

Illawarra Bird Observers Club Inc  
MEMBERS' MONTHLY SIGHTINGS

**January/February 2008**

**Compiled By Martin Cocker**

Thank you for all your records! You may be interested to know what happens to all this information and how it fits into the State and National record structure. Every month I send our records to Alan Morris who is Editor of the Birding NSW Annual Bird Report in which all of our Unusual Sightings are included. In addition Chris Brandis uses the lists compiled from our monthly and mid week walks as a basis for sending records to NSW Bird Atlasers. In addition, of course, Birds Australia is the guardian of the national "Atlas of Australian Birds" and can be reached through [www.birdata.com.au](http://www.birdata.com.au). Unfortunately these entities do not appear to talk to each other and data bases are jealously guarded. However I will send our monthly and mid week walk records to Birds Australia so all avenues are covered.

The question that is often asked is what sightings are worthy of being recorded and what is not? This all depends on what the question is! Atlasers should be recording all sightings within each of their nominated squares whereas Annual Bird Reports normally only include interesting or unusual observations. Chris Chafer has put together a listing of the species and the suggested minimum number of individuals that he suggests should be used as a basis for reporting "Unusual Sightings". The web page can be found by "Googling" for "Wild Illawarra". However I am always wary about restricting the species or the minimum numbers of birds that should be reported as unless someone is monitoring the commoner birds how will we know when they have become uncommon or rare? For instance it has been reported that Kestrel numbers have dropped by 50% in the last few years but this species is excluded from our current reporting listing, I have not seen one for months! The more observant of you may have noticed that I have changed the title of this listing to "Unusual/Interesting sightings" as this is what our monthly Newsletter should include.

In the end you have to be the best judge, you are all experts regarding the birds of your locality, if a sighting is unusual for your locality or the bird is exhibiting unusual behaviour, just because the species is common in our study area is no reason to exclude the sighting from your records. Those external parties who have access to our data base can extract what they want from it and we can use it as a valuable record of the ebb and flow of bird populations in our area. If in doubt, send it in! Many thanks for your support!!

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Species	Number	Date	Location	Habitat	Observer
Australian Brush-turkey	1	08-Jan-08	Balgownie	Crossing the road!	Danie Ondinea
Black Swan	500+	20-Jan-08	Why Juck Bay	estuarine	Martin Cocker
White-faced Heron	2A2F	10-Feb-08	Illawarra Sports High School	suburban	Michelle Rower
Little Egret	1	20-Jan-08	Why Juck Bay	estuarine	Martin Cocker
Little Egret	1	Jan.	Myambar Wetland, Shellharbour	wetland	Michelle Rower
Striated Heron	1	25-Nov-07	Gerroa, Crooked River	estuarine	M & P Potter
Striated Heron	1	01-Jan-08	Why Juck Bay	lakeside	Martin Cocker
Striated Heron	2	03-Feb-08	Mullet Creek, Kanahooka	lakeside	Martin Cocker
Nankeen Night Heron	4	25-Nov-07	Gerroa, Crooked River	estuarine	M & P Potter
Straw-necked Ibis	200	20-Jan-08	Woonona/Bulli	overhead	Roger Truscott
Osprey	1	14-Feb-08	Comerong Island	overhead	Michelle Rower
Black-shouldered Kite	2	15-Feb-08	Primbee Oval	overhead	Ron Imisides
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	01-Jan-08	Kanahooka Point	estuarine	Martin Cocker
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	1-Jan and 28-Jan	Purrah Bay, Lake Illawarra	overhead	Martin Cocker
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	29-Jan-08	Primbee	overhead	Ron Imisides
Grey Goshawk	1	18-Dec-07	Bulli Tops	urban	M & P Potter
Grey Goshawk (White Morph)	1	14-Feb-08	Comerong Island	forest	Michelle Rower
Little Eagle	1	13-Jan-08	Plantation Point, Jervis Bay	Overhead	Nigel Jackett
Peregrine Falcon	1	27-Dec-07	Brokers Nose	overhead	M & P Potter
Peregrine Falcon	1	13-Jan-08	Kanahooka Point	overhead	Martin Cocker
Peregrine Falcon	1	14-Feb-08	Primbee	overhead	Ron Imisides
Nankeen Kestrel	2	04-Feb-08	Tullimbar Riparian Corridor	overhead	Darryl Goldrick
Nankeen Kestrel	2	27-Jan-08	Primbee Beach	overhead	Ron Imisides
Australian Spotted Crake	1	26-Jan-08	Tallawarra Ash Pond	rural/swamp	Darryl Goldrick
Latham's Snipe	3	22-Jan-08	Five Islands Road, Unanderra	storm water drain	Darryl Goldrick
Latham's Snipe	1	04-Feb-08	Tullimbar Riparian Corridor	Creek side	Darryl Goldrick
Eastern Curlew	12	20-Jan-08	Windang Estuary	estuarine	Martin Cocker
Common Sandpiper	1	20-Jan-08	Shoalhaven Heads	estuarine	M & P Potter
Grey-Tailed Tattler	2	14-Feb-08	Comerong Island	estuarine	Michelle Rower
Ruddy Turnstone	1	15-Feb-08	Barrack Pont	coastal	Michelle Rower
Pied Oystercatcher	15	06-Feb-08	Windang Estuary	estuarine	IBOC
Pied Oystercatcher	2	14-Feb-08	Comerong Island	estuarine	Michelle Rower
Sooty Oystercatcher	6	08-Feb-08	Barrack Pont	coastal	Michelle Rower

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Black-winged Stilt	2A, 2J	20-Jan-08	Why Juck Bay	estuarine	Martin Cocker
Black-winged Stilt	2A, 4J	03-Feb-08	Purrah Bay, Lake Illawarra	estuarine	Martin Cocker
Kelp Gull	1	07-Feb-08	Barrack Pont	breaking shellfish dropping from height	Michelle Rower
Caspian Tern	1	14-Feb-08	Comerong Island	estuarine	Michelle Rower
Crested Tern	200+	20-Jan-08	Windang Entrance	estuarine	Martin Cocker
Little Tern	6	14-Feb-08	Comerong Island	estuarine	Michelle Rower
White-headed Pigeon	1	03-Feb-08	Bulli	suburban	Mike Morphett
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	4	13-Jan-08	Scarborough	rain forest/garden	Danie Ondinea
Peaceful Dove	1	07-Jan-08	Bargo	forest	Michelle Rower
Wonga Pigeon	2	29-Jan-08	Scarborough	rain forest/garden	Danie Ondinea
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	3	11-Jan-08	Bomaderry Creek	woodland	Nigel Jackett
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	2	13-Jan-08	Shoalhaven Heads	woodland	Nigel Jackett
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	1	05-Jan-08	Yattah Yattah NR	woodland	Richard Allen
Red-rumped Parrot	1	11-Jan-08	Figtree	tennis courts	Joan Zealey
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	1	05-Jan-08	Yattah Yattah NR	woodland	Richard Allen
Channel-billed Cuckoo	2 Juvenile	11-Feb-08	Mt. Warrigal	Currawong feeding	Chas Burke
Sooty Owl	1	14-Jan-08	Kembla Hights	forest	Jill Molan
White-throated Needletail	Flock	13-Jan-08	Old Erowal Bay	Overhead	Nigel Jackett
White-throated Needletail	6	25-Nov-07	Husskinson, Lady Denman Reserve	overhead	M & P Potter
White-throated Needletail	12	20-Jan-08	Windang Entrance	overhead	Martin Cocker
White-throated Needletail	12	14-Feb-08	Comerong Island	overhead	Michelle Rower
Fork-tailed Swift	1	13-Jan-08	Old Erowal Bay	Overhead	Nigel Jackett
Azure Kingfisher	1	25-Nov-07	Gerroa, Crooked River	estuarine	M & P Potter
Sacred Kingfisher	3	07-Jan-08	Bargo	forest	Michelle Rower
Dollarbird	10+	14-Feb-08	Comerong Island	forest	Michelle Rower
White-fronted Chat	3	14-Feb-08	Comerong Island	salt marsh	Michelle Rower
Logrunner	3	11-Jan-08	Cambewarra Ranges NP	forest	Nigel Jackett
Crested Shrike-tit	1	05-Jan-08	Yattah Yattah NR	woodland	Richard Allen
Crested Shrike-tit	2	05-Feb-08	Lady Fuller Park/Excelsior	forest	Mike Morphett
Rufous Whistler	1	05-Jan-08	Yattah Yattah NR	woodland	Richard Allen
Black-faced Monarch	1	05-Jan-08	Yattah Yattah NR	woodland	Richard Allen
Black-Faced Monarch	4	14-Feb-08	Comerong Island	forest	Michelle Rower
Spectacled Monarch	2	05-Jan-08	Yattah Yattah NR	woodland	Richard Allen
Leaden Flycatcher	1	05-Jan-08	Yattah Yattah NR	woodland	Richard Allen

