

Illawarra Bird Observers Club Inc  
MEMBERS' MONTHLY SIGHTINGS

**January 2010**

**Compiled By Martin Cocker**

SPECIES	No	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Australian Brush-turkey	1 chick	Reported. Feb. 10	Mt Keira Ring Track	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Stubble Quail	call	31-Jan-10	Woodlands area, nr Mittagong	Rural	Graham Barwell
Stubble Quail	2+	07-Feb-10	Swamp Road, Dunmore	Fields	Graham Barwell
Plumed Whistling-Duck	20	01-Feb-10	Near Berry	Farm Dam	Mark Whittaker
Musk Duck	1	01-Feb-10	Berrima Sale Yards, Berrima	Farm Dam	Terry Dunlea
Australian Shelduck	17	30-Jan-10	Berrima Sale Yards, Berrima	Farm Dam	Lorne Johnson
Australian Shelduck	19	01-Feb-10	Berrima Sale Yards, Berrima	Farm Dam	Terry Dunlea
Australian Shelduck	5	31-Jan-10	Woodlands area, nr Mittagong	Rural	Graham Barwell
Blue-billed Duck	1 M.	20-Jan-10	Woodland Road, Mittagong	Farm Dam	Terry Dunlea
Blue-billed Duck	1 male	31-Jan-10	Woodlands area, nr Mittagong	Rural	Graham Barwell
Wonga Pigeon	1	30-Jan-10	Mt. Keira	Yard/Bush	Val Dolan
Tawny Frogmouth	1	28-Jan-10	Tarrawanna	Garden	Peg McKinlay
White-throated Needletail	40	27-Dec-09	Primbee	Urban	Ron Imisides
White-throated Needletail	20	28-Dec-09	Primbee	Urban	Ron Imisides
White-throated Needletail	5	08-Feb-10	Sutton Forest	Roadside	John Rawsthorne
Black-winged Petrel	1 beach washed	27-Dec-09	Narrawallee beach	Coastal	Richard Allen
Intermediate Egret	1	13-Feb-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	BNSW
Striated Heron	1	20-Feb-10	Mullet Creek, Brownville	Riparian	Lorraine Pincus
Striated Heron	2	20-Feb-10	Mullet Creek Kanahooka	Riparian	Lorraine Pincus
Eastern Reef Egret	1	27-Jan-10	Windang	Estuarine	Graham Barwell
Royal Spoonbill	3	07-Feb-10	Marshall Mount	Farm Dam	Anna Knowlson
Eastern Osprey	1	07-Feb-10	ShoalhavenHeads	Estuary	Penny & Martin Potter
Eastern Osprey	1	20-Feb-10	Mullet Creek Kanahooka	Riparian	Lorraine Pincus
White-bellied Sea-eagle	1	03-Feb-10	Bulli	Overhead Rainforest	Roger Truscott
Brown Goshawk	1	21-Feb-10	Primbee, Heritage Park	Bush	Charles Dove
Grey Goshawk	1	01-Jan-00	Tom Thumb park. Wollongong	O'head, regrowth	David Winterbottom
Grey Goshawk	1	10-Feb-10	Scout Camp, Mt. Keira	Bush	Charles Dove
Brown Falcon	1	16-Feb-10	Bellambi Dunes	Bush	Alan Cousins
Australian Hobby	1	10-Jan-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Australian Hobby	1	10-Feb-10	Heritage Park, Primbee	Bush	Charles Dove
Australian Hobby	1	31-Jan-10	North Macquarie Road	Rural	Graham Barwell
Australian Hobby	1	14-Feb-10	Bulli Surf Club	Coastal	Martin and Penny Potter
Australian Hobby	4	21-Feb-10	Primbee, Heritage Park	Overhead	Charles Dove
Peregrine Falcon	1	24-Jan-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter

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Peregrine Falcon	2	10-Feb-10	Purry Burry Pont, Primbee	Bush	Charles Dove
Lewin's Rail	2A 4Y	18-Feb-10	Jerrara Dam	Swamp	Chris Brandis
Buff-banded Rail	1	26-Jan-10	Primbee Golf Course	Golf course	Mary Eskdale
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	3	07-Feb-10	Lake Illawarra Entrance	Sand Flats @ low tide	Darryl Goldrick
Pacific Golden Plover	155	10-Jan-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Pacific Golden Plover	200	24-Jan-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Eastern Curlew	1	10-Jan-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Eastern Curlew	4	24-Jan-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Ruddy Turnstone	9	26-Jan-10	Woonona	Rock Pool	Martin and Penny Potter
Great Knot	1	24-Jan-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Great Knot	1	13-Feb-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	BNSW
Long-tailed Jaeger	1	23-Jan-10	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Sooty Tern	1	03-Feb-10	Woonona Bulli	Landed near railway line on sandy gravel	Kim Maute
Pacific Gull	1 Imm	02-Jan-10	Port Kembla	Coastal	Lindsay Smith
Gang-gang Cockatoo	2m 4f	02-Jan-10	Calderwood	Rural	Pauline Duren
Gang-Gang Cockatoo	2	12-Dec-09	Buderoo Fire Trail	Woodland	Betty Hudson
Musk Lorikeet	1- "rescued"	16-Feb-10	University of Wollongong	Park	Alison Foley
Turquoise Parrot	1	16-Jan-10	Wollongong	Golf course	David Winterbottom
Ground Parrot	1	26-Jan-10	Barren Grounds	Heath/Bush	Jim O'shea
Black-eared Cuckoo	1	20-Jan-10	Korrungulla Swamp, Primbee	Small Wetland	Terrill Nordstrom
Brush Cuckoo	call	05-Feb-10	Bulli	Forest	Graham Barwell
Azure Kingfisher	1	20-Feb-10	Mullet Creek Kanahooka	Riparian	Lorraine Pincus
Dollarbird	1	28-Jan-10	Marshall Mount	Eucalyptus Woodland	Anna Knowlson
Dollarbird	2	28-Jan-10	Keiraville	Garden	Mary Eskdale
Eastern Bristlebird	1	26-Jan-10	Barren Grounds	Heath/Bush	Jim O'shea
Pilotbird	1	26-Jan-10	Barren Grounds	Heath/Bush	Jim O'shea
Yellow-throated scrubwren	3	10-Feb-10	Scout Camp, Mt. Keira	Bush	Charles Dove
Large-billed Scrubwren	1	1 and 15/2/10	Excelsior Forest, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphet
Chestnut-rumped Heathwren	1	26-Jan-10	Barren Grounds	Heath/Bush	Jim O'shea
White-fronted chat	5	13-Feb-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	BNSW
Australian Logrunner	1	10-Feb-10	Scout Camp, Mt. Keira	Bush	Charles Dove
Australian Logrunner	1	08-Feb-10	Cloverhill Rd, Macquarie Pass	Forest	Chris Brandis

