

REGENT BOWERBIRD

Scientific Name: *Sericulus chrysocephalus*
 Atlas Number: 684

Description:

The Regent Bowerbird is a small, slim bowerbird with a long, straight slender bill. The male bird is glossy jet black with bright gold on its head, nape and wings. The male's bill and eye are yellow. The female is brown-black, mottled brown, with light brown scallops on its back and breast. There are dark patches on the back of its head and on the lower nape. The female's bill is dark brown to black and the eyes are



photo by Charles Dove

yellowish-brown. The immature male is similar to the female on its underparts and to the male on its upper parts i.e. head back and wings (except the primary feathers which are brown). The male's tail is shorter than that of the female or immature birds. Male Regent Bowerbirds' eyes become yellow in the second year.

Similar species:

The black and gold of the male Regent Bowerbird is unmistakable. The dark patch on the head of the female and immature, and the scalloped pattern of the breast, help to distinguish them from the female or juvenile Figbird, *Sphecotheres viridis*. The Regent Bowerbird is slightly smaller and more slender than the Satin Bowerbird, *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*, which has a blue eye.

Distribution:

The Regent Bowerbird is found in south-eastern Queensland and north-eastern New South Wales, on the eastern side of the Great Dividing Range.

Habitat:

The Regent Bowerbird is found in forests, particularly rainforest and densely treed gullies.

Seasonal movements:

Regent Bowerbirds are mainly sedentary, with some local winter movement, including from higher altitudes towards the coast. Large groups, typically of brown birds (the females and immatures), may congregate in winter.

Feeding:

The Regent Bowerbird feeds mainly on fruit. It feeds in the canopy and upper layers of the forest and sometimes gleans or sallies for insects.

Breeding:

The male Regent Bowerbird, in common with all male bowerbirds, builds and maintains a bower at which it mates with several females. The male does not participate in nest building nor feeding the young. The bower is a small open 'avenue type', which means it is not attached at the top. It consists of twigs and is 15 cm - 20 cm long and 30 cm high. The actual nest, constructed by the female, is a shallow saucer of twigs and leaves, lined with leaves. It is often placed in a clump of mistletoe or a thin fork. The nest may be well away from the male's bower. Only the female incubates and cares for the young.

Living with us

Regent Bowerbirds may sometimes be attracted to picnic areas. In the past, they were killed for their plumes or for mounting as novelties.

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 around them.

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FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

CLUB MEETING

Monday 9th at 7.30pm

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

Guest speakers Kara and David Eddington

Toucans, Hummingbirds and Tanagers

We will share some of our slides from our wonderful bucketlist trip to Galapagos and Mainland Ecuador which we took in July 2019. As well as seeing over 300 new birds we were able to get up close to many of the amazing animals that we, like many of you, had fallen in love with watching wildlife documentaries. We look forward to sharing some of this with you all.

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

MIDWEEK WALK

Wednesday 11th at 9am

leader Rupert Jarvis

Farmborough Heights

Meet at 9.00 am at the top of Farmborough Road. To get there take the right turn at the traffic lights on the Princes Highway about 900 metres south of Unanderra Station. Very soon you reach a roundabout so bear left up Farmborough Road and keep going for about 2.8 kms where there is a boom gate across the road. Park at this point. Bring morning tea.

If weather doubtful

If weather looks threatening contact Rupert on 0403 932 635.

MONTHLY OUTING

Sunday 15th March at 9am

Leaders Alan and Anne Cousins

Comerong Island - Shoalhaven Heads via Numbaa Ferry

Meet at the Ferry at 9am - the ferry toll is \$10 and is now paid by card at the boom gate (no cash anymore). Going South turn left into Moss Street just after crossing the Shoalhaven River bridge and proceed to Terara Road and then onto Comerong Island Road. (approx 11k's) to ferry. Bring morning tea and lunch. As far as we know there are no facilities on the Island.

In the event of inclement weather contact Alan or Anne Cousins on 0413 869 534 by 7.30am

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday on the 16th at 2pm

The next committee meeting will be at 2pm on Monday 16th March 2020 at the home of Betty Hudson, 1 Drualla Road Jamberoo 2533

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

Newsletter

DEADLINE 26th March

For all articles & photos in the next IBOC newsletter PLEASE E-mail contributions:

To Charles Dove newsletter@iboc.org.au

or post to 1/13 Horrocks Crescent, Kerneys Spring, Toowoomba QLD 4350.