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Restless Flycatcher	3A 2J	07-Jan-08	Bargo	forest	Michelle Rower
Rufous Fantail	1	7-10-Jan-08	Scarborough	rain forest/garden	Danie Ondinea
Rufous Fantail	2	10-Jan-08	Scarborough	rain forest/garden	Danie Ondinea
White-winged Triller	4	26-Jan-08	Tallawarra Ash Pond	rural/swamp	Darryl Goldrick
Figbird	2A 6J	14-Feb-08	Comerong Island	forest	Michelle Rower
Figbird	1A1F	02-Feb-08	Barrack Pont	suburban	Michelle Rower
Pied Butcherbird	1	19-Jan-08	North Engadine, Sutherland	present for several months	J & M Blomstedt
Green Catbird	1	12-Jan-08	Kangaroo Valley	woodland	Nigel Jackett
Satin Bowerbird	1	12-Jan-08	Primbee (full coloured male)	garden	Ron Imisides
Double-barred Finch	9	13-Jan-08	Nowra Hill	woodland	Nigel Jackett
Rufous Songlark	1	05-Jan-08	Yattah Yattah NR	woodland	Richard Allen

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**March 2008**

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Those of you who attended our camp last November will remember our collective excitement at seeing a Wompoo Fruit Dove, a lifer for many of us. This bird has a range that extends from Cape York to the lower Hunter valley and formerly to the Illawarra. In the Illawarra it was moderately common in the 1840's but was last recorded from Mont Cambewarra in 1890 and Mount Keira in 1920, Since then there have been several unconfirmed sightings in 1977, 1982, 1986 and 1994. The current observation is based entirely on the identification of the call that came from a "massive old fruiting fig tree located in a small deep valley surrounded by warm temperate rain forest". This habitat is of course not unknown in our area so some extra vigilance and tuning of hearing skills may be appropriate!

Other news from the grape vine is the presence of a House Crow in Dee Why a species from India and Sri Lanka that sometimes finds its way to Australia by ship assisted passages. According to Pizzey and Knight, "Should immediately be reported and destroyed wherever identified". Those of you still hoping to see the Canada Geese at Killalea have left it too late as the four birds have met the same fate as recommended for the House Crow!

However there seem to be plenty of action in our own neck of the woods judging from the volume and content of the records I have received. Sorry I have not been able to send out any interim reports this month, the domestic move has limited my free time. However things are returning to "normal" in the Cocker household!

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Species	Number	Date	Location	Habitat	Observer
Black Swan	76	24-Feb-08	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin & Penny Potter
Canada Goose	4	04-Mar-08	Killalea Lagoon	lakeside	Chris Brandis
Australian Shelduck	11	03-Mar-08	Joadja	farm dam	Darryl Goldrick
Darter	3 Juv	17-Feb-08	Primbee Wetlands	swamp	Chas Burke
Little Egret	1	19-Feb-08	Fred Finch Park	Channel	David Winterbottom
Little Egret	up to 4	31-Mar-08	Fred Finch Park, several	mudflats	David Winterbottom

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			birds over March		
Eastern Reef Egret	1	01-Mar-08	Nth Port Kembla Beach	Rocky Shore	Chris Chafer
Striated Heron	2	19-Feb-08	Fred Finch Park	Channel	David Winterbottom
Striated Heron	1	02-Mar-08	Shoalhaven River, Nowra	riverine	Martin & Penny Potter
Striated Heron	2	03-Mar-08	Windang Estuary	estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Striated Heron	1	05-Mar-08	Macquarie Rivulet	riverine	Lorraine Pincus
Striated Heron	1 and 2	31-Mar-08	Fred Finch Park, several birds over March	mudflats	David Winterbottom
Striated Heron	1 and 2	31-Mar-08	Puckey's Lagoon	mudflats	David Winterbottom
Black-shouldered Kite	2	15-Feb-08	Primbee Oval	overhead	Ron Imisides
Square-tailed Kite	1	02-Mar-08	Shoalhaven River, Nowra	riverine	Martin & Penny Potter
Whistling Kite	1	07-Mar-08	Albion Park Rail	urban	Peter Fackender
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	27-Feb-08	Bulli, Sandon Point	Overhead	Jill Molan
Swamp Harrier	1	17-Feb-08	Austimer Sublime Point	overhead	Jill Molan
Brown Goshawk	2	17-Feb-08	Perkins Beach		Chas Burke
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	08-Mar-08	Barren Grounds NR	bush	Jean Clarke
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	09-Mar-08	Mt. Kembla Ring Track	overhead	Michelle Rower
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	19-Feb-08	Balgownie	Overhead	David Winterbottom
Brown Falcon	1	02-Mar-08	Menangle	Rural	Chris Chafer
Australian Hobby	1	18-Feb-08	Coniston	Golf Course	David Winterbottom
Peregrine Falcon	1	02-Mar-08	Shoalhaven River, Nowra	riverine	Martin & Penny Potter
Peregrine Falcon	1	25-Feb-08	Puckey's Lagoon	overhead	David Winterbottom
Nankeen Kestrel	1	07-Mar-08	Bombo	overhead	Roger Bogaert
Nankeen Kestrel	1	24-Feb-08	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin & Penny Potter
Bar-tailed Godwit	100+	24-Feb-08	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin & Penny Potter
Bar-tailed Godwit	55	03-Mar-08	Windang Estuary	estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Eastern Curlew	19	24-Feb-08	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin & Penny Potter
Ruddy Turnstone	1	15-Feb-08	Barrack Pont	coastal	Michelle Rower
Red-necked Stint	60	24-Feb-08	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin & Penny Potter
Curlew Sandpiper	1	28-Feb-08	Comerong Island	Estuarine	David Marshall
Pied Oystercatcher	5	24-Feb-08	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin & Penny Potter
Pied Oystercatcher	16	03-Mar-08	Windang Estuary	estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Sooty Oystercatcher	6	02-Mar-08	Coalcliff Road bridge	rocky shore	Glennis Wellings
Grey Plover	1	23-Feb-08	Comerong Island	Estuarine	David Marshall
Red-capped Plover	12	24-Feb-08	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin & Penny Potter
Red-capped Plover	30, 9Juv	03-Mar-08	Windang Estuary	estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Double-banded Plover	1	03-Mar-08	Windang Estuary	estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Black-fronted Dotterel	2	31-Mar-08	Fred Finch Park, several birds over March	mudflats	David Winterbottom
Kelp Gull	2	03-Mar-08	Windang Estuary	estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Caspian Tern	3	24-Feb-08	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin & Penny Potter
Crested Tern	32	03-Mar-08	Windang Estuary	estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
White-headed Pigeon	1	27-Feb-08	Jamberoo 3 separate sightings	Rural	Betty Hudson