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Australasian Figbird	2 f	11-Feb-10	Windang	Suburban	Graham Barwell
Spangled Drongo	1	14-Jan-10	Bulli	Bush	Graham Barwell
Spangled Drongo	1	16-Feb-10	Mt. Ousley	Garden	Judy Baker
Spangled Drongo	1	17-Feb-10	Heritage Park, Primbee	Park	Charles Dove
Spectacled Monarch	Present	Dec. 2009	Yatta Yatta NP	Bush	Bob Rusk
Eurasian Skylark	call	31-Jan-10	Woodlands area, nr Mittagong	Rural	Graham Barwell
Beautiful Firetail	2	26-Jan-10	Barren Grounds	Heath/Bush	Jim O'shea
Beautiful Firetail	2	11-Feb-10	Barren Grounds	Heath	Graham Barwell

Some interesting stuff around this month! The Blue-billed duck is classified as a Rare Nomadic visitor to the Illawarra, the sighting of the Sooty Tern, a rare summer visitor, and the dead beach washed Black-winged Petrel, rare summer visitor, follow on from several sightings of both of these species in our region following a severe storm in the Lord Howe Island region. The Turquoise Parrot is classified as a rare nomad and it has been suggested that this may be an aviary escapee, however, we will never know! The Black-eared Cuckoo is classified as Accidental and was a real treat for Terrill Nordstrom enjoying a well earned day out! Spangled Drongo have been reported at several locations in the Sydney region so it could be a good year for these winter migrants.

As we slide from summer to autumn and migration starts again it is a good time of year to expect the unexpected also the recent heavy rain across much of the State could trigger bird movements so please keep me informed of your sightings.

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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Species	Number	Date	Location	Habitat	Observer
Australian Brush-turkey	1	18-Feb-10	Mangerton Park	Rainforest/Park	Danie Ondinea
Cape Barren Goose	1	16-Mar-10	Ulladulla Lighthouse	Playing field	David Stephens
Blue-billed Duck	1	03-Mar-10	Berrima Road, Moss Vale	Farm Dam	Terry Dunlea
Blue-billed Duck	1 M.	19-Mar-10	Woodland Road, Mittagong	Farm Dam	Terry Dunlea
White-throated Needletail	12+	27-Feb-10	Bundewallah/Berry Mtn	Bush/Paddock	Carla Jackett
Australian White Ibis	12	05-Mar-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Royal Spoonbill	31	17-Mar-10	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Eastern Osprey	1	17-Feb-10	Bass Point	Ocean Cliffs	Tom & Joan Wylie
White-bellied Sea-eagle	1	19-Feb-10	Tallawarra Power Station	Lakeside	Darryl Goldrick
White-bellied Sea-eagle	1	05-Mar-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
White-bellied Sea-eagle	1 juv	Feb-10	Primbee	Lakeside	Charles Dove
White-bellied Sea-eagle	1A 1J	19-Mar-10	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Overhead	Charles Dove
Brown Goshawk	1	Feb-10	Primbee	Lakeside	Charles Dove
Grey Goshawk	1	19-Feb-10	Tallawarra Power Station	Lakeside	Darryl Goldrick
Grey Goshawk	1	19-Feb-10	Irvine's Road, Bellawongarah	Bush/Paddock	Carla Jackett
Grey Goshawk	1	Feb-10	Primbee	Lakeside	Charles Dove
Nankeen Kestrel	1	Feb-10	Primbee	Lakeside	Charles Dove
Brown Falcon	1	18-Mar-10	Purry Burry Pont, Primbee	Garden/Bush	Charles Dove
Australian Hobby	1	19-Feb-10	Tallawarra Power Station	Lakeside	Darryl Goldrick
Australian Hobby	1	Feb-10	Primbee	Lakeside	Charles Dove
Australian Hobby	1	08-Mar-10	Warilla	Overhead	Lorraine Pincus
Peregrine Falcon	1	Feb-10	Primbee	Lakeside	Charles Dove
Sooty Oystercatcher	2	08-Mar-10	Little Beach, Warilla	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Pacific Golden Plover	163	05-Mar-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Red-capped Plover	40	07-Mar-10	Windang	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Double-banded Plover	5	05-Mar-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Double-banded Plover	7	07-Mar-10	Windang	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Double-banded Plover	6	25-Feb-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Sand Dunes	Mtns BOCA
Bar-tailed Godwit	169	05-Mar-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Bar-tailed Godwit	10	07-Mar-10	Why Juck Bay	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Bar-tailed Godwit	13	07-Mar-10	Primbee	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Bar-tailed Godwit	50+ with 3-4 Breeding Plumage	25-Feb-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Wetlands	Betty Hudson & Blue Mtns BOCA
Eastern Curlew	18	05-Mar-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Great Knot	1	20-Mar-10	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Estuarine	Charles Dove
Red-necked Stint	60	05-Mar-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Common Tern	5+	07-Mar-10	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Estuarine	Charles Dove
Musk Lorikeet	6	19-Mar-10	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Bush/Garden	Charles Dove
Eastern Koel	1	07-Mar-10	Albion Park Rail	Garden	Barbara & Brian Hales
Dollarbird	1	19-Feb-10	Tallawarra Power Station	Lakeside	Darryl Goldrick
Eastern Bristlebird	1	24-Feb-10	Irvine's Road, Bellawongarah	Rainforest	Carla Jackett
Pilotbird	1+Regular Sighting	Feb-10	Irvine's Road, Bellawongarah	Bush/Paddock	Carla Jackett
Bell Miner	Colony	19-Feb-10	South Avondale Road-Dapto	Bush	Darryl Goldrick
White-fronted chat	5	05-Mar-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Australian Logrunner	1+Regular Sighting	Feb-10	Irvine's Road, Bellawongarah	Bush/Paddock	Carla Jackett
Spangled Drongo	1	23-Feb-10	Farmborough Heights	Garden	Chris Blatch
Spangled Drongo	4	20-Feb-10	Primbee	Bush	Charles Dove

An interesting month and an interesting time of the year. The return of our shorebirds to the northern hemisphere means that birds of passage can turn up anywhere, for instance there has been a Dunlin sighted and photographed at Tuross Heads, a first I believe for New South Wales? If this bird came into our area would you be confident in identifying it correctly? The continued rain and flooding in the west together with the change of season must be having a strong influence on bird movements so we can expect the unexpected.

