

Westgate Park Bird Count

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Weather: Sunny, moderate N breeze - 10 -12.5° Cel		
Coverage: Entire survey route completed		Times : 0845-1315

Species	Number seen	Species	Number seen
<i>Brown Quail</i>		<i>Galah</i>	
Black Swan	2	<i>Long-billed Corella</i>	
Australian Shelduck		<i>Sulphur-crested Cockatoo</i>	
Australian Wood Duck		<i>Rainbow Lorikeet</i>	26
Pink-eared Duck		<i>Musk Lorikeet</i>	
Australasian Shoveler		<i>Little Lorikeet</i>	
Grey Teal		<i>Purple-crowned Lorikeet</i>	
Chestnut Teal	27	<i>Eastern Rosella</i>	
Pacific Black Duck	2	<i>Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo</i>	
Hardhead	5	<i>Fan-tailed Cuckoo</i>	
Australasian Grebe	12	<i>Southern Boobook</i>	
Hoary-headed Grebe	2	<i>Barn Owl</i>	
<i>Rock Dove</i>	3	<i>Sacred Kingfisher</i>	
<i>Spotted Turtle-Dove</i>	10	<i>Superb Fairy-wren</i>	53 incl 5 blues
<i>Common Bronzewing</i>		<i>White-browed Scrubwren</i>	4
<i>Crested Pigeon</i>		<i>Brown Thornbill</i>	
Australasian Darter		<i>Spotted Pardalote</i>	1
Little Pied Cormorant	3*	<i>Eastern Spinebill</i>	2
Great Cormorant		<i>White-plumed Honeyeater</i>	38
Little Black Cormorant		<i>Noisy Miner</i>	2 (Todd Rd) + 2*
Pied Cormorant	1*	<i>Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater</i>	
Australian Pelican		<i>Little Wattlebird</i>	4 + 3*
Eastern Great Egret		<i>Red Wattlebird</i>	70 + 7*
White-faced Heron		<i>New Holland Honeyeater</i>	45
Nankeen Night-Heron		<i>White-naped Honeyeater</i>	
Australian White Ibis		<i>Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike</i>	
Straw-necked Ibis		<i>White-winged Triller</i>	
Royal Spoonbill		<i>Golden Whistler</i>	1 immature
Black-shouldered Kite		<i>Grey Shrike-thrush</i>	
Whistling Kite		<i>Grey Butcherbird</i>	
Brown Goshawk		<i>Australian Magpie</i>	2
Little Eagle		<i>Pied Currawong</i>	1
Nankeen Kestrel		<i>Grey fantail</i>	
Brown Falcon		<i>Willie Wagtail</i>	13
Australian Hobby		<i>Little Raven</i>	12
Peregrine Falcon		<i>Satin Flycatcher</i>	
Purple Swamphen	2	<i>Magpie-lark</i>	8
Buff-banded Rail		<i>Flame Robin</i>	

Baillon's Crake		<i>Rose Robin</i>	
Australian Spotted Crake		Golden-headed Cisticola	
Black-tailed Native-hen		Australian Reed-Warbler	
Dusky Moorhen	12	Little Grassbird	
Eurasian Coot	31	Silvereye	
Black-winged Stilt	4	Welcome Swallow	13
Black-fronted Dotterel	2	<i>Tree Martin</i>	
Red-kneed Dotterel		<i>Common Blackbird</i>	5
Masked Lapwing	2	<i>Common Starling</i>	140
Latham's Snipe		<i>Common Myna</i>	2
Crested Tern		<i>Red-browed Finch</i>	
Pacific Gull		<i>House Sparrow</i>	30
Silver Gull	70 + 30*	<i>Australasian Pipit</i>	
Pied Oystercatcher		<i>European Greenfinch</i>	4
		<i>European Goldfinch</i>	1
Number of Bird Species - Wetland dependent & Raptors...15 Land based 25.... Total			40 Species
Other animals: Common Froglets, <i>Crinia signifera</i> calling in dam, wetlands near FoWP compound, Todd Road corner, southern chain of ponds.			

* seen at/along Yarra River only.

Note: For species seen in large numbers, or for which accurate counting was difficult the number seen is rounded off to the nearest of tens or fives followed by a +.

D - Denotes dependent young plus number of separate broods.