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Bar-shouldered Dove	2	17-Feb-08	Perkins Beach		Chas Burke
Bar-shouldered Dove	1 and 2	31-Mar-08	Windang, frequent sightings over March	scrub	David Winterbottom
Wompoo Fruit-Dove	1	09-Mar-08	Yattheyattah NR This record is with the BA Rarities Committee and if confirmed is the first sighting in our area for many years.	rainforest	Marnix Zwankhuizen
Topknot Pigeon	1	16-Feb-08	Mt. Ousley	Garden	Jim Robinson
Topknot Pigeon	6	15-Feb-08	Thirroul	Garden	Mike Morphett
Topknot Pigeon	1	20-Feb-08	Figtree	suburban garden	Melissa Markham
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	2	24-Feb-08	Boxvale Track Mittagong	Forest	Chris Chafer
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	2	10-Mar-08	Albion Park Rail	overhead	Brian Hales
Little Corella	100+	10-Mar-08	Bellambi	urban	Tom and Joan Wylie
Little Corella	100	05-Mar-08	Windang Park	urban park	Margaret P.
Musk Lorikeet	20	02-Mar-08	Shoalhaven River, Nowra	riverine	Martin & Penny Potter
Musk Lorikeet	30+	18-Mar-08	Albion Park Rail	garden	Peter Fackender
Powerful Owl	1	11-Mar-08	Excelsior Coalmine	forest	Mike Morphett
Southern Boobook	1	03-Mar-08	Mittagong, dead bird collision with fence	rural	Darryl Goldrick
Azure Kingfisher	1	05-Mar-08	Macquarie Rivulet	riverine	Lorraine Pincus
Sacred Kingfisher	1	02-Mar-08	Budderoo Plateau	forest	Betty Hudson
Rainbow Bee-eater	2	02-Mar-08	Nepean River, Wallacia	riverine	Chris Chafer
Rockwarbler	2	02-Mar-08	Shoalhaven River, Nowra	riverine	Martin & Penny Potter
Noisy Friarbird	1	09-Mar-08	Avondale	garden	Alan Lewis
Logrunner	1	08-Mar-08	Excelsior Coalmine	forest	Mike Morphett
Spotted Quail-thrush	5	15-Feb-08	Bangadilly NP Canyon Leigh		Chris Brandis
Black-faced Monarch	2 M&F	05-Mar-08	Macquarie Pass	Rainforest	Neil Wheway
Black-faced Monarch	1	02-Mar-08	Shoalhaven River, Nowra	riverine	Martin & Penny Potter
Black-faced Monarch	1	17-Feb-08	Perkins Beach		Chas Burke
Leaden Flycatcher	1	01-Mar-08	Bulli	Rainforest	Roger Truscott
Leaden Flycatcher	1	03-Mar-08	Bulli	rainforest	Roger Truscott
Restless Flycatcher	1	14-Mar-08	Thirroul, "the first record in 28years of local observations"	garden	Mike Morphett
Rufous Fantail	12+	09-Mar-08	Mt. Kembla Ring Track	rainforest	Michelle Rower
Rufous Fantail	1	05-Mar-08	Jamberoo	garden	Betty Hudson
Rufous Fantail	1	05-Mar-08	Macquarie Pass	Rainforest	Neil Wheway
Rufous Fantail	1	03-Mar-08	Bulli, evidence of successful breeding	rainforest	Roger Truscott
Bassian Thrush	1	17-Mar-08	Scarborough	rainforest/garden	Danie Ondinea
Indian Ringneck	1	27-Feb-08	Albion Park	Playing field	Bruce Coyte

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Species	Number	Date	Location	Habitat	Observer
Brown Quail	5	05-Apr-08	Haywards Bay/Tallawarra	scrub	Martin Cocker
Chestnut Teal	2 and 6 ducklings	30-Mar-08	Why Juck Bay	lakeside	Martin Cocker
White-headed Pigeon	2 Adult&Juv	25-Mar-08	Thirroul	garden	Mike Morphett
White-headed Pigeon	6	27-Mar-08	Figtree	garden	Kevin McGregor
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	6	05-Apr-08	Avondale	garden	Neil Wheway
White-necked Heron	1	22-Mar-08	Haywards Bay	rural	Martin Cocker
White-necked Heron	1	29-Mar-08	Haywards Bay	rural	Martin Cocker
Striated Heron	2	23-Mar-08	Little Lake	estuarine	Michelle Rower
Little Egret	2	06-Apr-08	Haywards Bay	overhead	Martin Cocker
Little Egret	4	19-Apr-08	Purrah Bay, Lake Illawarra	lakeside	Martin Cocker
Pacific Baza	2	12-Apr-08	Bulli	overhead	Roger Truscott
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1 Immature	07-Apr-08	Windang Estuary	estuarine	Jill Molan
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	2	06-Apr-08	Thirroul	overhead	Mike Morphett
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	4	12-Apr-08	Thirroul	overhead	Ian McKinley
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1 Immature	19-Apr-08	Koonawarra Bay, Kananhooka	lakeside	Martin Cocker
Whistling Kite	1	06-Apr-08	Haywards Bay	overhead	Martin Cocker
Swamp Harrier	1	06-Apr-08	Haywards Bay	overhead	Martin Cocker
Swamp Harrier	1	16-Mar-08	Haywards Bay/Tallawarra Ponds	rural	Martin Cocker
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	08-Mar-08	Mt. Kembla Ring Track	overhead	Michelle Rower
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	30-Mar-08	Maddens Plains	Bush	Alan Cousins
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	05-Apr-08	Bellambi	overhead	Alan Cousins
Nankeen Kestrel	2	21-Mar-08	Barrack Point	rocky shore	Michelle Rower
Peregrine Falcon	1	02-Mar-08	Haywards Bay	rural	Martin Cocker
Pied Oystercatcher	10	07-Apr-08	Windang Estuary	estuarine	Jill Molan
Sooty Oystercatcher	8	24-29/03/08	Barrack Point	rocky shore	Michelle Rower
Sooty Oystercatcher	10	08-Apr-08	Austinmer	rocky shore	Graham Meany
Black-fronted Dotterel	4	07-Mar-08	Myambar Wetland, Shellharbour	wetland	Michelle Rower
Latham's Snipe	1	29-Mar-08	Myambar Wetland, Shellharbour	wetland	Chris Brandis
Eastern Curlew	1	07-Apr-08	Windang Estuary	estuarine	Jill Molan
Ruddy Turnstone	6	24-29/03/08	Barrack Point	rocky shore	Michelle Rower
Kelp Gull	1	08-Apr-08	Austinmer	rocky shore	Graham Meany
Yellow-tailed Black- Cockatoo	38	16-Mar-08	Primbee Primary School	urban	Ron Imisides
Gang-gang Cockatoo	2 M&F	17-Feb-08	Perkins Beach		Norma Burke



