

Westgate Park Bird Count

By: <i>Peter Parrington, Rob Youl and Lyn Griffen</i>		Date: 4 July 2022
Weather: Fine, light air became breezy - 7-12 °Cel		
Coverage: Entire survey route completed		Times: 0840 - 1345

Species	Number seen	Species	Number seen
<i>Brown Quail</i>		<i>Galah</i>	
Black Swan	2 + 7 dy + 4*	<i>Long-billed Corella</i>	
Australian Shelduck		<i>Sulphur-crested Cockatoo</i>	
Australian Wood Duck		<i>Rainbow Lorikeet</i>	32 + 6*
Pink-eared Duck		<i>Budgerigar</i>	
Australasian Shoveler		<i>Musk Lorikeet</i>	
Grey Teal	3	<i>Little Lorikeet</i>	
Chestnut Teal	6	<i>Purple-crowned Lorikeet</i>	
Pacific Black Duck	1	<i>Eastern Rosella</i>	
Hardhead		<i>Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo</i>	
Australasian Grebe	14	<i>Fan-tailed Cuckoo</i>	
Hoary-headed Grebe		<i>Southern Boobook</i>	
<i>Rock Dove</i>	1 + 1*	<i>Barn Owl</i>	
<i>Spotted Turtle-Dove</i>	6 + 1*	<i>Sacred Kingfisher</i>	
Common Bronzewing	1	<i>Superb Fairy-wren</i>	56 (incl 10 blues) + 1*
<i>Crested Pigeon</i>	3	<i>White-browed Scrubwren</i>	5
Darter		Brown Thornbill	2
Little Pied Cormorant	3*	<i>Spotted Pardalote</i>	
Great Cormorant	3*	<i>White-plumed Honeyeater</i>	49
Little Black Cormorant	1 + 4*	Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater	1
Pied Cormorant		<i>Little Wattlebird</i>	4 + 5*
Australian Pelican		<i>Red Wattlebird</i>	58 + 4*
Eastern Great Egret		<i>New Holland Honeyeater</i>	63 + 2*
White-faced Heron		<i>White-naped Honeyeater</i>	
Nankeen Night-Heron		<i>Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike</i>	
Australian White Ibis		<i>White-winged Triller</i>	
Straw-necked Ibis		<i>Golden Whistler</i>	
Royal Spoonbill		<i>Grey Shrike-thrush</i>	
Black-shouldered Kite		<i>Grey Butcherbird</i>	
Whistling Kite		<i>Australian Magpie</i>	5
Collared Sparrowhawk		<i>Pied Currawong</i>	1
Little Eagle		<i>Grey fantail</i>	2
Nankeen Kestrel		<i>Willie Wagtail</i>	9 + 1*
Brown Falcon		<i>Little Raven</i>	12
Australian Hobby		<i>Satin Flycatcher</i>	
Peregrine Falcon		<i>Magpie-lark</i>	19
Purple Swamphen	10	<i>Flame Robin</i>	
Buff-banded Rail		<i>Rose Robin</i>	

Baillon's Crake		<i>Eurasian Skylark</i>	
Australian Spotted Crake		Golden-headed Cisticola	
Black-tailed Native-hen		Australian Reed-Warbler	
Dusky Moorhen	31	Little Grassbird	
Eurasian Coot	15	<i>Silvereye</i>	
Black-winged Stilt		<i>Welcome Swallow</i>	30
Black-fronted Dotterel		<i>Tree Martin</i>	
Red-kneed Dotterel		<i>Common Blackbird</i>	5
Masked Lapwing	2	<i>Common Starling</i>	32
Latham's Snipe		<i>Common Myna</i>	7
Crested Tern		<i>Red-browed Finch</i>	
Pacific Gull		<i>House Sparrow</i>	16 + 2*
Silver Gull	40 + 80*	<i>Australasian Pipit</i>	
Aust. Pied Oystercatcher	2*	<i>European Greenfinch</i>	1
		<i>European Goldfinch</i>	2
Number of Bird Species - Wetland dependent & Raptors... 14 Land based ... 26 ... Total			40 Species
Other animals: Brush-tailed Possum in usual spot; dead Ringtail Possum near carpark; Common Froglet in ponds along HWT boundary and southern chain of ponds			

* seen at/along Yarra River only. **dy** - dependent young

Salt lake water level: 0.76 m

No Noisy Miners were recorded in Westgate Park today, but five were seen in the CFMEU site nearby.

