Willy Wagtail, Silvereye, Black Faced Cuckoo-Shrike, Dusky Moorhen, Crested Pigeon, Eastern Spinebill, Spotted Pardalote, Welcome Swallow, Australian Raven, Masked Lapwing, White Browed Scrubwren, Grey Goshawk (White Morph), Boobook Owl, Superb Fairywren, Wood Duck, Pied Currawong, Little Lorikeet, Little Pied Cormorant.

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Pam Hazelwood

### **This is my home list for the April Sightings of 31 species seen during April.**

One, the Brown Cuckoo-dove is new to our life list for home. We have a residential block so are in the smaller of the two categories. The Koel was a juvenile still being fed by two harassed Little Wattlebirds and the latest sighting we have made of them.

Thanks for keeping our spirits up.

Australian King-Parrot, Australian Magpie, Australian Pelican, Australian Raven, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Brown Goshawk, Common Myna, Crested Pigeon, Crimson Rosella, Eastern Koel, Eastern Spinebill, Galah, Grey Butcherbird, Laughing Kookaburra, Little Wattlebird, Magpie-lark, Noisy Miner, Pied Currawong, Rainbow Lorikeet, Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon), Satin Bowerbird, Silver Gull, Spotted Dove, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Topknot Pigeon, Welcome Swallow, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, White-faced Heron, Willie Wagtail.



Crimson Rosella



Grey Butcherbird at Marshall Mount.

Pics by Pam Hazelwood

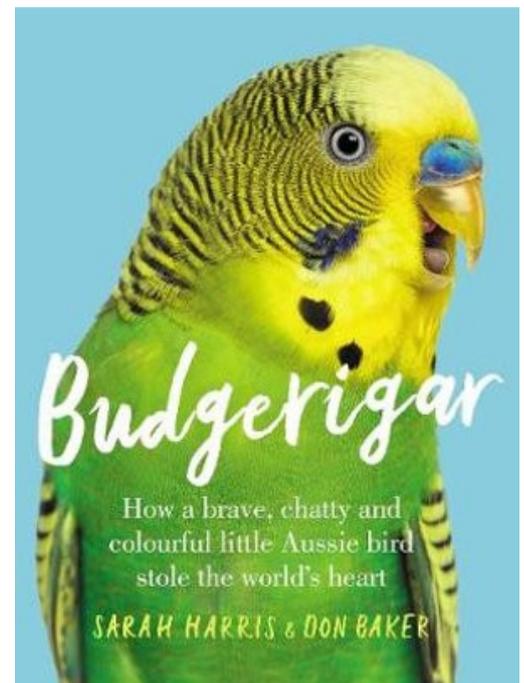
**New book  
'Budgerigar'**

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By: Sarah Harris, Don Baker - Published by: Allen & Unwin

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Surprising, charming and occasionally alarming, Budgerigar is the book that at last opens the cage door on the incredible story of the little bird that grew.



**THREE RANDOM WORDS SAVED CORNELIA ON A COLD, WET DAY OF BUSHWALKING**

Julie Power SMH May 18, 2020

A random selection of strangely lyrical words, "murky founding spoonfuls", led emergency services to massive rocks where bushwalker Cornelia Gratzler had broken her leg in two places on a cold and wet day while she was bushwalking on Tasmania's Flinders Island. With Ms Gratzler unable to walk or move, a rescue party set off in search of mobile phone coverage to call triple zero. Others huddled around her to keep her warm. When they finally got a signal, the less-experienced walkers struggled to communicate where they were or remember where the 10-kilometre hike had begun. Using technology called 'what3words', which is new to Australia and gives every three-square metres on the planet a three-word address, Ambulance Tasmania sent a link to the walkers that allowed them to get their exact location. They then read that location back: murky founding spoonfuls. Within two hours, Ms Gratzler was rescued. Ms Gratzler, who had been leading a group from a Melbourne bushwalkers club, was the first person to be rescued using 'what3words' in Australia. Although she could have brought up the exact co-ordinates on her phone, she hadn't thought to do so in the drama. Even for an experienced bushwalker, she said longitude and latitude — 16 digits in all — could be hard to remember. "I give up on them," she said.

To identify exact locations, 'what3words' has divided the world into a grid of 57 trillion blocks, each three metres square, each with its own unique address. The service, which works offline too, is being used by more than 80 emergency services across the world.

'what3words' is free and can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple App Store.

This article is from the May 2 issue of The Sydney Morning Herald Digital Edition.