**WISHING YOU HAPPY BIRDING AND A BIG WELCOME
TO ALL NEW MEMBERS**

Illawarra Bird Observers Club Reports

Monthly Meeting Report

Alaska

When Jann first projected her opening slide lots of memories returned, you can look at photos on a computer all day long but they look a lot better on the big screen. Jann had set herself a hefty task to sort and select the images she wished to show; to start with I had 2,700 images plus a number on her own camera. This was a huge task and had a very good presentation at its conclusion.

The talk started in Juneau and with our seven-day cruise which was mainly centred around Glacier Bay National Park. Of course, bird watching featured with Puffins a highlight. Along with all this, you also get fantastic scenery including getting close to glaciers and a good variety of other wildlife viewing. At the end of the cruise, we had two days in Juneau, then flew to Anchorage.

Jann then moved into our land trip which went south to the Kenai Peninsula with a three-day stay at an isolated lodge. Once again great birding and wildlife sightings, but as with all good things, after our relaxing time there, it was a long two-day road trip to Denali National Park.

The trip provided many opportunities for an oversight of this part of Alaska north through Anchorage, Wasilla, Talkeetna and on to the main Denali park entrance.

Whilst waiting at the depot for our bus we get to see a moose have a browse in the garden, then onto the bus for a ninety-mile-long wildlife safari. This delivered us to our accommodation at Kantishna for a two-night back country stay. After activities such as walking Blue Berry Hill and visiting Fanny Quigley's house (search for her online it's a great story) and bird watching; time for another great meal.

Another tour special with a 6am start on the bus back to the entrance and on to the Alaskan Railroad for the trip back to Anchorage.



All in all, I think all would agree that all of Jann's hard work produced a great presentation.

Ross Gowans

MONTHLY MID-WEEK WALK REPORT

Wednesday 5th February 2020 – Pelican View Park & Picnic Island, Lake Illawarra.

By Anna Knowlson

Our first club outing for 2020 started with 21 members gathering in the evening at the picnic shelter at Pelican View Park, Lake Illawarra on the south-west side of Windang Bridge. Some members were taken aback by the requirement to sign an attendance sheet but it should be noted that this is an insurance requirement. The weather was overcast but still warm and a wander to the edge of the lake turned up sightings of a few Far Eastern Curlew wading in the evening light along with a Little Egret and some distant Bar-tailed Godwits. A good siting of a Striated Heron on the shore

opposite was pointed out by our fearless leader Ross. We noted that the edges of the lake are supporting new growth of mangroves which surely will be good bird habitat. Once members who were keen on a walk had all assembled, we set off across the wooden bridge to Picnic Island with flocks of feral Rock Doves flying overhead. Heading in a northerly direction along the inlet a Sacred Kingfisher was observed and Silver Gulls and fishermen wandered the sand banks. A few Yellow Thornbills, Superb Fairywrens and a Grey Fantail were found in the casuarina grove as we ambled along the island track. Views to the north of a sandspit in the lake showed we could just make out some Sooty Oystercatchers and Crested Terns along with the Pelicans roosting. A stop on the western point of the island proved rewarding for those who waited long enough to see the Godwits fly in much closer. We all congregated back at the picnic shelter for dinner and a catchup chat. A pleasant start to a new birding year.

Bird List for Pelican View Reserve		21 Members	34 Species
Rock Dove	Masked Lapwing	Sacred Kingfisher	Australian Magpie
Spotted Dove	Bar-tailed Godwit	Dollarbird	Grey Fantail
Little Pied Cormorant	Eastern Curlew	Superb Fairy-wren	Willie Wagtail
Australian Pelican	Caspian Tern	Yellow Thornbill	Australian Raven
Striated Heron	Crested Tern	Little Wattlebird	Magpie-lark
Little Egret	Silver Gull	Red Wattlebird	Silvereye
Australian White Ibis	Little Corella	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Welcome Swallow
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Grey Butcherbird	Red-whiskered Bulbul
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	Rainbow Lorikeet		