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**March April 2010**

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Bar-shouldered Dove	1	03-Apr-10	Jerrara Dam	Bush	Cheryl Atkhurst
Striated Heron	1	24-Mar-10	Para/Fairy Creek Fairy Meadow	Riparian	Mike Morphett
Striated Heron	1	16-Apr-10	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Little Egret	1	16-Apr-10	Kanahooka Point	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Brown Goshawk	1	23-Mar-10	Excelsior Forest, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Peregrine Falcon	1	17-Apr-10	Mt. Keira	Forest	Martin Cocker
Bar-tailed Godwit	200+	04-Apr-10	Bevans Island, Lake Illawarra, Windang	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Azure Kingfisher	1	14-Apr-10	Koorungulla Swamp	Lakeside	Charles Dove
Large-billed Scrubwren	1	23-Mar-10	Excelsior Forest, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Scarlet Honeyeater	2 Pair	02-Apr-10	Barrack Point	Garden	Michelle Rower
Australasian Figbird	45+	06-Mar-10	Ray Crump Oval, Primbee	Park (Largest number recorded)	Ron Imisides
Restless Flycatcher	1	18-Mar-10	Hooka Point, Berkeley	Scrub	Michelle Rower
Rose Robin	2	23-Mar-10	Excelsior Forest, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Common Blackbird	2	23-Mar-10	Excelsior Forest, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett

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**May 2010**

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Australian Brush-turkey	1	04-May-10	University of Wollongong	Parkland/forest	Penny Potter
Musk Duck	1	07-May-10	Primbee	Swamp	Charles Dove
Black Swan	42	02-May-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Superb Fruit-Dove	1	10-May-10	Mt. Keira Garden	Dead juvenile male, window strike	Val Dolan
Tawny Frogmouth	1	Several Dates in April	Farmborough Hts	Residential	Andrew Wood
Black-browed Albatross	1	04-May-10	Off Bellambi	Ocean	Tom Wylie
Australasian Darter	5	24-Apr-10	Korungulla Swamp	Wetland	Martin Potter
Striated Heron	1	02-May-10	Lake Illawarra Windang	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Royal Spoonbill	35	22-Apr-10	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Eastern Osprey	1	01-May-10	Lake Illawarra Kanahooka	Fighting Sea Eagle	Ian McKinley
Eastern Osprey	2	08-May-10	Manildra Plant, Bomaderry	floodplain	Martin and Penny Potter
Black-shouldered Kite	3	02-May-10	HaywardsBay	Swamp	Roger Truscott
White-bellied Sea-eagle	2	22-May-10	Thirroul	Overhead	Mike Morphett
White-bellied Sea-eagle	2	15-May-10	Thirroul	Overhead	Mike Morphett
White-bellied Sea-eagle	2	24-Apr-10	Korungulla Swamp	Wetlands	Martin Potter
White-bellied Sea-eagle	1	18-Apr-10	Abrahams Bosom, Currarong	Coastal	Martin and Penny Potter
White-bellied Sea-eagle	3	13-Apr-10	Minnamurra River	Lakeside	Lorraine Pincus
Whistling Kite	2	02-May-10	HaywardsBay	Swamp	Roger Truscott
Brown Goshawk	1	07-May-10	Seacliff Bridge	Overhead	Mike Morphett
Brown Goshawk	1	04-May-10	Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	11-Apr-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Woodland	M Potter, Dave Bourne
Grey Goshawk	2	12-May-10	Excelsior Mine Thirroul	1grey, 1 white morph	Mike Morphett
Swamp Harrier	1	25-Apr-10	Bellambi Lagoon	Wetland	Joan Wylie
Swamp Harrier	1	02-May-10	HaywardsBay	Swamp	Roger Truscott
Swamp Harrier	1	08-May-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Peregrine Falcon	1	12-May-10	Excelsior Mine Thirroul	Overhead	Mike Morphett
Buff-banded Rail	1	23-May-10	Woonona Garden	Frequent garden visitor	Keith Curle
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	2	02-May-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	2	02-May-10	Lake Illawarra Windang	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Sooty Oystercatcher	2	07-May-10	Seacliff Bridge	Rock Platform	Mike Morphett
Pacific Golden Plover	2	02-May-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Red-capped Plover	6	02-May-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Red-capped Plover	33	02-May-10	Lake Illawarra Windang	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Double-banded Plover	28	02-May-10	Lake Illawarra Windang	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Double-banded Plover	63	02-May-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Yellow-tailed Black-cockatoo	3	12-May-10	Excelsior Mine Thirroul	Overhead	Mike Morphett
Red-rumped Parrot	Pair	06-May-10	Wollongong Golf Course	Parkland/Coastal	Martin Potter
Powerful Owl	1	02-May-10	Bomaderry Creek Nowra	Sitting on Sign Post	Charles Dove
Powerful Owl	1	25-Mar-10	Corramy State Recreation Reserve Basin View	Forest	Stan Brown
Noisy Pitta	1	05-May-10	"Bolwarra" Foxground	Rainforest	Jeffrey Long
Superb Lyrebird	1	28-Apr-10	Mt Kembla Ring Track	Forest	Andrew Wood

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Eastern Bristlebird	2+	01-May-10	Bellawongarah	Forest	Carla Jackett
Rockwarbler	1	07-May-10	Bomaderry Creek Nowra	Sandstone Gorge	Hales &Garlicks
White-plumed Honeyeater	1	22-Apr-10	Brookes Creek Kanahooka		Glenis Wellins
White-plumed Honeyeater	1	05-May-10	Dapto	Garden	Neil Wheway
White-fronted Chat	4	02-May-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Australian Logrunner	1	05-Apr-10	Corrimal Escarpment	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Australian Logrunner	1	08-Apr-10	Corrimal Escarpment	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Australian Logrunner	2	01-May-10	Corrimal Escarpment	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Cicadabird	1	03-May-10	Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Golden Whistler	2	05-May-10	Dapto	Garden	Neil Wheway
Rose Robin	1	07-May-10	Bomaderry Creek Nowra	Sandstone Gorge	Hales &Garlicks
Bassian Thrush	1	16-May-10	Scarborough	Rain forest garden	Danie Ondinea
Bassian Thrush	1	16-May-10	Thirroul	Garden	Mike Morphett
Bassian Thrush	3	04-Mar-10	Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Beautiful Firetail	1	March	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Heathland	Hales &Garlicks

Top of the list this month must be the the Suberb Fruit-Dove. This bird is classified as a rare nomad in our area. Pizzey and Knight make the following comments in their field guide that is spot on the mark for this sighting. "Many also inexplicably migrate south through Sydney to south coast of NSW in all months with peak in April-May, frequently hitting windows at night, many are young birds". Many thanks to Val Dolan for this record

Good to see sightings for Eastern Bristlebird, logrunner and another Noisy Pitta in our area.

Many thanks to you all for your sightings.

