

Illawarra Bird Observers Club Inc  
MEMBERS' MONTHLY SIGHTINGS

**February 2009**

**Compiled By Martin Cocker**

A lot of records to catch up with for this first report of the year. I have started a new data base in honour of 2009! I have also closed the books on 2008 but will happily send this to anyone who would like to sort and play with the numbers.

An interesting month this month with quite a few surprises the Fork-tailed Swifts at Bass Point are a rare sighting in our area, the Black Bittern is another rarity, the record of the breeding Royal Spoonbills on one of the Five Islands is probably the first maritime breeding record, the Double-Banded Plover is an early arrival for this regular winter visitor and the breeding record for the Pied Butcher bird is the culmination of previous irregular records from this area. Perhaps the drought is impacting on the range of this species. Another bird well "out of range" was the Long-tailed Jaeger that was picked up in an exhausted state by WIRES personnel in Kangaroo Valley.

On a much more modest level while walking the dog the other morning I was transfixed by the sight of a large bird of prey floating down the road towards me at head height, it turned right at the intersection and then left again before disappearing from view. Swamp Harrier! The local Common Myna population watched all of this in stunned silence and it was only as the bird disappeared from view that they were able to collect their wits and shriek their customary alarms. So you can never tell what will turn up anywhere!

Many thanks for all your records, additional contributors are Joan Zealey, Betty Hudson, Sylvia Garlick and Ian McKinley

Species	No.	Date	Location	Habitat	Observer
Stubble Quail	4	01-Dec	Bellawongarah	Forest/Paddock	Bob Ashford
Shelduck	1	16-Dec	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	Ponds	Chris Brandis
Great Crested Grebe	1	02-Jan	Bundeena Pondage, Kangaroo Valley	Lake	Bob Ashford
Emerald Dove	1	05-Dec	Jerrara Dam	Bush	Chris Brandis
Common Bronzewing	several	14-Feb	Bangalee Reserve, Nowra	Bush	IBOC
White Throated Needletail	20+	6-Dec	Cambewarra Mountain	Overhead	Bob Ashford
Royal Spoonbill	5+	1-Dec	Five Islands Reserve Nesting	First marine breeding record	Lindsay Smith
Fork-tailed Swift	20+	23-Jan	Bass Point Quarry	Overhead	Charles Dove
Black Bittern	2	10-Feb	Nowra Creek, Ben's Walk, Nowra	Riparian	Bob Ashford, Nigel Jackett
Striated Heron	1	14-Feb	Bangalee Reserve, Nowra	Bush	IBOC
Square-tailed Kite	1	04-Jan	Cudmirrah	Overhead	Kevin Mills
Black Kite	1	21-Nov	Nowra Creek, Ben's Walk, Nowra	Overhead	via Alan Morris
Brown Goshawk	1	06-Jan	Kiama	Overhead	Kevin Mills
Swamp Harrier	1	04-Jan	Far Meadow, Berry	Rural	Bob Ashford

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Swamp Harrier	1	18-Feb	Kanahooka Point	Sub Urban	Martin Cocker
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	06-Feb	Jamberoo	Overhead	Kevin Mills
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	28-Jan	Mittagong	Overhead	Lorraine Pincus
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	00-Jan-00	Bellawongarah	Forest/Paddock	Bob Ashford
Hobby	1	02-Feb	Heritage Park Primbee	Riparian	Charles Dove
Buff-banded Rail	1	03-Feb	Balgownie	Garden	Wal Emery
Red-kneed Dotterel	1	09-Feb	Greenwell Point	Shore	Nigel Jackett
Grey-tailed Tattler	11	09-Feb	Greenwell Point	Shore	Nigel Jackett
Double-banded Plover	1	04-Feb	Windang Estuary	Shore	Terrill Nordstrom
Long-tailed Jaeger	1	15-Feb	Kangaroo Valley	Storm Driven. Picked up by WIRES	Carla Jackett
Weebill	1	14-Feb	Bangalee Reserve, Nowra	Bush	IBOC
Scarlet Honeyeater	several	14-Feb	Bangalee Reserve, Nowra	Bush	IBOC
Logrunner	1	07-Dec	Bellawongarah	Forest/Paddock	Bob Ashford
Pied Butcherbird	Breeding with young	Dec-Jan	Forbes Valley, Engadine Ridge	Garden	John Blomstedt
Spangled Drongo	1	18-Jan	Duck Creek, Dapto	Woodland	Neil Wheway
Leaden Flycatcher	1	14-Feb	Bangalee Reserve, Nowra	Bush	IBOC
Tawny Grassbird	1	11-Jan	Myimbar Wetlands	Wetland	Lorraine Pincus

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A fantastic number of records this month, thankyou! The fine weather has attracted many of you into the field at this busy time of the year as the migrants, this seasons juveniles are all on the move. The Chestnut-rumped Heathwren is a rarity, good to see the sightings of the Logrunner and the Owlet-nightjar is probably a much unreported species. Other records were sent in by Bill Zealey, Dave Thomson, Glenniss Wellings, Jill Molan, Terrill Nordstrom, Joan Zealey and Martin and Penny Potter.

SPECIES	No.	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Brush-turkey	1	01-Dec	Meroo Meadow-Cambewarra Lookout	First sighting in this area for many years	via Bob Ashford
Common Bronzewing	1	15-Mar	Morton National Park	Forest	Nigel Jakkett
Common Bronzewing	1	14-Mar	Bargo River, Tahmoor	Riparian	Bob Ashford
Brush Bronzewing	1	15-Mar	Morton National Park	Forest	Nigel Jakkett
Peaceful Dove	4	14-Mar	Bargo River, Tahmoor	Riparian	Bob Ashford
Peaceful Dove	3	14-Mar	Bargo River, Tahmoor	Riparian	Bob Ashford
Peaceful Dove	4	15-Mar	Carters Creek, Bargo area	Woodland	Graham Barwell
Tawny Frogmouth	1	14-Mar	Burrier	Bush	Nigel Jakkett
Tawny Frogmouth	2	Regular in Feb.	Illawarra Sports High School Grounds	Sub Urban	Michelle Rower
Owlet-nightjar	2	14-Mar	Burrier	Bush	Nigel Jakkett
Black-browed Albatross	1	6-Mar	Off Shore from Bellambi	Pelagic	Tom Wiley
Rock Warbler	2	10-Feb	Ben's Walk Nowra	Rural	Bob Ashford
Black Petrel	1	24 Jan.	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Streaked Shearwater	1	24 Jan.	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Streaked Shearwater	2	28 Feb.	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Striated Heron	1	21-Feb	Little Lake	Estuarine	Michelle Rower
Striated Heron	1A 1J	08-Mar	Tallawarra Power Station	Waterway	Darryl Goldrick
Eastern Reef Egret	2	04-Oct	Berrara	Rock platform	Kevin Mills
Eastern Reef Egret	1	29-Dec	Berrara	Beach	Kevin Mills
Nankeen Night Heron	1	21-Feb	Little Lake-Warilla Bowls Club	Roosting	TerryEdwell/Michelle Rower
Eastern Osprey	1	11-Mar	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	Overhead	Chris Brandis
Square-tailed Kite	1	04-Jan	Cudmirrah	Overhead	Kevin Mills
Square-tailed Kite	1	01-Mar	Nowra	Urban	Nigel Jakkett
Square-tailed Kite	1	10-Mar	Comerong Island Nature Reserve	Forest	Nigel Jakkett
Square-tailed Kite	1	11-Mar	Nowra	Overhead	Nigel Jakkett
Square-tailed Kite	1	17-Mar	Nowra	Overhead	Nigel Jakkett
Eastern Osprey	1	4-Mar	Shoalhaven Bridge, Nowra	Riparian	Jill Molan/Terrill Nordstrom
Pacific Baza	2A2J	15-Jan	Bulli	Rainforest	Roger Truscott
Pacific Baza	4	18 Jan.	Bulli	Forest	Graham Barwell
Pacific Baza	1	1-Mar	Kangaroo Valley--Home	Rural	Nigel Jakkett
Whistling Kite	1	05-Feb	Nowra	Urban	Bob Ashford
Whistling Kite	1	03-Mar	Figtree	Overhead	Lorraine Pincus
Whistling Kite	2	22 Feb.	Macquarie Rivulet, Alb. Pk Rail	Riparian	Graham Barwell

