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SATELLITE TRACKING OF MIGRATORY SHOREBIRDS

Leo Berzins

Grey Plover numbers are declining in Australia. Their continued survival will depend on identifying important stopover and breeding locations to assess their conservation status and develop and implement mitigation strategies across the East Asian–Australasian Flyway.

Virtually all of the Grey Plovers that spend the non-breeding season here are female, making Australia crucial for the survival of the species. In February 2016, the [Australasian Wader Studies Group](#) attached satellite transmitters to five Grey Plovers in north-western Australia's Roebuck Bay.

These solar-powered satellite transmitters, weighing just five grams each, enable researchers to follow the birds' journeys to better understand their migration strategy, stopover sites and breeding locations. The birds departed Australia in April on their northward migration to their breeding grounds in the Arctic tundra.

Further information and updates at <http://birdlife.org.au/campaigns/the-marvel-of-migration>.

Other migratory shorebirds from Roebuck Bay subject to current satellite tracking studies include Great Knots and Bar-tailed Godwits.

Closer to home, at [Jerrabomberra Wetlands](#) in Canberra, at least four Latham's Snipe will be fitted with satellite trackers later this year as part of a larger [Latham's Snipe Project](#) aimed at better understanding of the birds' movements in south-eastern Australia, in Japan and on migration.

Feather Map of Australia

The Feather Map of Australia project aims to collect waterbird feathers from wetlands around Australia. These feathers will be analysed using nuclear techniques, such as mass spectrometry and high resolution X-ray fluorescence, to identify stable isotopes and minerals that are incorporated into feathers through the ingestion of food.

These analyses will identify the differences in feathers from diverse parts of Australia, creating a Feather Map.

A joint project of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) and University of New South Wales (UNSW), the Feather Map will be used to track the movement of waterbirds around Australia from wetland to wetland based on an analysis of the feathers to identify stable isotopes and mineral elements.

More details about this project, including how to participate, can be found at: <http://feathermap.ansto.gov.au/>

EVENING MEETING

Thursday June 9, 2016

Meet in the Uniting Church Hall, Henwood St, Merimbula, for a 7:30 pm start.
Guest Speaker: wildlife carer Janine Green.

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Meeting Report

Thursday 14 April, 2016

Jenny Gotley

The autumn evening meeting began with interesting sightings. A Lyrebird and many Buff-banded Rails were reported from Tanja and Eurasian Coots at Wapengo. Three Blue-winged Parrots were seen at Panboola and the elusive Beach Stone-curlew and Osprey both have been seen again at Merimbula Lake. Pacific Baza was reported at Bega, and also Eastern Barn Owls.

The good season for flowering eucalypts means Swift Parrots could be around the area so please report any sightings.

Alan Scrymgeour's presentation "The problems of blue hair rinse" gave an interesting perspective on evolution and colour, and presented some unanswered questions: Why did green stop with the evolution of birds? What is it about blue that drives some primates mad? And, should I reconsider using that blue hair rinse?

The speaker for the evening was Anne Lehnert whose topic was "Bird Vision". Anne quoted studies that show that birds have larger eyes compared to their head weight than humans have and there are variations in the eye size of different species. It seems that eagles, owls and other nocturnal birds, and large flightless birds all have eyes that are larger than average. This could be explained by the methods of hunting and food gathering used by those birds.

Most birds have monocular vision where each eye is used separately. The eye placement either side of the head gives better detection of predators. There are exceptions though. Eagles' and owls' forward-facing eyes give them binocular vision and enable them to estimate distance and speed when hunting. The bittern's eyes are located on either side of its head for monocular vision, but when alarmed it points the bill skyward and is able to turn the eyes forward and use binocular vision.

Birds' eyes are sensitive to light in the near-ultraviolet spectrum and detect many more colour differences than human eyes register. Anne discussed the structure of the eyes and possible reasons for differences among bird species. Many thanks to Anne for presenting this detailed and interesting talk.