Martin Cocker  
Records Officer

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June 2010

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Species	Number	Date	Location	Habitat	Observer
White-headed Pigeon	2	13-Jun-10	Rhododendron Park Balgownie	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Black-browed Albatross	3	13-Jun-10	Off Wattamolla	Inshore	Bill & Joan Zealey
Black-browed Albatross	2	12-Jun-10	Off Killalea SRA	Inshore	Illawarra Birders
Yellow-nosed Albatross	1	25-May-10	Off Bellambi	Pelagic	TomWylie
Northern Giant-Petrel	1	24-May-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Brian White
Little Penguin	1 dead	15-Jun-10	Excelsior Mine Bulli (sea-eagle)	Bush	Mike Morphett
Cattle Egret	100	07-Jun-10	Kanahooka Point	Paddocks	Martin Cocker
White-bellied Sea-eagle	1	29-May-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
White-bellied Sea-eagle	1	30-May-10	Bulli	Overhead	Mike Morphett
White-bellied sea-eagle	1	12-Jun-10	Killalea SRA	Overhead	Illawarra Birders
Swamp Harrier	1	12-Jun-10	Killalea SRA	Overhead	Illawarra Birders
Little Eagle	1	12-Jun-10	Killalea SRA	Overhead	Illawarra Birders
Little Eagle	1	02-Jun-10	Killalea SRA	Overhead	Lorraine Pincus
Nankeen Kestrel	1	12-Jun-10	Killalea SRA	Overhead	Illawarra Birders
Australian Hobby	1	13-May-10	Lake Illawarra	Residential	Darryl Goldrick
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	2	29-May-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	2	24-May-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Brian White
Sooty Oystercatcher	4	30-May-10	Sandon Point, Bulli	Coastal	Mike Morphett
Red-capped Plover	30	29-May-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Red-capped Plover	9	24-May-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Brian White
Red-capped Plover	34	02-Jun-10	Windang	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Double-banded Plover	40	29-May-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Double-banded Plover	35	24-May-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Brian White
Double-banded Plover	44	02-Jun-10	Windang	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Black-fronted Dotterel	50+	23-May-10	Killalea Lagoon	Mudflat	Chris Brandis
Ruddy Turnstone	2	29-May-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Ruddy Turnstone	2	08-Jun-10	Bellambi	Shore	TomWylie
Red Knot	1	02-Jun-10	Windang	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Pacific Gull	1 Imm.	02-Jun-10	Bass Point	Coastal	Chris Brandis
Kelp Gull	1	29-May-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Musk Lorikeet	2	27-May-10	Wollongong University	Park	Penny Potter
Azure Kingfisher	2	12-Jun-10	Jerra Dam Kiama	Wetland	Ian McKinley
Azure Kingfisher	1	08-Jun-10	Hyams Creek Jamberoo	Riverine	Betty Hudson
Azure Kingfisher	1	12-Jun-10	Bulli Escarpment	Reedy Dam	Wal Emery
Noisy Pitta	2	13-Jun-10	Mt Keira Ring Track	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Australian Logrunner	1	12-Jun-10	Woonona Escarpment	Ginger Thicket	Wal Emery
Spangled Drongo	1	14-Jun-10	Primbee	Garden	Ron Imisides
Bassian Thrush	6	23-May-10	Fitzroy Falls	Bush	Sheila Emery
Bassian Thrush	1	20-May-10	Jerra Dam Kiama	Rainforest	Betty Hudson

You all may have seen the recent report of the sighting of the Noisy Pitta in the Inner Sydney suburb of Glebe, so the above records of this species seem almost "normal".

Many thanks to Wal Emery for finding and reporting this species, perhaps in the past they have been an under reported species in our area. Also reported on Birding Aus was the recent visit of the Northern Giant-Petrel in Windang Estuary that was one of a number of records reported after recent storms.

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Australian Brush-turkey	1 M, 4 F	06-Jul-10	Mt. Keira	Forest Garden	Val Dolan
Blue-billed Duck	1	14-Jun-10	Woodlands Rd., Mirrtagong	Dam	Terry Dunlea
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	1	June	Irvine's Road, Bellowongarah	Bush/Paddock (Common)	Carla Jackett
Common Bronzewing	1	18-Jul-10	Wilton	Bush	Graham Barwell
Brush Bronzewing	1	14-Jul-10	Stafford Farm Track, Kembla Heights	Rain Forest	Wal Emery
Peaceful Dove	3	21-Mar-10	Bargo River Pot Holes Crossing	Bush	Graham Barwell
Bar-shouldered Dove	1	17-Jul-10	Jerrara Arboretum Kiama	Rainforest fringe	IBOC
Wonga Pigeon	1	12-Jun-10	Jerrara Dam	Bush	Ian Mckinlay
Wonga Pigeon	1	June	Irvine's Road, Bellowongarah	Bush/Paddock (Common)	Carla Jackett
Wonga Pigeon	1	06-Jul-10	Mt. Keira	Forest Garden	Val Dolan
Royal Albatross	1	10-Jul-10	off Bulli-Inshore	Ocean	Tom Wylie
Grey-headed Albatross	1 imm.	22-May-10	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Buller's Albatross	5+	22-May-10	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Buller's Albatross	1	26-Jun-10	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
White-necked Petrel	1	27-Feb-10	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Striated Heron	1	24-Jun-10	Berkeley Boat Harbour	Estuarine	Michelle Rower
Striated heron	1	29-Jun-10	Fred Finch Park, Berkeley	Tidal creek	David Winterbottom
Little Egret	1	26-Jun-10	Purrah Bay, Kanahooka	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Little Egret	1	02-Jul-10	Tom Thumb Lagoon	Pond	David Winterbottom
Little Egret	1	15-Jul-10	Fred Finch Park, Berkeley	Lake	David Winterbottom
Eastern Reef Egret	1-Dark Morph	22-Jun-10	Killalea SRA	Rocks	Michelle Rower/Terry Edwell
Nankeen Night-heron	1	18-Jul-10	Lake Illawarra, South Side	Lakeside	Hal Bruce
Royal Spoonbill	1	10-Jul-10	Byarong Creek, Figtree	Riparian	Joan Zealey
Eastern Osprey	1	07-Jul-10	Primbee, Lake Illawarra	Open Swamp Water	Charles Dove
Eastern Osprey	1	15-Jul-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Betty Hudson & Kathryn Sullivan
Eastern Osprey	1	18-Jul-10	Lake Illawarra Primbee	Overhead	Charles Dove
White-bellied Sea-eagle	2	22-Jun-10	Killalea SRA	Overhead	Michelle Rower/Terry Edwell
White-bellied Sea-eagle	1A, 2 Juv	18-Jul-10	Lake Illawarra Primbee	Estuarine	Charles Dove
White-bellied sea-eagle	2	03-Jul-10	East Corrimal	Woodland	David Winterbottom
White-bellied sea-eagle	1	07-Jul-10	Fred Finch Park, Berkeley	Overhead	David Winterbottom
White-bellied sea-eagle	2	14-Jul-10	East Corrimal	Woodland	David Winterbottom
White-bellied sea-eagle	1	15-Jul-10	Fred Finch Park, Berkeley	Overhead	David Winterbottom
White-bellied Sea-eagle	1	13-Jun-10	Wingecarribee River Moss Vale	Overhead	Terry Dunlea
Whistling Kite	1	26-Jun-10	Purrah Bay, Kanahooka	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Whistling Kite	1 Juv.	18-Jul-10	Lake Illawarra Primbee	Estuarine	Charles Dove
Brown Goshawk	2	18-Jul-10	Lake Illawarra Primbee	Bush	Charles Dove
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	18-Jul-10	Wilton	Bush	Graham Barwell
Grey Goshawk	1`	24-Jun-10	Princess H'way, Jaspers Brush	White Morph	Carla Jackett
Grey Goshawk	1-White Morph	12-Jul-10	Saddleback Mt., Kiama	Overhead	Betty Hudson & Kathryn Sullivan
Grey Goshawk	1	18-Jul-10	Lake Illawarra Primbee	Bush	Charles Dove
Grey Goshawk	1	16-May-10	Primbee	Bush	Graham Barwell

