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AUSSIE BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

17-23 October 2016

The Aussie Backyard Bird Count is back for its third year. With over 40,000 participants and over a million birds counted last year, this is becoming one of Australia's largest citizen science projects.

The results from 2015 saw the 10 most common bird species remain unchanged from the previous year, with the Rainbow Lorikeet once again taking out the number one spot. There were minor changes in the order of some of the top 10 birds - Common Myna, Galah and Silver Gull were bumped down a place or two, with House Sparrow, Red Wattlebird and the Welcome Swallow moving up the list.

Results can be entered online or via the [Aussie Bird Count app](#) if you have a smart phone.

More details at: aussiebirdcount.org.au/.



NATIONAL TWITCHATHON

29-30 October 2016

If anyone is interested in entering a team in the 2016 Twitchathon, details can be found at: [National Twitchathon](#).



Rainbow Lorikeet

Image: Leo Berzins

EVENING MEETING Thursday Oct 13, 2016

Meet in the Uniting Church Hall, Henwood St, Merimbula, for a 7:30 pm start.
Guest Speaker will be Prof Mike Tarburton.
White-throated Needletails and Fork-tailed Swifts are summer birds we search the skies for and send our sightings to Mike with others from all parts of Australia. His studies of these birds and their life here and in the northern hemisphere will fill in gaps of unknown facts for us.

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Meeting Report

Thursday 11 August, 2016

Jenny Gotley

Our President welcomed 39 members and 20 visitors to the meeting to hear Dr Stephen Debus present a talk about Raptors.

Firstly, from members came interesting sightings from different parts of our area including Spangled Drongo, Scarlet Honeyeater, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Square-tailed Kite and Grey Goshawk. A group of eight Glossy Black-Cockatoos was seen at Wapengo.

Prior to introducing our speaker Barbara posed a thought-provoking question – “How many different species of raptors are there in the Bega Valley?” Most of us were surprised to hear 18 different species were recorded by FSCB in the database.

Dr Stephen Debus had come from the University of New England in Armidale to address us. Some members will be familiar with his book “Birds of Prey of Australia. A Field Guide.”

In his presentation he described two families of raptors. Accipitridae includes Goshawks, Eagles, Kites, Harriers, Osprey. They are often seen soaring, with rounded wings sometimes showing ‘fingers’, and have large talons and sometimes feathered legs. Falconidae includes Falcons, Kestrels, Hobbies, Peregrines. These birds fly swiftly with long pointed wings, fairly short tails, and often are seen hovering. Stephen’s diagrams and photos compared different raptor species, and gave further characteristics to narrow down identification. He concluded by describing their calls, and noting that the behaviour of smaller birds and their alarm calls can also tell us a raptor may be in the area.



Wedge-tailed Eagle

Image: Leo Berzins

After Stephen answered questions from the audience, Barbara expressed our appreciation of his visit. Thanks to his presentation our knowledge has been increased, but we also know how much more we need to learn about the accurate identification of these predators.

The raffle with 3 prizes was drawn, then supper was served.

President’s Message

As we greet warmer weather in fits and starts we are beginning to see our migratory birds return to breed. Many ‘1st returns for the season’ are listed under Interesting Sightings, page 6, and I remind you these sightings come from you. Please send your sightings as per the headings on that page to fscbirds@bigpond.com and help build a greater picture of what is happening, season to season and year to year. Our database now contains almost 50,000 records and all are shared with BirdLife Australia.

Little Terns come to Mogareeka in their hundreds at the end of October to nest and the plan for an event to celebrate the ‘Return of the Terns’ has unfortunately been postponed and will be staged on October 22, 2017, with an even bigger event than planned for this year. Stay tuned! We will still have a club walk there this October 23 to welcome them and then proceed further up the Headland.

Our December Meeting will be the AGM and I ask you to start thinking NOW about how you can contribute to FSCB. Change must happen for the betterment of any group and anything you like doing can surely assist in creating a smoothly operating group.

Happy birding, Barbara Jones

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members and look forward to their participation:

Gloria Baker from Tura Beach

Jennie Gibson & Ian Berick from Bega.