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Musk Lorikeet	6	09-Mar-08	Illawarra Sports High School	urban	Michelle Rower
Musk Lorikeet	12	15-23/03/08	Barrack Point	urban garden	Michelle Rower
Musk Lorikeet	4	23-Mar-08	Warilla Grove	urban	Michelle Rower
Musk Lorikeet	2	01-Apr-08	Avondale	garden	Tera Wheway
Musk Lorikeet	20	06-Apr-08	Lake Illawarra	garden	Peter Nolan
Ringneck	1	10-Apr-08	Albion Park	school grounds	Bruce Coyte
Azure Kingfisher	1	29-Mar-08	Myambar Wetland, Shellharbour	wetland	Chris Brandis
Azure Kingfisher	1	23, 29/03/08	Little Lake	estuarine	Michelle Rower
Sacred Kingfisher	1	29-Mar-08	Myambar Wetland, Shellharbour	wetland	Chris Brandis
Noisy Pitta	1	09-Apr-08	Bass Point	Rainforest	Lorraine Pincus
Southern Emu-Wren	2	07-Mar-08	Barren Grounds	Bush	Norma Burke
Scarlet Honeyeater	2 Female	29-Mar-08	Primbee Dunes	scrub	Michelle Rower
Scarlet Honeyeater	12	03-Apr-08	Regal Heights Albion Park	urban woodland	Joshua Coyte
White-naped Honeyeater	3	28-Mar-08	Primbee Dunes	scrub	Michelle Rower
Golden Whistler	2	07-Apr-08	Scarborough	rainforest	Danie Ondinea
Figbird	14	17-Mar-08	Primbee	garden	Ron Imisides
Figbird	5	13-Apr-08	Wollongong	urban	Lorraine Pincus
Grey Currawong	1	06-Apr-08	Budderoo Plateau	Bush	Betty Hudson
Rufous Fantail	1	27-Mar-08	Barren Grounds	Bush	Norma Burke/Jean Clarke
Rufous Fantail	4	06-Apr-08	Staffords Farm Walk, Mt. Keira/Kembla	Bush	Jill Molan
Rufous Fantail	1	13-Apr-08	Darkes Forest	Heath/Woodland	Ian McKinley
Rufous Fantail	1	27-Mar-08	Figtree	garden	Kevin McGregor
Grey Fantail	20+	06-Apr-08	Staffords Farm Walk, Mt. Keira/Kembla	Bush	Jill Molan
Little Raven	1	30-Mar-08	Hooka Point	lakeside	Lorraine Pincus
Leaden Flycatcher	1 female	08-Mar-08	Mt. Kembla Ring Track	rainforest	Michelle Rower
Leaden Flycatcher	2 Female	27-Mar-08	Primbee Dunes	scrub	Michelle Rower
Spectacled Monarch	1	21-Mar-08	Yatteyattah NR	Bush	Richard Allen
Rose Robin	1-female	30-Mar-08	Hooka Point	lakeside	Lorraine Pincus
Rose Robin	1 Female	30-Mar-08	Primbee Dunes	scrub	Michelle Rower
Rose Robin	1 female		Bulli	garden	Roger Truscott
Rose Robin	1 female	30-Mar-08	Bulli	rainforest	Roger Truscott
Rose Robin	2, M F	13-Apr-08	Bulli	rainforest	Roger Truscott
Brown Songlark	1	20-Feb-08	Austinmer	rural	Alan Lowis
Bassian Thrush	1	06-Apr-08	Staffords Farm Walk, Mt. Keira/Kembla	Bush	Jill Molan
Beautiful Firetail	3	08-Mar-08	Barren Grounds	Bush	Norma Burke/Jean Clarke
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	4	29-Mar-08	Myambar Wetland, Shellharbour	wetland	Chris Brandis

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**May 2008**

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An interesting month as we slide into winter! Many birds are flocking and there have been reported large congregations of several species including such diversities as Little Corella, White-faced Heron and White Headed Pigeon.

The month's sighting has to be of the Wompoo Fruit-Dove seen at Thirroul by Mike Morphett. Mike has been working a regular patch for over twenty years and consequently must have an intimate knowledge of the birds in his area so it must have been a heart stopping experience! The other rarity must be the Pink Robin found by Roger Truscott in his Bulli Garden. Our Illawarra Handbook describes this species as rare and nomadic and lists seven sightings between 1981 and 1996.

As announced by Jill Molan at our last meeting this time of the year is the annual Swift Parrot and Regent Honeyeater survey time. Swift Parrots are classified as a rare, nomadic winter visitor that frequents open eucalypt forest and Banksia woodlands especially along the coast. Past locations for sightings are in areas with flowering eucalypts such as Primbee Dunes, Bass Point, Mt. Warrigal, Lake Heights and Warrawong. So please keep a look out in favourable locations and send in your records.

The other regional news of note is that an Osprey's nest has been found on a mobile phone tower in the Ulladulla area. This must be the most southern breeding record for NSW. Funny, but I have a hazy recollection of a member suggesting a tower be provided at Shoalhaven Heads to attract these birds, a suggestion that was received with much cynicism. Perhaps this idea has merit or we contact the phone companies who may be more "receptive" than the wildlife authorities!!

The Unusual/Interesting listing for the month is below. Other records were received from: Lorraine Pincus, Alan Lowis, Martin and Penny Potter, Anne Cousins, Tera Wheway, and Jane Kinsella. Many thanks to you all for your records. Good Birding!!

Species	Number	Date	Location	Habitat	Observer
White-Headed Pigeon	14	02-May-08	Jamberoo	Parkland	Betty Hudson
Wompoo Fruit-Dove	1	05-May-08	Excelsior Mine Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Buller's Albatross	1	26-Apr-08	Off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Striated Heron	1	04-May-08	Crooked River Gerroa	Estuarine	Martin & Penny Potter
Striated Heron	1	20-Apr-08	Little Lake, Barrack Pnt	Estuarine	Graham Barwell
Nankeen Night Heron	1	24-Apr-08	Huskisson, Lady Denman Reserve	Estuarine	Marnix Zwankhuizen
Eastern Osprey	1	27-Apr-08	Hayward's Bay	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Eastern Osprey	1	18-May-08	Hayward's Bay	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Pacific Baza	3	04-May-08	Bulli	Rainforest	Roger Truscott
Whistling Kite	1	18-May-08	Hayward's Bay	Estuarine	Martin Cocker