A film encouraging care and conservation of the natural world around us was shown, and a short video of White-faced Herons at Merimbula Lake displaying courting behaviour, filmed by Geoff Holden.

After Hayden won both raffle prizes the meeting concluded with supper.

President's Message

The NSW State Government has issued a Draft Biodiversity Conservation Bill - now open for comment. As a committee we are very concerned about the changes proposed and have prepared a submission on behalf of our members. Individual submissions will strengthen the concerns and this link will help you understand the changes: <https://www.landmanagement.nsw.gov.au/>

Swift Parrots sightings have been sparse, with 50 heading north and other smaller groups, (see sightings). However there are at least 200 in the Bodalla State Forest. With that in mind we will take a trip to the previous site for 'swifties' in late July in readiness for them to move through on their way south. Let us know if you see any before that and if doubtful call for support with ID.

More interesting news from our neighbouring Eurobodalla Natural History Society – they have a pair of Eastern Ospreys nest-building on an island in the Clyde River. With one still in Merimbula on May 6, possibly since, one would expect the nesting pair not to include the same bird feeding here.

With many interesting outings planned we'd love to meet some members for their first walk with us. Meanwhile keep up your binocular skills by practising at home.

Happy birding, Barbara Jones

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new member and look forward to his participation.
Mark Lyon from Eden.

Activity Reports

TOWAMBA

Saturday April 9, 2016

Jenny Gotley

Good weather and a variety of habitats in the tranquil Towamba Valley resulted in a fruitful field trip for 16 enthusiastic twitchers. We included the very tiny to the very large native birds for a total of 60 species recorded on the day.

Many of the birds seen were common to all the sites near the river, around the town and the cemetery. They included Australian King-Parrot, Australian Magpie, Crimson Rosella, Dusky Woodswallow, Grey Fantail, Jacky Winter, Spotted Pardalote, Superb Fairy-Wren, Willie Wagtail, Wedge-tailed Eagle and Welcome Swallow. Flocks of Yellow faced and White-naped Honeyeaters moved through during the day. Eastern Yellow Robin, Eastern Spinebill, Golden Whistler and Grey Shrike-thrush were heard and seen.

At our first stop near the bridge, a lone Emu was sighted on a hillside, and Australian Hobby, Brown Thornbill, Cattle Egret, Lewin's Honeyeater and Restless Flycatcher all made appearances. We drove across the bridge, then headed west to the cemetery which was full of life with many Yellow-rumped Thornbills entertaining us before the main act, a male and a female Scarlet Robin.

Our morning tea stop was at Towamba Oval, where Australian Hobby was seen, and Crescent Honeyeater, Mistletoebird, Red Wattlebird, White-necked Heron, Wonga Pigeon and Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo added interest.

The next site was a new one for us - Log Farm Road near Brydons' property, where we added Little Wattlebird, Red-browed Finch, Satin Bowerbird, Whistling Kite and White-browed Scrubwren to the list. Mobile birdwatching (with care) both arriving and departing along Towamba Road yielded Brown Falcon, Pacific Black Duck, Peaceful Dove, Spotted Quail-thrush and Superb Lyrebird.

We finished the field trip back at the oval again, enjoying a picnic lunch in serene surroundings, with beautiful birds, congenial company and wonderful weather all combining for a great day out in the country. Many thanks to Barbara for leading the trip, and to David Brydon for his contribution to the day's program.

PANBOOLA SURVEY

Wednesday April 13, 2016

Barbara Jones

Nine participants undertook the autumn survey on a mild clear day and as expected we witnessed the migration of honeyeaters and Silvereyes flying through, barely stopping for breath. There were many hundreds of Yellow-faced Honeyeaters flying overhead with their chip-chip contact calls. Today they were joined by the commencement of the Red Wattlebird northward flight, in groups of 50+ at a time.

As some species go others come, and an autumn/winter altitudinal migrant to the coast is the White-eared Honeyeater, with black head and distinctive white triangular ear patch. The body is olive green. A larger than usual number (6) Black-fronted Dotterels worked over the edges of the ephemeral pond beside the racecourse.