Assistance needed for BioBlitz

Libby Hepburn, Chair of The Atlas of Life in the Coastal Wilderness, writes that they are conducting a BioBlitz at Barraga Bay for the Four Winds management in order to provide that organisation with baseline biodiversity data which will assist in revegetation of the 30 acre site and ultimately the creation of an Arboretum.

An invitation is extended to FSCB to join them on Nov 11 and Nov 12 to assist the planning and implementation of ornithological surveys at the site. If you would be interested and available, please contact David Jackson (Survey Organiser) 02 6495 9282 maggie.david@gmail.com

HOODIE ON HOLIDAY

(From the *Word about the Hood* - Biannual newsletter of BirdLife Australia's Beach-nesting Birds Program Edition 15 – June 2016)

Daniel Lees, Jodie Dunn, Amy Harris and Jono Stevenson.

Jodie Dunn, Shorebird Recovery Coordinator for the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service banded and flagged a pair of Hooded Plovers on the 11th of February 2014 at the Murrah River estuary (south of Barragga Bay on the NSW South coast). The pair was flagged Z8 (female) and R5 (male).

It appeared Z8 and R5 were not to be as Z8 was paired with X1 for the start of the 2015/16 breeding season. It seems R5 had found new love too and was spotted nesting with a new partner. Throughout the 2015/16 breeding season Z8 and X1 had two unsuccessful breeding attempts, the last sighting of Z8 was in late December, north of the Wapengo Lagoon.

On the 3rd of June 2016 Jonathon Stevenson observed and reported a flock of 10 Hooded Plovers on Snake Island, Victoria. The flock consisted of three adults (including orange flag UH), two sub-adults, two juveniles and the adventurous Z8! She had moved a distance of ~400km as the crow flies, and ~450km as the Hooded Plover flies (presumably along the coast), which is a really exciting discovery for a NSW flagged bird to be found so far west.



Hooded Plover

Image: Leo Berzins

Activity Reports

GOODENIA RAINFOREST Wednesday August 3, 2016 Barbara Jones

Our chilly morning started at Lochiel for car-pooling. Here we saw paddock birds with one White-bellied Sea-Eagle and a Whistling Kite overhead. Moving on to Goodenia Rainforest the track was rough at the beginning but then generally in good condition. The recent winds had twisted and snapped many tall thick-trunked trees leaving piles of debris, mostly cleared from the road. Expanses of large tree ferns looked lush and fresh.

The sound of Bell Miners dominated the air with Crescent Honeyeaters competing hard. The clarity of their calls was enhanced by the acoustics of the gully surrounds. Eastern Whipbirds and Superb Lyrebirds similarly called to their partners with shrill voices. White-naped and Yellow-faced Honeyeaters fed on scant blossom and Eastern Spinebills flitted through the lower vegetation.

The hardy ones of the group descended into the rainforest gully in search of a Pink Robin while the others patrolled the roadside. The gully was dry, not slippery, with only one patch of running water.

We lunched in the picnic area with waves of mizzle passing over. Bird count for the day was 33 species with no Pink Robins. The only pink sightings were two 'Pink Ribbons' hanging beside the track.

BLACKFELLOWS LAKE
Saturday August 13, 2016
Barbara Jones

This favourite venue attracted 24 participants on a fine late-winter morning, to explore the 280 acre property. We drove to four stops giving us a good variety of habitats and views. The cleared grazing land, large old eucalypts, woodland, dam, lake and river frontages produced 67 species, including a Superb Lyrebird calling from across the Bega River where we lunched beside the massive river casuarinas.

At the assembly point we watched two Whistling Kites and a Grey Goshawk circling quite high, and four Tree Martins flew above us with Welcome Swallows. Jacky Winters are abundant on this property and we had them near us all day. Proceeding as a group we stopped at a patch of eucalypts where one tree kept us busy with a frenzy of activity from Red and Little Wattlebirds, New Holland, Yellow-faced, White-naped and Brown-headed Honeyeaters feeding together in blossom. Several Yellow Thornbills joined in too. Nearby we heard a Peaceful Dove and a Crescent Honeyeater.