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Brown Goshawk	1	13-May-08	Tallowarra	Bush/forest	Martin Cocker
Grey Goshawk	1	29-Apr-08	Bellambi Dunes	Overhead	Alan Cousins
Grey Goshawk	1	23-May-08	Barren Gnds-Griffiths T	Heath/Forest	Jill Molan
Swamp Harrier	1	06-Apr-08	Croome Rd, Albion PR	Bush	Graham Barwell
Swamp Harrier	1	10-May-08	Reed Park, Dapto	Sportsfield	Bruce O'Brien
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	20-Apr-08	Hayward's Bay	overhead	Martin Cocker
Hobby	1	30-Mar-08	Little Lake, Barrack Pnt	Estuarine	Graham Barwell
Hobby	1	08-Apr-08	Dapto	Suburban	Bruce and Kelsey O'Brien
Peregrine Falcon	1	23-May-08	Barren Gnds-Griffiths T	Heath/Forest	Jill Molan
Grey-Tailed Tattler	3	24-Apr-08	Crookhaven Heads	Estuarine	Marnix Zwankhuizen
Grey-Tailed Tattler	1	06-Apr-08	Little Lake, Barrack Pnt	Estuarine	Graham Barwell
Musk Lorikeet	1	09-May-08	University of Wollngng	Park	Jill Molan
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	1	10-May-08	Berry.( Possible NZ sub species)	Garden	Bob Ashford
Eastern Bristlebird	1	23-Apr-08	Hyam's Beach Jervis Bay	Heath/Woodland	Marnix Zwankhuizen
Large-billed Scrubwren	1	05-May-08	Excelsior Mine Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Large-billed Scrubwren	1	30-Mar-08	Ldy Fuller Pk, Austinmr	Parkland	Graham Barwell
Fuscous Honeyeater	1	25-Apr-08	Hyam's Beach Jervis Bay	Heath/Woodland	Marnix Zwankhuizen
Tawny-Crowned Honeyeater	1	25-Apr-08	Hyam's Beach Jervis Bay	Heath/Woodland	Marnix Zwankhuizen
Crescent Honeyeater	Num.	23-May-08	Barren Gnds-Griffiths T	Heath/Forest	Jill Molan
Crescent Honeyeater	Sevrl	15-Apr-08	Barren Grounds	Heath	Chris Brandis
White-cheeked Honeyeater	Sevrl	15-Apr-08	Barren Grounds	Heath	Chris Brandis
Logrunner	1	10-May-08	Balgownie (Dead specimen)		
Dusky Woodswallow	1	27-Mar-08	Towradgi Park	Parkland	Jean Clarke
Spangled Drongo	1	11-May-08	Primbee Dunes	Heath/Woodland	Jill Molan
Leaden Flycatcher	2 Imm	06-Apr-08	Croome Rd, Albion PR	Bush	Graham Barwell
Rose Robin	1 M	09-May-08	Thirroul	Garden	Mike Morphett
Rose Robin	1	30-Mar-08	Ldy Fuller Pk, Austinmr	Parkland	Graham Barwell
Pink Robin	1 M	03-May-08	Bulli	Garden	Roger Truscott
Bassian Thrush	1	1 & 2 May 08	Excelsior Mine Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett

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**June 2008**

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Shortly after complaining about the cold weather that had kept you all indoors and resulted in a paucity of records, at the eleventh hour I was deluged with emails that have tied me to the computer. Such is a Records Officers life! However thank you for all the contributions to our data base.

The Masked Booby seen by Josh and Bruce Coyte as they emerged from the surf at Minnamurra Beach reminded them of their recent sightings at Lord Howe and is a new bird for the area probably blown by the recent gales. Not listed are several sightings of Shoveller that is classified in our area as uncommon and nomadic. Several pairs were on the freshwater lake at Griffins Bay on Lake Illawarra a new sighting for me at this local patch and they have also been present at Fred Finch Park and Lake Tallawarra. The latter venue also had several Pink-eared Duck for the IBOC monthly walk.

In the Bega area there has been a sighting, with photo, recorded on Birding-Aus of a Pied Heron a species that is normally located in the Top End with casual sightings as far south as Roma and the Macquarie Marshes. Wings are a wonderful invention which shows that anything can turn up anywhere!

Chris Chafer recently commented upon the finding of a dead Logrunner reported last month. Chris has pointed out that there have been no sightings for quite some time and as the Illawarra population is so isolated then it would be worthwhile to do a targeted survey along the escarpment rainforest. With this in mind can you dig out all the sightings of this species that you have in your records so I can compile a list of target sights. I will then coordinate teams of people to visit these areas over a few weekends so please contact me if you would like to participate.

Below is the Unusual/Interesting listing for the month. Other records were received from: Betty Hudson, Jill Molan, Tom Wylie, Richard Fackender, Roger Bogaert and Lorraine Pincus. Many thanks to you all for your records. Good Birding!

Species	No.	Date	Location	Habitat	Observer
Brush-turkey	1	23-May-08	Mt. Kembla Ring Track	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Bar-Shouldered Dove	2	31-May-08	East Corrimal	Scrub	David Winterbottom
Bar-Shouldered Dove	Many	01-Jun-08	Windang	scrub	David Winterbottom
Tawny Frogmouth	1	01-Jun-08	Dapto	Urban	Tera Wheway
Tawny Frogmouth	1	01-Jun-08	Blackbutt Reserve	Parkland	Chris Brandis
Tawny Frogmouth	1	13-Jun-08	Thirroul	suburban	Mike Morphett
Buller's Albatross	2	24-May-08	Off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Masked Booby	1	06-Jun-08	Minnamurra Beach	Seaside	Bruce Coyte
Black Bittern	1	17-May-08	Gwynneville	Creek side	David Winterbottom
Striated Heron	1	29-May-08	Fed Finch Park	Tidal Creek	David Winterbottom
Striated Heron	2	04-Jun-08	Fred Finch Park	Tidal Creek	David Winterbottom
Striated Heron	1	25-Aug-09	Little Bay	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Eastern Osprey	1	01-Jun-08	Haywards Bay	Overhead	Martin Cocker

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Eastern Osprey	1	08-Jun-08	Haywards Bay	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Whistling Kite	1	08-Jun-08	Haywards Bay	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Brown Goshawk	1	June 08	Thirroul Garden (inspecting aviary birds)	garden	Mike Morphett
Brown Goshawk	1	16-May-08	Bellambi Lagoon	Overhead	Graham Barwell
Brown Goshawk	1	01-Jun-08	Haywards Bay	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Grey Goshawk	1	14-May-08	Kanahooka Point	overhead	Richard Fackender
Grey Goshawk	1	11-Jun-08	Yallah	rural	Martin Cocker
Swamp Harrier	1	08-Jun-08	Haywards Bay	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Hobby	1	08-Jun-08	Haywards Bay	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Brown Skua	5	24-May-08	Off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Major Mitchell's Cockatoo	1	03-Jun-08	Albion Park	overhead	Bruce Coyte
Superb Parrot	1	15-May-08	Balgownie	garden	Terry E
Azure Kingfisher	1	30-Apr-08	Mullet Creek, Kanahooka	estuarine	Richard Fackender
Southern Emu-wren	10+	04-May-08	Maddens Plains	Bush	Graham Barwell
Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	many	24-May-08	Pot Holes Crossing, Bargo River	Bush	Graham Barwell
Bell Miner	many	24-May-08	Pot Holes Crossing, Bargo River	Bush	Graham Barwell
Tawny-crowned Honeyeater	20+	04-May-08	Maddens Plains	Bush	Graham Barwell
White-cheeked Honeyeater	2	04-May-08	Maddens Plains	Bush	Graham Barwell
Brown-headed Honeyeater	1	04-May-08	Maddens Plains	Bush	Graham Barwell
White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	2	24-May-08	Pot Holes Crossing, Bargo River	Bush	Graham Barwell
Figbird	3+	18-Jun-08	Uni of Wollongong Campus	Parkland	Graham Barwell
Leaden Flycatcher	1	06-Mar-08	Windang	Scrub	David Winterbottom
Rose Robin	1	05-Jun-08	Balgownie	garden	Terry E
Beautiful Firetail	1	04-May-08	Maddens Plains	Bush	Graham Barwell

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**July 2008**

**Compiled By Martin Cocker**

Obviously a quiet time of the year for us all!! Many thanks to those brave souls who have been out and about and below are all the records received. Several of you have sent me past records of Logrunner sightings and I will use these to base our proposed survey. I am hoping that we can have some additional field trips to target this species. Good Birding!!

