

Westgate Park Bird Count

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Weather: Clouding over, periods of sunshine, light NW winds			
Coverage: Entire survey route completed		Time: 0830 - 1300	

Species	Number seen	Species	Number seen
<i>Brown Quail</i>		<i>Galah</i>	3
Black Swan	2	<i>Long-billed Corella</i>	
Australian Shelduck		<i>Sulphur-crested Cockatoo</i>	
Australian Wood Duck		<i>Rainbow Lorikeet</i>	25 + 2*
Pink-eared Duck		<i>Musk Lorikeet</i>	
Australasian Shoveler		<i>Little Lorikeet</i>	
Grey Teal	4	<i>Purple-crowned Lorikeet</i>	
Chestnut Teal	25	<i>Eastern Rosella</i>	
Pacific Black Duck	2	<i>Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo</i>	
Hardhead	5	<i>Fan-tailed Cuckoo</i>	
Australasian Grebe	10 (1 nest)	<i>Southern Boobook</i>	
Hoary-headed Grebe	3	<i>Barn Owl</i>	
<i>Rock Dove</i>	1	<i>Sacred Kingfisher</i>	
<i>Spotted Turtle-Dove</i>	10	<i>Superb Fairy-wren</i>	54 (incl 30 blue)
<i>Common Bronzewing</i>		<i>White-browed Scrubwren</i>	12
<i>Crested Pigeon</i>	2	<i>Brown Thornbill</i>	
Darter		<i>Spotted Pardalote</i>	1
Little Pied Cormorant	1*	<i>White-plumed Honeyeater</i>	26
Great Cormorant	1*	<i>Noisy Miner</i>	1
Little Black Cormorant	4*	<i>Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater</i>	
Pied Cormorant		<i>Little Wattlebird</i>	5 + 1*
Australian Pelican		<i>Red Wattlebird</i>	63 + 3*
Eastern Great Egret		<i>New Holland Honeyeater</i>	40
White-faced Heron		<i>White-naped Honeyeater</i>	
Nankeen Night-Heron		<i>Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike</i>	
Australian White Ibis	1	<i>White-winged Triller</i>	
Straw-necked Ibis		Golden Whistler	1 (female)
Royal Spoonbill		<i>Grey Shrike-thrush</i>	
Black-shouldered Kite		<i>Grey Butcherbird</i>	
Whistling Kite		<i>Australian Magpie</i>	5 + 1*
Brown Goshawk		<i>Pied Currawong</i>	1
Little Eagle		<i>Grey fantail</i>	1
Nankeen Kestrel		<i>Willie Wagtail</i>	12
Brown Falcon		<i>Little Raven</i>	34 + 1*
Australian Hobby		<i>Satin Flycatcher</i>	
Peregrine Falcon		<i>Magpie-lark</i>	12
Purple Swamphen	5 (1 on nest)	<i>Flame Robin</i>	
Buff-banded Rail		<i>Rose Robin</i>	
Baillon's Crake		<i>Eurasian Skylark</i>	

Australian Spotted Crane		Golden-headed Cisticola	
Black-tailed Native-hen		Australian Reed-Warbler	5
Dusky Moorhen	17	Little Grassbird	
Eurasian Coot	19	<i>Silvereye</i>	
Black-winged Stilt	2	<i>Welcome Swallow</i>	50 + 5*
Black-fronted Dotterel		<i>Tree Martin</i>	
Red-kneed Dotterel		<i>Common Blackbird</i>	13
Masked Lapwing		<i>Common Starling</i>	25
Latham's Snipe		<i>Common Myna</i>	12
Crested Tern	1*	<i>Red-browed Finch</i>	
Pacific Gull		<i>House Sparrow</i>	24 + 1*
Silver Gull	50 + 60*	<i>Australasian Pipit</i>	
Pied Oystercatcher		<i>European Greenfinch</i>	
		<i>European Goldfinch</i>	3
Number of Bird Species - Wetland dependent & Raptors... 18 <i>Land based</i> 26 Total			44 Species
Other animals: Common Froglets, <i>Crinia signifera</i> calling in dam, wetlands near FoWP compound, southern chain of ponds			

* seen at/along Yarra River only.

Salt lake: 0.84 m

The water in both major lakes is at high levels and noticeably clearer than usual – could this be due to the considerable growth resulting from recent excellent rains providing better than usual coverage of the soil?

A brushtail possum has returned to roost in a tree close to the barbecue shelter. The perch, located where the tree was snapped off in a storm, is very exposed although recent epicormic shoots have obscured the spot somewhat.

Not for the first time, a pair of hobby hobbies has nested at the top of the crane at the Wharf Road CFMEU training centre.

Opportunistic Sightings – Interesting or unusual sightings reported between surveys			
Date	Species	Number seen	Observer
7 September	Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	7	Mark Stanley (eBird)
12 September	Grey Butcherbird	1	Christopher Brown (eBird)
19 September	Australian Wood Duck	1	Nicole Spillane & Paul Jacobson (eBird)
19 September	Collared Sparrowhawk	1	Nicole Spillane & Paul Jacobson (eBird)
20 September	Masked Lapwing	1	Ken Tay (eBird)
23 September	Nankeen Kestrel	1	Tom May (eBird)
25 September	Eastern Great Egret	1	Elke Link (eBird)
25 September	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	1	Elke Link (eBird)
26 September	Rose Robin	1	Farley Connelly (eBird)
26 September	Australian White Ibis	2	Farley Connelly (eBird)
28 September	Black-fronted Dotterel	1	Steve Law (eBird)
28 September	Long-billed Corella	1	Steve Law (eBird)
28 September	Musk Lorikeet	2	Steve Law (eBird)
28 September	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	1	Steve Law (eBird)
30 September	Brown Thornbill	2	Martin Maderthaner (eBird)
30 September	Eastern Spinebill	1	Martin Maderthaner (eBird)

4 October	European Greenfinch	1	Aidan Powell (eBird)
4 October	Little Grassbird	1	Aidan Powell (eBird)
4 October	Australian Hobby	1	Aidan Powell (eBird)
Sub-Total			19 Species
Total number of species – Survey + Opportunistic Sightings			<u>63 Species</u>

All photos below by Ursula Dutkiewicz



Hardheads – Male (left) and female (right)



Hoary-headed Grebe



Willie Wagtail on nest



Grey Fantail

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