Moving on to a knoll overlooking Blackfellows Lake we paused for morning tea and watched Little Black Cormorants and Australia Pelicans flying in for shelter or feeding, and a fast-flying Peregrine Falcon and a White-bellied Sea-Eagle caught our attention. Another stroll here into thicker scrub gave us more Yellow Thornbills, Varied Sittellas, Grey Shrike-thrushes and a much admired male Golden Whistler. Here too were several Eastern Yellow Robins and one White-eared Honeyeater.



Black-fronted Dotterel

Image: *Leo Berzins*

After a wander up-river, finding two Black-fronted Dotterels and a few Silver Gulls, we lunched, had a group photo, then checked out another arm of land downstream between the river and the lake. More similar birds and an early female Rufous Whistler gave a few of us a thrill. No Swamp Harrier here this trip and the Darter had flown over us at a previous stop. An immature White-bellied Sea-Eagle flew over the river and grabbed a fish and a Wedge-tailed Eagle completed our raptor count of five.

Once again we thank the owners and will return next year, and perhaps at a different time of year as well.

WAPENGO
Sunday August 28, 2016
Sylvia Hibberd

Nineteen of us met on a cold morning in the Wapengo locality; under the scrubby canopy. The predominant bird species was, predictably, Red Wattlebird. We convoyed down Hunters Road to the lake and walked around the oyster sheds, mangrove foreshore and the grassy knoll at the point. Waterbirds were prolific, with all but one (Black-faced) of the cormorant family in attendance. Good views of Striated (Mangrove) Heron were a highlight, as was, after some effort, a female Australasian Darter. Royal Spoonbills rested on the sand across the lake. Woodland birds were also plentiful, including Fairy Martins flying with Welcome Swallows; and two White-bellied Sea-Eagles watched us from the tall trees at the back of the saltbush. We saw 39 species here.

Then we convoyed back to the Tathra-Bermagui Road and around to Wapengo Lake Road. En route, inter alia, a Nankeen Kestrel and Cattle Egrets were sighted. Our destination was the track in the Ness property which follows the eastern edge of Wapengo Lake. We spent some time around the wetlands adjacent to the gate, where Grey and Chestnut Teal sailed majestically, joined by a lone Australian White Ibis. We were excited by close views of an Australasian Grebe in good colour, but the star of the lagoon was a Black Swan nesting on a mound well above water level, which had earlier been considerably higher; she had difficulty sliding into the water! Across the lake a Little Egret entertained us with its iconic dance. At the nearby stables and chicken coop Yellow-rumped Thornbills chattered while removing snags of wool from the barbed-wire fence, while a Common Bronzewing and a Crested Pigeon (a first sighting of this species here) searched for left-over chicken seed. Many other birds were seen or heard as we walked along, but the icing on the cake was a good view of a Latham's Snipe flushed from the wetland as we returned; this was another first for the area. A total of 46 species were sighted here.

We ate lunch on Sylvia's balcony above the lake, now in full sunshine. The usual congregation of Nankeen Night-Herons were on duty on the gate, and three Glossy Black-Cockatoos alighted on a nearby Norfolk Island pine to greet us (a bit early – only one person had arrived!). The final highlight of the day was identifying the trilling call of a Whimbrel.

Our final tally was an excellent 70 species. Our thanks to the Clark family for allowing us to walk around Ness.

BIRD ROUTE No.3 and ROCKY HALL AREA

Saturday September 10, 2016

Barbara Jones



Shining Bronze-Cuckoo Image: Leo Berzins

Heading up the mountain towards Wyndham we were confronted by low dark clouds and misty rain falling as we assembled. We decided to proceed with the trip and hope for the best. A brief walk near Pretty Point beside the Mattaganah River found the resident Golden Whistler pair, White-naped Honeyeaters at eye level, calls from a Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, a few Dusky Woodswallows, and 16 other species.

New Buildings Bridge was the next stop with a Yellow-tufted Honeyeater sitting in its decaying Black Wattle. Tree Martins flew in wide circles. An Australasian Pipit, rarely seen lately, flew from an adjoining paddock.

By now it was raining and we needed shelter – not an easy find in that area, until we remembered the gazebo at the Rocky Hall Cemetery, where we had our refreshments and enjoyed the best birdwatching of the morning from under cover. Another 20+ Tree Martins flew with Welcome Swallows. Dusky Woodswallows settled on thick bark of a huge old gum and in the same tree a Crimson Rosella pair had claimed their nest hollow. As we watched the Jacky Winters settling on gravestones the sight of three Diamond Firetails made us jump with delight. We thought we would need to go further along the road to find them, and considered them our reward for persevering on an 'off' day. They stayed quite a while feeding from various points of the fence around the cemetery.

