**Westgate   Park   Bird   Count**



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**Weather:** Overcast  becoming  windy Temp  15  ⁰  -  20  ⁰  C

**Coverage:**  Entire  survey  route  completed **Time  start:  0845** **Time  finish:  1345**

**Species** **Number  seen** **Species** **Number  seen**

*Brown  Quail* *Galah*

**5  (incl  4  juv  –**

Black  Swan

**grey  stage)**   *Long-billed  Corella*

Blue-billed  duck *Sulphur-crested  Cockatoo*

Australian  Wood  Duck *Rainbow  Lorikeet* **22  +  2R**

Pink-eared  Duck *Musk  Lorikeet*

Australasian  Shoveler *Little  Lorikeet*

Grey  Teal **9** *Purple-crowned  Lorikeet*

Chestnut  Teal **6** *Eastern  Rosella*

Pacific  Black  Duck **4** *Horsfield’s  Bronze-Cuckoo*

Hardhead **28** *Fan-tailed  Cuckoo*

Australasian  Grebe **14** *Southern  Boobook*

Hoary-headed  Grebe **2** *Barn  Owl*

*Rock  Dove* ***1*** *Sacred  Kingfisher*

*Spotted  Turtle-Dove* ***6*** *Superb  Fairy-wren* **39  bluesR–(incl**

**14incl  1** **1R)**

*Common  Bronzewing* *White-browed  Scrubwren* **6**

*Crested  Pigeon* ***2*** *Brown  Thornbill* **3**

Darter *Spotted  Pardalote* **2**

Little  Pied  Cormorant **1** *White-plumed  Honeyeater* **36  incl  1R**

**1**

**R PLUS 4R UNKNOWN –**

Great  Cormorant

**PRESUMED GREAT**

*Noisy  Miner*               **8  (1  in  park)**

Little  Black  Cormorant **1** *Little  Wattlebird* **3  +  1R**

Pied  Cormorant **2R** *Red  Wattlebird* **82  +  1R**

Australian  Pelican *New  Holland  Honeyeater* **30**

Eastern  Great  Egret *Honeyeater  -  unidentified* **1**

White-faced  Heron **1 CARCASE** *Black-faced  Cuckoo-shrike*

Nankeen  Night-Heron *White-winged  Triller*

Australian  White  Ibis **1** *Golden  Whistler*

Straw-necked  Ibis *Grey  Shrike-thrush*

Royal  Spoonbill *Grey  Butcherbird*

Black-shouldered  Kite **1** *Australian  Magpie* **5**

Whistling  Kite *Pied  Currawong* **2**

Brown  Goshawk *Grey  fantail*

Little  Eagle *Willie  Wagtail* **11**

Nankeen  Kestrel *Little  Raven* **6**

Brown  Falcon *Satin  Flycatcher*

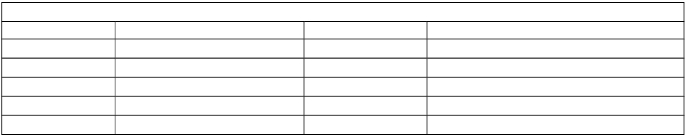
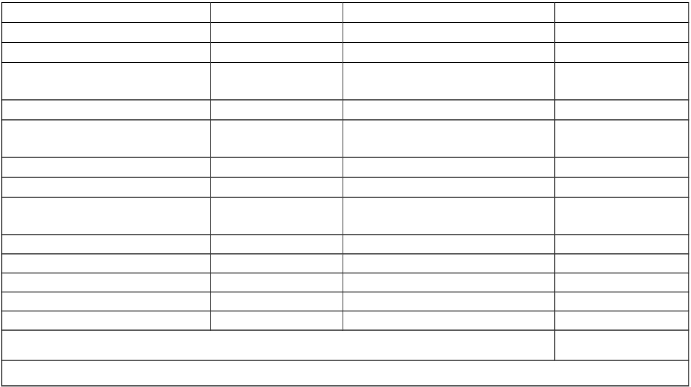
Australian  Hobby *Magpie-lark* **15  +  1R**

Peregrine  Falcon *Scarlet  Robin*

Purple  Swamphen *Flame  Robin*

Buff-banded  Rail *Eurasian  Skylark*

Baillon’s  Crake Golden-headed  Cisticola



Australian  Spotted  Crake Australian  Reed-Warbler **3**

Black-tailed  Native-hen Little  Grassbird

**15  (+  1  dep**

Dusky  Moorhen

**young)**     *Silvereye*

Eurasian  Coot **34** *Welcome  Swallow* ***40***

**23  (+  2  dep**

Black-winged  Stilt

**young)**     *Tree  Martin*

Black-fronted  Dotterel **4** *Common  Blackbird* ***2***

Red-kneed  Dotterel **1** *Common  Starling* **56+  1**R

**8  (1  nesting  in**

Masked  Lapwing *Common  Myna*

**a  Gio  box)**

**Latham’s  Snipe** *Red-browed  Finch*

Crested  Tern *House  Sparrow* ***6***

Pacific  Gull *Australasian  Pipit*

Silver  Gull **70  +  70R** *European  Greenfinch*

*European  Goldfinch* **1**

**Number  of  Bird  Species**  -  Wetland  dependent  &  Raptors…24 *Land  based  23* **Total** **47  species**

**Other  animals:**  Common  Froglet;  Tiger  Snake

**R**

**=  along  Yarra  River**

Note:  For  species  seen  in  large  numbers,  or  for  which  accurate  counting  was  difficult  the  number  seen  is  rounded  off  to  the

nearest  tens  or  fives.

Habitat:  The  large  Freshwater  and  Saltwater  lakes  have  risen  lately,  which  suits  diving  feeders,  such  as

Hardheads,  Australasian  Grebes  and  Hoary-headed  Grebes  –  suggesting  aquatic  invertebrates  and  other

small  prey  are  plentiful  in  the  Large  Freshwater  Lake.

With  a  variety  of  eucalypts  flowering  lightly,  numerous  nectar  feeders  are  in  the  park,  especially  Rainbow

Lorikeets,  White-plumed  Honeyeaters  and  Red  Wattlebirds.  A  worry:  one  Noisy  Miner  in  the  park  proper.

Interesting/notable  sightings:

 -  Reed  Warblers

 -  Black-shouldered  Kite  –  in  a  low  red  gum

 -  Red-kneed  Dotterel

 -  Small  mob  of  (young?)  Blue-billed  Duck

**Opportunistic  Sightings**  –  Interesting  or  unusual  sightings  reported  between  surveys

**Date** **Species** **Number  seen** **Observer**

5  November Galah 2 *George  Fotheringham*

11  November **White-winged  Triller** **2** *Andrew  McConville  (eBird)*

13  November White-faced  Heron 1 *George  Fotheringham*

19  November White  Ibis 2 *George  Fotheringham*

21  November Richard’s  Pipit **1** *George  Fotheringham*