Opportunistic Sightings – Interesting or unusual sightings reported between surveys			
Date	Species	Number seen	Observer
14 June	^Common Bronzewing	1	George Fotheringham
20 June	Nankeen Night-Heron	1	George Fotheringham
20 June	Spotted Pardalote	1	Mark Stanley (eBird)
21 June	Galah	2	Rebecca Gelsi (eBird)
21 June	Hardhead	1	Rebecca Gelsi (eBird)
Sub-Total			5 – 1^ Species
Total number of species – Survey + Opportunistic Sightings			<u>44 Species</u>

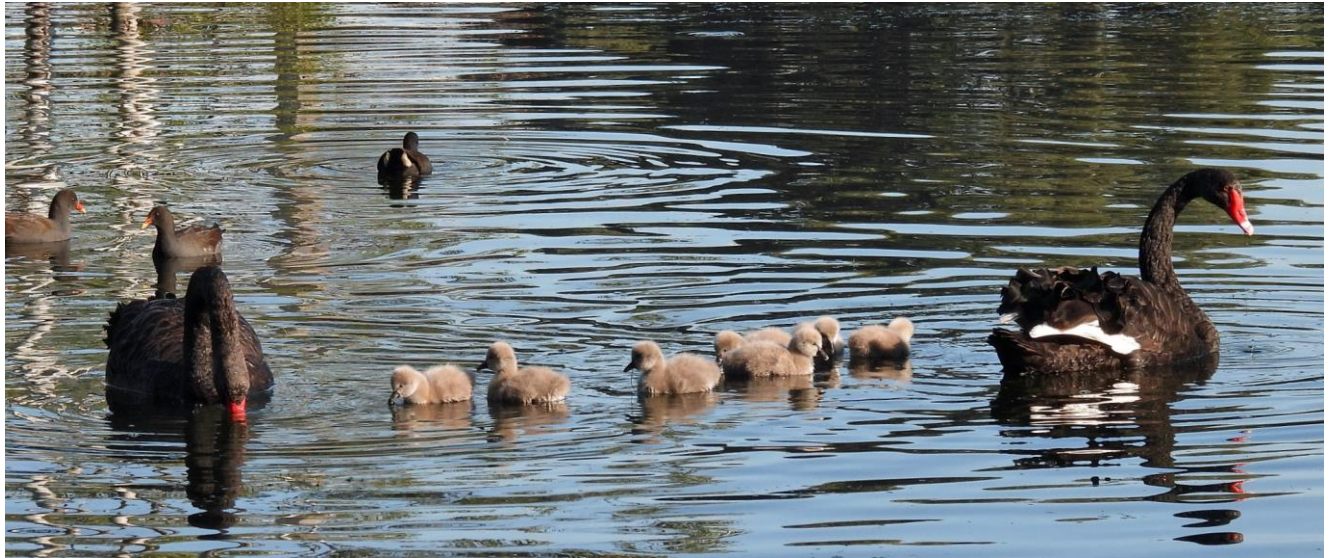
^ This species was also seen on today's bird count



A pair of Aust. Pied Oystercatchers on the edge of the Yarra River today – *photo by Peter Parrington*



Nankeen Night-Heron roosting in melaleuca on the edge of the large freshwater lake – *photo by Ursula Dutkiewicz*



Black Swan family with seven cygnets – photos by Ursula Dutkiewicz



Pied Currawong – *photo by Ursula Dutkiewicz*

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