With rain getting heavier we decided to call it a day, thanked Hayden for organising the outing and left an unvisited property for another day. Species count was 41.

MANDENI

Sunday September 25, 2016

Leo Berzins

Ten eager participants assembled at Mandeni on a mild spring morning but something wasn't right. We were missing our indefatigable leader Barbara! Max took the lead and guided us through the network of tracks using his local knowledge and recent reconnaissance to find a good variety of birds. At times we were distracted by close encounters with non-avian species such as Red-bellied Black Snake, Red-necked Wallaby and Flying Duck Orchid.

The sounds of Rufous Whistlers, Fan-tailed Cuckoos etc. left us in no doubt that we were well into spring. The first Sacred Kingfishers of the season for all of us were sighted. Other highlights included Scarlet Honeyeaters, Musk Duck, Grey Goshawk (white morph) and Little Eagle (pale morph).

A total of 58 species recorded.

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A SELECTION of SIGHTINGS from Aug/Sept 2016

Please report your sightings, especially threatened species

28/08/2016	Australasian Darter	1 female	Wapengo Lake west side	FSCB outing	
9/09/2016	Australasian Figbird	several	Beauty Point, Bermagui	D Adams	
22/08/2016	Australasian Pipit	9	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
12/08/2016	Australian Hobby	1	Sth Pambula	H Kingston	
28/08/2016	*Aust Pied Oystercatcher	10	Wallaga Lake	M Anderson	
9/09/2016	Aust Reed-Warbler	calls	Panboola	M Burrows	1st for season
16/09/2016	Australian Shelduck	pair+1 male	Bird Route No 1	Jones/Romane	in different areas of the route
11/08/2016	Bar-tailed Godwit	14	Merimbula Boardwalk	L Berzins	25 have overwintered
17/08/2016	Bassian Thrush	2	Mandeni, Tura	Sa Romane	in gully near big dam
26/08/2016	Bassian Thrush	1	Nethercote	B Jones	
23/09/2016	Beautiful Firetail	1 dead	Rocky Hall	R Buck	
13/08/2016	Black-fronted Dotterel	13	Bird Route No 1	M Sutcliffe	
13/08/2016	Black-fronted Dotterel	2	Blackfellows Lake property		FSCB outing
15/08/2016	Black-fronted Dotterel	1	Murrah Bridge	M Anderson	
14/09/2016	Black-fronted Dotterel	1	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	C Wallis	foreshore
17/08/2016	Brown Cuckoo-Dove	pair	Merimbula, Monaro St	L Berzins	on deck, 1st time
18/09/2016	Brown Cuckoo-Dove	1	Bermagui SF	D Adams	rainforest area
19/09/2016	Brown Cuckoo-Dove	few	Tura, nr Woolworths	S Romane	Rainforest Nursery
24/08/2016	Brown Cuckoo-Dove	1	Wonboyn Lake	P Wilkinson	at feed table
15/09/2016	Brown Quail	2	Nethercote	B Jones	next day also
13/08/2016	Brown-headed Honey'ter	few	Blackfellows Lake	FSCB outing	
15/08/2016	Buff-banded Rail	1	Wapengo Lake Rd	M Anderson	
5/08/2016	Caspian Tern	1	Mogareeka	L Allen et al	
17/08/2016	Caspian Tern	2	Wallaga Lake, Morunna Pt	M Anderson	
28/08/2016	Caspian Tern	1	Wapengo Lake west side	FSCB outing	
13/08/2016	Cattle Egret	10	Kalaru	same at Pambula, Tanja, Wapengo and Brogo,	