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Brown Goshawk	1	18-Jan	Berry	Rural	Bob Ashford
Brown Goshawk	1	24-Jan	Spring Creek Reserve Kiama	Rural	Bob Ashford
Brown Goshawk	1	10-Feb	Ben's Walk Nowra	Rural	Bob Ashford
Brown Goshawk	1	06-Jan	Kiama (west)	Overhead	Kevin Mills
Brown Goshawk	1	8-Mar	Oak Flats	Sub Urban	Nigel Jackett
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	21-Feb	Woonona	Bush	Nerida Hudspith
Grey Goshawk	1	15-Feb	Bulli	Rainforest	Roger Truscott
Grey Goshawk	1-	04-Mar	Warilla- White Morph	Urban	
Swamp Harrier	1	24-Jan	Wingecarribee Dam	Rural	Bob Ashford
Swamp Harrier	1	14-Feb	Wingecarribee Dam	Rural	Bob Ashford
Swamp Harrier	1	15-Mar	Killalea Lagoon	Wetland	Joshua Coyte
Swamp Harrier	1	13-Mar	Greenwell Point	Estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	15-Mar	Morton National Park	Forest	Nigel Jackett
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	18-Jan	Kangaroo Valley	Rural	Bob Ashford
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	21-Jan	Tarrara-Nowra	Rural	Bob Ashford
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	31-Jan	Bellawongarah	Forest/Paddock	Bob Ashford
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	06-Jan	Jamberoo	Overhead	Kevin Mills
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	15-Mar	Albion Park	Overhead	Joshua Coyte
Little Eagle	1	14-Mar	Bargo River, Tahmoor	Riparian	Bob Ashford
Little Eagle	1	15-Mar	Avon Dam Road	Woodland	Graham Barwell
Brown Falcon	1	14-Mar	Menangle Rd. Maldon Nr Picton	Farm Dam	Bob Ashford
Hobby	1	15-Mar	Killalea Lagoon	Wetland	Joshua Coyte
Hobby	1	22 Feb.	Macquarie Rivulet, Alb. Pk Rail	Riparian	Graham Barwell
Peregrine Falcon	1	16-Jan	Berry	Rural	Bob Ashford
Peregrine Falcon	1	05-Mar	Bald Hill	Overhead	Mike Morphet
Sooty Oystercatcher	11	06-Mar	Coledale Beach	Rock Platform	Mike Morphet
Black-winged Stilt	8	13-Mar	Ryan's Creek	Estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Bar-tailed Godwit	70	13-Mar	Greenwell Point	Estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Whimbrel	24	13-Mar	Greenwell Point	Estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Common Greenshank	1	13-Mar	Ryan's Creek	Estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Great Knot	1	10-Mar	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Painted Button-quail	1	7-Mar	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Long-tailed Jaeger	4+	28 Feb.	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Sooty Tern	1	24 Jan.	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Common Tern	6	13-Mar	Greenwell Point	Estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	1	05-Oct	Cudmirrah	Forest	Kevin Mills
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	2	11-Mar	W of Sussex inlet	Forest	Kevin Mills
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	1	6-Mar	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	2	13-Mar	West Nowra	Sub Urban	Nigel Jackett
Cockatiel	1	27-Feb	Kembla Range Racecourse	Rural	Neil Wheway
Cockatiel	1	27-Feb	Kembla Range Racecourse	Overhead	Tom Wiley
Musk Lorikeet	10	14-Mar	Burrier	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Little Lorikeet	30	14-Mar	Burrier	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Brush Cuckoo	1 J	05-Mar	Heritage Park Primbee	Bush	Charles Dove
Rainbow Bee-eater	20+	19-Feb	West Nowra	Forest/Paddock	TerryEdwell/Michelle Rower
Rainbow Bee-eater	20+	26-Feb	West Nowra	Forest/Paddock	Terry Edwell/Charles Dove

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Rainbow Bee-eater	10+	03-Mar	Ben's Walk Nowra	Bush	Bob Ashford
Superb Lyrebird	2	15-Mar	Morton National Park	Forest	Nigel Jackett
Southern Emu-wren	3	11-Mar	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	First sighting for this location	Chris Brandis
Southern Emu-wren	3	7-Mar	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Eastern Bristlebird	1	07-Mar	Jervis Bay Road	Roadside	Sheila Emery
Eastern Bristlebird	2	7-Mar	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Rockwarbler	1	14-Mar	Bargo River, Tahmoor	Riparian	Bob Ashford
Large-billed Scrubwren	2	05-Mar	Excelsior, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphet
Chestnut-rumped Heathwren	1	14-Mar	Bargo River, Tahmoor	Riparian	Bob Ashford
Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	1	19-Feb	West Nowra	Forest/Paddock	Terry Edwell/Michelle Rower
Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	several	26-Feb	West Nowra	Forest/Paddock	Terry Edwell/Charles Dove
Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	1 m	15-Mar	Avon Dam Road	Woodland	Graham Barwell
Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	5	15-Mar	Carters Creek, Bargo area	Woodland	Graham Barwell
White-plumed Honeyeater	2	22 Feb.	Macquarie Rivulet, Alb. Pk Rail	Riparian	Graham Barwell
Bell Miner	1	05-Mar	Talong	Dry Forest	Betty Hudson
Bell Miner	10	14-Mar	Burrier	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Scarlet Honeyeater	1(m)	07-Jan	Sussex Inlet	Forest	Kevin Mills
Scarlet Honeyeater	call	18 Jan.	Bulli	Forest	Graham Barwell
Scarlet Honeyeater	call	21 Jan.	Bulli	Forest	Graham Barwell
Scarlet Honeyeater	1	14-Mar	Burrier	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Brown-headed Honeyeater	several	26-Feb	West Nowra	Forest/Paddock	Terry Edwell/Charles Dove
Logrunner	1	20-Feb	Mt. Kembla	Rainforest	Terry Edwell/Charles Dove
Logrunner	2	31-Jan	Bellawongarah	Forest/Paddock	Bob Ashford
Logrunner	2	25-Feb	Bellawongarah	Forest/Paddock	Bob Ashford
Varied Sittella	6	15-Mar	Morton National Park	Forest	Nigel Jackett
Varied Sittella	5+	15-Mar	Carters Creek, Bargo area	Woodland	Graham Barwell
Cicadabird	1	13-Mar	Stanwell Tops	Forest	Mike Morphet
Figbird	2	8 Feb.	Windang	Parkland	Graham Barwell
Dusky Woodswallow	5	15-Mar	Carters Creek, Bargo area	Woodland	Graham Barwell
Satin Flycatcher	1	20-Feb	Mt. Kembla	Rainforest	Terry Edwell/Charles Dove
Jacky Winter	2	15-Mar	Carters Creek, Bargo area	Woodland	Graham Barwell
Mistletoebird	1 m	15-Mar	Avon Dam Road	Woodland	Graham Barwell
Mistletoebird	call	15-Mar	Carters Creek, Bargo area	Woodland	Graham Barwell
Double-barred finch	2	15-Mar	Carters Creek, Bargo area	Woodland	Graham Barwell
Beautiful Firetail	1	7-Mar	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Bush	Nigel Jackett

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**April 2009**

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A smaller number of records fit into the "Unusual or Interesting" category this month but again we have had many records submitted. The Cape Barren geese were a great sighting. I have never seen them in the wild but have seen them as exotics in private collections, an unusual looking bird. Other records have been submitted by Betty Hudson, Mike Morphet and Charlie Dove.