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Grey Goshawk	1	21-Jun-10	Windang	Woodland	David Winterbottom
Grey Goshawk	1	16-Jul-10	Windang	Woodland	David Winterbottom
Grey Goshawk	1	20-Jul-10	Excelsior Forest, Thirroul	Overhead	Mike Morphett
Swamp Harrier	1	22-Jun-10	Killalea SRA	Over Lagoon	Michelle Rower/Terry Edwell
Swamp Harrier	1	13-Jul-10	Kemblawarra	Overhead	David Winterbottom
Swamp Harrier	1	15-Jul-10	Fred Finch Park, Berkeley	Overhead	David Winterbottom
Nankeen Kestrel	1	26-Jun-10	Stoney Creek Reserve, Shellharbour	Overhead	Lorraine Pincus
Australian Hobby	1	28-Jun-10	Nowra Town	Urban	Carla Jackett
Australian Hobby	2	21-Jun-10	Windang	Overhead	David Winterbottom
Peregrine Falcon	1	25-Jun-10	Princess H'way, Jaspers Brush	Rural	Carla Jackett
Peregrine Falcon	1	26-Jun-10	Stoney Creek Reserve, Shellharbour	Overhead	Lorraine Pincus
Baillon's Crake	1	17-Jun-10	North Wollongong Surf Club	Walkway Embankment-shrubs	Laurie Williams
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	5	27-Jun-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Joan Zealey
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	2	04-Jul-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin & Penny Potter
Red-capped Plover	5	04-Jul-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin & Penny Potter
Red-capped Plover	8	15-Jul-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Betty Hudson & Kathryn Sullivan
Red-capped Plover	10	18-Jul-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Double-Banded Plover	75	04-Jul-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin & Penny Potter
Double-banded Plover	20	15-Jul-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Betty Hudson & Kathryn Sullivan
Double-banded Plover	36	18-Jul-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Black-fronted Dotterel	1	12-Jun-10	Jerrara Dam	Wetland	Ian Mckinlay
Bar-tailed Godwit	40	04-Jul-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin & Penny Potter
Bar-tailed Godwit	40	15-Jul-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Betty Hudson & Kathryn Sullivan
Bar-tailed Godwit	17	20-Jul-10	Fred Finch Park, Berkeley	Lake	David Winterbottom
Eastern Curlew	3	15-Jul-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Betty Hudson & Kathryn Sullivan
Red-necked Stint	6	04-Jul-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin & Penny Potter
Brown Skua	2	22-May-10	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Brown Skua	5	26-Jun-10	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Long-tailed Jaeger	1+	27-Feb-10	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Sooty Tern	1 imm.	27-Feb-10	Pacific Ocean off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Kelp Gull	2 A	24-Jul-10	Sandon Point,	Coastal	Jill Molan
Kelp Gull	2 A	18-Jul-10	Stuart Park, North Wollongong	Coastal	Martin Cocker
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	3	4-Jun-10	Boxvale Track Mittagong	Forest	Terry Dunlea
Gang-gang cockatoo	1	June	Irvine's Road, Bellowongarah	Bush/Paddock (Common)	Carla Jackett
Musk Lorikeet	3	16-May-10	Primbee	Bush	Graham Barwell
Southern Boobook	1	09-Jul-10	Stafford Farm Track, Kembla Heights	Woodland	Illawarra Birders
Azure Kingfisher	1	12-Jun-10	Jerrara Dam	Wetland	Ian Mckinlay
Azure Kingfisher	2	10-Jul-10	Hyams Creek, Jamberoo	Riverine	Betty Hudson
Noisy Pitta	1	07-Jul-10	Mt. Keira Ring track, Mt. Pleasant	Rainforest	Ross & Jan Gowans
Noisy Pitta	1	12-Jul-10	Mt. Keira Ring track, Mt. Pleasant	Rainforest	Wal Emery & Mike Morphett
Superb Lyrebird	1	June	Irvine's Road, Bellowongarah	Bush/Paddock (Common)	Carla Jackett
Red-browed Treecreeper	1	27-Jun-10	Irvine's Road, Bellowongarah	Bush/Paddock	Carla Jackett
Red-browed Treecreeper	1	29-Jun-10	Boxvale Track, Mittagong	Forest	Michelle Rower/Terry Edwell
Southern Emu-wren	1 F	21-Feb-10	Budderoo Fire Trail	Bush	Graham Barwell
Eastern Bristlebird	1	21-Feb-10	Budderoo Fire Trail	Bush	Graham Barwell

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Eastern Bristlebird	1	21-Jun-10	Ruined Lighthouse, Jervis Bay	Heath	Sheila Emery
Pilotbird	Heard	June	Irvine's Road, Bellowongarah	Bush/Paddock (Heard daily)	Carla Jackett
Rockwarbler	1	22-Jul-10	Garden, Bomaderry Creek area, North Nowra	Garden	Shela Emery
Weebill	4	18-Jul-10	Wilton	Bush	Graham Barwell
White-eared Honeyeater	4	29-Jun-10	Boxvale Track, Mittagong	Forest	Michelle Rower/Terry Edwell
White-eared Honeyeater	1	09-May-10	Albion Park Rail	Bush	Graham Barwell
Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	1	21-Mar-10	Bargo River Pot Holes Crossing	Bush	Graham Barwell
Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	4	18-Jul-10	Wilton	Bush	Graham Barwell
Bell Miner	many	21-Mar-10	Bargo River Pot Holes Crossing	Bush	Graham Barwell
Scarlet Honeyeater	1	14-Jul-10	Mt. Keira Ring track, Mt. Pleasant	Rainforest Edge	IBOC
Brown-headed Honeyeater	1	29-Jun-10	Boxvale Track, Mittagong	Forest	Michelle Rower/Terry Edwell
Australian Logrunner	Heard	June	Irvine's Road, Bellowongarah	Bush/Paddock (Heard daily)	Carla Jackett
Australian Logrunner	2	15-Jul-10	Black Ash Reserve Bellawongarra nr Berry	Rain Forest	Betty Hudson & Kathryn Sullivan
Australian Logrunner	2	20-Jul-10	Excelsior Forest, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Spotted Quail-thrush	3	29-Jun-10	Boxvale Track, Mittagong	Forest	Michelle Rower/Terry Edwell
Varied Sittella	2	18-Jul-10	Wilton	Bush	Graham Barwell
Crested Shrike-tit	2	17-Jun-10	Irvine's Road, Bellowongarah	Bush/Paddock	Carla Jackett
Dusky Woodswallow	10	21-Mar-10	Bargo River Pot Holes Crossing	Bush	Graham Barwell
Spangled Drongo	2	16-May-10	Primbee	Bush	Graham Barwell
Spangled Drongo	1	16-Jul-10	Windang	Woodland	David Winterbottom
Leaden Flycatcher	1	07-Jul-10	Fred Finch Park, Berkeley	Woodland	David Winterbottom
Leaden Flycatcher	1	15-Jul-10	Fred Finch Park, Berkeley	Woodland	David Winterbottom
Apostlebird	2	5 & 12/01/10	Mt. Kembla Garden	Forest Garden	Shane Maloney via Alan Lewis
Scarlet Robin	1	17-Jun-10	Boxvale Track Mittagong	Forest	Terry Dunlea
Rose Robin	1	12-Jun-10	Jerrara Dam	Bush	Ian Mckinlay
Rose Robin	1	27-Jun-10	Croome Park, Albion Park Rail	Forest	Martin Cocker
Rose Robin	1	04-Jul-10	Bomaderry Creek	Bush	Martin & Penny Potter
Rose Robin	1	10-Jul-10	Berkeley	Casuarina Forest	Charles Dove
Rose Robin	1	14-Jul-10	Kembla Heights	Rain Forest	IBOC
Rose Robin	1	17-Jul-10	Jerrara Arboretum Kiama	Rain Forest	IBOC
Rose Robin	1 F	21-Mar-10	Bents Basin SCA	Bush	Graham Barwell
Rose Robin	1 M	18-Jul-10	Wilton	Bush	Graham Barwell
Tawny Grassbird	1	23-Jun-10	Haywards Bay	Lantana Thicket	Chris Brandis
Bassian Thrush	1	21-Jun-10	Killalea SP	Littoral Rain forest	Chris Brandis
Mistletoebird	1	22-Jun-10	Kanahooka Point	Bush	Michelle Rower/Terry Edwell
Mistletoebird	1	29-Jun-10	Boxvale Track, Mittagong	Forest	Michelle Rower/Terry Edwell
Mistletoebird	1	07-Jul-10	Fred Finch Park, Berkeley	Woodland	David Winterbottom
Mistletoebird	2	15-Jul-10	Fred Finch Park, Berkeley	Woodland	David Winterbottom