Our best sighting was of two Azure Kingfishers in Tips Billabong, perched and diving repeatedly as we watched. Southern Emu-wrens were seen in three different locations. No sign of the three Blue-winged Parrots photographed by Max 10 days ago. Autumn proved once again to be a peaceful time to visit Panboola and a species count of 57.

LAKE CARGELLIGO

April, 2016

Roger Heffernan

The township of Lake Cargelligo welcomed us with a week of warm sunny days, often with a high cloud cover. The lake was full but the surrounding countryside is extremely dry. Gathering at the Caravan Park on Monday morning a group of six set out for Chat Alley and then on to Booberoi Creek. Back to town for lunch and then to the birdhide on the Southern edge of the lake followed by the Sewage Treatment Plant.

The second day, with the group now numbering eight, saw us set out westward for Round Hill and Nombinnie Nature Reserves. The lunchbreak at Whoey Tank was very quiet and we returned to camp via Euabalong.

Wednesday took us to Brewster Weir then on to the roadside rest area at Willanthry and back along the northern side of the Lachlan with a short deviation to Deadmans Point as we neared the township.

Day four took us upstream to Curlew Water and the Lake Cargelligo Weir returning via farmland and the abattoir. Then on the final day, with only three of us left, we retraced yesterday's route in search of the Major Mitchell's Cockatoos that we had seen.

A total of 113 species were seen on the trip. A selection of successful sightings is as follows: - Gilbert's Whistler, Shy Heath-wren, Brown and White-browed Treecreepers, Black Kite, Chestnut-rumped Thornbill, White-browed and White-breasted Woodswallows, Grey-crowned and White-browed Babblers, White-winged Fairy-wren, Southern Whiteface, Spotted Harrier and Yellow Rosella. A longer report and bird list will be available on the website soon.

It was a pleasure to lead the group for the five days. Although the species count was below the previous spring visits, most of us saw new birds for the first time and best of all, we had fun.

NUMBUGGA
Sunday April 24, 2016
Hayden Kingston

A beautiful autumn morning brought out a large contingent of 20 members and 1 visitor for our second visit to Numbugga Creek. The Wents/Walls Flat Road loop is a quiet route through rolling farmland which is used for growing dairy heifers and beef cattle.

We travelled in convoy along Wents Road stopping at various areas of vegetation and creeks along the way. This is a good area for birds of prey and several were seen including a Brown Goshawk, Nankeen Kestrel, Wedge-tailed Eagles and a Whistling Kite.

At the eastern boundary of "Rose Hill" we travelled across the paddocks, where we saw Australasian Pipits, to a lovely spot on Numbugga Creek for our morning tea stop. The highlight for me here was a fleeting view of a Rose Robin which unfortunately did not linger for others to see.

From here we proceeded along the loop road on our way back to Bega and lunch at the Bega Cheese Heritage Centre where one group saw a number of waterbirds on the pond and we enjoyed a friendly lunch.

Most of the group continued on to Glebe Park after lunch to search for the Spangled Drongo which had been seen the previous day and it obliged and gave us all a good view as it hawked for insects. Overall it was an excellent day's birding with over 70 species.

DAVIDSON WHALING STATION
Wednesday May 4, 2016
Barbara Jones

Overcast conditions soon turned into a patchy sunny day for our second weekday walk and our nine participants strolled around a very dry Davidson Whaling Station without the usual buzz of birds. Eastern Yellow Robins hunted close by and one lone Eastern Whipbird fed near the path. Only a few honeyeaters, including a White-eared Honeyeater, but the feature of the day were the migrating Red Wattlebirds. They flew off from the treetops in groups of 60 - 80, keeping close to the shore of the bay rather than take a direct route across the long stretch of water to Eden. At times the groups seemed to be continuous, other times there was a break of several minutes. Three Australasian Darters were seen from the top of the cliff, one drying wings and two successfully fishing.