SPECIES	No.	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Cape Barren Goose	2	6-Apr	Shellharbour Golf Course	Rural	Chris Brandis
Bar-shouldered Dove	1	10-Apr	Primbee	Garden	Ron Imisides
Bar-shouldered Dove	8	15-Mar	Killalea SRA	Parkland	Nikolas Haass
White-throated Nightjar	1	30-Mar	Shoalhaven Heads	Heath	Nigel Jackett
White-throated Nightjar	1	5-Apr	Exeter Exit, Hume Hwy	Heath	Nigel Jackett
White-throated Nightjar	1	22-Mar	Seven Mile Beach NP	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Pacific Baza	1 to 2	3 to 10 April	Kangaroo Valley	Rural	Carla Jackett
Grey Goshawk	1	8-Apr	Kangaroo Valley	Rural	Carla Jackett
Grey Goshawk	11	26-Mar	Killalea SRA	Parkland	Patrick Lyons
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	29-Mar	Kangaroo Valley	Rural	Nigel Jackett
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	9-Apr	Kangaroo Valley	Rural	Carla Jackett
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	26-Mar	Killalea SRA	Parkland	Patrick Lyons
Brown Falcon	2	11-Apr	Coolangatta Mountain	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Brown Falcon	1	15-Mar	Killalea SRA	Parkland	Nikolas Haass
Peregrine Falcon	1	19-Apr	Berry	Rural	Nigel Jackett
Musk Lorikeet	5	11-Apr	Shoalhaven Heads	Rural	Nigel Jackett
Musk Lorikeet	many	15-Apr	Wollongong Bot. Gardens	Garden	IBOC
Brush Cuckoo	1 Juv	15-Mar	Killalea SRA	Parkland	Nikolas Haass
Rockwarbler	1	13-Apr	Bungonia Gorge	Bush	Gleniss Wellings
Satin Flycatcher	1	23-Mar	Red Rocks Cambewarra Range	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Rose Robin	1	16-Apr	Figtree	Garden	Lorraine Pincus
Rose Robin	1	15-Apr	Wollongong Botanical Gardens	Garden	IBOC

Several members have asked about Gang-gang Cockatoo's and their apparent decline over previous years. Over the last two years we only have five records mostly away from the coast. When I lived in Bowral they were regular winter visitors to the hawthorn bushes in gardens and road sides. Please can we make a special point of looking out for these birds and submitting reports.

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Our Wader Counts on the first Sunday of the month are becoming a regular feature of the Clubs Calendar. We have spent time establishing the best locations to find these birds at roost and have met local residents who have shown interest in our activity and have provided local knowledge. Everyone is always welcome to join this morning activity.

Recently I was contacted by phone from a web site enquiry from a local who had found a badly injured Little Tern at Windang that subsequently died. The bird was carrying a ring and I submitted the details on-line to the Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme. This bird was banded on 31 January 2009 at Lake Conjola as a nestling, so its life span was only one month and 15 days and it had travelled 89km to Windang. A life far short of its potential.

Many thanks for all your records! Please send in your sightings to [cocker@speedlink.com.au](mailto:cocker@speedlink.com.au) and don't forget that these lists are on our website [www.iboc.org.au](http://www.iboc.org.au). Good Birding!

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**May 2009**

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I have just returned from the IBOC walk around Tallawarra Ash Ponds a good turnout of members and some 70 species, a good morning! Some of you were kind enough to point out my typo for last month when I reported 11 Grey Goshawk's. Unfortunately not should have read 1. I wonder what the collective noun is for Goshawks; a "Glare" would be appropriate but would be rarely used for such a solitary species. Here are the records for the month, it is good to see so many members contributing to our database.

SPECIES	No.	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Cape Barren Goose	2	May 09	Shellharbour Golf Course	golf course	Chris Brandis
White-headed Pigeon	1	20-Apr	Balgownie	Garden	Wal Emery
Wonga Pigeon	1	11-May	Kangaroo Valley	Rural	Nigel Jackett
Topknot Pigeon	100	12-May	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Escarpment	Jil Molan
Topknot Pigeon	1	27-Apr	Budderoo National Park-- Minnamurra Rainforest	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Grey-headed Albatross	1	28-Apr	Off Wollongong	Pelagic	Chris Brandis
Buller's Albatross	1	28-Apr	Off Wollongong	Pelagic	Chris Brandis
Black-shouldered Kite	1	24-May	Tallawarra	Rural	IBOC
Black-shouldered Kite	3	May 14	Killalea SRA	Wetland	Joshua Coyte
Black-shouldered Kite	2	07-May	Shellharbour Marina Site	Swamp	Charles Dove
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	24-May	Tallawarra	Rural	IBOC
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	3	May 10	Killalea SRA	Wetland	Joshua Coyte
Whistling Kite	1	24-May	Tallawarra	Rural	IBOC
Grey Goshawk	1	04-May	Foxground	Forest	Peter Nolan
Grey Goshawk	1	May 12	Killalea SRA	Wetland	Joshua Coyte
Grey Goshawk	1	26-Apr	Bomaderry	Rural	Nigel Jackett
Grey Goshawk	1	15-May	Bomaderry	Rural	Nigel Jackett
Swamp Harrier	1	May 15	Killalea SRA	Wetland	Joshua Coyte
Swamp Harrier	1	07-May	Shellharbour Marina Site	Swamp	Charles Dove
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	24-May	Tallawarra	Rural	IBOC
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	10-May	Tarrawanna	Escarpment	Alan Cousins
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	20-Apr	Bellawongarah	Bush/Paddock	Bob Ashford
Little Eagle	1	May 11	Killalea SRA	Wetland	Joshua Coyte
Nankeen Kestrel	2	May 13	Killalea SRA	Wetland	Joshua Coyte
Nankeen Kestrel	2	04-May	Wollongong University- Nesting	Parkland	Alan Cousins
Brown Falcon	1	24-May	Tallawarra	Rural	IBOC
Australian Hobby	1	07-May	Shellharbour Marina Site	Swamp	Charles Dove
Australian Hobby	3	May 09	Killalea SRA	Wetland	Joshua Coyte
Australian Hobby	1	18-May	Hooka Creek	Overhead	Lorraine Pincus
Australian Hobby	1	20-May	Albion Park Rail	Overhead	Peter Fackender