MONTHLY WEEKEND WALK REPORT

Saturday 15th February 2020

Alan Cousins

Blackbutt Forest Reserve, Shellharbour Road

Drought, dust, bushfires, smoke haze and ash, then storms, strong winds and heavy rain causing floods and further anguish but today was calm although a bit damp early on but 15 members met at 9am at Blackbutt Forest Reserve for our first weekend outing for 2020. There was a heavy dew that made the grass and tracks rather wet. We left the car park and proceeded upwards on a nice grassy slope. The grass was lush and green due to recent rain and care had to be taken as it was a bit slippery. The usual sightings were made e.g. Rainbow Lorikeet, Australian Raven, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Lewin’s Honeyeater etc. After about an hour of quite successful spotting we came across a nice picnic area with facilities so we decided to stop for morning tea. Just in time as it happened because all the tables in the shelter had been reserved for a 2nd birthday party beginning at 10.30am. We finished and left just as the children were arriving!!! We continued around the edge of the reserve spotting a White-throated Needletail above, then down a scree slope that had obviously had a lot of recent rainwater gushing down. Due to the condition underfoot, we turned into the forest and followed the tracks sighting numerous Passerines and disturbing lots of Flying Foxes (Fruit Bats) until arriving back at the car park just prior to lunchtime. As it was a bit damp in the area it was decided that we would drive to Killalea and have lunch. As we were finishing lunch and deciding on our next move the weather changed and it started to spit with rain so it was prudent to call it a day. The bird count was a bit low at 20 species but given the recent weather conditions not a bad total.

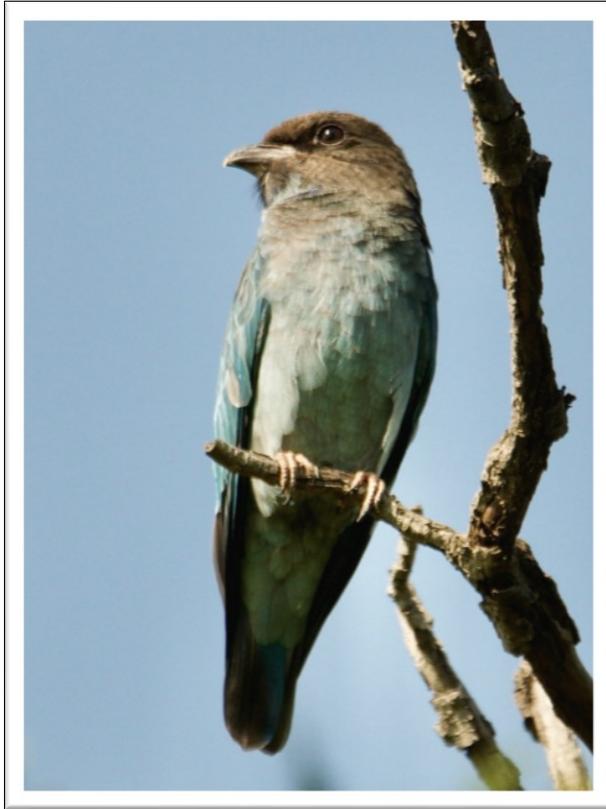
Thanks to all who attended and once again thank you to our recorder Tom Wylie.



White-throated Gerygone



Golden Whistler - female



Dollarbird



Grey-headed Flying Fox

Photos courtesy of Pam Hazelwood

Blackbutt Forest Reserve	15 th February	15 Members	20 Species
White-throated Needletail	Eastern Koel	Spotted Pardalote	Australasian Figbird
Little Black Cormorant	Laughing Kookaburra	Eastern Spinebill	Grey Butcherbird
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Dollarbird	Lewin's Honeyeater	Rufous Fantail
Rainbow Lorikeet	White-browed Scrubwren	Red Wattlebird	Grey Fantail
Crimson Rosella	Brown Gerygone	Rufous Whistler	Australian Raven

NOTICES & ARTICLES OF INTEREST

'State's largest conservation act' rescues endangered island bird

By [Peter Hannam](#) January 10, 2020

Conservation workers have released the last of captured Lord Howe Island woodhens back to lowlands they once roamed freely in what the Berejiklian government calls "the largest single conservation act" in NSW history.

The final batch of 159 of the endangered flightless birds are being released on the island, following the successful eradication of rats and other invasive predators.