We moved on to Boyd's Tower overlooking a flat sea with only a few cormorants on the rocks and one Caspian Tern flying north. No sea-eagles, but a Wedge-tailed Eagle had been seen over the bush and a Whistling Kite appeared a few times during the morning. Headland bush at Boyd's Tower had been burnt recently either by accident or hazard reduction burning, so our timing there was not the best.

CATHCART/BLACK LAKE/BOMBALA
Saturday May 14, 2016
Sylvia Hibberd

What a glorious WARM autumn day - even up on the tablelands! A perfect day for our avian treasure hunt - for Flame Robins. 18 met to commence our quest in Cathcart, which was dominated by Sulphur-crested Cockies. Moving on to Dragon Swamp, we were disappointed by the dearth of Pink-eared Ducks, although the Australasian Shovelers, Hoary-headed Grebes, and a lone Black-fronted Dotterel were a delight. Aha: silver treasure - a single female Scarlet Robin near the cemetery.

Moving on to the Black Lake area, where there were thousands of Eurasian Coot together with a good sprinkling of other water birds, and, as everywhere, parties of Yellow-rumped Thornbills, the photographers clicked away at three Red-kneed Dotterels. A White-necked Heron pretended to be a fencepost. Then, excitement: in the big old trees at the property entrance, two more female Scarlet Robins, and, yes, one female Flame Robin. Gold!

During the day potential danger for our 'treasure' loomed in various places: Wedge-tailed and a White-bellied Sea-Eagles (seen earlier taking a coot), Whistling Kites, and single each Nankeen Kestrel, Grey Goshawk and Black-shouldered Kite.

After lunch in Bombala – no platypuses, but Dusky Moorhen and a King Parrot were sighted among more common species – we adjourned to Coolumbooka Road aka Crankies Plains Rd, a new site suggested by Anne Daniel, where we really struck gold – excellent views of male and female Flame Robins. Some also saw Southern Whiteface here. Inspired, we added a drive along Coolangubra Road on our return journey where our trove was augmented by another seven Flame Robins, enabling those less familiar with the species to observe their characteristic behaviour of favouring small rocks to potter around and stand on. One intrepid carload ventured further down Coolangubra Road and added seven Grey Currawongs to their treasure.

A great expedition: 55 species in all. Thanks to Barbara for leading.

BEMBOKA

Sunday May 22, 2016

Barbara Jones

Assembling at the Bemboka Sports Ground on yet another warm almost winter's day our 20 participants learnt that our leader Lizzie was heavy with cold, wanted to come, and would stay in the car, which she did, leading us to our destination in the hills, surrounded by the tall range and overlooked by Indian Head mountain. Here Peter, property owner, led us through his nut orchard before walking over paddocks to the pristine creek, where some crossed to return via the woodland beyond.

The morning was generally quiet, with a few honeyeaters including one White-eared and calls from Lewin's Honeyeaters and Eastern Spinebills; Crimson Rosellas in small groups, mostly immature; a Scarlet Robin; and 'clink-clink' calls several voted to be Grey Currawongs coming from various parts of the property – not the caged pheasants near where we left the cars.

At various points en route from town we also recorded a White-necked Heron, White-winged Choughs, Nankeen Kestrels, Wedge-tailed Eagles and the usual small birds and waterbirds on a big dam, including four Hardheads.

The ongoing hunt for Diamond Firetails continued up Buckleys Rd further west of town, where we saw one bird perched on overhead wires for about 10 minutes. (A pair were seen here the previous day). We returned to the Sports Ground for lunch and birthday cake for Roger.

We recorded 58 species for the day, even though it was a lazy relaxed day. Thank you Lizzie for organising the venue.