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Peregrine Falcon	1	30-Apr	Figtree Prey on Rainbow Lorikeet	Overhead	Lorraine Pincus
Peregrine Falcon	1	07-May	West Nowra--Flatrock Dam	Bush	Nigel Jakkett
Whimbrel	1	03-May	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Eastern Curlew	3	03-May	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Painted Button-quail	11	02-Apr	Berry Garden	Garden	Bob Ashford
Gang-gang Cockatoo	1	25-Apr	Berry	Rural	Nigel Jakkett
Musk Lorikeet	3	28-Apr	Nowra	Urban	Nigel Jakkett
Southern Boobook	1	24-Apr	Kangaroo Valley	Rural	Nigel Jakkett
Azure Kingfisher	1	07-May	Minnamurra	Estuarine	Neil McKinlay
Azure Kingfisher	1	20-May	Hyams Creek Jamberoo	Riparian	Elizabeth Hudson
Southern Emu-wren	4	11-May	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Heath	Charles Dove
Eastern Bristlebird	2	11-May	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Heath	Charles Dove
Pilotbird	1	11-May	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Heath	Charles Dove
Rockwarbler	4	08-May	Box Vale Tram Track	Scrub	Charles Dove
Fuscous Honeyeater	1	17-May	Primbee Sandtrack	Heath	Ron Imisedes
Crescent Honeyeater	1	07-May	Morton National Park--Yarramunmun	Bush	Nigel Jakkett
White-cheeked honeyeater	4	May 09	Puckey's Reserve	Bush	Ronel Jit
Logrunner	1	06-Apr	Bellawongarah	Bush/Paddock	Bob Ashford
Logrunner	1	April 09	Scarborough-Nest Found	Rainforest	Danie Ondinea
Spotted Quail-thrush	1	08-May	Box Vale Tram Track	Scrub	Charles Dove
Spotted Quail-thrush	2	07-May	Yalwal	Bush	Nigel Jakkett
Dusky Woodswallow	5	27-Apr	Jibbon Fire Trail Royal National Park	Heath	Bruce and Kelsey O'Brien
White-winged Chough	16	23-Apr	Nowra	Urban	Nigel Jakkett
White-winged Chough	5	07-May	Yalwal	Bush	Nigel Jakkett
Rose Robin	2	03-May	Figtree	Garden	Lorraine Pincus
Tawny Grassbird	2	13-May	Hooka Creek	Riparian	Lorraine Pincus
Mistletoebird	1	07-May	Albion Park	Garden	Bruce Coyte

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Some good sightings of waders still about at Shoalhaven Heads, at the last Wader Count at Windang we only managed 4 Bar Tailed Godwits but the Double-Banded Plover was plentiful at the estuary mouth. Obviously Purrah Bay in Kanahooka is a good place to spot Crakes, with this month's sighting by Richard Fackender following on the Spotted Crake that was seen here a few months ago. Also a very welcome sighting of a Barn Owl in Wollongong urban area. Other records were sent in by Anne Cousins, Tom and Joan Wylie and Martin Cocker.

SPECIES	No.	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Musk Duck	1	30-May	Korrungulla Swamp	Swamp	Brian Hales, David Garlick
White-headed Pigeon	1	31-May	Black Ash Reserve Bellawongarah	Forest	IBOC
White-headed Pigeon	10	30-May	Mangerton	Urban	Ian McKinley
Wonga Pigeon	1	31-May	Black Ash Reserve Bellawongarah	Forest	IBOC
Pacific Baza	4	23-May	Jamberoo Mountain	Forest	Peter Nolan
White-bellied sea-eagle	1	30-May	Spring Creek Reserve. Kiama	Reserve	Bob Ashford
Great-crested Grebe	19	07-Jun	Bundeela Pondage, Kangaroo Valley	Freshwater	Bob Ashford
Brown Goshawk	1	30-May	Spring Creek Reserve. Kiama	Reserve	Bob Ashford
Grey Goshawk	1	31-May	Black Ash Reserve Bellawongarah	Forest	IBOC
Grey Goshawk	1	30-May	Spring Creek Reserve. Kiama	Reserve	Bob Ashford
Swamp Harrier	1	31-May	Coomonderry Swamp	Swamp	Martin and Penny Potter
Swamp Harrier	1	06-Jun	Killalea SRA	Parkland/forest	Bob Ashford
Little Eagle	1	06-Jun	Killalea SRA	Parkland/forest	Bob Ashford
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	13-May	Bellawongarah	Forest/Paddock	Bob Ashford
White-bellied sea-eagle	2	06-Jun	Killalea SRA	Parkland/forest	Bob Ashford
Hobby	1	30-May	Spring Creek Reserve. Kiama	Reserve	Bob Ashford
Peregrine Falcon	1	08-Jun	Kiama Coast	Coastal	Lorne Johnson
Spotless Crake	1	10-May	Purrah Bay, Kanahooka	Lakeside	Richard Fackender
Eastern Curlew	5	14-Jun	Shoalhaven Heads	Shoreline	Martin and Penny Potter
Gull-billed Tern	1	14-Jun	Shoalhaven Heads	Shoreline	Martin and Penny Potter
Eastern Barn Owl	1	15-Jun	Wollongong CBD Mobbed by Magpies	Urban Park	Terrill Nordstrom
Logrunner	2 Pairs	31-May	Black Ash Reserve Bellawongarah	Forest	IBOC

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**July 2009**

**Compiled By Martin Cocker**

Many of you have been at Shoalhaven Heads this month and been rewarded with healthy numbers of wintering waders. Nigel Jackett has appended his records with the following comments:

*“Of interest, Rex Worrell and I briefly saw a bird-of-prey during the count that may have been a Black Falcon. It flew from the dunes onto Comerong Island where we lost sight of it. We regularly see Peregrine Falcons and Australian Hobbys here, but this was black on top, and paler underneath, with a longer tail than a Peregrine. Flew much too fast for a Brown Falcon as well. Just thought you could mention to people to keep an eye out if they are visiting there anytime soon. It would be a fantastic bird to confirm!”*

Indeed it would so please lift your eyes above the mud flats when next you are visiting!

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SPECIES	No.	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Brush-turkey	1	14-Jul	Mt. Keira Ring Track	Forest	Terrill Nordstrom
Brown Quail	6	11-Jul	Swamp Road Berry	Rural	Bob Ashford
Musk Duck	2	25-Jun	Thirlmere Lakes	Lake	Elizabeth Hudson
Cape Barren goose	2	July and prior	Bomaderry Treatment Works	Paddock	Dianne Perry
White-headed Pigeon	2	16-Jul	Wollongong	Urban	Terrill Nordstrom
Emerald Dove	1	14-Jul	Mt. Keira Ring Track	Forest	Terrill Nordstrom
Black Browed Albatross	3	18-Jul	Black Head Gerroa	Coastal	Bob Ashford
Yellow Nosed Albatross	1	18-Jul	Black Head Gerroa	Coastal	Bob Ashford
Southern Giant Petrel	1	10-Jul	Off Bulli	Coastal	Tom Wiley
Fluttering Shearwater	20	18-Jul	Black Head Gerroa	Coastal	Bob Ashford
Cattle Egret	300	21-Jun	Gerringong	Paddock	Martin and Penny Potter
Little Egret	14	21-Jun	East Woonona	Paddock	Mike Morphett
Royal Spoonbill	30	21-Jun	Whyjuck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Eastern Osprey	1	06-Jul	Kanahooka Point	Lake	Martin Cocker
White-bellied sea-eagle	1	16-Jul	Primbee	Bush	Charles Dove
White-bellied sea-eagle	1	18-Jul	Black Head Gerroa	Coastal	Bob Ashford
Brown Goshawk	1	16-Jul	Primbee	Bush	Charles Dove
Brown Goshawk	1	20-Jul	Kiama from H'way	Rural	Bob Ashford
Grey Goshawk	1	18-Jul	Black Head Gerroa	Coastal	Bob Ashford
Grey Goshawk	1	18-Jul	Lothlorien/Bellawongarah-White Phase	Bush/Paddock	Bob Ashford
Grey Goshawk	1	30-Jun	Kembla Grange	Rural	Joan Wiley
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	14-Jul	Mt. Keira Ring Track	Forest	Terrill Nordstrom
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	20-Jul	Kiama from H'way	Rural	Bob Ashford
Little Eagle	11	28-Jun	Killalea SRA	Forest	Josh Coyte