Hank Bower (left) and Michael Shields, two of the wildlife experts involved in the release of threatened Lord Howe Island Woodhen. *Credit: Jack Shick*

The bird's decline began with the arrival in 1788 of the First Fleet's HMS Supply ship. Unafraid of humans, the woodhens were easily caught by sailors on the hunt for food and water.

In 1833-34 Europeans settled on Lord Howe Island, located about 700 kilometres off the NSW coast, driving the woodhens and other species almost to extinction from hunting and the threat from introduced cats, pigs, goats and even owls. [according to the government](#).

Leslie Williams, Nationals member for Port Macquarie, said different groups including Taronga Zoo had cared for the animals over nine months while they eradicated rodents - the largest success program on an inhabited island.

"Now that the baiting stations have been cleared from the lowlands we are able to release them back to their original territories," Mrs Williams said in a statement.

"The remote nature of the work meant some needed to be airlifted from their mountain-top homesto the specially designed rodent-proof holding pens and aviaries before being returned."



IBOC 2020 PROGRAMME

Month	Action	Date	Speaker/Leader	Venue
January	Committee Meeting	20.01.20		Ross & Jann's
	Social Night & BBQ	31.01.20		R & J Cashman's
February	Mid-week outing	5.02.20	Ross & Jann Gowans	Pelican View Reserve
	Meeting	10.02.20	Jann Gowans	Alaska
	Outing	Sat 15.02.20	Alan Cousins	Blackbutt Forest
	Committee Meeting	17.02.20	Ken & Sue Brown	
March	Meeting	9.03.20	Cara Eddington	Galapagos
	Mid-week walk	11.03.20	Rupert Jarvis	Farmborough Heights
	Outing	Sun 15.03.20	Alan Cousins	Comerong Island
	Committee Meeting	16.03.20	Betty Hudson	
	Autumn Camp	28.03 to 4.04.20	Andy & Anna Knowlson	Big 4 Sawtell
April	Meeting		No Meeting - Easter	
	Mid-Week Walk	15.04.20	Rupert Jarvis	Bellambi Lagoon
	Outing	Sat 18.04.20	Alan Cousins	Bellawongerah Area & Cambewarra Mtn
	Committee Meeting	20.04.20	Andy & Anna Knowlson	
	NSW School Hols	13-24.04.20		
May	Meeting	11.05.20	Speaker from NPWS	
	Mid-Week Walk	13.05.20	Rupert Jarvis	Integral Park
	Outing	Sun 17.05.20	Alan Cousins	Bangalee Reserve Nowra
	Committee Meeting	18.05.20	Tom & Joan Wylie	
June	Meeting	8.06.20	Dr Chris Reid	Beetles – decline
	Mid-Week Walk	10.06.20	Rupert Jarvis	Greenhouse Park
	Outing	Sat 13.06.20	Alan Cousins	Barren Grounds
	Committee Meeting	15.06.20	Alan & Anne Cousins	
July	Meeting	13.07.20	TBA	
	School Holidays	6-17.07.20		
	Mid-Week Walk	15.07.20	Rupert Jarvis	Killalea
	Outing	Sun 19.07.20	Alan Cousins	Wattle Flat RN Park
August	Committee Meeting	20.07.20		
	Meeting	10.08.20	TBA	
	Mid-Week Walk	12.08.20	Rupert Jarvis	Kanahooka
	Outing	Sat 15.08.20	Alan Cousins	Fitzroy Falls
September	Committee Meeting	17.08.20		
	Meeting	14.09.20	Andy & Anna Knowlson	Round Australia Trip
	Mid-Week Walk	16.09.20	Rupert Jarvis	Mt Keira
	Monthly Walk	Sun 20.09.20	Alan Cousins	Australian Botanic Garden Mt Annan
October	Committee Meeting	21.09.20		
	Meeting	12.10.20	No Meeting due camp	
	School Holidays	28.09 to 9.10.20		
	Mid-Week Walk	14.10.20	Rupert Jarvis	Byarong Creek
	Monthly Walk	18.10.20	No Walk due to camp	
November	Committee Meeting	25.10.20		
	Spring Camp	10.10 – 17.10.20	Venue to be advised	
	Meeting/ AGM	8.11.20	Members Night	
	Mid-Week Walk	10.11.20	Rupert Jarvis	Hooka Point
	Outing	Sun 14.11.20	Alan Cousins	Hyams Beach - White Sands Walk
December	Committee Meeting	15.11.20		
	Christmas Picnic	4.12.20		Integral Park Dapto
	Christmas Meeting	6.12.20		
	School Holidays	19.12 – 27.01.21		
January 2021	Committee Meeting	11.01.21		
February 2021	Mid Week Walk	3.02.21		
	Meeting	8.02.21		
	Outing	Sun 14.02.21		

