

Westgate Park Bird Count

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Weather: Overcast, 8-16° Celsius		
Coverage: Entire survey route completed		Times: 0840 - 1310

Species	Number seen	Species	Number seen
<i>Brown Quail</i>		<i>Galah</i>	6
Black Swan	1 + 5 dy; 2*	<i>Little Corella</i>	3
Australian Shelduck		<i>Sulphur-crested Cockatoo</i>	
Australian Wood Duck		<i>Rainbow Lorikeet</i>	27
Pink-eared Duck		<i>Budgerigar</i>	
Australasian Shoveler		<i>Musk Lorikeet</i>	
Grey Teal	1	<i>Little Lorikeet</i>	
Chestnut Teal	33 + 8 dy	<i>Purple-crowned Lorikeet</i>	
Pacific Black Duck	2	<i>Eastern Rosella</i>	
Hardhead	2	<i>Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo</i>	1
Australasian Grebe	7	<i>Fan-tailed Cuckoo</i>	
Hoary-headed Grebe		<i>Southern Boobook</i>	
<i>Rock Dove</i>	1	<i>Barn Owl</i>	
<i>Spotted Turtle-Dove</i>	18 + 2*	<i>Sacred Kingfisher</i>	
<i>Common Bronzewing</i>		<i>Superb Fairy-wren</i>	60 (25 blue) + 7* (1 blue)
<i>Crested Pigeon</i>	3	<i>White-browed Scrubwren</i>	21
Darter		<i>Brown Thornbill</i>	1
Little Pied Cormorant	1 + 2*	<i>Spotted Pardalote</i>	1
Great Cormorant		<i>White-plumed Honeyeater</i>	88
Little Black Cormorant	3 + 5*	<i>Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater</i>	
Pied Cormorant	1 + 1*	<i>Little Wattlebird</i>	12 + 5*
Australian Pelican		<i>Red Wattlebird</i>	80 + 4*
Eastern Great Egret		<i>New Holland Honeyeater</i>	51 + 2*
White-faced Heron		<i>White-naped Honeyeater</i>	
Nankeen Night-Heron		<i>Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike</i>	1
Australian White Ibis	3 + 3*	<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>	7
Collared Sparrowhawk		<i>Pied Currawong</i>	5
Little Eagle		<i>Grey fantail</i>	
Nankeen Kestrel		<i>Willie Wagtail</i>	11
Brown Falcon		<i>Little Raven</i>	44
Australian Hobby		<i>Magpie-lark</i>	
Peregrine Falcon		<i>Flame Robin</i>	
Purple Swamphen	3	<i>Eurasian Skylark</i>	

Buff-banded Rail		Golden-headed Cisticola	
Baillon's Crake		Australian Reed-Warbler	11
Australian Spotted Crake		Little Grassbird	1
Dusky Moorhen	42	Silvereye	
Eurasian Coot	16 (1 nest)	Welcome Swallow	25
Black-winged Stilt		Tree Martin	
Black-fronted Dotterel		Common Blackbird	11
Red-kneed Dotterel		Common Starling	21 + 10*
Masked Lapwing	1	Common Myna	8
Latham's Snipe		Red-browed Finch	
Crested Tern		House Sparrow	17 + 8*
Pacific Gull		Australasian Pipit	
Silver Gull	55 + 60*	European Greenfinch	
Pied Oystercatcher		European Goldfinch	5
		Noisy Miner	7 - Todd Road, HWT, CFMEU
Number of Bird Species - Wetland dependent & Raptors...17... Land based ...26....Total			44 Species
Other animals: Brush-tailed possum. Common froglet in abundance.			

* seen at/along Yarra River only. **dy** – Dependent young

Saltwater lake: **0.88 m**

CFMEU Block: This site opposite the northwest corner of Westgate Park is included in these monthly surveys

Silver Gull	2	Noisy Miner	3
White-Plumed Honeyeater	1	Magpie-lark	1
Red Wattlebird	4	Rainbow lorikeet	2

Glorious weather, but no unexpected or unusual sightings. Water levels are very high and vegetation in excellent condition. Two species of honeyeaters; White-plumed Honeyeaters and Little Wattlebirds are more abundant than usual.

Insect populations are considerable, especially around the water bodies.

Opportunistic Sightings – Interesting or unusual sightings reported between surveys			
Date	Species	Number seen	Observer
20 September	Silvereye	14	Josh Gatchalian (eBird)
20 September	Great Cormorant	1	Josh Gatchalian (eBird)
22 September	Black-fronted Dotterel	1	Leo Norman (eBird)
23 September	White-faced Heron	1	John Van Doorn (eBird)
29 September	Grey Fantail	8	Andrew Guy (eBird)
Sub-Total			5 Species
Total number of species – Survey + Opportunistic Sightings			49 Species

^ This species also seen on today's bird count



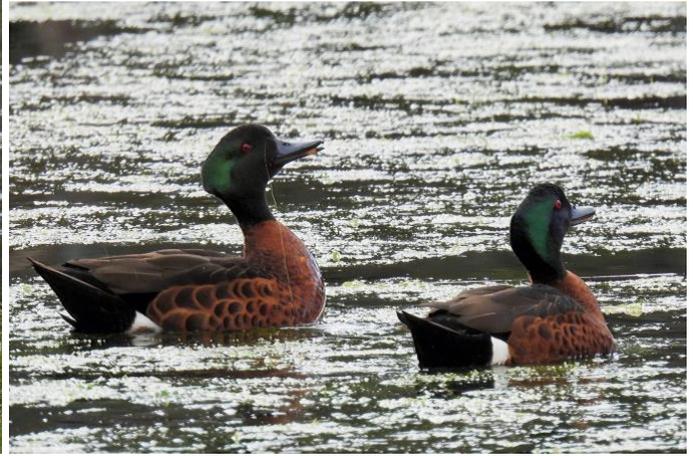
Willie Wagtail on nest



Superb Fairy-wrens



Chestnut Teal and new family



Immature Black Swans and two male Chestnut Teal



Five or possibly six Snake-necked Turtles in the large freshwater lake



Geometrid moth 'looper' caterpillar and recently emerged damselfly are good indicators that insects are plentiful in the park – good for the birds!

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