The sightings of the two Apostlebirds in January of this year is a new species for the Illawarra. The re-appearance of the Noisy Pitta on Mt. Keira is a welcome sign and perhaps we should be looking for this species elsewhere, notably the littoral rain forest at Bass Point and in other suitable sights on the escarpment. Several of you have commented on how few egrets and herons are about though a recent report in Birding -Aus has spoken of "great, intermediate and little egrets and white-necked herons standing shoulder to shoulder" on the banks of Coopers Creek near Innamincka, so apparently the centre is alive with birds after recent rains and flooding.

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White-headed Pigeon	6	31-Jul-10	Jerrara Dam	Forest	Ian McKinley
Topknot Pigeon	20+	09-Aug-10	Mt Keira Ring Track	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Bar-shouldered Dove	10	31-Jul-10	Jerrara Creek Dam	Bush	Chris Chafer
Bar-shouldered Dove	2	09-Aug-10	Farmborough Hts	Garden	Chris Blatch
Bar-shouldered Dove	9	08-Aug-10	Primbee	Forest/dunes	Ron Imisides
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	2	31-Jul-10	Jerrara Creek Dam	Bush	Chris Chafer
Wandering Albatross	1	22-Jul-10	Kiama Blowhole Headland, Kiama	Inshore	Stan Brown
Black-browed Albatross	3	22-Jul-10	Kiama Blowhole Headland, Kiama	Inshore	Stan Brown
Shy Albatross	4	22-Jul-10	Kiama Blowhole Headland, Kiama	Inshore	Stan Brown
Striated heron	1	07-Aug-10	Griffins Bay, Lake Illawarra,	Riparian	IB
Striated heron	1	07-Aug-10	Berkeley Boat Harbour	Riparian	IB
Eastern Osprey	2	02-Jul-10	Swan Lake	Lakeside	Brian & Barbara Hales
Eastern Osprey	1	02-Jul-10	Huskisson	River	Sylvia & David Garlic
Collared Sparrowhawk	2	22-Aug-10	Little Bay, Warilla	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	20-Jul-10	Primbee	Garden	Ron Imisides
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	08-Aug-10	Primbee	Forest/dunes	Ron Imisides
Grey Goshawk	1	09-Aug-10	Excelsior Forest, Thirroul	Overhead	Mike Morphett
Grey Goshawk	2	07-Aug-10	Bulli	Rainforest	Roger Truscott
Grey Goshawk	1	08-Aug-10	Primbee	Forest/dunes	Ron Imisides
Brown Falcon	1	09-Aug-10	Helensburgh	Overhead	Darryl Goldrick
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	6	15-Jul-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	1	08-Jul-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	IB
Sooty Oystercatcher	1	15-Jul-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Sooty Oystercatcher	1	22-Aug-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Red-capped Plover	25	15-Jul-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Red-capped Plover	15	08-Jul-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	IB
Red-capped Plover	6	22-Aug-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Double-banded Plover	15	15-Jul-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Double-banded Plover	40	08-Jul-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	IB
Double-banded Plover	0	22-Aug-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	3	Mid July	Farmborough Hts	Overhead	Andrew Wood
Long-billed Corella	200+	31-Jul-10	Calderwood	Rural	Chris Chafer
Powerful Owl	1	09-Aug-10	Excelsior Forest, Thirroul	Heard	Mike Morphett
Azure Kingfisher	1	07-Aug-10	Griffins Bay, Lake Illawarra,	Riparian	IB
Noisy Pitta	1	27-Jul-10	Mt Pleasant	Rainforest	Wal Emery

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Green Catbird	1	07-Aug-10	Wollongong Botanical Garden	Forest remnant	Ian McKinley
Australian Logrunner	1	24-Jul-10	Grevillea Gardens, Bulli	Forest	Nerida Hudspith
Australian Logrunner	2	25-Jul-10	Corrimal	Rainforest	Wal Emery
White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	1	11-Aug-10	Moeyan Hill Track	Rural Residential	Charles Dove
Australasian Figbird	3	09-Aug-10	Jamberoo	Garden	Kevin Mills
Dusky Woodswallow	20	31-Jul-10	Calderwood	Rural	Chris Chafer
Spangled Drongo	1	08-Aug-10	Primbee	Forest/dunes	Ron Imisides
Rose Robin	1	07-Aug-10	Bulli	Rainforest	Roger Truscott
Rose Robin	1	30-Jul-10	Jamberoo	Garden	Tony Loader
Bassian Thrush	1	04-Aug-10	Excelsior Forest, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Common Blackbird	1	08-Aug-10	Primbee	Forest/dunes	Ron Imisides

Spring is fast approaching so send in your first sightings of the summer migrants. Recent visits to Windang over the past three weeks have seen the numbers of Double-banded Plovers dwindle to nil, maybe the helping hand of the recent westerlies and the occasional warm day was too much for them to resist. Recent walks around the Lake have also raised the question about the complete absence of Black-winged stilts that have been resident in recent years, they must be out west taking advantage of the recent floods!