Mike Foley

### Climate and energy correspondent

To seabirds flying at night a bitumen road looks like a dark expanse of sea. They're built for life on the ocean and can't take off from land, putting them in danger from cars and predators. Communities and governments are working to save migratory species bewildered by bright lights as they embark on nocturnal globe-trotting journeys. Like young humans, fledgling animals' heads can be turned to danger by the bright lights of cities and towns. Coffs Harbour, NSW resident Nigel Garvey and fellow volunteers rescue hundreds of Wedge-tail Shearwaters every autumn. The birds spend the summer in a colony of two thousand of nesting pairs on one of the Solitary Islands, just off the shore. "The problem is the birds tend to see the black roads as water and they tend to land there. But as pelagic seabirds, they can't take off from land, they can only take off from the water," said Mr Garvey, a volunteer with the Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service. "When the birds land, they can't take off and then they get predated on by animals, or they get hit by cars." Each year around this time a WIRES team, working with NSW National Parks, scour the town looking for grounded birds. They also promote the issue and field locals' drop-offs of reduced shearwater. Jenny Eather also works on WIRES' operation to release rescued birds, which are brought back to their island and released from the side facing away from the land and its lights. "Out of the 500 we rescued last year we just had two or three come back, so we know that we're doing the right thing," Ms Eather said. Before electricity artificially lit the night time skies many migratory species evolved to orient their routes against the relative brightness of the ocean's reflected light and darker horizons over land. Light pollution is also a problem for the turtle species that inhabit northern coastlines from Western Australia to Queensland, said James Cook University Marine Biology professor Mark Hamman. Freshly hatched turtles will wander towards the brightest lights on the horizon – which could be a town, tourism development, port, drilling rig or even a boat ramp. When fledgling turtles wander away from the sea they have a high chance of being picked off by birds and other predators, or wandering until they're stranded in perishing sunshine. "Even a just general sky glow from town lights can make them wander all over the place," Prof Hamman said. In February a United Nations conference on conservation of migratory species endorsed its guidelines that outline the effects of light pollution and ways to mitigate it – such as using yellow instead of white light or employing directional fixtures to limit spread. "Artificial light is a part of our modern world but light pollution presents many challenges for wildlife including marine turtles, seabirds, migratory shorebirds and even the bogong moths, which in turn sustain mammals like the pygmy possum," said Environment Minister Sussan Ley.

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## Interesting Links

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## Sea eagles swooped by remote-control plane in Tasmania, bird lovers outraged

[ABC Northern Tasmania](#) By [Damian McIntyre](#)

*Tony Robertson was left seething after he witnessed this attack at Don.  
(Supplied: Tony Robertson)*

A Tasmanian birdwatcher says he was appalled to see a remote-control plane swooping sea eagles in the state's north-west.

BirdLife Tasmania says toy aircraft or drones used to harass birds should be seized and destroyed. A birdwatcher at Don says he was left feeling "angrier and angrier" after witnessing such an incident. BirdLife Tasmania says birds of prey can be fatally injured when threatened, because their instinct is to counterattack. Tony Robertson was photographing birds at Don when he saw the toy plane harassing the birds. "It chased after them and then was doing almost swipes at them in the air," Mr Robertson said. "[It was]



too far away to actually be able to see with your eye, but with a 600 millimetre zoom you can see that it's narrowly missing them when it was doing swipes at them. "It distressed them, both of the eagles quickly turned around and flew down into some gum trees beside the river where they couldn't be chased." Mr Robertson has contacted Department of Primary Industries Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) about the incident. "It took a while to sink in because I still couldn't believe it," he said. "As I drove home, I just felt angrier and angrier that somebody would actually do that." Eagles will attack. Dr Eric Woehler from BirdLife Tasmania said birds confronted by drones could feel compelled defend their territory. "There's records of wedge-tailed eagles flying at full size helicopters with people in them, their feet outstretched and talons to attack the helicopter," he said. "It's not impossible that if the bird was hit by the aircraft that Tony photographed, it could potentially injure a wing, it could break a bone, it could damage the feet. "If the talons are injured, the bird can't feed and it's going to die." While there are prohibitions on drone operations inside national parks and reserves around the state, Mr Woehler does not think current penalties are sufficient. "Let's start with confiscation and destruction of the drone or the remote-controlled aircraft," he said. "That would be a very good disincentive — these things aren't cheap."

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## Wandering albatross produce the highest number of eggs in over a decade on Macquarie Island.

By [Manika Dadson](#)

Tasmania's Department of Primary Industries has been monitoring the species on the island since 1994. *(Supplied: Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service)* After years of decline, the wandering albatross population on the sub-Antarctic Macquarie Island could be on the rise. Rangers discovered 10 nests on the Macquarie Island over summer. Wandering albatross pairs mate for life and only produce one egg each second season. Two of this season's 10 sets of wandering albatross parents were first-time breeders. Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife rangers discovered 10 nests on the island over summer — the highest number in more than a decade. Last season, only three eggs were laid. Wildlife Ranger Sara Larcombe, who is based at the island's research station, said when she last checked on the nests, six eggs had hatched chicks.



The decline was initially due to the birds being used as a food source by sealers and shipwrecked sailors. *(Supplied: Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service)* "By keeping track of their population here on land, we can learn more about their survival rates out at sea, and how the timing of their breeding may be shifting in response to a changing environment," she said. While 10 nests had been made, only eight eggs had been laid — two were unsuccessful in hatching. Wandering albatross pairs mate for life and only produce one egg each second season. Tasmania's Department of Primary Industries has been monitoring the species on the island since 1994. The island's albatross population has declined significantly over the decades, mainly due to human activity. According to the Parks and Wildlife service, the decline was initially due to the birds being used as a food source by sealers and shipwrecked sailors, and in more recent decades it has likely been from interactions with fishing in the Southern Ocean. Eric Woehler from BirdLife Tasmania said the news was welcomed given the species had previously been on "the edge of extinction" on the island.

