

Bird Census at Lake Claremont

6 August 2026

Note from the census taker:

The morning the bird census was conducted at Lake Claremont was cool, partly cloudy and still.

Winter rainfall has been poor; the gauge by the jetty showed only approximately 0.65m Australian Height Datum – see photo below.

We recorded 381 individuals of 42 species. Whilst the individual number is close to our average, the number of species is well above the winter average of 34.9. Breeding activity was noted only for Black Swan and Coot. Three clutches of recently hatched swans were seen, and several more are being incubated.

The spreadsheet below shows the average numbers recorded in our previous twenty-five winter surveys. Black Duck, Grey Teal and Coot numbers were below average. Brown and Singing Honeyeaters and Willie Wagtails were more abundant than normal.



Lake Claremont Bird Census		Winter 2026	Winter average
Common Name	Scientific Name	06/08/2026	
Australasian Darter	Anhinga novaehollandiae		0.1
Australasian Grebe	Tachybaptus novaehollandiae	4	5.0
Australasian Shoveler	Spatula rhynchotis	6	7.3
Australian Hobby	Falco longipennis		0.1
Australian Little Bittern	Ixobrychus dubius		0.0
Australian Magpie	Gymnorhina tibicen	7	10.1
Australian Pelican	Pelecanus conspicillatus		0.0
Australian Raven	Corvus coronoides	11	12.6
Australian Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus australis	2	2.5
Australian Ringneck	Barnardius zonarius		5.4
Australian Shelduck	Tadorna tadornoides	4	5.5
Australian Spotted Crake	Porzana fluminea		0.0
Australian White Ibis	Threskiornis moluccus	3	4.0
Australian Wood Duck	Chenonetta jubata	4	2.9
Baillon's Crake	Zapornia pusilla		0.0
Banded Stilt	Cladorhynchus leucocephalus		0.0
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus	39	16.4
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina novaehollandiae	1	0.6
Black-fronted Dotterel	Elseya melanops		0.2
Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus axillaris		0.1
Black-tailed Native-hen	Tribonyx ventralis		0.0
Blue-billed Duck	Oxyura australis		1.8
Brown Goshawk	Accipiter fasciatus	2	0.1
Brown Honeyeater	Lichmera indistincta	19	9.4
Brown Songlark	Cinclorampus cruralis		0.0
Buff-banded Rail	Hypotaenidia philippensis		0.1
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	Zanda latirostris		1.1
Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia		0.0
Cattle Egret	Ardea ibis		0.0
Chestnut Teal	Anas castanea		0.0
Collared Sparrowhawk	Accipiter cirrocephalus		0.1
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia		0.0
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos		0.0
Crested Pigeon	Ocyphaps lophotes		0.0
Domestic Duck (Mallard) *			0.0
Dusky Moorhen	Gallinula tenebrosa	4	2.7
Eastern Osprey	Pandion cristatus		0.0
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	41	63.6
Freckled Duck	Stictonetta naevosa		0.0
Galah	Eolophus roseicapilla	4	6.1
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus		0.0
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		0.0
Great Egret	Ardea alba	1	0.2
Grey Butcherbird	Cracticus torquatus	2	1.8
Grey Fantail	Rhipidura fuliginosa	4	1.0
Grey Teal	Anas gracilis	5	19.6
Hardhead	Aythya australis		5.0
Hoary-headed Grebe	Poliiocephalus poliocephalus	5	0.8
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	Chalcites basalis		0.0
Inland Thornbill	Acanthiza apicalis		0.0
Laughing Dove *	Streptopelia senegalensis *		0.7
Laughing Kookaburra *	Dacelo novaeguineae *	5	2.3
Little Black Cormorant	Phalacrocorax sulcirostris		0.0
Little Corella	Cacatua sanguinea	5	8.5
Little Grassbird	Poodytes gramineus		2.2
Little Pied Cormorant	Microcarbo melanoleucos	1	0.1

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Long-billed Corella *	Cacatua tenuirostris *		0.0
Long-toed Stint	Calidris subminuta		0.0
Magpie-lark	Grallina cyanoleuca	4	6.2
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis		0.0
Masked Lapwing	Vanellus miles		0.1
Musk Duck	Biziura lobata	1	0.2
Nankeen Kestrel	Falco cenchroides		0.0
Nankeen Night-Heron	Nycticorax caledonicus		0.3
New Holland Honeyeater	Phylidonyris novaehollandiae	5	1.9
Pacific Black Duck	Anas superciliosa	8	33.5
Pacific Gull	Larus pacificus		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo	Heteroscenes pallidus		0.1
Pectoral Sandpiper	Calidris melanotos		0.0
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	Himantopus leucocephalus	1	10.8
Pied Cormorant	Phalacrocorax varius		0.0
Pink-eared Duck	Malacorhynchus membranaceus	7	14.4
Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio	15	14.3
Purple-backed Fairy-wren	Malurus assimilis		0.5
Rainbow Bee-eater	Merops ornatus		0.0
Rainbow Lorikeet *	Trichoglossus moluccanus *	34	25.0
Red Wattlebird	Anthochaera carunculata	21	23.6
Red-kneed Dotterel	Erythronyx cinctus		0.0
Red-necked Avocet	Recurvirostra novaehollandiae		0.6
Red-necked Stint	Calidris ruficollis		0.0
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Calyptorhynchus banksii		0.4
Rock Dove *	Columba livia *		0.0
Rufous Whistler	Pachycephala rufiventris		0.2
Sacred Kingfisher	Todiramphus sanctus		0.0
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Calidris acuminata		0.0
Silver Gull	Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae	13	14.5
Silvereye	Zosterops lateralis	29	6.6
Singing Honeyeater	Gavicalis virescens	12	4.9
Southern Boobook	Ninox novaeseelandiae		0.2
Splendid Fairy-wren	Malurus splendens		0.0
Spotless Crake	Zapornia tabuensis		0.0
Spotted Dove *	Streptopelia chinensis *	2	2.5
Spotted Pardalote	Pardalotus punctatus		0.1
Spotted Scrubwren	Sericornis maculatus	1	0.1
Straw-necked Ibis	Threskiornis spinicollis		0.5
Striated Pardalote	Pardalotus striatus		0.2
Swamp Harrier	Circus approximans		0.0
Tawny Frogmouth	Podargus strigoides		0.0
Terek Sandpiper	Xenus cinereus		0.0
Tree Martin	Petrochelidon nigricans	3	10.3
Weebill	Smicronis brevirostris		0.5
Welcome Swallow	Hirundo neoxena	15	20.3
Western Gerygone	Gerygone fusca	8	1.0
Western Spinebill	Acanthorhynchus superciliosus		0.0
Western Wattlebird	Anthochaera lunulata		0.0
Whistling Kite	Haliastur sphenurus		0.0
White-cheeked Honeyeater	Phylidonyris niger		0.6
White-faced Heron	Egretta novaehollandiae	2	1.7
White-fronted Chat	Epthianura albifrons		0.0
White-necked Heron	Ardea pacifica		0.0
Willie Wagtail	Rhipidura leucophrys	21	11.4
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola		0.0
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Platalea flavipes		0.0

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Yellow-rumped Thornbill	Acanthiza chrysorrhoa		0.0
Species		42	34.9
Individuals		381	405.6

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