Species	No.	Date	Location	Habitat	Observer
Brush-turkey	1	10-Jul-08	Wollongong Botanic Gardens	Park	Penny Potter
White-headed Pigeon	1	08-Jul-08	Balgownie	garden	Terry Edwell
Shy Albatross	1	15-Jul-08	From boat off Bellambi	Ocean	Tom Wylie
Southern Giant Petrel	1	17-Jul-08	From boat off Bellambi	Ocean	Tom Wylie
Pacific Baza	1	23-Jun-08	Bulli	Overhead	Roger Truscott
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	08-Jul-08	Figtree	Overhead	Kevin McGregor
Brown Goshawk	1	09-Jul-08	Lake Illawarra	Suburban	Peter Nolan
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	03-Jul-08	Jamberoo	Rural garden	Betty Hudson
Powerful Owl	1	30-Jun-08	Excelsior Mine Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphet
Green Catbird	2	10-Jul-08	Mt. Pleasant	rain forest	Wal Emery
Southern Emu-wren	1	06-Jul-08	Budderoo Firetrail	Heath/Wood land	Jill Molan
Eastern Bristlebird	1	06-Jul-08	Budderoo Firetrail	Heath/Wood land	Jill Molan
Brown-headed Honeyeater	1	06-Jul-08	Budderoo Firetrail	Heath/Wood land	Jill Molan
Bassian Thrush	2	08-Jul-08	Mt. Pleasant	rain forest	Wal Emery

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**August 2008**

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Many thanks for all your records. It has been very cold recently, as if you need reminding, but it is an interesting time for birding as there is an overlap of our winter visitors and spring migrants. The first Latham's Snipe of the season was reported from the Hawkesbury on the 19 August so keep you eyes peeled for this elusive bird in swamps and marshes and look out for the first Sharp Tailed Sandpipers. Now is the time to be recording the first date seen for our summer migrants so I would welcome records of these and also breeding activity for our commoner birds.

Birds Australia is looking for people to participate in their Australian National Waterhole Count on 11 October. All you need is a pair of binoculars, a place where birds come to drink whether it is a leaky tap in your back yard or a water trough on the Canning Stock Route. More details can be obtained from BA on [www.birdsaustralia.com.au](http://www.birdsaustralia.com.au).

The ABC will televise the Twitchathon based film "Chasing Birds" on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> October. This film traces the experiences of three teams in the 2003 Twitchathon and will be a must see for all birders. No time slot has been announced as yet but keep a look out for the advertised time.

Several of you have provided me with sightings and equally important non-sightings of logrunners in suitable habitat. The most sightings have been provided by Bob Ashford at Lothlorien and Black Ash Reserves. Obviously a good place to start to hone our ID skills on this bird for a planned census later in the year.

Jann and Ross Gowans have sent me a record of a Barn Owl at Bellambi Dunes. Their sightings were of a bird perched close to the path, a good view of a bird in flight and the immediate sighting of a freshly dead individual. I hope that there was one survivor. It is not uncommon to see Barn Owls hunting in daylight hours, however, these sightings may be the result of extreme food shortages when the birds are desperate for food which could have decided the fate of the dead individual found by Jann.

Below are the unusual and interesting sightings for the month, other records have been provided by: Ian McKinley, Alan Cousins, Mike Morphett, David Bourke, Jean Clarke, and Tom Wylie

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Eastern Osprey	1	August	Corrimal Beach	Seashore	Jack Baker
Collared Sparrowhawk	1 F	23-Jul-08	Bellawongarah	Forest	Bob Ashford
Swamp Harrier	1	13-Jul-08	Dunmore	Reedbeds	Martin and Penny Potter
Swamp Harrier	1	12-Aug-08	Gerroa	Reedbeds	Martin Cocker
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	30/07/08 & 17/08/08	Bellawongarah	Forest	Bob Ashford
Peregrine Falcon	1	20-Jul-08	Foxground	Overhead	Martin and Penny Potter
Peregrine Falcon	1	12-Aug-08	Foxground	Overhead	Martin Cocker
White-fronted	4	August	Off Wollongong	Pelagic	Chris Brandis

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Musk Lorikeet	21	04-Aug-08	Ben's Walk Nowra	Riverside	Martin and Penny Potter
Superb Parrot	1	August	Wollongong Botanic Gardens	Garden	Jann and Ross Gowans
Eastern Barn Owl	1	18-Aug-08	Bellambi Dunes	Dunes	Jann Gowans
Eastern Barn Owl	1	19-Aug-08	Berry North Street	Rural/Urban	Bob Ashford
Rockwarbler	2	04-Aug-08	Ben's Walk Nowra	Riverside	Martin and Penny Potter
Crescent Honeyeater	Several	August	Bellawongarah	Forest	Bob Ashford
			Last record in 2003 in this location		
Logrunner	5	07-Aug-08	Bellawongarah & Black Ash Reserve	Forest	Bob Ashford
Logrunner	1	July	Bellawongarah & Black Ash Reserve	Forest	Bob Ashford
Logrunner	1	June	Bellawongarah & Black Ash Reserve	Forest	Bob Ashford
Varied Sittella	2	17-Aug-08	Pioneer Park Kangaroo Vaalley	Rural	Bob Ashford
White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	1	August	Thirroul	Garden	Jann and Ross Gowans
White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	1	10-Aug-08	Thirroul	Garden	Ian McKinley
Figbird	1 M	16-Aug-08	Mount Warrigal	Garden	Norma Burke
Rose Robin	2 Pair	18-Aug-08	Pioneer Park Kangaroo Vaalley	Rural	Bob Ashford
Bassian Thrush	1	23-Jul-08	Wollongong Botanic Gardens	Parkland	Martin and Penny Potter
Bassian Thrush	1	28-Jul-08	Carrington Falls	Picnic Ground	Jill Molan
Bassian Thrush	2	August	Austinmer	Bush	Joan Wylie
Common Blackbird	1	07-Aug-08	Thirroul	Residential Garden	Mike Morphet
Common Blackbird	1	14-Aug-08	Kanahooka Point	Residential Garden	Martin Cocker

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**September 2008**

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Many thanks for all your records. Obviously Spring is now well under way as evidenced by sightings reported in Birding-Aus and by IBOC members. Reed Warbler, Koel, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Whiskered Tern, Latham's Snipe and Black faced Monarch are but a few examples that you have sent in. Thank you to you all and keep notifying me of your "firsts" as the season progresses.

I have bent the rules in preparing this month's list and included sightings that do not strictly fit within the normal rules of "unusual" but because they are the first sightings of Spring then they are noteworthy!!