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White-headed Pigeon	1	08-Aug-10	Orient Point	Estuarine	Richard Brown
Topknot Pigeon	5	20-Aug-10	Escarpment	Forest	Cheryl Atkhurst
Little Egret	1	08-Sep-10	Purrah Bay, Kanahooka	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Little Egret	1	19-Sep-10	Why Juck Bay	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Nankeen Night-heron	1	21-Sep-10	South Lake Illawarra	Bush	Charles Dove
Nankeen Night-heron	1	22-Sep-10	Minamurra River	Riparian	Lorraine Pincus
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	2	20-Aug-10	Lake Illawarra Dapto	Estuarine	Marj Carwell
Square-tailed Kite	1	25-Aug-10	Balgownie	Overhead	Wal Emery
Grey Goshawk	1	08-Aug-10	F6 Nr Nan Tien Temple	Overhead	Martin Potter
Grey Goshawk	1	27-Jun-10	Haywards Bay	Forest	Roger Truscott
Grey Goshawk	1 White Morph	23-Sep-10	Excelsior Mine Area, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Nankeen Kestrel	1	Aug	Unanderra	Overhead	Andrew Wood
Australian Hobby	1	29-Aug-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Peregrine Falcon	2	27-Aug-10	Brokers Nose	Escarpment	Martin Potter
Peregrine Falcon	1	28-Aug-10	Robertson Lookout	Escarpment	Martin Potter
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	2	29-Aug-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	4	19-Sep-10	Illawarra	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	2	21-Sep-10	Illawarra	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Sooty Oystercatcher	2	19-Aug-10	Bellambi Pool	Estuarine	Cheryl Atkhurst
Sooty Oystercatcher	2	04-Sep-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Pacific Golden Plover	2	29-Aug-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Red-capped Plover	14	29-Aug-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Red-capped Plover	Nesting	18-Sep-10	Lake Wollumboola	Estuarine	Sheila Emery
Double-banded Plover	4	29-Aug-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Hooded Plover	2	01-Sep-10	Kioloa Beach, Nr. Bawley Head	Coastal Beach	Martin Cocker
Bar-tailed Godwit	30	29-Aug-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Bar-tailed Godwit	100	19-Sep-10	Illawarra	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Whimbrel	1	19-Sep-10	Why Juck Bay	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Eastern Curlew	6	19-Sep-10	Illawarra	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Eastern Curlew	4	08-Sep-10	Lake Illawarra South	Estuarine	Charles Dove
Eastern Curlew	7	21-Sep-10	Illawarra	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Red Knot	12	19-Sep-10	Bevans Island channel, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Red Knot	1	18-Sep-10	Lake Wollumboola	Estuarine	Sheila Emery
Red-necked Stint	1	08-Sep-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Charles Dove
Red-necked Stint	Few	18-Sep-10	Lake Wollumboola	Estuarine	Sheila Emery
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	1	07-Sep-09	Purry Burry Pont, Primbee	Estuarine	Charles Dove
Gang-gang cockatoo	few	07-Sep-10	Moeyan Hill Track, Berry	Bush	Charles Dove
Eastern Koel	1	14-Sep-10	Corrimal High School Grounds	Suburban	Mike Morphett
Eastern Koel	1	18-Sep-10	Kanahooka Point	Suburban	Martin Cocker
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1	19-Sep-10	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Figtree	Charles Dove
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1	08-Sep-10	Balgownie	Garden	Wal Emery
Powerful Owl	Heard	20 and 24/08/10	Excelsior Mine Area, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Southern Boobook	1	Aug	Farmborough Heights	Suburban Park	Andrew Wood
Azure Kingfisher	4	22-Sep-10	Minamurra River	Riparian	Lorraine Pincus
Sacred Kingfisher	1	22-Sep-10	Minamurra River	Riparian	Lorraine Pincus
Noisy Pitta	1	30-Aug-10	Mt Keira Ring Track	Rainforest	Martin Potter
Noisy Pitta	1	11-Sep-10	Mt. Keira Ring track, Mt. Pleasant	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Green Catbird	1	20-Aug-10	Tarrawanna	Garden	Peg McKinlay
Southern Emu-wren	4	08-Sep-10	Picnic Island, Lake Illawarra	Scrub	Charles Dove
Striated Pardalote	2	06-Sep-10	Dapto garden	Nesting in base of Flower pots	Marj Carwell
White-fronted Chat	1	29-Aug-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Australian Logrunner	2	25-Aug-10	Cloverhill Rd, Macquarie Pass	Forest	Chris Brandis
Australian Logrunner	2	21-Sep-10	Excelsior Mine Area, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Rufous Whistler	2	19-Sep-10	Picnic Island, Lake Illawarra	Bush	Lorraine Pincus
Rufous Whistler	2	21-Sep-10	South Lake Illawarra	Bush	Charles Dove
Australasian Figbird	30	19-Sep-10	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Figtree	Charles Dove
Olive-backed Oriole	1	19-Sep-10	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Figtree	Charles Dove
Spangled Drongo	1	19-Aug-10	East Corrimal Lagoon	Bush	Cheryl Atkhurst
Leaden Flycatcher	1	19-Sep-10	Murray's Beach, Bouderee NP Jervis Bay	Bush	Stan Brown
Tawny Grassbird	1	27-Jun-10	Haywards Bay	Lantana Thicket	Roger Truscott

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**October 2010**

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<b>Species</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Habitat</b>	<b>Observer</b>
Australian Brush-turkey	1 first sighting in area	07-Oct-10	Kangaroo Valley Rd. 2.5km west Princs H'way	Bush	Carla Jackett
Australian Brush-turkey	1	02-Oct-10	Mt. Kembla-rear of Bowling Club	Forest	Frank Carey
Striated Heron	1	03-Oct-10	Bevan's Island South Channel, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Royal Spoonbill	5	03-Oct-10	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Pacific Baza	1 Heard Calling	01-Oct-10	Bellawongarah	Forest	Carla Jackett
Swamp Harrier	1	04-Oct-10	Korrungulla Swamp	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	2	10-Oct-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Sooty Oystercatcher	2	03-Oct-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Sooty Oystercatcher	2	04-Oct-10	Windang	Coastal	Martin and Penny Potter
Pacific Golden Plover	1	09-Oct-10	Waniora Point Bulli	Coastal	Martin and Penny Potter
Pacific Golden Plover	60	10-Oct-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Red-capped Plover	2	10-Oct-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Bar-tailed Godwit	72	03-Oct-10	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Bar-tailed Godwit	110	10-Oct-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Bar-tailed Godwit	42	10-Oct-10	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Bar-tailed Godwit	67	17-Oct-10	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Eastern Curlew	1	03-Oct-10	Bevan's Island South Channel, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Common Greenshank	1	10-Oct-10	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Common Greenshank	1	17-Oct-10	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Red Knot	60	10-Oct-10	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Red Knot	7	17-Oct-10	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Red-necked Stint	10	10-Oct-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
White-fronted Tern	1	13-Oct-10	Off Wollongong Light House	Coastal	Frank Carey
Common Tern	2	03-Oct-10	Windang Estuary	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1 First heard	05-Oct-10	Thirroul	Overhead	Mike Morphett
Azure Kingfisher	4	10-Oct-10	Broughton Creek, Berry	Riverside	Tom Wylie
Laughing Kookaburra	1 Pure White	25-Sep-10	Shellharbour Village	Identical plumage to bird seen in Barrack Heights	Terrill Nordstrom
Sacred Kingfisher	1	17-Oct-10	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Bush	Martin Cocker
Dollarbird	1 First sighting	01-Oct-10	North Nowra	Woodland	Sheila Emery
Bell Miner	12+	08-Oct-10	Sth Avondale Road, Dapto	Hillside/Valley	Bruce & Josh Coyte
Olive-backed Oriole	1 First sighting	01-Oct-10	Bellawongarah	Forest	Carla Jackett
Grey Currawong	1	23-Sep-10	Maddens Plains	Forest	Terrill Nordstrom
Leaden Flycatcher	1 First Sighting	03-Oct-10	Woodward Track, Sublime Point	Bush	Jill Molan
Black-faced Monarch	1 First sighting	01-Oct-10	Bellawongarah	Forest	Carla Jackett

