

Illawarra Bird Observers Club Inc
MEMBERS' MONTHLY SIGHTINGS

December 2007

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Nigel Jackett reports "Osprey 1-2, possibly have a nest on the island as 1 or 2 Osprey were catching fish in the lagoon and heading to the same spot on the island". This would certainly be a new record as the southern most breeding record for NSW is currently Narrabeen Lakes. So if you are visiting the Shoalhaven Heads/ Comerong Island area then keep your eyes open!

Also Lorraine Pincus was lucky enough to see a pair of Nankeen Kestrels with four fledglings in the Figtree area. All reports of successful breeding are welcome and now is the time, particularly keep careful note of any fledgling and immature raptors in your area.

If you would like to join the 30+ members who have given me their email address and so receive more regular updates than is possible through the Newsletter then please advise me:
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Happy New Year and Good Birding!

SPECIES	NUMBER	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Black Swan	50	3-Dec	Purrah Bay, Kanahooka	estuarine	Martin Cocker
Pink-eared Duck	3	2-Jan	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	wetland	Chris Brandis
Great Crested Grebe	2	23-Dec	Fitzroy Falls Reservoir	scrub/water	Nigel Jackett
Darter	2. M and F	21-Dec	Macquarie Rivulet	river side	Michelle Rower
Great Egret	3	7-Dec	Balorang	creek side	Lorraine Pincus
Striated Heron	2	3-Dec	Minnamurra River	creek side	Lorraine Pincus
Striated Heron	1	9-Dec	Koonawarra Bay	estuarine	Martin Cocker
Striated Heron	1	9-Dec	Why Juck Bay	estuarine	Martin Cocker
Striated Heron	2	17-Dec	Lake Illawarra Entrance	coastal	Tera Wheway
Striated Heron	1	30-Dec	Mullet Creek, Kanahooka	estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Striated Heron	1	1-Jan	Why Juck Bay	estuarine	Martin Cocker
Nankeen night Heron	2	2-Jan	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	wetland	Chris Brandis
Osprey	2	22-Dec	Comerong Island	nesting behaviour	Nigel Jackett
Pacific Baza	1	17-Dec	Devil's Glen, Kangaroo Valley	rural	Nigel Jackett
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	1-Jan	Kanahooka Point	overhead	Martin Cocker
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	2-Jan	Unanderra	overhead	Martin Cocker
Australian Hobby	1	11-Dec	Figtree	urban	Lorraine Pincus
Australian Hobby	1	16-Dec	Windang Estuary	overhead	Martin Cocker
Peregrine Falcon	1	1-Dec	Mount Warrigal	overhead	Norma Burke
Peregrine Falcon	1	23-Dec	Kanahooka Point	overhead	Martin Cocker
Nankeen Kestrel	2 Adult, 4 fledglings	4-Jan	Figtree	suburban	Lorraine Pincus
Black-tailed Native-hen	1	29/10, 1/11	Why Juck Bay	estuarine	Gleniss Wellings
Latham's Snipe	2	9-Dec	Purrah Bay, Kanahooka	estuarine	Martin Cocker
Bar-tailed Godwit	10	9-Dec	Why Juck Bay	estuarine	Martin Cocker
Common Greenshank	4	9-Dec	Why Juck Bay	estuarine	Martin Cocker
Common Greenshank	3	1-Jan	Why Juck Bay	estuarine	Martin Cocker
Grey-tailed Tattler	1	24-Dec	Little Lake, juvenile bird	estuarine	Michelle Rower

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Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	17	3-Dec	Purrah Bay, Kanahooka	estuarine	Martin Cocker
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	200+	2-Jan	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	wetland	Chris Brandis
Curlew Sandpiper	1	2-Jan	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	wetland	Chris Brandis
Curlew Sandpiper	1	9-Dec	Shoalhaven Heads	estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Pied Oystercatcher	8	16-Dec	Windang Estuary	estuarine	Martin Cocker
Black-winged Stilt	2 plus 1 chick	12-Dec	Why Juck Bay	estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Black-winged Stilt	10+3 chicks	5-Jan	Hooka Point	estuarine	Martin Cocker
Grey Plover	1	22-Dec	Comerong Island	estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Black-fronted Dotterel	2	9-Dec	Bellambi Lagoon	lake side	Tom and Joan Wylie
Kelp Gull	1. Juvenile	24-Dec	Little Lake	estuarine	Michelle Rower
Crested Tern	70	16-Dec	Windang Estuary	estuarine	Martin Cocker
Little Tern	2	22-Dec	Comerong Island	estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Brush Bronzewing	1	23-Dec	Barren Grounds	heath/forest	Nigel Jackett
Long-billed Corella	few	13-Dec	Barrack Point	parkland	Michelle Rower
Long-billed Corella	150+	22-Dec	Shellharbour Square	parkland	Norma Burke
Musk Lorikeet	few	13-Dec	Shellharbour	parkland	Michelle Rower
Superb Parrot	1	18-Dec	Lake Illawarra High School	Escape??	Cheryl Akhurst
Ground Parrot	1	23-Dec	Budderoo National Park	forest	Nigel Jackett
Brush Cuckoo	2	23-Dec	Black Ash Reserve	forest	Nigel Jackett
Channel-billed Cuckoo	2	3-Dec	Purrah Bay, Kanahooka	parkland	Martin Cocker
Powerful Owl	1	14/11	Bass Point	woodland	IBOC
Azure Kingfisher	1	21-Dec	Macquarie Rivulet	river side	Michelle Rower
Sacred Kingfisher	1	November	Blackbutt Reserve	parkland	Michelle Rower
Sacred Kingfisher	1	26-Dec	Jerra Dam	water edge	Tera Wheway
Sacred Kingfisher	1	3-Jan	Figtree	suburban	Lorraine Pincus
Sacred Kingfisher	1	2-Jan	Mullet Creek, Dapto	water edge	Martin Cocker
Red-browed Treecreeper	1	23-Dec	Barren Grounds	heath/forest	Nigel Jackett
Southern Emu-wren	5	23-Dec	Budderoo National Park	forest	Nigel Jackett
Yellow-throated Scrubwren	2	23-Dec	Black Ash Reserve	forest	Nigel Jackett
Large-billed Scrubwren	2	23-Dec	Black Ash Reserve	forest	Nigel Jackett
Chestnut-rumped Heathwren	1	23-Dec	Barren Grounds	heath/forest	Nigel Jackett
White-plumed Honeyeater	Numerous	21-Dec	Macquarie Rivulet, feeding young.	river side	Michelle Rower
White-fronted Chat	6	22-Dec	Comerong Island	estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Flame Robin	2	23-Dec	Budderoo National Park	forest	Nigel Jackett
Varied Sittella	1	23-Dec	Fitzroy Falls Reservoir	scrub/water	Nigel Jackett
White-winged Triller	1, female	1-Dec	Dapto	urban	Bruce O'Brien
White-winged Triller	1, male	9-Dec	Why Juck Bay	parkland	Martin Cocker
Beautiful Firetail	1	23-Dec	Barren Grounds	heath/forest	Nigel Jackett
Common Blackbird	1	28-Nov	Blackbutt Reserve	parkland	Norma Burke