19/09/2016	Channel-billed Cuckoo	1	Beauty Point, D Adams	also Merimbula, Kalaru, Nethercote, Candelo	
09/09/2016	**Common Myna	3	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
3/08/2016	Crescent Honeyeater	20+	Goodenia Rainforest	FSCB outing	
20/08/2016	Crested Shrike-tit	2+	Nethercote	B Jones	
27/08/2016	Crested Shrike-tit	1	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
8/09/2016	Diamond Firetail	1	Rocky Hall	S Romane	near village
10/09/2016	Diamond Firetail	3	Rocky Hall Cemetery	FSCB outing	on cemetery fence
5/08/2016	Double-banded Plover	3+	Mogareeka	L Allen et al	
14/08/2016	Double-banded Plover	1 br pl	Short Point, Merimbula	L Allen	
1/09/2016	Double-banded Plover	several	Mogareeka	L Berzins	due to depart
14/09/2016	Dusky Moorhen	present	Bermagui Swamp	D Adams	
14/09/2016	Dusky Moorhen	1	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	C Wallis	home wetland
2/09/2016	Dusky Woodswallow	6	Haycock Point	L Berzins	1st for season then other spots
17/08/2016	Eastern Curlew	4 & 2	Wallaga Lake	M Anderson	
17/08/2016	Eastern Great Egret	6	Wallaga Lake, Morunna Pt	M Anderson	
28/08/2016	Eastern Great Egret	14	Merimbula Boardwalk	S Rice	
28/09/2016	Eastern Koel	1	Beauty Point, Bermagui	D Adams	1st for season
5/09/2016	Eastern Osprey	1	Merimbula, on pole nr pub	M Sutcliffe	
10/09/2016	Eastern Osprey	1	Merimbula, Beach St	G Holden	overflow carrying fish
17/08/2016	European Goldfinch	11	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
9/09/2016	European Goldfinch	1	Panboola	D Waldon	near entry
28/08/2016	Fairy Martin	4+	Wapengo Lake west side	FSCB outing	
16/09/2016	Fairy Martin	6	Bird Route No 1	Jones/Romane	near 1st bridge
21/08/2016	Flame Robin	pair	Cathcart Cemetery	R Heffernan	photos
9/08/2016	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	2	Bird Route No 1,	P & J Hale	opp stockyards
10/08/2016	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	8	Wapengo Lake west side	S Hibberd	fly through at dusk
20/08/2016	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	3	Bermagui, Nutleys Ck Rd	M Anderson	
14/09/2016	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	9	Manna Park, Tura	Sa Romane	near Mens' Shed
07/09/2016	Grey Currawong	6	Rocky Hall	Kingston/Reed	
5/08/2016	Grey Goshawk	1	Brown Mountain	E Simkus	
13/08/2016	Grey Goshawk	1	Blackfellows Lake property		FSCB outing
25/09/2016	Grey Goshawk	1	Mandeni, Tura	FSCB outing	white morph
20/08/2016	Hardhead	4	Panboola	M Sutcliffe	
16/09/2016	Hardhead	10	Tathra STW	Jones/Romane	
14/09/2016	***Hooded Plover	2	Mogareeka	L Berzins	unusual here
13/08/2016	Jacky Winter	20	Blackfellows Lake property		FSCB outing total for site
28/08/2016	Latham's Snipe	1	Wapengo Lake	FSCB outing	
27/09/2016	Latham's Snipe	2	Panboola	G Stevenson	
20/08/2016	Little Eagle	1	Panboola	L Berzins	
31/08/2016	Little Eagle	1	Tathra beach area	J Plumb	in pines, hassled by Magpies
25/09/2016	Little Eagle (pale morph)	present	Mandeni, Tura	FSCB outing	photo
10/08/2016	Little Egret	12+	Merimbula Top Lake	L Allen	photo