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A SELECTION of SIGHTINGS from April/May 2016

Please report your sightings, especially threatened species

24/04/2016	Australasian Darter	1	Bega Cheese Factory ponds	FSCB outing	
24/04/2016	Australasian Darter	1	Bird Route No 1	Waldon/Romane/Gotley	
4/05/2016	Australasian Darter	3	Davidson Whaling Station	FSCB outing	
14/05/2016	Australasian Grebe	~30	Black Lake, Cathcart	FSCB outing	
24/05/2016	Australasian Pipit	7	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
14/05/2016	Australasian Shoveler	10+	Black Lake, Cathcart	FSCB outing	
26/04/2016	Australian Hobby	1	Tathra, near Public School	W Lehwald	
9/04/2016	Australian Hobby	1	Towamba Bridge area	FSCB outing	
10/04/2016	Azure Kingfisher	pair	Kiah	J Morris	
15/05/2016	Azure Kingfisher	1	Yurammie	R Heffernan	1st for here
13/04/2016	Azure Kingfisher	2	Panboola	FSCB survey	in Tips
29/04/2016	Bassian Thrush	1	Curalo Lake, north side	L Berzins	
10/04/2016	Beach Stone-curlew	1	Spencer Park, Merimbula	V Bastien	back after 3 weeks
12/04/2016	Beach Stone-curlew	1	Spencer Park, Merimbula	L Berzins	photos
24/04/2016	Beach Stone-curlew	2	Spencer Park, Merimbula	R Thirlwell	photos
15/05/2016	Beach Stone-curlew	1	Spencer Park, Merimbula	L Berzins	
14/05/2016	Black Swan	~200	Black Lake, Cathcart	FSCB outing	
28/04/2016	Black-faced Cormorant	present	Haycock Beach	L Berzins	photos
13/04/2016	Black-fronted Dotterel	6	Panboola	FSCB survey	near 400 post
2/04/2016	Blue-winged Parrot	3	Panboola	M Sutcliffe	photos on fence
4/04/2016	Blue-winged Parrot	2	Panboola	S & Sa Romane	
30/04/2016	Brown Booby	1	Camel Rock, Bermagui	D Adams	
13/04/2016	Brown-headed H' eater	2	Panboola	FSCB survey	
24/04/2016	Buff-rumped Thornbill	4+	Numbugga	FSCB outing	
14/05/2016	Buff-rumped Thornbill	1	Bombala, Coolumbooka Rd	A Daniel	photo
4/05/2016	Caspian Tern	1	Boyd's Tower	FSCB outing	
15/04/2016	Cattle Egret	12	Long Point, Merimbula	M Sutcliffe	flying from sea,
20/05/2016	Cattle Egret	11	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
9/04/2016	Cattle Egret	11+	Towamba Bridge	FSCB outing	
12/05/2016	Cattle Egret	6	Panboola	B Jones	
22/05/2016	Diamond Firetail	1	Bemboka, Buckleys Rd	FSCB outing	
21/05/2016	Diamond Firetail	pair	Bemboka, Buckleys Rd	N & A Hayes	
24/04/2016	Double-barred Finch	3	Numbugga	FSCB outing	
24/04/2016	Dusky Moorhen	present	Glebe Park, Bega	Green/McCutcheon	
13/04/2016	Dusky Moorhen	2	Panboola	FSCB survey	in Tips
14/05/2016	Dusky Moorhen	3	Bombala River	FSCB outing	
9/04/2016	Dusky Woodswallow	10	Towamba Bridge	FSCB outing	
9/04/2016	Dusky Woodswallow	6	Towamba Cemetery	FSCB outing	
9/04/2016	Dusky Woodswallow	4+	Towamba Community Oval	FSCB outing	
11/04/2016	Eastern Osprey	1	Merimbula Lake	D Neville	overflow
12/04/2016	Eastern Osprey	1	Merimbula Lake	S Romane	eating fish
6/05/2016	Eastern Osprey	1	Spencer Park, Merimbula	L Berzins	overflow
14/05/2016	Eurasian Coot	0000s	Black Lake, Cathcart	FSCB outing	
6/05/2016	Emerald Dove	1	Evans Hill, Tathra	B Hamilton	
17/05/2016	European Goldfinch	10 +	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
24/04/2016	European Goldfinch	1	Numbugga	FSCB outing	
14/05/2016	European Goldfinch	1	Bombala, Coolumbooka Rd	FSCB outing	
29/04/2016	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	1	Nethercote	B Jones	regular calls
24/04/2016	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	calling	Numbugga	FSCB outing	
14/05/2016	Flame Robin	1 female	Black Lake, Cathcart	FSCB outing	
14/05/2016	Flame Robin	1 m + 7 female	Cathcart	FSCB outing	
14/05/2016	Flame Robin	4+	Bombala, Coolumbooka Rd	FSCB outing	
21/05/2016	Freckled Duck	~12	Mandeni, Tura	M Sutcliffe	
25/05/2016	Freckled Duck	2	Mandeni, Tura	L Allen	
1/04/2016	Gang-gang Cockatoo	1	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
22/04/2016	Gang-gang Cockatoo	3	Nethercote	B Jones	overflow
23/04/2016	Gang-gang Cockatoo	3	Tura Beach Golf Course	N Hayes	
10/04/2016	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	6	Kiah	J Morris	2 families
16/04/2016	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	16	Kiah	J Morris	incl resident pair.
30/04/2016	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	pair	Tathra Country Club	N & J Morrison	
30/04/2016	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	2	Tathra Oval	J Plumb	overflow
10/05/2016	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	2	Nelsons Beach	M Sutcliffe	overflow
6/04/2016	Golden-headed Cisticola	2	Panboola	B Jones	
4/04/2016	Grey Currawong	1	Yurammie	N Heffernan	
6/04/2016	Grey Currawong	1	Mt Darragh	R Heffernan	
9/04/2016	Grey Currawong	1	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
3/05/2016	Grey Currawong	3	Bird Route No 3, Big Jack Rd	S Romane	
9/05/2016	Grey Currawong	2	Yurammie	R Heffernan	