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Hobby	1	16-Jul	Primbee	Bush	Charles Dove
Hobby	1	11-Jul	Swamp Road Berry	Rural	Bob Ashford
Peregrine Falcon	1	16-Jul	Primbee	Bush	Charles Dove
Pied Oystercatcher	13	05-Jul	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Sooty Oystercatcher	2	05-Jul	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Red-capped Plover	18	26-Jun	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Red-capped Plover	11	05-Jul	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Double-banded Plover	6	21-Jun	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Double-banded Plover	64	26-Jun	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Double-banded Plover	38	05-Jul	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Bar-tailed Godwit	44	21-Jun	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Bar-tailed Godwit	95	26-Jun	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Bar-tailed Godwit	50+	05-Jul	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Eastern Curlew	6	26-Jun	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Gull-billed Tern	1	21-Jun	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Turquoise Parrot	1	26-Jun	St. Josephs High School Albion Park	Parkland	Bruce Coyte
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	1	21-Jun	Budderoo Firetrail	Bush	Elizabeth Hudson
Eastern Barn Owl	1	08-Jun	Bomaderry/Coolangatta	Paddock	David Marshall
Logrunner	2	14-Jun	Corrimal Escapment	Forest	Wal Emery
Logrunner	1	03-Jul	Balgownie Escarpment	Forest	Wal Emery
Spotted Quail-thrush	2	25-Jun	Thirlmere Lakes	Bush	Elizabeth Hudson
White-winged Triller	1	08-Jun	Bomaderry/Coolangatta	Paddock	David Marshall
Beautiful Firetail	2	21-Jun	Budderoo Firetrail	Bush	Elizabeth Hudson

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SPECIES	No	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Brown Quail		07-Aug	Excelsior, Thirroul	Grass/scrub	Mike Morphet
Bar-shouldered Dove	1	05-Aug	Greenwell Point	Bush	Nigel Jckett
Black-browed Albatross	1	18-Jul	Off Bass Point	Ocean	Lorraine Pincus
Black-browed Albatross	1	01-Aug	Off Coniston Beach	Coastal	Joan Zealey
Wedge-Tailed Shearwater	1	18-Jul	Off Bass Point	Ocean	Lorraine Pincus
Australasian Darter	5	25-Jul	Greenwell Point	Estuarine	Nigel Jckett
Australasian Darter	2	05-Aug	Greenwell Point	Estuarine	Nigel Jckett
Australasian Darter	6	09-Aug	Korrongulla Swamp, Primbee	Swamp	Martin Cocker
Australasian Darter	1	23-Jul	Lake Illawarra Estuary	Estuarine	Carlos Sanchez
Australasian Darter	2	10-Aug	Macquarie Rivulet	Creek side	Carlos Sanchez
White-necked Heron	3	25-Jul	Jaspers Brush	Paddock	Nigel Jckett
White-necked Heron	1	07-Aug	Moss Vale Rd, Kangaroo Valley	Paddock	Nigel Jckett
White-necked Heron	2	09-Aug	Foxground	Paddock	Terry Edwell/Betty Hudson
White-necked Heron	1	17-Aug	Berry Area	Paddock	Carlos Sanchez
Eastern Great Egret	13	25-Jul	Greenwell Point	Mangrove	Nigel Jckett
Cattle Egret	30	18-Jul	Woonona	Playing Fields	IBOC
Striated Heron	1	05-Aug	Greenwell Point	Estuarine	Nigel Jckett
Striated Heron	1	10-Aug	Macquarie Rivulet	Creek side	Carlos Sanchez
Little Egret	8	25-Jul	Greenwell Point	Mangrove	Nigel Jckett
Little Egret	20	11-Aug	East Woonona	Paddock	Mike Morphet
Eastern Reef Egret	1	11-Jul	Killalea SRA	Coastal	Chris Chafer
Eastern Osprey	1	25-Jul	Greenwell Point	Mangrove	Nigel Jckett
Black-shouldered Kite	1	05-Aug	Greenwell Point	Overhead	Nigel Jckett
Pacific Baza	1	05-Aug	Keoghs Rd, Kangaroo Valley	Forest	Nigel Jckett
White-bellied sea-eagle	2	25-Jul	Greenwell Point	Estuarine	Nigel Jckett
Whistling Kite	Pair	02-Aug	Windang Estuary-Surf Club	Pine Trees	Martin Cocker
Brown Goshawk	2	09-Aug	Killalea SP	Coastal Parkland	Carlos Sanchez
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	30-Jul	Tarrawanna	Bush/Paddock	Terrill Nordstrom
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	03-Aug	Jamberoo	Garden	Elizabeth Hudson
Grey Goshawk	1	01-Aug	Primbee	Bush/Lakeside	Charles Dove
Grey Goshawk	1	17-Aug	Bomaderry Creek	Bush	Carlos Sanchez
Spotted Harrier	1	12-Aug	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	Bush	IBOC
Swamp Harrier	2	15-Aug	Coomonderry Swamp	Swamp	IBOC
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	30-Jul	Coolangatta Mountain	Woodland	Nigel Jckett

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Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	07-Aug	Budderoo National Park	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	22-Jul	Byarong Park (Mt. Keira)	Forest-Overhead	Carlos Sanchez
Brown Falcon	1	01-Aug	Coolangatta Road, Far Meadow	Bush/Paddock	Nigel Jackett
Brown Falcon	1	15-Aug	Coomonderry Swamp	Bush/Paddock	IBOC
Australian Hobby	1	15-Aug	Coomonderry Swamp	Bush/Paddock	IBOC
Australian Hobby	1	02-Aug	Windang Estuary-Surf Club	Pine Trees	Martin Cocker
Lewin's Rail	1	26-Jul	Cordeaux Road Mt. Kembla (Roadkill)	Roadside	IBOC
Pied Oystercatcher	7	25-Jul	Greenwell Point	Rocky Foreshore	Nigel Jackett
Black-winged Stilt	3	25-Jul	Berry's Canal	Wetland	Nigel Jackett
Black-fronted Dotterel	3	23-Jul	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Carlos Sanchez
Grey-tailed Tattler	2	25-Jul	Comerong Island Ferry, Berry's Canal	Estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Common Greenshank	1	23-Jul	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Carlos Sanchez
Painted Button-quail	1	18-Aug	Mt. Keira Ken Ausburn Track	Forest	Carlos Sanchez
White-fronted Tern	1	09-Aug	Minnamurra Spit	Estuarine	Carlos Sanchez
Yellow-tailed Black-cockatoo	16	07-Aug	Budderoo National Park	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	16	08-Aug	Excelsior, Thirroul	Residential	Mike Morphet
Gang-gang Cockatoo	2	02-Aug	Bulli Tops	Bush	Terrill Nordstrom
Musk Lorikeet	3	30-Jul	Coolangatta Mountain	Woodland	Nigel Jackett
Musk Lorikeet	6+	01-Aug	Coolangatta Road, Far Meadow	Bush/Paddock	Nigel Jackett
Ground Parrot	1	25-Jul	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Heath/Bush	Nikolas Haass
Barking Owl	1	25-Jul	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve ( Possible call )	Heath/Bush	Nikolas Haass
Red-browed Treecreeper	1	24-Jul	Irvines Road, Kangaroo Vaalley	Rainforest	Carla Jackett
Green Catbird	1	29-Jul	Ken Ausburn Track, Mt. Keira	Forest	Carlos Sanchez
Southern Emu-wren	1	25-Jul	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Heath/Bush	Nikolas Haass
Eastern Bristlebird	1	25-Jul	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Heath/Bush	Nikolas Haass
Eastern Bristlebird	5	07-Aug	Budderoo National Park	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Eastern Bristlebird	1	07-Aug	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Pilotbird	1	07-Aug	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Rockwarbler	2	06-Aug	Tallowa Dam Rd, Kangaroo Valley	Forest	Nigel Jackett