<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>NO.</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>HABITAT</b>	<b>OBSERVER</b>
Brush-turkey	1	22-Aug	Mt. Keira Ring Track	Rainforest	Michelle Rower
Brush-turkey	3	10-Sep	Mt. Pleasant Track. Mt. Keira	Rainforest	IBOC
White-Headed Pigeon	2	24-Aug	Berry	Urban	Kevin Mills
Bar-shouldered Dove	2	25-Aug	Primbee	Bush	Charlie Dove
White-necked Heron	2	24-Aug	South of Berry	Paddock	Kevin Mills
White-necked Heron	1	29-Aug	Yattheyattah	Paddock	Kevin Mills
Eastern Osprey	2	11-Aug	Lake Illawarra	Display flight	Bruce Coyte
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	22-Aug	Coledale/Austinmer	Littoral/residential	Mike Morphett
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	07-Sep	Robertson ( Seen from Pie Shop!!)	Pie Watching	Brian Hales
Brown Goshawk	1	21-Sep	Bulli Showground	Overhead suburban	Mike Morphett
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	08-Sep	Jamberoo	garden	Elizabeth Hudson
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	04-Sep	Bellawongarah	Rainforest	Bob Ashford
Grey Goshawk	1	11-Sep	Bulli Tops	Rainforest	Roger Truscott
Swamp Harrier	1	07-Sep	Killalea Lagoon	Rural	Graham Barwell
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	21-Sep	Florence Head Morton NP	Heath/Woodland	Bob Ashford
A. Hobby	1	19-Sep	Hooka Point	Bush	Lorraine Pincus
Double-banded Plover	2	31-Aug	Windang ( Breeding Plumage)	Shoreline	Bruce and Kelsey O'Brien
Latham's Snipe	1	20-Sep	Kanahooka Point	Marsh	Martin Cocker
Red Knot	4+	12-Sep	Primbee Lake Illawarra	Shore	Charlie Dove
Painted button-quail	1	17-Sep			Joan Zealey
Painted button-quail	1	24-Sep	Berry	Rural	Bob Ashford
Whiskered Tern	10	21-Sep	Primbee, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Martin Cocker

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Pacific Gull	2 Imm	09-Sep	Windang Lake Entrance	seaside	Chris Brandis
Kelp Gull	1	15-Sep	North Beach. Wollongong	Seashore	Lorraine Pincus
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	1	29-Aug	South Ulladulla	Forest	Kevin Mills
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	2	30-Aug	Long Beach, Batemans Bay	forest	Kevin Mills
Superb Parrot	1	02-Sep	Jamberoo	garden	Elizabeth Hudson
Eastern Koel	1	21-Sep	Austinmer	Suburban	Graham Meany
Eastern Koel	1	20-Sep	Excelsior Coalmine Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Eastern Koel	1	18-Sep	Lake Illawarra High School	suburban	Cheryl Akhurst
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1	21-Sep	Wollongong City Heard Calling	Urban	Kate Cocker
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1	20-Sep	Excelsior Coalmine Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1	08-Sep	Bulli	Rural	Graham Barwell
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	1	26-Aug	Bellawongarah	Rainforest/paddocks	Bob Ashford
Brush Cuckoo	1	21-Sep	Illawarra Escarpment SCA	Rural	Graham Barwell
Azure Kingfisher	1	24-Sep	Minamurra River	Riparian	Lorraine Pincus
Sacred Kingfisher	1	21-Sep	Hooka Point	Bush	Lorraine Pincus
Sacred Kingfisher	1	07-Sep	Little Lake	Estuarine	Graham Barwell
Green Catbird	2	27-Aug	Bellawongarah	Rainforest/paddocks	Bob Ashford
Green Catbird	1	19-Sep	Bellawongarah	Forest	Bob Ashford
Yellow-throated Scrubwren	1	08-Sep	Bellawongarah	Rainforest/paddocks	Bob Ashford
Yellow-throated Scrubwren	1	10-Sep	Mt. Pleasant Track. Mt. Keira	Rainforest	IBOC
Fuscous Honeyeater	5	22-Sep	Florence Head Morton NP	Heath/Woodland	Bob Ashford
Scarlet Honeyeater	Few	29-Aug	South Ulladulla	forest	Kevin Mills
Scarlet Honeyeater	1	13-Sep	Slacky Creek, Bulli	Riparian	Roger Truscott
Scarlet Honeyeater	1	10-Sep	Mt. Pleasant Track. Mt. Keira	Rainforest	IBOC
Crescent Honeyeater	1	Aug. Daily	Bellawongarah	Rainforest/paddocks	Bob Ashford
Logrunner	1	19-Sep	Bellawongarah	Forest	Bob Ashford
Rufous Whistler	1	24-Aug	Blackbutt Reserve	Park	Chris Brandis
Rufous Whistler	1	18-Sep	Hooka Point	Bush	Lorraine Pincus
Dusky Woodswallow	8+	24-Sep	Florence Head Morton NP	Heath/Woodland	Bob Ashford
Spangled Drongo	1	30-Aug	Primbee Dunes	Dunes	Michelle Rower
Rufous Fantail	1	20-Sep	Lindsay Park School	Urban	Joan Zealey
Black-faced Monarch	2	20-Sep	Hooka Point	Bush	Lorraine Pincus
Black-faced	1	18-Sep	Bellawongarah ( 1st of	Forest	Bob Ashford

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Monarch			season)		
Black-faced Monarch	1	22-Sep	Excelsior Coalmine Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Rose Robin	1	30-Aug	Primbee Dunes	Dunes	Michelle Rower
Rose Robin	1	08-Sep	Bellawongarah	Rainforest/paddocks	Bob Ashford
Rose Robin	1	23-Sep	Florence Head Morton NP	Heath/Woodland	Bob Ashford
Reed-Warbler	1 First Migrant	04-Sep	Purrah Bay, Lake Illawarra	Reedbeds	Martin Cocker
Reed-Warbler	1	07-Sep	Killalea Lagoon	Rural	Graham Barwell
Bassian Thrush	1	13-Aug	Bellawongarah	Rainforest/paddocks	Bob Ashford
Common Blackbird	1	08-Sep	Bellawongarah	Rainforest/paddocks	Bob Ashford
Beautiful Firetail	1	25-Sep	Florence Head Morton NP	Heath/Woodland	Bob Ashford

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**October 2008**

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A good month for birding with plenty of migrants around and records of breeding activity. The Spotted Crakes are still in the drain and foreshore of Kanahooka Point together with a Buff-banded Rail. Some great photos of the Crakes have been taken by Glenniss Wellings that you will undoubtedly see in the near future. David Winterbottom has seen a Black-tailed Native-hen, in Fred Finch Park, Berkeley at the same time of the year I first saw this species in Why Juck Bay, other sightings at that time were at Killalea so keep your eyes open in suitable places. Other records have been sent in by: Michelle Rower, Fae and Kevin McGregor, Jane Kinsella, Cheryl Akhurst, Elizabeth Hudson, Danie Ondinea and Jill Molan.