A few links

<https://www.discoverwildlife.com/people/the-wonder-women-of-ornithology/>

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-02-16/goulds-petrel-breeding-hailed-a-success-for-broughton-island/11965852>

<https://www.birdwatchingdaily.com/birds/david-sibleys-id-toolkit/crow-might-not-appear-all-black/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/jan/26/lyrebirds-are-survivors-but-the-situation-for-australian-birdlife-after-the-bushfires-is-dire>

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-01-12/scientist-dedicates-his-working-life-to-abrolhos-seabirds/11849806>

Waterbird population has fallen as much as 90 per cent in Australia's east, shows 37-year study

By [Liv Casben](#) Updated 19 Nov 2019, 8:25am

The drought has decimated the population of waterbirds across eastern Australia, with researchers saying numbers have fallen by as much as 90 per cent in the last four decades.

Key points:

- Aerial surveys have revealed a drastic decline in waterbird numbers since 1982
- The decline is linked to drought conditions, which leave water dwellers out in the dry
- Poor water policy management is also partly to blame, according to one scientist
- When Sydney scientist Richard Kingsford and his team from the University of NSW began their research in the early 1980s, they clocked up to a million waterbirds in aerial surveys.
- "Now it's crashed to less than 100,000," Professor Kingsford said.
- "While the birds could have gone elsewhere, it's most likely that they've died."
- Professor Kingsford said spoonbills, ibis and egrets are among those species in danger from long, dry drought conditions.
- The ABC joined Professor Kingsford and his team for a day of aerial surveys west of Moree, around the Gwydir Wetlands.
- The research involves six weeks of aerial surveys of swathes of land to determine the population and species of birdlife in eastern states.
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Professor Kingsford said in a good year the wetlands would be filled with birds. "We're seeing much bigger [declines] than I would have expected and that's on the back of 70 per cent declines over the 37 years that we've been doing this survey," he said. "It is grim, many of the rivers are dry ... as everybody knows we've got this gripping drought across the Murray-Darling basin and up into the north and we're just not seeing any wetlands."

The picture is grimmer at another internationally-renowned breeding ground for birds, the Macquarie Marshes, in north-western NSW. Bushfires ravaged this area in the past few weeks, and where once there were thousands of birds counted, this year the team counted only one black duck. The region around Moree has been in drought since 2017 and has received just 15 per cent of its average rainfall this year. Professor Kingsford said with little to no water in the river system around Moree, farm dams are one of the few areas that birds crowd into during bushfires. "Fires have occurred in the past but are they becoming more regular as our wetlands are drying out, and that means they could be becoming more severe and burning the root system," he said.



[Photo: Waterbirds crowd farm dams, like this one in the Gwydir wetlands, as there is so little water anywhere else. \(ABC News: Liv Casben\)](#)

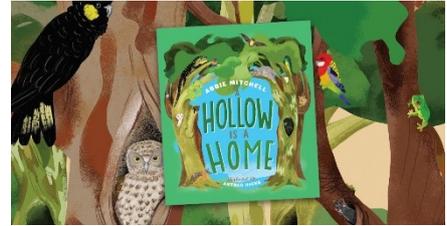
'This is definitely a real wake-up call for Australia' Professor Kingsford also suggested that water policy is partly to blame for declining numbers of birdlife. He criticised the management of the Murray-Darling Basin and called on governments to better protect the remaining flows in the river system. In 2007-08, Professor Kingsford said the team counted hundreds of thousands of birds in the Murray River mouth, and now he estimates less than 50,000 birds dwell there. "I think this is definitely a real wake-up call for Australia, this is

a big challenge for us, water is a really difficult area for us to chart good public policy," he said. "When you've been monitoring these water birds for three decades of your life and you see these major changes over time you realise it's not just about water birds, it's about the health of the rivers."