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Fuscous Honeyeater	1	30-Jul	Coolangatta Mountain	Woodland	Nigel Jackett
White-plumed Honeyeater	14	01-Aug	Warilla Grove Shops	Park	Charles Dove
Scarlet Honeyeater	5+	30-Jul	Coolangatta Mountain	Woodland	Nigel Jackett
Scarlet Honeyeater	1	05-Aug	Greenwell Point	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Brown-headed Honeyeater	8	25-Jul	West Nowra	Woodland	Nigel Jackett
Logrunner	2	24-Jul	Irvines Road, Kangeroo Vaalley	Rainforest	Carla Jackett
Logrunner	2	26-Jul	Mt. Kembla Ringtrack	Rainforest	IBOC
Logrunner	1	24-Jul	Woonona Escarpment	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Logrunner	1	24-Jul	Grevillea Park, Bulli	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Logrunner	Pair	29-Jul	Bulli Escarpment	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Logrunner	3	25-Jul	Slackey Flat, Bulli	Rainforest	Tom and Joan Wylie
Varied Sittella	1	15-Aug	Coomonderry Swamp	Bush	IBOC
Crested Shrike-tit	1	24-Jul	Irvines Road, Kangeroo Vaalley	Rainforest	Carla Jackett
Crested Shrike-tit	2	01-Jun-08	Excelsior, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphet
Figbird	5m, 2 fm	09-Aug	Primbee	Garden Birdbath	Ron Imisedes
Restless Flycatcher	1	19-Jul	Hooka Point	Bush	Chris Chafer
Jacky Winter	2	05-Aug	Bangalee Reserve, Nowra	Bush	Sheila Emery
Rose Robin	1	06-Aug	Rainforest Section, Wollongong Botanical Gardens	Forest	Carlos Sanchez
Rose Robin	2	17-Aug	Bomaderry Creek	Bush	Carlos Sanchez
Reed-warbler	1	09-Aug	Korrongulla Swamp, Primbee	Swamp	Martin Cocker
Bassian Thrush	1	09-Aug	Upper Foxground	Garden	Terry Edwell/Betty Hudson
Bassian Thrush	2	14-Aug	Mt. Keira Ken Ausburn Track	Forest	Carlos Sanchez
Common Blackbird	1	26-Jul	Harry Graham Figtree	Parkland	Joan Zealey
Common Blackbird	1	07-Aug	Excelsior, Thirroul	Woodland	Mike Morphet
Mistletoebird	1	30-Jul	Coolangatta Mountain	Woodland	Nigel Jackett
Beautiful Firetail	1	25-Jul	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Heath/Bush	Nikolas Haass

Lots of records flooding in from you all and some good sightings of early spring and summer migrants. Here is the full list as processed by me, a selection of the unusual and interesting will appear in the Newsletter.

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**September 2009**

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SPECIES	No	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Emu	2	22-Aug	Coastal Track N. Warri Beach	Paddock	Chris Chafer
Brown Quail	1	13-Sep	Thirroul	Garden	Mike Morphett
White-Headed Pigeon	1	15-Aug	Jerrara Dam	Bush	Ian McKinley
Common Bronzewing	7	28-Aug	Coolandel		Lorraine Pincus
Brush Bronzewing	1 male	18-Aug	Staffords Farm Track	Bush/Paddock	Jill Molan, Terri Edwell, Wal Emery
Brush Bronzewing	1	25-Aug	Mt. Kembla Ringtrack	Bush	Terrill Nordstrom
Topknot Pigeon	46	18-Aug	Staffords Farm Track	Bush/Paddock	Jill Molan, Terri Edwell, Wal Emery
Topknot Pigeon	1	22-Aug	Dave Walsh Track	Bush	Jill Molan
Topknot Pigeon	1	On nest 21 Sep	Bellawongarah	Bush/Paddock	Bob Ashford
Tawny Frogmouth	1	20-Aug	Scarborough	Garden	Jenny Virgona
Buller's Albatross	1	22-Aug	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Eastern Reef Egret	1	11-Sep	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Terrill Nordstrom
Eastern Osprey	1	16-Aug	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Graham Barwell
Eastern Osprey	1	25-Aug	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Pacific Baza	1	19-Sep	Bulli	Bush	Graham Barwell
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	25-Aug	Mt. Kembla Ringtrack	Bush	Terrill Nordstrom
Grey Goshawk	1 Light Morph	21-Sep	Cataract Creek	Rural	Bob Ashford
Grey Goshawk	1	5 days in Sep	Bellawongarah	Bush/Paddock	Bob Ashford
Swamp Harrier	1	15-Aug	Jerrara Dam	Bush	Ian McKinley
Swamp Harrier	1	16-Aug	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Graham Barwell
Swamp Harrier	1	19-Sep	Culburra	Rural	Charles Dove
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	15-Aug	Jerrara Dam	Bush	Ian McKinley
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	18-Aug	Staffords Farm Track	Bush/Paddock	Jill Molan, Terri Edwell, Wal Emery
Black Falcon	1	21-Sep	Burrier	Rural	Ken Forbes via Bob Ashford
Peregrine Falcon	Pair	18-Aug	Staffords Farm Track	Bush/Paddock	Jill Molan, Terri Edwell, Wal Emery
Baillon's Crake	1	21-Sep	Korrungulla Swamp	Swamp	Charles Dove
Red-capped Plover	10	11-Sep	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Terrill Nordstrom
Greater Sand Plover	1	14-Sep	Windang	Estuarine	Graham Barwell
Greater Sand Plover	1	Early Sep	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Terrill Nordstrom and IBOC
Red-kneed Dotterel	1	11-Sep	Towradgi	Estuarine	Terri Edwell
Red-kneed Dotterel	1	16-Sep	Dam, Berrima Road., Moss Vale	Rural	Terry Dunlea
Common Greenshank	1	06-Sep	Kanahooka Point	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Red-necked Stint	2	11-Sep	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Terrill Nordstrom