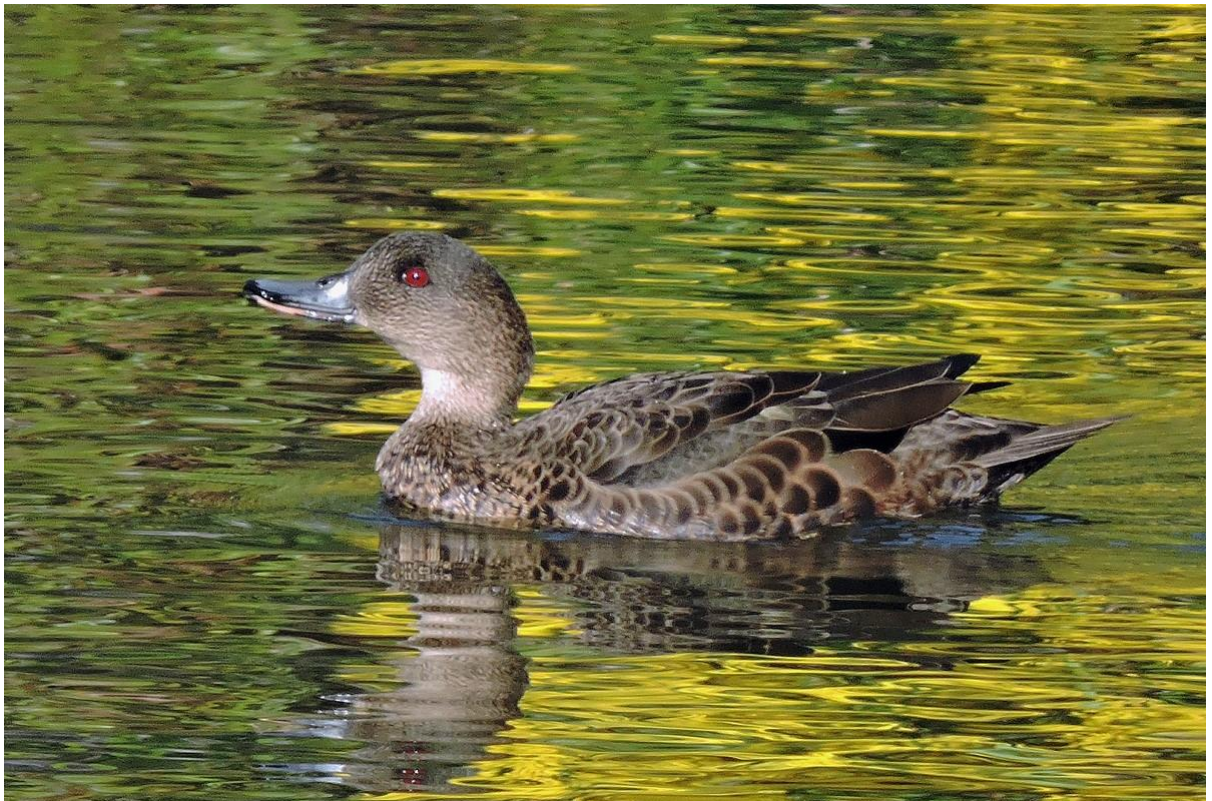
Habitat: The park has had good rain and water levels have risen. Water level in Salt lake 0.74 m

The Eastern Spinebills have been in the park now for 4 to 5 months, to our great pleasure. They appreciate banksias and dense ground cover. Volunteers are back in force.

Opportunistic Sightings – Interesting or unusual sightings reported between surveys			
Date	Species	Number seen	Observer
1 July	Fairy Martin	2	Benedick Furness (eBird)
8 July	Little Eagle	1	Michael Drake (eBird)
13 July	Crested Tern	1	Janine Duffy (eBird)
13 July	Australasian Darter	1	Janine Duffy (eBird)
14 July	White-faced Heron	1	Janine Duffy (eBird)
15 July	Australian Pelican	1	Michael Drake (eBird)
15 July	Pacific Gull	1	Michael Drake (eBird)
24 July	Australian White Ibis	3	Michael Drake (eBird)
24 July	Nankeen Kestrel	1	Michael Drake (eBird)
29 July	Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	4	Michael Drake (eBird)
29 July	Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater	2	Michael Drake (eBird)
Sub-Total			11 Species
Total number of species – Survey + Opportunistic Sightings			<u>51 Species</u>



Cygnet already developing its primary flight feathers



Female Chestnut Teal



Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo with beetle larva extracted from decaying Black Wattle



Pair of Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos