

## Bird Census at Lake Claremont

28 October 2024

### Note from the census taker:

The morning the bird census was conducted at Lake Claremont was mild, becoming warm and mostly clear.

There was standing water in all parts of the lake, although at a lesser depth than normally seen at this time of the year. The gauge at the jetty registered about 1.35m AHD (Australian Height Datum) - see photo below.

We recorded 394 individuals of 38 species, somewhat fewer individuals than the average for our spring surveys. Breeding activity was noted for Pacific Black Ducks, Black Swan, Coot, Raven and Welcome Swallow. It is worth noting that earlier this month, whilst guiding a Birdlife WA walk, we saw a Musk Duck with young. We do not recall previously seeing this species breeding at our lake.

One unusual sighting was a Cattle Egret. There is no prior record of this species here on the Birddata database.

The below spreadsheet also shows the average numbers recorded in our previous twenty-three spring surveys.



Lake Claremont Bird Census		Spring 2024	Spring average
Common Name	Scientific Name	28/10/2024	
Australasian Darter	Anhinga novaehollandiae		0.0
Australasian Grebe	Tachybaptus novaehollandiae		6.7
Australasian Shoveler	Spatula rhynchotis	2	3.0
Australian Hobby	Falco longipennis		0.2
Australian Little Bittern	Ixobrychus dubius		0.0
Australian Magpie	Gymnorhina tibicen	8	8.5
Australian Pelican	Pelecanus conspicillatus		0.0
Australian Raven	Corvus coronoides	20	14.7
Australian Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus australis	2	5.7
Australian Ringneck	Barnardius zonarius		3.2
Australian Shelduck	Tadorna tadornoides	3	6.0
Australian Spotted Crake	Porzana fluminea		0.2
Australian White Ibis	Threskiornis moluccus	15	4.5
Australian Wood Duck	Chenonetta jubata	12	3.8
Baillon's Crake	Zapornia pusilla		0.0
Banded Stilt	Cladorhynchus leucocephalus		0.0
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus	9	13.7
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina novaehollandiae		0.5
Black-fronted Dotterel	Elseyornis melanops		0.4
Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus axillaris		0.0
Black-tailed Native-hen	Tribonyx ventralis		0.3
Blue-billed Duck	Oxyura australis		4.4
Brown Goshawk	Accipiter fasciatus	1	0.1
Brown Honeyeater	Lichmera indistincta	18	8.2
Brown Songlark	Cinclorampus cruralis		0.0
Buff-banded Rail	Hypotaenidia philippensis		0.1
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	Zanda latirostris		0.0
Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia		0.0
Cattle Egret *	Ardea ibis	1	
Chestnut Teal	Anas castanea		0.1
Collared Sparrowhawk	Accipiter cirrocephalus		0.0
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia		0.0
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos		0.0
Crested Pigeon	Ocyphaps lophotes		0.0
Domestic Duck (Mallard) *			0.1
Dusky Moorhen	Gallinula tenebrosa		4.7
Eastern Osprey	Pandion cristatus		0.0
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	85	84.4
Freckled Duck	Stictonetta naevosa		0.1
Galah	Eolophus roseicapilla	7	5.2
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus		0.0
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		0.1
Great Egret	Ardea alba		0.7
Grey Butcherbird	Cracticus torquatus	4	1.6
Grey Fantail	Rhipidura fuliginosa	1	0.4
Grey Teal	Anas gracilis	21	33.7
Hardhead	Aythya australis	1	7.5
Hoary-headed Grebe	Poliiocephalus poliocephalus		1.7
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	Chalcites basalis		0.0
Inland Thornbill	Acanthiza apicalis		0.0
Laughing Dove *	Streptopelia senegalensis *		1.9
Laughing Kookaburra *	Dacelo novaeguineae *	1	1.1
Little Black Cormorant	Phalacrocorax sulcirostris		0.0
Little Corella	Cacatua sanguinea	8	13.3
Little Grassbird	Poodytes gramineus	3	3.4

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Little Pied Cormorant	Microcarbo melanoleucos	2	1.0
Long-billed Corella *	Cacatua tenuirostris *		0.0
Long-toed Stint	Calidris subminuta		0.0
Magpie-lark	Grallina cyanoleuca	4	9.2
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis		0.0
Masked Lapwing	Vanellus miles		0.0
Musk Duck	Biziura lobata		0.1
Nankeen Kestrel	Falco cenchroides		0.0
Nankeen Night-Heron	Nycticorax caledonicus	3	2.3
New Holland Honeyeater	Phylidonyris novaehollandiae		0.5
Pacific Black Duck	Anas superciliosa	57	91.4
Pacific Gull	Larus pacificus		0.0
Pallid Cuckoo	Heteroscenes pallidus		0.0
Pectoral Sandpiper	Calidris melanotos		0.0
Pied (Black-winged) Stilt	Himantopus leucocephalus	19	26.8
Pied Cormorant	Phalacrocorax varius		0.0
Pink-eared Duck	Malacorhynchus membranaceus	16	26.1
Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio	13	16.1
Purple-backed Fairy-wren	Malurus assimilis		0.1
Rainbow Bee-eater	Merops ornatus		0.1
Rainbow Lorikeet *	Trichoglossus moluccanus *		18.8
Red Wattlebird	Anthochaera carunculata	4	22.8
Red-kneed Dotterel	Erythrogonys cinctus		0.0
Red-necked Avocet	Recurvirostra novaehollandiae		0.0
Red-necked Stint	Calidris ruficollis		0.0
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Calyptorhynchus banksii	9	1.3
Rock Dove *	Columba livia *		0.1
Rufous Whistler	Pachycephala rufiventris	6	0.5
Sacred Kingfisher	Todiramphus sanctus		0.1
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Calidris acuminata		0.0
Silver Gull	Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae	1	17.6
Silvereye	Zosterops lateralis	10	2.2
Singing Honeyeater	Gavicalis virescens	5	5.7
Southern Boobook	Ninox novaeseelandiae	1	0.1
Splendid Fairy-wren	Malurus splendens		0.0
Spotless Crake	Zapornia tabuensis		0.0
Spotted Dove *	Streptopelia chinensis *	4	3.0
Spotted Pardalote	Pardalotus punctatus		0.0
Spotted Scrubwren	Sericornis maculatus		0.1
Straw-necked Ibis	Threskiornis spinicollis		1.5
Striated Pardalote	Pardalotus striatus		0.7
Swamp Harrier	Circus approximans		0.0
Tawny Frogmouth	Podargus strigoides		0.0
Terek Sandpiper	Xenus cinereus		0.0
Tree Martin	Petrochelidon nigricans		5.0
Weebill	Smicronis brevirostris		0.2
Welcome Swallow	Hirundo neoxena	5	12.3
Western Gerygone	Gerygone fusca	4	1.1
Western Spinebill	Acanthorhynchus superciliosus		0.0
Western Wattlebird	Anthochaera lunulata		0.0

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Common Name	Scientific Name	28/10/2024	
Whistling Kite	Haliastur sphenurus		0.0
White-cheeked Honeyeater	Phylidonyris niger		0.1
White-faced Heron	Egretta novaehollandiae		2.0
White-fronted Chat	Epthianura albifrons		0.0
White-necked Heron	Ardea pacifica		0.3
Willie Wagtail	Rhipidura leucophrys	9	13.1
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola		0.0
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Platalea flavipes		0.0
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	Acanthiza chrysorrhoa		0.0
<b>Species</b>		<b>38.0</b>	<b>37.0</b>
<b>Individuals</b>		<b>394.0</b>	<b>526.3</b>

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\* = introduced species