22/05/2016	Grey Currawong	calls	Bemboka, Yankees Gap Rd	FSCB outing
24/04/2016	Grey Currawong	1 seen	Numbugga	FSCB outing
2/05/2016	Grey Currawong	1	Nethercote Rd	M Lackey
14/05/2016	Grey Currawong	7	Coolangubra Rd, Cathcart	Jarman/Heffernan/Buckland
22/04/2016	Grey Goshawk	1	Nethercote	B Jones squawking
25/04/2016	Grey Goshawk	1	Kalaru	G Greenwood
24/04/2016	Grey-tailed Tattler	1	Curalo Lake, Eden	D Adams et al photos
10/04/2016	Hooded Plover	1	Bournda Beach	C Wallis
3/05/2016	Hooded Plover	2 ad 1 fledgling,	Tura Beach	L Allen unflagged
15/05/2016	Hooded Plover	2	Nullica Beach	L Miller close to river
11/05/2016	Jacky Winter	8	Yurammie	R Heffernan regular
24/04/2016	Leaden Flycatcher	1 female	Glebe Park, Bega	Green/McCutcheon
1/04/2016	Little Lorikeet	6	Mandeni, Tura	S Romane
10/05/2016	Little Lorikeet	dozens	Nelsons Beach	L Berzins
25/04/2016	Masked Lapwing	50+	Curalo Lake, Eden	B Jones
9/04/2016	Mistletoebird	1 male	Towamba Community Oval	FSCB outing
2/05/2016	Musk Duck	8 male 2 female	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	C Wallis on lake
22/05/2016	Nankeen Kestrel	2	Bemboka, Yankees Gap Rd	FSCB outing
29/04/2016	Olive-backed Oriole	1	Nethercote	B Jones
12/04/2016	Pacific Baza	1	Bega, Princes Highway	P & J Watson per B Sinclair
23/04/2016	Peregrine Falcon	1	Tura Beach Golf Course	N Hayes
24/04/2016	Peregrine Falcon	1	Bega, Black Range Rd,	A McCutcheon
9/05/2016	Peregrine Falcon	2	Yurammie	R Heffernan
28/04/2016	Pied Cormorant	present	Haycock Beach	L Berzins photos
14/05/2016	Pied Cormorant	1	Black Lake, Cathcart	FSCB outing
22/05/2016	Pilotbird	1	Rutherford Creek	M & A Daniel opp Pipers L'kout
22/05/2016	Pink Robin	1 male	Rutherford Creek	M & A Daniel opp Pipers L'kout
4/05/2016	Red Wattlebird	600+	Davidson Whaling Station	FSCB outing huge groups
14/05/2016	Red-kneed Dotterel	3+	Black Lake, Cathcart	FSCB outing
7/05/2016	Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	1	Pambula, Narregol St	per L Scrymgeour in care, died.
15/05/2016	Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	1	Green Cape	J Robb photos
1/04/2016	Rufous Fantail	1	Nethercote	B Jones
9/04/2016	Rufous Fantail	1	Wonboyn	D & P Green
14/05/2016	Scarlet Robin	1 male, 2 female	Black Lake, Cathcart	FSCB outing widely reported
