

Westgate Park Bird Count

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Weather:	Cloudy, slowly clearing	Temp 16-18° Cel
Coverage: Entire survey route completed	Time start: 0845	Time finish: 1330

Species	Number seen	Species	Number seen
<i>Brown Quail</i>		<i>Galah</i>	
Black Swan	1 + 1*	<i>Long-billed Corella</i>	
Australian Shelduck		<i>Sulphur-crested Cockatoo</i>	
Australian Wood Duck		<i>Rainbow Lorikeet</i>	15 + 9*
Pink-eared Duck		<i>Musk Lorikeet</i>	6
Australasian Shoveler		<i>Little Lorikeet</i>	
Grey Teal	5	<i>Purple-crowned Lorikeet</i>	
Chestnut Teal	21 + 3 D + 4 J	<i>Eastern Rosella</i>	
Pacific Black Duck	6	<i>Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo</i>	
Hardhead	8	<i>Fan-tailed Cuckoo</i>	
Australasian Grebe	7	<i>Southern Boobook</i>	
Hoary-headed Grebe	2 (1 nest)	<i>Barn Owl</i>	
<i>Rock Dove</i>	3 + 2*	<i>Sacred Kingfisher</i>	
<i>Spotted Turtle-Dove</i>	14 + 1*	<i>Superb Fairy-wren</i>	58 (4 blue) + 4*
<i>Common Bronzewing</i>		<i>White-browed Scrubwren</i>	7
<i>Crested Pigeon</i>	9	<i>Brown Thornbill</i>	
Darter		<i>Striated Pardalote</i>	1 (heard)
Little Pied Cormorant	3*	Eastern Spinebill	1
Great Cormorant		<i>White-plumed Honeyeater</i>	38
Little Black Cormorant	5*	<i>Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater</i>	
Pied Cormorant		<i>Little Wattlebird</i>	7 + 7*
Australian Pelican		<i>Red Wattlebird</i>	49
Eastern Great Egret		<i>New Holland Honeyeater</i>	50 + 1*
White-faced Heron		Noisy Miner	4(Todd Road) + 2*
Nankeen Night-Heron		<i>Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike</i>	
Australian White Ibis		<i>White-winged Triller</i>	
Straw-necked Ibis		Golden Whistler	
Royal Spoonbill		<i>Grey Shrike-thrush</i>	
Collared Sparrowhawk	1 ? (not confirmed)	<i>Grey Butcherbird</i>	
Whistling Kite		<i>Australian Magpie</i>	1
Brown Goshawk		<i>Pied Currawong</i>	
Little Eagle		<i>Grey fantail</i>	3
Nankeen Kestrel		<i>Willie Wagtail</i>	10
Brown Falcon		<i>Little Raven</i>	6
Australian Hobby		<i>Satin Flycatcher</i>	
Peregrine Falcon		<i>Magpie-lark</i>	10 + 3*
Purple Swamphen	2 + 1 D	<i>Flame Robin</i>	
Buff-banded Rail		Eastern Yellow Robin	1

Baillon's Crake		Golden-headed Cisticola	
Australian Spotted Crake		Australian Reed-Warbler	
Black-tailed Native-hen		Little Grassbird	
Dusky Moorhen	18	<i>Silvereye</i>	
Eurasian Coot	41	<i>Welcome Swallow</i>	90
Black-winged Stilt		<i>Fairy Martin</i>	
Black-fronted Dotterel	8	<i>Common Blackbird</i>	3 + 1*
Red-kneed Dotterel		<i>Common Starling</i>	1
Masked Lapwing		<i>Common Myna</i>	12
Latham's Snipe		<i>Red-browed Finch</i>	
Crested Tern	6*	<i>House Sparrow</i>	50
Pacific Gull	1 (deceased – freshwater lake) + 1*	<i>Australasian Pipit</i>	
Silver Gull	50 + 90*	<i>European Greenfinch</i>	
		<i>European Goldfinch</i>	
Number of Bird Species - Wetland dependent & Raptors ..17 ...Land based ..25..... Sub-Total			41 species
Other animals: Common Froglets, <i>Crinia signifera</i> calling in dam, and wetlands near FoWP compound and elsewhere.			

* 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. J – Juvenile birds.