**MONTHLY SIGHTINGS :- April/May 2020**

compiled by Darryl Goldrick

SPECIES	N <sup>o</sup>	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Australian Wood Duck	10	4/21/2020	Bulli	Sandon Point Beach, Slacky Creek outlet	Mike Morphet
Eurasian Coot	4 A 1 J	4/26/2020	East Woonona	Blue Lagoon	Mike Morphet
Northern Mallard	2	4/26/2020	East Woonona	Blue Lagoon	Mike Morphet
Pacific Black Duck	10	4/26/2020	East Woonona	Blue Lagoon	Mike Morphet
Sooty Oystercatcher	2	5/08/2020	Wollongong	northern breakwater	Mike Morphet
Crested Pigeon	19	5/13/2020	Tarrawanna	Grass verge adjacent to Oval	Alan & Anne Cousins
Crested Pigeon	12+	5/07/2020	Tarrawanna	Grass strip	Alan & Anne Cousins
Intermediate Egret	1	4/26/2020	East Woonona	Blue Lagoon	Mike Morphet
Masked Lapwing	2	4/26/2020	East Woonona	Blue Lagoon	Mike Morphet
White-faced Heron	1	4/24/2020	East Corrimal	Bellambi Lagoon southern edge	Mike Morphet
Crested Tern	4	4/24/2020	Bellambi Reef area	in flight	Mike Morphet
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	3	4/19/2020	Tarrawanna	Along creek between backyards	Sue & Ken Brown
Little Pied Cormorant	3	4/26/2020	East Woonona	Blue Lagoon	Mike Morphet
Great Cormorant	1	4/26/2020	East Woonona	Blue Lagoon	Mike Morphet
Little Black Cormorant	1	4/21/2020	Bulli	Blackall Street overhead light pole	Mike Morphet
Pied Cormorant	1	4/24/2020	Bellambi Reef area	in flight	Mike Morphet
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	4/18/2020	Tarrawanna	Overhead over suburban area	Sue & Ken Brown
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	4/24/2020	Bellambi Harbour area	aerial	Mike Morphet
Grey Goshawk	1	4/28/2020	Thirroul	Excelsior Fire Trail Forest edge. Harassed by Magpies	Ian McKinlay
Galah	47	5/11/2020	Balgownie	Judy Masters Park NE sector	Mike Morphet
Purple Swamphen	4 A 1 juv	4/26/2020	East Woonona	Blue Lagoon	Mike Morphet
Dusky Moorhen	4	4/26/2020	East Woonona	Blue Lagoon	Mike Morphet
Rainbow Lorikeet	12+	5/07/2020	Tarrawanna	Grass	Alan & Anne Cousins
Eastern Rosella	2	4/28/2020	Boomerang Golf Course	overhead	Ian McKinlay
Powerful Owl	1 h	4/24/2020	Thirroul	southern edge of Excelsior	Mike Morphet
Powerful Owl	1	4/23/2020	Thirroul	MaCauleys Hill, heard calling from Norfolk Pines	Ian McKinlay
Laughing Kookaburra	4	4/25/2020	Thirroul	MaCauleys Hill, casing suburbia for hand outs	Ian McKinlay
Green Catbird	2	4/22/2020	Tarrawanna	Backyard	Sue & Ken Brown
Satin Bowerbird	1	5/18/2020	Tarrawanna	Yard	Alan & Anne Cousins
Satin Bowerbird	1	5/18/2020	Tarrawanna	Yard	Alan & Anne Cousins
Superb Fairy-wren	10	4/26/2020	East Woonona	Blue Lagoon	Mike Morphet
Variegated Fairy-wren	3	4/27/2020	MaCauleys Beach	long grass/reeds	Ian McKinlay
White-browed Scrubwren	1	4/27/2020	Thirroul	Coast Street watercourse vegetation	Mike Morphet
Brown Thornbill	2	4/27/2020	Thirroul	Coast Street watercourse vegetation	Mike Morphet
Little Wattlebird	2	4/26/2020	East Woonona	Blue Lagoon	Mike Morphet
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	1	5/04/2020	Thirroul	residential eucaypt canopy	Mike Morphet
Grey Butcherbird	2	5/15/2020	Thirroul	backyard	Mike Morphet
Willie Wagtail	2	4/26/2020	East Woonona	Blue Lagoon	Mike Morphet
Welcome Swallow	1	4/21/2020	Bulli	Sandon Point Beach in flight	Mike Morphet
Welcome Swallow	3	5/03/2020	Thirroul	L H Drive powerlines	Mike Morphet
Red-whiskered Bulbul	2	4/26/2020	East Woonona	Blue Lagoon	Mike Morphet
Common Starling	11	5/07/2020	Bellambi	Rothery Street nature strip	Mike Morphet
Common Myna	12	5/01/2020	Bellambi	open space Staites Mews	Mike Morphet
Red-browed Finch	2+	4/20/2020	Hewitts Creek	Estuarine reeds	Ian McKinlay

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