16/05/2016	Scarlet Robin	3	Yurammie	R Heffernan
13/04/2016	Silvereye	flocks migrating	Panboola	FSCB survey other areas also
1/04/2016	Southern Boobook	1	Nethercote	B Jones
23/04/2016	Southern Boobook	1	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	C Wallis
13/05/2016	Southern Boobook	1	Camel Rock, Bermagui	D Adams
12/04/2016	Southern Emu-wren	2	Haycock Point	L Berzins new location
13/04/2016	Southern Emu-wren	5	Panboola	FSCB survey
14/05/2016	Southern Whiteface	8+	Bombala, Coolumbooka Rd	FSCB outing
9/04/2016	Spangled Drongo	1	Curalo Lake, nth side	J Morris
21/04/2016	Spangled Drongo	1	Beauty Point, Bermagui	D Adams heard and seen
23/04/2016	Spangled Drongo	1	Glebe Park, Bega	H Kingston
9/04/2016	Spotted Quail-thrush	2	Towamba - Eden Rd	B Jones et al
6/04/2016	Straw-necked Ibis	100's	Glebe Lagoon	H Kingston roosting
20/04/2016	Striated Heron	1	Merimbula Boardwalk	W Lehwald
14/05/2016	Striated Pardalote	several	Black Lake, Cathcart	FSCB outing 1 in nest hollow
8/05/2016	Swift Parrot	present	'Ngairin' Tanja	D Bright since last week
9/05/2016	Swift Parrot	50+	Berrambool, Merimbula	M Sutcliffe flying north
24/04/2016	Tree Martin	8+	Numbugga	FSCB outing
9/04/2016	Wedge-tailed Eagle	4	Towamba	FSCB outing seen at one time
9/04/2016	White-eared H'eater	1	Wonboyn	D & P Green
17/04/2016	White-eared H'eater	present	Moon Bay Carpark	S & Sa Romane
29/04/2016	White-eared H'eater	1	Tanja	N & J Morrison
22/05/2016	White-eared H'eater	1	Bemboka, Yankees Gap Rd	FSCB outing
13/04/2016	White-eared H'eater	1	Panboola	FSCB survey
24/04/2016	White-eared H'eater	1 +	Numbugga	FSCB outing
4/05/2016	White-eared H'eater	1	Davidson Whaling Station	FSCB outing
9/04/2016	White-naped Honeyeater	flocks	Towamba area	FSCB outing
4/04/2016	White-necked Heron	1	Panboola	S & Sa Romane
22/05/2016	White-necked Heron	1 overflow	Bemboka, Yankees Gap Rd	FSCB outing
24/04/2016	White-necked Heron	1	Bird Route No 1	Jones/Waldon/Romane/Gotley
14/05/2016	White-necked Heron	1	Black Lake, Cathcart	FSCB outing
1/04/2016	White-throated Gerygone	1+	Nethercote	B Jones late in season
24/05/2016	White-winged Triller	1 pair	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	C Wallis late in season
13/04/2016	Yellow-faced H'eater	000s	Panboola	FSCB survey reported widely