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority's executive director of partnerships, science, knowledge and engagement, Carl Binning, said: "This significant drought is placing major stress on the environment and rural and regional communities. "The Basin Plan seeks to ensure that the environment — including waterbirds — can recover once the drought breaks, which is achieved by using the very limited volumes of environmental water available to protect critical refuge habitats."

[A Hollow Is a Home, Abbie Mitchell, Astred Hicks, 9781486308057](#)

Do you know what a tree hollow is? To you and me, a tree hollow is just a hole, cavity or tunnel in a tree or branch. But to an animal, that hollow may be a bedroom, hiding place, nursery or shelter. It is the ultimate tree house! Come and take a peek inside the amazing world of tree hollows and discover more than 340 species of incredible Australian animals that call hollows home. With colour photos of glorious gliders, darting dunnarts, minute microbats and many more, this book is full of fun facts about animals that use tree hollows as places for resting, nesting or hiding. Find out how hollows are created, why they are threatened, and meet scientists who spend their time hollow-hunting. There are also plenty of tips on how you can spot hollows yourself, help to protect the environment and encourage habitat for hollow-dependent animals. Perfect for primary-aged readers.



This book was written by Robyn & John Cashman's daughter-in-law.

Are cockatoos addicted to poppies?

The birds are flocking to crops and ripping apart valuable capsules

[Tas Country Hour](#) By [Fiona Breen](#)

Posted yesterday at 4:49pm

Tasmanian farmer Bernard Brain thinks the local flock of white cockatoos are suffering an addiction to his poppy seeds because they keep coming back for much more.

Key Points:

- Cockatoos are feeding off poppy crops across Tasmania
- It is costing farmers thousands of dollars
- Just days before harvest one farmer has lost \$15,000
- "They have started to do quite a lot of damage," he said.
- The flock of about 300 birds fly through two of his poppy fields between about 5pm and 7pm every night, swooping down to rip off the valuable capsules on the top of the stem.
- The capsules contain seeds which may be what is enticing the birds, but the capsules are also the part of the poppy that contains the alkaloids that are extracted for opiate medication like codeine and morphine.
- 'They're harvesting better than a harvester'



[Photo: Poppy capsules damaged by white cockatoos. \(ABC Rural: Fiona Breen\)](#)

They started swooping in on the field about a week ago, at first unnoticed as they attacked a crop away from the main part of the farm. Mr Brain thought he was on the home run, because after a lot of work the poppies were due to be harvested within days. Now he has set up the gas gun and gets the shotgun out every time he sees them. "During the late afternoon I spend about one to one and a half hours chasing [them] from paddock to paddock backwards and forwards until they finally get the message," Mr Brain said. It is not deterring them though — they come back the next day and they have moved onto a second paddock. Mr Brain is hoping they do not notice the third paddock of poppies further up the hill.

"We don't know what they're going after, whether it's the seeds, but I would think they are getting a fair dose of the alkaloid as well," he added. Mr Brain estimated that in a few days they caused \$15,000 damage, across 3.5 hectares. "All the efforts that have gone in, all the inputs that have been done, it's very frustrating," Mr Brain said. Poppy Growers Tasmania's Keith Rice confirms white cockatoos are a growing problem for poppy growers. "We are aware of cocky predation in a number of poppy crops from the south to the north-east, the midlands and the central highlands," he said. Mr Rice has seen the damage firsthand at a crop near Scottsdale in the state's north-east. "The crop is about 4.8 hectares and the best estimation is that at least a third of the crop had been severely damaged by cockies," he said. Mr Rice suspects the cockies are just after the seeds. "It is the capsule that has the alkaloid in it, the inside walls of the capsule, so they can eat as much seed as they want and never get any opiate intake," he said.



There's a lot of damaged poppy capsules on the ground

[Photo: A field of poppies with their capsules ripped off by a flock of white cockatoos. \(ABC Rural: Fiona Breen\)](#)

This year seemed to be worse than previous years for cocky damage, according to Keith Rice. "It's thousands of dollars when you start to look at it," he said. Poppy Growers Tasmania also hopes to work with Tasmania's Department of Primary Industry on future management solutions. The department has confirmed it is talking to stakeholders in the poppy industry. The association is in talks with poppy processors and field officers are out in the paddocks trying to make assessments of damages.