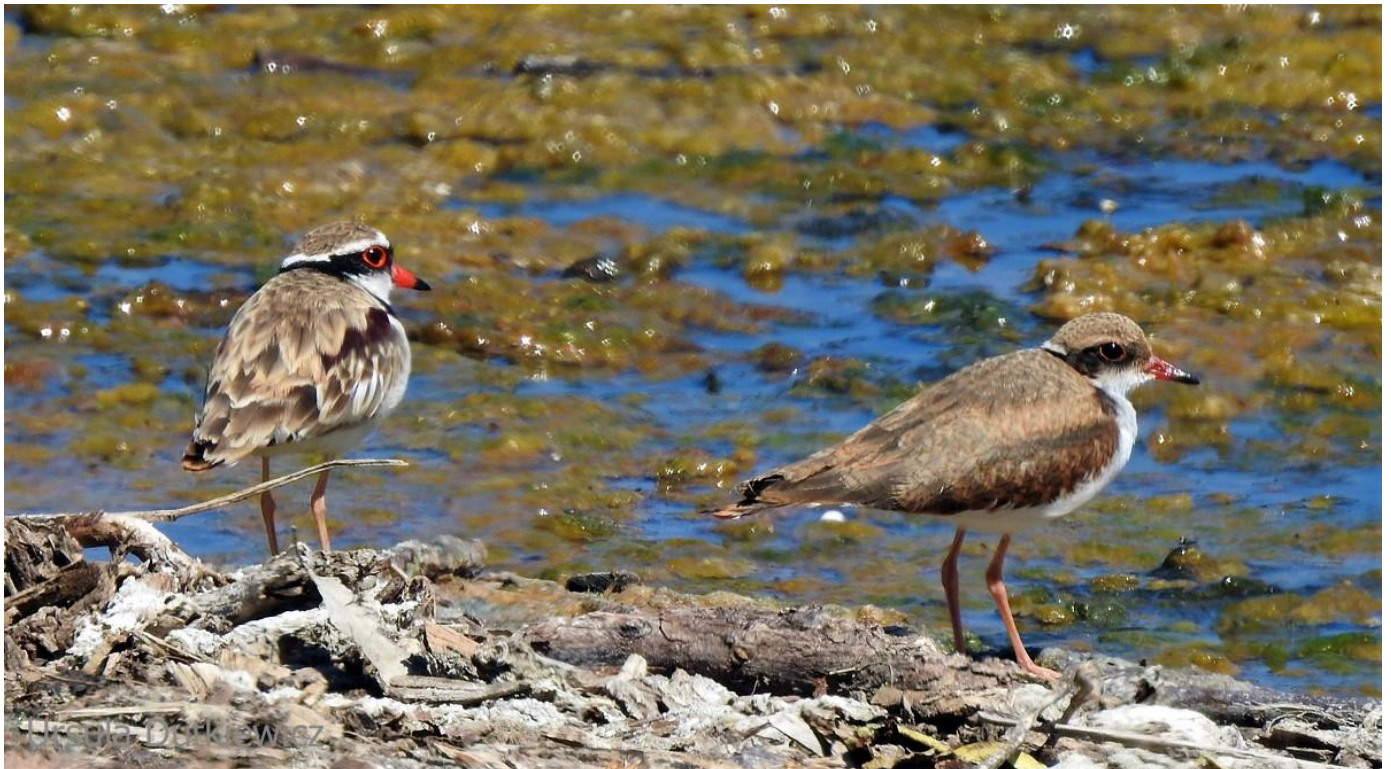
Habitat: Water levels have dropped over the last month. Nevertheless none of the larger waders were present. However, encountering both an Eastern Yellow Robin and an Eastern Spinebill was notable, and at least eight Black-fronted Dotterels were sighted around Saltwater Lake. Moreover there were many more Crested Terns than usual.

Opportunistic Sightings – Interesting or unusual sightings reported between surveys			
Date	Species	Number seen	Observer
2 March	Black-winged Stilt	11	Elke Link (eBird)
12 March	Royal Spoonbill	1	Peter Booth (eBird)
13 March	Australian Pelican	3	John Van Doorn (eBird)
	Australian Ibis	5	
16 March	Grey Butcherbird	2	Janine Duffy (eBird)
17 March	Great Cormorant	1	Janine Duffy (eBird)
	Aust Reed Warbler	1	
	Common Bronzewing	1	Colin Trainor (eBird)
	White-faced Heron	1	
	Brown Thornbill	1	
	Eastern Great Egret	1	
20 March	Little Grassbird (heard)	2	Elke Link (eBird)
1 April	Masked Lapwing	2	Elke Link (eBird)
	Brown Goshawk	1	
5 April	Nankeen Night-Heron	1	Janine Duffy (eBird)
	Silvereye	6	
	European Goldfinch	9	

6 April	Pied Cormorant	3	Janine Duffy (eBird)
	Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater	2	
Sub-Total			19 Species
Total number of species – Survey + Opportunistic Sightings			<u>60 Species</u>



Little Pied Cormorant with a Common Freshwater Yabby *Cherax destructor*



Adult and juvenile Black-fronted Dotterels



Welcome Swallow

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