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Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	200+	22-Sep	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	Lakeside	Terrill Nordstrom/Carlos Sanchez
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	30+	25-Sep	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Estuarine	Charles Dove
Curlew Sandpiper	1	25-Sep	Purry Burry Pont, Primbee	Estuarine	Charles Dove
Brown Skua	1	22-Aug	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Brown Skua	3	25-Jul	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
White-fronted Tern	8+	22-Aug	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
White-fronted Tern	1	25-Jul	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Musk Lorikeet	1	24-Sep	Lake Illawarra High School-In classroom then released	Sub Urban	Ian McKinley
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1	03-Sep	Bulli	Bush	Graham Barwell
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1	16-Sep	Ulladulla		Sheila Emery
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1	18-Sep	Thirroul	Sub Urban	Mike Morphett
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1	19-Sep	Albion Park Rail	Sub Urban	Peter Fackender
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1	21-Sep	Primbee	Sub Urban	Charles Dove
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1	21-Sep	Kiama	Sub Urban	Gary Daly
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	1	13-Sep	Bellawongarah	Bush/Paddock	Bob Ashford
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	call	19-Sep	Bulli	Bush	Graham Barwell
Southern Boobook	1	22-Aug	Scarborough	Garden	Danie Ondinea
Eastern Barn Owl	Several Road Kill	September	Shoalhaven District	Rural	Gary Daly
Dollarbird	1	20-Sep	Berry	Rural	SBOC
Noisy Pitta	2	25/08/09 to date	Mt. Pleasant Track, Mt. Keira	Rainforest	Wal Emery and IBOC
Rockwarbler	2	24-Aug	Bomaderry Creek	Bush	Carlos Sanchez
Large-billed Scrubwren	Several	18-Aug	Staffords Farm Track	Bush/Paddock	Jill Molan, Terri Edwell, Wal Emery
Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	Several	24-Aug	Bomaderry Creek	Bush	Carlos Sanchez
Scarlet Honeyeater	Pair	05-Sep	Mt. Kembla Ringtrack	Bush	Jill Molan/Carlos Sanchez
Scarlet Honeyeater	1	22-Sep	Primbee	Sub Urban	Charles Dove
Logrunner	1 F	05-Sep	Mt. Kembla Ringtrack	Bush	Jill Molan/Carlos Sanchez
Logrunner	up to 4	5 days in Sep	Bellawongarah	Bush/Paddock	Bob Ashford
Crested Shrike-tit	1	25-Aug	Mt. Kembla Ringtrack	Bush	Terrill Nordstrom
Crested Shrike-tit	1	22-Sep	Avondale	Rural	Alan Lowis
Figbird	1	29-Aug	Nowra	Urban	Graham Barwell
Figbird	Several	31-Aug	Nowra CBD	Urban Park	Sheila Emery
Figbird	call	14-Sep	Windang	Lakeside	Graham Barwell
Scarlet Robin	1	02-Sep	Boxvale Track., Mittagong	Rural	Terrill Nordstrom
Rose Robin	1	22-Sep	Avondale	Rural	Alan Lowis
Rose Robin	up to 4	5 days in Sep	Bellawongarah	Bush/Paddock	Bob Ashford
Fairy Martin	c. 50	29-Aug	Jaspers Brush	Rural	Graham Barwell
Bassian Thrush	1	18-Aug	Staffords Farm Track	Bush/Paddock	Jill Molan, Terri Edwell, Wal Emery

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Bassian Thrush	2	23-Aug	Avondale	Garden	Alan Lowis
Bassian Thrush	1	25-Aug	Excelsior, Thirroul	Bush	Mike Morphet
Bassian Thrush	1	28-Aug	Thirroul	Garden	Mike Morphet
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	7	27-Aug	Lindsey Maynes Park, Unanderra	Parkland	Lorraine Pincus
Rose-ringed Parakeet	1 m (blue)	24-Aug	Bellambi Lagoon	Estuarine	Graham Barwell

This has been a busy month and you have all excelled yourselves in sending in lots of records. The above is the more interesting. First we have the migrants coming in with the Koels, Channel Billed Cuckoos, Shining Bronze Cuckoo. Also the shorebirds have been moving in, it is good to see quantities of Sharp-tailed sandpipers, they were noticeably absent last year, and we have had scarcer species such as Curlew Sandpiper and of course the Greater Sand plover! The Baillon's Crake is a scarce nomad in our area as is the Red-kneed Dotterel. The close sighting of a Black Falcon, a rare nomad, is exciting and follows on from an earlier suggested sighting at Shoalhaven Heads. This species is probably a refugee from the continuing drought as are the sightings of the several Barn Owl road kills in the Shoalhaven area.

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SPECIES	No	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Brush-turkey	1	16-Sep	Mangerton Park	Parkland	IBOC
Brown Quail	2	27-Sep	Korrungulla Swamp	Bush	Martin Cocker
Brown Quail	1	03-Oct	Purrah Bay, Kanahooka	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Brown Quail	3	29-Sep	Sandon Point	Wetland	Jill Molan
Great Crested Grebe	6	12-Sep	Wingecarribee Dam	Lake	Carlos Sanchez/Jill Molan
Great Crested Grebe	6	12-Sep	Wingecarribee Dam	Open Water	Carlos Sanchez/Jill Molan
Tawny Frogmouth	1	12-Oct	Urban	Urban	Terrill Nordstrom
Southern Giant Petrel	1	11-Sep	Off Wollongong	Pelagic	Chris Brandis
Northern Giant Petrel	3	11-Sep	Off Wollongong	Pelagic	Chris Brandis
Striated Heron	1	17-Oct	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Striated Heron	1	04-Oct	Mullet Creek	Creek	Carlos Sanchez/Jill Molan
Eastern Reef Egret	1	05-Oct	South Head, Sydney	Shore	Bruce and Kelsey O'Brien
Nankeen Night Heron	1	28-Sep	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Acacia	Charles Dove
Whistling Kite	1	19-Sep	Crookhaven Heads/Lake Wollumboola		IBOC
Brown Goshawk	1	16-Sep	Mangerton Park	Parkland	IBOC
Brown Goshawk	1	19-Sep	Crookhaven Heads/Lake Wollumboola		IBOC
Brown Goshawk	1	10-Oct	Kanahooka Point	Suburban	Martin Cocker
Grey Goshawk	1	09-Sep	Killalea SRA	Lagoon/Park	Bruce and Josh Coyte
Grey Goshawk	1	08-Oct	Mt. Keira	Overhead	Wal Emery
Swamp Harrier	1	19-Sep	Crookhaven Heads/Lake Wollumboola		IBOC
Swamp Harrier	2	14-Sep	Killalea SRA	Lagoon/Park	Bruce and Josh Coyte
Swamp Harrier	1	27-Sep	Gerringong	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Brown Falcon	1	14-Sep	Killalea SRA	Lagoon/Park	Bruce and Josh Coyte
Hobby	1	09-Sep	Killalea SRA	Lagoon/Park	Bruce and Josh Coyte
Peregrine Falcon	1	12-Sep	Nattai NP	Open country	Carlos Sanchez/Jill Molan
Baillon's Crake	2	09-Sep	Killalea SRA	Lake	Bruce and Josh Coyte
Baillon's Crake	1	01-Sep	Primbee Wetlands	Lagoon	Terrill Nordstrom
Pacific Golden Plover	1	25-Sep	Bass Point	Estuarine	Michelle Rower
Pacific Golden Plover	8	18-Sep	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Carlos Sanchez/Martin Potter
Grey Plover	1	08-Oct	Windang	Estuarine	Terrill Nordstrom