COMING EVENTS

*Held on second Saturday and fourth Sunday of each month and odd weekdays.
Evening Meetings on second Thursday of February, April, June, August, October and December.
Information about outings or help with transport contact anyone on committee (see FSCB Directory page 5).*

Thursday June 9, 2016 EVENING MEETING

Meet in the Uniting Church Hall, Henwood St, Merimbula, for a 7:30 pm start. More stories from wildlife carer Janine Green. Remember her last visit and the Fiordland Rescue?

Saturday June 11, 2016 EDEN BOARDWALK and EXTENSION

Meet Pat (6495 9530) at 9:30 am at the toilet block on the Princes Highway opposite Eden Gateway Caravan Park (formerly Fountain Garden Caravan Park) Eden. The Boardwalk is now linked to the north side of the lake. Easy walking. Lunch nearby at cars.

Sunday June 26, 2016 KAMERUKA

Meet Roger (6493 2208) at 9:00 am at the entry to Kameruka Golf Club, Candelo. From here we'll be exploring parts of Kameruka. Bring chair and food needs. Leaving Candelo travel about 4 km north and turn left onto West Kameruka Rd. From Bega, 500 m beyond the Kameruka main entrance on Bega-Candelo Rd, turn right onto West Kameruka Rd. The golf course is just after you turn.

Saturday July 9, 2016 COBARGO

Meet Tony Jarman (6492 1607) at 9:30 am inside the Cobargo Showground. From Cobargo township take the Cobargo – Bermagui Rd for about 1 km and turn into the Showground on the right. A few places to visit in the area. Bring chair and food.

Wednesday July 13, 2016 PANBOOLA SURVEY

Meet Robyn Kesby (6495 6469) at 8:30 am at the Panboola Office/Watsons Waterhole, accessed from Bullara St, directly opposite the fruit and veg store and next to the Idlewilde Motel. Drive down the tarred entry to park. Surveys usually take about 3 hours. Could be wet underfoot and cold.

Sunday July 24, 2016 NELSON LAKE – WAJURDA POINT

Meet Barbara (6495 7390) at 9:30 am on the north side of the bridge at Mogareeka. Check here for birds then proceed to Nelsons with a walk to Wajurda Point on the way. Maybe Swift Parrots?

Wednesday August 3, 2016 GOODENIA RAINFOREST

Another weekday walk. If travelling from the coast assemble at the Tea Tree Café, Lochiel at 9:20 am so we can reduce the car numbers. Otherwise proceed independently to Goodenia Rainforest carpark by 9:45 am. Chalkhills Rd, Lochiel leaves the Mt Darragh Rd 10 km from Sth Pambula. Turn here and travel carefully, **can be rough**, for about 8 kms. The rainforest is often slippery, however there are good areas to explore without going down into the depths. Pink Robin will be the target bird.

Thursday August 11, 2016 EVENING MEETING

Meet in the Uniting Church Hall, Henwood St, Merimbula for a 7:30 pm start. Committee have arranged to bring our Guest Speaker, Stephen Debus from the University of New England, to talk about identifying raptors. Many members might know his "Birds of Prey of Australia: A Field Guide".

Saturday August 13, 2016 BLACKFELLOWS LAKE

Meet Barbara (6495 7390) at 9:15 am at the end of Blackfellows Lake Rd, which leads off the Bega – Tathra Rd just east of Kalaru Village. Follow this road, swinging left when you see water and then wind around passing houses on the right to the very end and stop at the gate. This is a private property and we must all enter together to enable gate to be shut. Lunch at cars. Bring chair and all you need. No facilities, plenty of trees.

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