Thankyou for your first sightings of many summer migrants. The numbers of waders are a welcome return. The Bell Miners are an unusual sighting so close to the coast, but this species is reported to be increasing. The White-fronted Tern is sometimes observed on rock platforms but most records are winter pelagic sightings. Grey Currawong sightings are invariably from the Maddens Plains area but are infrequently reported. Thankyou for all your sightings and please continue to send them to [cocker@speedlink.com.au](mailto:cocker@speedlink.com.au). Monthly sightings are also on the web: [www.iboc.org.au](http://www.iboc.org.au)

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Species	Number	Date	Location	Habitat	Observer
Australian Brush-turkey	2	15-Oct	Ken Ausburn Track Mt Kiera	Bush	Martin Potter
Bar-shouldered Dove	1	8-Nov	Bellambi	Dunes	Joan Wylie
Bar-shouldered Dove	1	20-Oct	Comerong Island	Estuarine	Terrill Nordstrom
Topknot Pigeon	20	27-Oct	Excelsior Mine Area, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Wedge-tailed Shearwater	1 (dead probable BoP Kill)	27-Oct	Excelsior Mine Area, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Striated Heron	1	27-Nov	Purrah Bay, Kanahooka	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Nankeen Night-heron	3	23-Oct	Little Lake, Warilla	Casuarina Trees	Martin Cocker
Black-shouldered Kite	1	14-Nov	Freeway, Nr. Berkeley	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Square-tailed Kite	1	25-Aug	Balgownie	Creek	Wal Emery
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	31-Oct	Robertson Lookout	Escarpment	A Foley, D Bourne, M & P Potter
Whistling Kite	1	30-Oct	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	Riparian	A Foley, D Bourne, M & P Potter
Grey Goshawk	2 (1 Grey, 1 White)	20-Oct	Killalea SRA	Woodland	Bruce Coyte
Grey Goshawk	1 (White Morph)	14-Nov	Mt. Ousley	Forest	Terrill Nordstrom
Grey Goshawk	1	22-Oct	Wollongong Golf Course	Overhead	David Winterbottom
Swamp Harrier	1	24-Oct	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Swamp Harrier	1	30-Oct	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	Riparian	A Foley, D Bourne, M & P Potter
Little Eagle	2	31-Oct	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	Riparian	A Foley, D Bourne, M & P Potter
Peregrine Falcon	2	14-Nov	Purrah Bay, Kanahooka	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Peregrine Falcon	1	31-Oct	Robertson Lookout	Escarpment	A Foley, D Bourne, M & P Potter
Peregrine Falcon	1	27-Nov	Purrah Bay, Kanahooka	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	4	7-Nov	Windang Estuary, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	1	24-Oct	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	3	4-Nov	Windang Estuary, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus/Terrill Nordstrom
Sooty Oystercatcher	2	7-Nov	Windang Estuary, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Sooty Oystercatcher	1	26-Oct	Wollongong Lighthouse Foreshore	Rock platform	Frank Carey
Sooty Oystercatcher	2	4-Nov	Windang Estuary, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus/Terrill Nordstrom
Pacific Golden Plover	80	24-Oct	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Pacific Golden Plover	31	20-Oct	Comerong Island	Estuarine	Terrill Nordstrom
Grey Plover	1	27-Oct	East Corrimal	Rock platform	David Winterbottom
Red-capped Plover	5	20-Oct	Comerong Island	Estuarine	Terrill Nordstrom
Bar-tailed Godwit	130	7-Nov	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Bar-tailed Godwit	7	26-Oct	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Estuarine	Frank Carey
Bar-tailed Godwit	100	24-Oct	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Bar-tailed Godwit	73	20-Oct	Comerong Island	Estuarine	Terrill Nordstrom
Whimbrel	1	17-Nov	Lake Conjola	Estuarine	Terrill Nordstrom
Eastern Curlew	1	4-Nov	Windang Estuary, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus/Terrill Nordstrom
Eastern Curlew	10	20-Oct	Comerong Island	Estuarine	Terrill Nordstrom
Grey-tailed Tattler	1	18-Oct	Collins Creek, Woonona	Estuarine	Nerida Hudspith
Grey-tailed Tattler	3	4-Nov	Windang Estuary, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus/Terrill Nordstrom
Common Greenshank	3	7-Nov	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Marsh Sandpiper	2	27-Oct	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Red Knot	3	7-Nov	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Sanderling	2	17-Nov	Lake Wollumboola	Estuarine	Terrill Nordstrom
Red-necked Stint	12	31-Oct	Windang	Estuarine	A Foley, D Bourne, M & P Potter
Red-necked Stint	29	20-Oct	Comerong Island	Estuarine	Terrill Nordstrom
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	18	20-Oct	Comerong Island	Estuarine	Terrill Nordstrom
Curlew Sandpiper	1	24-Oct	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Little Tern	68	17-Nov	Lake Conjola	Estuarine	Terrill Nordstrom
Little Tern	4	17-Nov	Lake Wollumboola	Estuarine	Terrill Nordstrom
Pacific Gull	1	31-Dec	Windang	Estuarine	A Foley, D Bourne, M & P Potter
Galah	73	15-Nov	Warrawong	Suburban	Terrill Nordstrom
Superb Parrot	1	13-Nov	Figtree	Garden	Colin Markham
Brush Cuckoo	1	5-Nov	Fred Finch Park	Casuarina Trees	David Winterbottom
Brush Cuckoo	1	9-Nov	Windang	Dune woodland	David Winterbottom
Azure Kingfisher	1	7-Nov	Blue Angle Creek, Gerroa	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Green Catbird	1	6-Nov	Tarrawanna	Garden	Peg McKinlay
Southern Emu-wren	1	20-Nov	Barren Grounds	Heath	Illawarra Birders
Eastern Bristlebird	1	24-Oct	Booderie N.P.	Heath	Bruce & Kelsey O'Brien
Eastern Bristlebird	2	20-Nov	Barren Grounds	Heath	Illawarra Birders
Rockwarbler	1	17-Oct	Ben's Walk, Nowra	Riparian	Penny Potter
Large-billed Scrubwren	3	21-Oct	Excelsior Mine Area, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
White-fronted Chat	2	20-Oct	Comerong Island	Estuarine	Terrill Nordstrom
Australian Logrunner	2	18-Nov	Excelsior Mine Area, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Crested Shrike-tit	2	27-Oct	Excelsior Mine Area, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Crested Shrike-tit	2	18-Nov	Excelsior Mine Area, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Rufous Fantail	1	20-Nov	Barren Grounds	Heath	Illawarra Birders
Beautiful Firetail	1	20-Nov	Barren Grounds	Heath	Illawarra Birders