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Grey Plover	4	11-Oct	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Black-fronted Dotterel	1	09-Sep	Killalea SRA	Lake	Bruce and Josh Coyte
Red-kneed Dotterel	1	11-Sep	Towradgi Berach	Shore	Terry Edwell
Grey-tailed Tattler	1	04-Oct	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Estuarine	IBOC
Red Knot	1	19-Sep	Crookhaven Heads/Lake Wollumboola		IBOC
Whiskered Tern	3	27-Sep	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Whiskered Tern	6	03-Oct	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Whiskered Tern	5	04-Oct	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Estuarine	IBOC
White-winged Tern	1	04-Oct	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Estuarine	IBOC
Common Tern	1	19-Sep	Crookhaven Heads/Lake Wollumboola		IBOC
Musk Lorikeet	1	19-Sep	Crookhaven Heads/Lake Wollumboola		IBOC
Eastern Barn Owl	1	09-Sep	Killalea SRA	Lagoon/Park	Bruce and Josh Coyte
Azure Kingfisher	1	01-Sep	Primbee Wetlands	Lagoon	Terrill Nordstrom
Azure Kingfisher	1	04-Oct	Korrungulla Swamp	Swamp	Carlos Sanchez/Jill Molan
Azure Kingfisher	1	19-Sep	Blue Angle Creek	Creek	Carlos Sanchez/Martin Potter
Noisy Pitta	2	25/08/09-13/09/10	Mt. Pleasant Track, Mt. Keira	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Pilotbird	1-heard	18-Oct	Mt. Kembla Ringtrack	Forest	Martin Cocker
Pilotbird	1	12-Sep	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	wet sclerophyll forest	Carlos Sanchez/Jill Molan
Scarlet Honeyeater	1	08-Sep	Balgownie	Garden	Terry Edwell
Logrunner	2	09-Aug	Bulli Escarpment	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Logrunner	1	22-Aug	Staffords Farm Track	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Logrunner	2	27-Sep	Bulli Escarpment	Forest	IBOC
Leaden Flycatcher	1	10-Oct	Balgownie	Garden	Wal Emery
Flame Robin	2	12-Sep	Buderoo NP	Heath	Carlos Sanchez/Jill Molan
Flame Robin	2	12-Sep	Buderoo Fire Trail	Heath	Carlos Sanchez/Jill Molan
Rufous Songlark	1	13-Oct	Wollongong TAFE	Sportsground	Carlos Sanchez

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**Compiled By Martin Cocker**

<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>HABITAT</b>	<b>OBSERVER</b>
Brush Turkey	2 Chicks	Nov	Balgownie	Bush	Terry Edwell
Brush Turkey	1 F Laying	26-Oct	Keiraville Pre-School	Garden	Mary Eskdale
Brush Turkey	3F 1 M	15-Nov	Mt. Keira	Garden/Bush	Val Dolan
Brown Quail	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Brown Quail	2	12-Dec	Byarong Creek	Creek/underbrush	Bill Zealey
Shelduck	4	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Tawny Frogmouth	1 A 3 Y	14-Nov	Mt. Keira	Garden/Bush	Val Dolan
White-necked Heron	1	01-Nov	West Dapto		Bruce O'Brien
White-necked Heron	1	15-Nov	Silos Winery Nr. Berry	Farmland	Penny and Martin Potter
Striated Heron	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Striated Heron	1	12-Dec	Kanahooka Point	Lake Shore	Peter Fackender
Eastern Osprey	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Eastern Osprey	1	20-Dec	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Whistling Kite	1	05-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	Overhead	Joshua Coyte
Whistling Kite	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Collared Sparrowhawk	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	20-Oct	Russell Vale	Urban	Julia Veltrop
Grey Goshawk	1 White Morph	08-Nov	Mt. Ousley	Forest	Terrill Nordstromm
Grey Goshawk	2	13-Oct	Bellambi Lagoon	Overhead	Julia Veltrop
Grey Goshawk	1	22-Nov	Russell Vale	Urban	Julia Veltrop
Swamp Harrier	1	01-Nov	Foxground	Farmland	Bruce O'Brien
Swamp Harrier	1	20-Dec	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	08-Nov	Tallawarra. Lake Illawarra Foreshore	Overhead	Joshua Coyte
Little Eagle	1	08-Nov	Mt. Ousley	Forest	Terrill Nordstromm
Brown Falcon	1	08-Nov	Tallawarra	Paddock	Joshua Coyte
Hobby	1	01-Nov	Windang	Estuary	Penny and Martin Potter
Peregrine Falcon	1	16-Nov	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Estuarine	Charles Dove
Peregrine Falcon	1	15-Nov	Thirroul	Overhead	Richard Miller

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Peregrine Falcon	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Buff-banded Rail	1	15-Oct	Brooks Creek Kanahooka	Riparian	Gleniss Wellings
Buff-banded Rail	1	31-Oct	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	Marsh	Penny and Martin Potter
Buff-banded Rail	2A 5F	07-Dec	Thirroul	Garden	Dr. Ann Young/M. Morphett
Baillon's Crake	2A 1F	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Pied Oystercatcher	1	20-Dec	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Sooty Oystercatcher	1	30-Oct	Towradgi Beach	Beach	Julia Veltrop
Pacific Golden Plover	96	20-Dec	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Red-kneed.Dotterel	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Ruddy Turnstone	4	01-Nov	Woonona Beach	Rock Platform	Nerida Hudspith
Ruddy Turnstone	1	05-Nov	Coniston Beach	Shoreline	David Winterbottom
Red Knot	2	20-Dec	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Sanderling	1	04-Nov	Lake Conjola Entrance	Estuarine	Alan Morris
Curlew Sandpiper	5	16-Nov	Purry Purry Point, Primbee	Estuarine	Charles Dove
Painted Buttonquail	1	30-Nov	Bellawongerah	Rainforest	Carla Jackett
Little Tern	2	08-Nov	Windang	Estuarine	Jill Molan & IBOC
Little Tern	60	04-Nov	Lake Conjola Entrance	Estuarine	Alan Morris
Little Tern	4	07-Nov	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Penny and Martin Potter
Whiskered Tern	4	04-Dec	Purry Purry Point Primbee	Lake Shore	Charles Dove
Common Tern	2	04-Nov	Lake Conjola Entrance	Estuarine	Alan Morris
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	1	14-Dec	Figtree	Feeding in tree	Lorraine Pincus
Gang-Gang Cockatoo	1	08-Nov	Fitzroy Falls	Woodland	Richard Miller
Gang-gang Cockatoo	2	12-Dec	Budderoo Fire Trail	Woodland	Betty Hudson
Musk Lorikeet	15+	03-Nov	Croome Reserve Albion Park	Parkland	Anthony Rutter
Brush Cuckoo	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Dollarbird	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Dollarbird	1	20-Dec	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Dollarbird	1-2	Nov	Thirroul	Overhead	Richard Miller

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SPECIES	No	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Noisy Pitta	2	21-Dec	Rodway Nature Reserve via Irvines Road	Rainforest	Carla Jackett
White-fronted Chat	3	07-Nov	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Penny and Martin Potter
Scarlet Honeyeater	2	29-Nov	Mangrove Boardwalk, Huskisson	Mangrove	Penny and Martin Potter
Scarlet Honeyeater	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Rufous Whistler	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Spectacled Monarch	6	Early October	Balgownie	Bush	Terry Edwell
Spectacled Monarch	Breeding	December	Balgownie	Bush	Terry Edwell
Fairy Martin	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Plum-headed Finch	1	22-Nov	Cordeaux Heights	Garden	David Price

Happy New Year! I have prepared a combined report for the last two months of the year so this wraps up 2009. We have some very interesting sightings; a first for the Illawarra is the sighting by David Price of the Plum-headed Finch at Cordeaux Heights-keep a lookout for this bird. The breeding Spectacled Monarch in Balgownie, a rare summer migrant, is this the Illawarra's first breeding record? Another pair of Noisy Pitta has been sighted on a private property in the Bellawongerah district, further evidence of this species southwards drift and the sighting of the Baillon's Crake with young at Tallawarra capped off a good year of sightings for crakes and rails.

If you would like a copy of all of 2009 sightings, in Excel, then drop me a line. Looking forward to your 2010 sightings!

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