Good Birding

Martin Cocker

Species	No.	Date	Location	Habitat	Observer
Brush-turkey	1+ Mound	24-Sep	Tarrawanna	Lantana Thicket	Wal Emery
Brush-turkey	1	02-Oct	Uni of Wollongong Campus	Park	Penny Potter
Shelduck	2A 5Y	26-Sep	Moss Vale		Chris Brandis
Peaceful Dove	1 Calling	12-Oct	Keiraville	suburban	Robyn Wilson
Tawny Frogmouth	1	08-Oct	Figtree	nesting	Peter Fackender
Striated Heron	1	25-Sep	Kanahooka Point	estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Striated Heron	1	06-Oct	Hooka Creek, Berkeley	tidal creek	Lorraine Pincus
Striated Heron	1	06-Oct	Mullet Creek, Brownsville	tidal creek	Lorraine Pincus
Striated Heron	1	07-Oct	Puckey's Lagoon	tidal creek	David Winterbottom
Striated Heron	1	13-Oct	Puckey's Lagoon	tidal creek	David Winterbottom
Striated Heron	1	09-Oct	Joes Bay, Primbee	lakeside	Lorraine Pincus'
Striated Heron	1	18-Oct	Purrah Bay/Kanahooka Point	lakeshore	Martin Cocker
Striated Heron	1	21-Oct	Little Lake	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Eastern Osprey	2	19-Oct	Barrara	Estuarine	Sheila Emery
Whistling Kite	Breeding	16-Oct	Murray's Beach Jervis Bay	Bush	Michelle Rower
Brown Goshawk	1	11-Oct	Cecil Hoskins Reserve	swamp	Bob Ashford
Brown Goshawk	1	08-Oct	Fox Ground	rural	Bob Ashford
Brown Goshawk	1	21-Sep	Bulli	overhead	Mike Morphett
Grey Goshawk	1	11-Oct	Bellawongarah	Paddock/rainforest	Bob Ashford
Grey Goshawk	1	07-Oct	Mt. Ousley	Forest	Joan Zealey
Swamp Harrier	1	28-Sep	Brownsville	overhead	Peter Fackender
Swamp Harrier	1	08-Oct	Ooarree Creek, Gerroa	swamp	Bob Ashford
Swamp Harrier	1	20-Oct	Ooarree Creek, Gerroa	swamp	Bob Ashford
Swamp Harrier	1	20-Oct	Kanahooka, over Hwy	swampside	Bob Ashford
Swamp Harrier	1	05-Oct	Kanahooka, over Hwy	swampside	Martin Cocker

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Wedge-tailed Eagle	1 Ist Yr.	14-Oct	Lake Yarrunga Kangaroo Valley	overhead	Lorraine Pincus
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	11-Oct	Bellawongarah	Paddock/rainforest	Bob Ashford
Peregrine Falcon	1	09-Oct	East Corrimal	woodland	David Winterbottom
Peregrine Falcon	1	17-Oct	Bomaderry	overhead	Bob Ashford
Buff-banded Rail	1	18-Oct	Purrah Bay/Kanahooka Point	Reedbeds	Martin Cocker
Spotted Crake	2	October	Purrah Bay, Kanahooka Point	Lakeside drain	Lorraine Pincus/Glennis Wellings
Black-tailed Native-hen	1	30-Sep	Fred Finch Park	Channelside	David Winterbottom
Hooded Plover	Pair +chick	10-Oct	Racecourse Beach Ulladulla	Beach	Martin & Penny Potter
Painted button-quail	1	24-Sep	Berry	Kangaroo Valley Road	Bob Ashford
Swift Parrot	1	22-Sep	Regal Heights Albion Park	school grounds	Bruce Coyte
Azure Kingfisher	4	06-Oct	Mullet Creek, Brownsville	tidal creek	Lorraine Pincus
Azure Kingfisher	2	06-Oct	Berkeley Boat Harbour	Lakeside	Lorraine Pincus
Azure Kingfisher	1	11-Oct	Crooked River Gerroa	tidal creek	Martin & Penny Potter
Azure Kingfisher	2	14-Oct	Lake Yarrunga Kangaroo Valley	lakeside	Lorraine Pincus
Azure Kingfisher	1	21-Sep	Minnamurra River	tidal creek	Lorraine Pincus
Azure Kingfisher	1	19-Oct	Barrara	Creekside	Sheila Emery
Southern Emu-Wren	1	16-Oct	Murray's Beach Jervis Bay	Bush	Michelle Rower
Chestnut-rumped Heathwren	Breeding	16-Oct	Murray's Beach Jervis Bay	Bush	Michelle Rower
White-plumed Honeyeater	2	12-Oct	Kanahooka Point	parkland	Martin Cocker
Scarlet Honeyeater	1	10-Oct	Regal Heights Albion Park	Bottlebrush	Bruce Coyte
Logrunner	1m, 1f	27-Sep	Balgownie	Lantana Thicket	Wal Emery
Logrunner	1	22-Sep	Bellawongarah	Paddock/rainforest	Bob Ashford
Logrunner	1	29-Sep	Bellawongarah	Paddock/rainforest	Bob Ashford
White-winged Triller	1	04-Oct	Tom Thumb Tip	regrowth	David Winterbottom
White-winged Triller	1	28-Sep	Croome Road, Albion Park Rail	Parkland	Michelle Rower
Crested Shrike-tit	2	06-Oct	Illawarra SCA Excelsior Mine	Forest	Mike Morphet
Leaden Flycatcher	1	16-Oct	Murray's Beach Jervis Bay	Bush	Michelle Rower

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A short list this month, which may have something to do with the editor, as I am rushing to get away on holidays!! The number of Crake sightings and the Red-Kneed Dotterel numbers may be telling us something about what is going on inland although on a recent trip to Orange I was pleasantly surprised to see how green the grass and full the dams and creeks were. On my local patch it is interesting how the permanent opening of Lake Illawarra is changing the shorebird feeding areas as I have never seen so many Bar-tailed godwits as regulars to the Kanahooka Point area

Our records for the year are about the 700 mark so keep them coming in and I will provide a summary of the year's records in the New Year. In the meantime thanks again for all your contributions it has been a great start to my first year as Records Officer. I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Good Birding!!

Species	No.	Date	Location	Habitat	Observer
Common Tern	8	02-Nov	Black Head Gerroa	Coastal	Bob Ashford
Red-capped Plover	2	26-Oct	Fred Finch Park	mudflat	David Winterbottom
Bassian Thrush	1	17-Nov	Bellawongarah	Rainforest/Open Paddock	Bob Ashford
Pink-eared Duck	1	15-Nov	Sheepwash rd/Illawarra Hway	Farm Dam	Bob Ashford
Emerald Dove	1	12-Oct	Balgownie	Garden	Terry Edwell
Striated Heron	1	20-Oct	Puckies Reserve	tidal creek	David Winterbottom
Striated Heron	1	10-Nov	Puckies Reserve	tidal creek	David Winterbottom
Striated Heron	1	17-Nov	Puckies Reserve	tidal creek	David Winterbottom
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	18-Nov	Woonana East	Garden (with prey)	Nerida Hudspith
Swamp Harrier	1	15-Nov	ss Vale	Rural	Bob Ashford
Buff-banded Rail	2	08-Nov	Figtree	Creekside	Joan Zealey
Baillon's Crake	1	07-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Pond	mudflat	Chris Brandis
Spotted Crake	3	07-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Pond	mudflat	Chris Brandis
Red-kneed Dotterel	6	07-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Pond	mudflat	Chris Brandis
Brush Cuckoo	1	16-Nov	Windang	Coastal Scrub	David Winterbottom
Azure Kingfisher	1	07-Nov	Fred Finch Park	Lake Edge	David Winterbottom
Large-billed Scrubwren	2	17-Nov	Bellawongarah	Rainforest/Open Paddock	Bob Ashford
Scarlet Honeyeater	Several	09-Nov	Bulli Old Mine Site	Forest	Roger Truscott
Crested Shrike-tit	2	09-Nov	Bulli Old Mine Site	Forest	Roger Truscott
Spangled Drongo	1	11-Nov	Fred Finch Park	Cassurina	David Winterbottom
Satin Flycatcher	2	09-Nov	Bulli Old Mine Site	Forest	Roger Truscott
Rose Robin	1	14-Nov	Bundeena, Kangaroo Valley	woodland	Bob Ashford

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