Fatherhood isn't all beer & skittles...



demanding to be fed at the same time, & mother is nowhere to be seen...



whilst some folk with no parenting responsibilities can enjoy a workout in peace.

By Mike Morphet



A friend noticed this bird in Market Street Wollongong this morning and gave me a call. It was sitting on the front fence of a unit complex in plain view. Always good to see them.

By Pam Hazelwood



I swayed towards a Collared Sparrowhawk yesterday when I first uncounted it through the flyscreen. Today a Front-on view made it easier to see that the middle toe is not extra-long, so Brown Goshawk it is.

By Peter Salvair



The Square-tailed Kite gave us a good look.

By Pam Hazelwood



Our neighbour across the road took this on the fence of at our next door neighbours.

By Alan and Anne Cousins

A friend from Minnamurra sent me this photo.

This little wattle bird liked the taste of my ear wax more than the nectar in the grevillea!

By Neil McKinlay



MONTHLY SIGHTINGS :- January/ February 2020

compiled by Darryl Goldrick

Thank you to those members who posted their sightings to me for records and newsletter. So, please email me or phone.

SPECIES	Nº	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
White-headed Pigeon	1	10/01/2020	Balgownie	Garden tree	Pam Hazelwood
White-headed Pigeon	1	22/01/2020	Thirroul	Backyard	Mike Morphett
White-headed Pigeon	1	31/01/2020	Thirroul	Backyard	Mike Morphett
White-headed Pigeon	2	16/02/2020	Balarang	Powerlines	Darryl Goldrick
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	7	31/2/2020	Thirroul	Backyard	Mike Morphett
Crested Pigeon	1	5/01/2020	Thirroul	Backyard	Mike Morphett
Wonga Pigeon	1	10/02/2020	Thirroul	Front garden conifer	Mike Morphett
Tawny Frogmouth	1	29/01/2020	Tarrawanna	Fenceline	Alan Cousins/Bob Seymour
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	3	8/01/2020	Figtree	O'head on freeway	Darryl Goldrick
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	1	1/02/2020	Rosemont St, W'gong	Suburban	Chris Cartledge
Nankeen Kestrel	1	18/02/2020	Gladstone Av, W'gong	CBD	Chris Cartledge
Silver Gull	100+	14/02/2020	Bellambi	Holy Spirit School Fields	Mike Morphett
Long-billed Corella	8	24/01/2020	Illawarra Yacht Club	Grazing lawn area	Neil McKinlay
Eastern Koel	1	09-Jan-20	Thirroul	Backyard robinia	Mike Morphett
Powerful Owl	1 h	20-22/1/2020	Thirroul	Old Excelsior Mine Area	Mike Morphett
Powerful Owl	1 h	3/02/2020	Thirroul	Old Excelsior Mine area	Mike Morphett
Southern Boobook	1	8/01/2020	Thirroul	Old Excelsior Mine area	Mike Morphett
Dollarbird	2	13/01/2020	Thirroul	Powerlines	Mike Morphett
Satin Bowerbird	8	29/01/2020	Thirroul	Backyard	Mike Morphett
Superb Fairy-Wren	5	30-Jan-20	Thirroul	Backyard	Mike Morphett
Brown Thornbill	2	30/01/2020	Thirroul	Backyard	Mike Morphett
Noisy Friarbird	1	1/02/2020	Thirroul	Backyard birdbath	Mike Morphett
Grey Butcherbird	1	16/02/2020	Lake Illawarra South	Yard	Darryl Goldrick
Australian Raven	11	11/02/2020	Bellambi	Scobie Cres	Mike Morphett
Welcome Swallow	19	11/02/2020	Thirroul	Powerlines, King St	Mike Morphett
Red-Whiskered Bulbul	1	17/02/2020	Lake Illawarra South	Yard	Darryl Goldrick
Common Blackbird	1	14/01/2020	Lake Illawarra South	Yard	Darryl Goldrick

Reporting of sighting to me via the club web site link has, for a considerable time now, been limited to 3-4 members.

This has resulted in a very short list, particularly now that Charlie Dove has relocated to Toowoomba.

I urgently encourage more members to submit postings to me to make the newsletter back page complete and informative.

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