17/08/2016	Little Egret	5	Wallaga Lake, Morunna Pt	M Anderson		
19/09/2016	Little Grassbird	present	Panboola	M Sutcliffe		
9/09/2016	Little Lorikeet	many	Pambula Bch Tourist Resort		M Burrows	on back track
25/09/2016	Musk Duck	1	Mandeni, Tura	FSCB outing		
15/09/2016	Nankeen Kestrel	5	Yurammie	R Heffernan		
5/08/2016	Nankeen Night-Heron	13	Mogareeka	L Allen et al		
18/09/2016	Noisy Friarbird	present	Bermagui SF	D Adams	1st for season	
31/08/2016	Olive-backed Oriole	1	Pambula Bch Tourist Resort		M Burrows	
28/08/2016	Pied Cormorant	1	Wapengo Lake west side	FSCB outing		
10/09/2016	Red Wattlebird	60+	Wyndham town area	FSCB outing	overflow as a group	
5/08/2016	Red-capped Plover	20+	Mogareeka	L Allen et al	1/09 nesting, per L Berzins	
16/09/2016	Red-necked Stint	2	Mogareeka	L Berzins et al	1st returns, slight br plumage	
7/08/2016	Rose Robin	pr courting	Bemboka	E Simkus		
2/08/2016	Royal Spoonbill	27	Glebe Lagoon	H Kingston	roosting on island	
12/09/2016	Royal Spoonbill	~40	Glebe Lagoon	H Kingston	flying off in evening	
17/08/2016	Royal Spoonbill	17	Wallaga Lake, Morunna Pt	M Anderson		
2/09/2016	Ruddy Turnstone	2	Haycock Beach	L Berzins	1st for season	
13/08/2016	Rufous Whistler	1 female	Blackfellows Lake property		FSCB outing	1st for season
25/09/2016	Sacred Kingfisher	present	Mandeni, Tura	FSCB outing	1st for season	
21/08/2016	****Scarlet Honeyeater	10+	Merimbula Boardwalk	M Sutcliffe	boat hire end	
3/08/2016	Scarlet Robin	1 m	Yurammie	R Heffernan		
6/08/2016	Scarlet Robin	1 fem	Sth Pambula, Summer Hill	H Kingston/Jan Reed		
11/08/2016	Scarlet Robin	1 m	Rocky Hall Cemetery	R Heffernan		
20/08/2016	Southern Boobook	2	Nethercote	B Jones	regular	
2/09/2016	Southern Emu-wren	pair	Haycock Point	L Berzins		
4/08/2016	Spangled Drongo	1	Tura, nr Woolworths	L Allen		
11/08/2016	Square-tailed Kite	1	Merimbula, Monaro St	L Berzins		
23/08/2016	Square-tailed Kite	1	Tura, nr Woolworths	J Plumb	daily circling	
5/08/2016	Striated Heron	1	Mogareeka	L Allen et al		
28/08/2016	Striated Heron	2	Wapengo Lake west side	FSCB outing		
16/09/2016	Striated Heron	1	Merimbula Lake	S Romane		
22/08/2016	Stubble Quail	3	Yurammie	R Heffernan		
1/09/2016	Swamp Harrier	2	Yurammie	R Heffernan	1 landed - 1 in air	
28/08/2016	Topknot Pigeon	25	Bermagui SF picnic area	M Anderson		
13/08/2016	Tree Martin	4	Blackfellows Lake property		FSCB outing	
25/08/2016	Tree Martin	grp	Yurammie	R Heffernan		
28/08/2016	Tree Martin	4+	Wapengo Lake west side	FSCB outing		
10/09/2016	Tree Martin	20	Rocky Hall Cemetery	FSCB outing		
13/08/2016	Varied Sittella	group	Blackfellows Lake property		FSCB outing	
16/08/2016	Variegated Fairy-wren	group	Merimbula, John Penn Ave		S Romane	
20/08/2016	Variegated Fairy-wren	8	Aragunnu, Mimosa NP	M Anderson		
15/09/2016	Variegated Fairy-wren	2	Picnic Point, Mimosa NP	S Hibberd		
11/08/2016	Whimbrel	2	Merimbula Boardwalk	L Berzins		
28/08/2016	Whimbrel	1	Wallaga Lake	M Anderson		
15/08/2016	White-cheeked Honey'ter	1	Mandeni, Tura	S Romane		
13/08/2016	White-eared Honeyeater	1	Blackfellows Lake property		FSCB outing	
25/09/2016	White-throated Gerygone	present	Mandeni, Tura	FSCB outing	1st for season	
10/09/2016	Yellow-tufted Honey'ter	2	New Buildings Bridge,	FSCB outing		

*Australian Pied Oystercatchers are settling into breeding mode, spread along our beaches. Groups will probably be non-breeders.

**Common Mynas are being trapped where possible and numbers are stable in a few areas.

***Hooded Plovers distributed on their chosen beaches and starting to nest. With the benefit of flagging movements show interesting seasonal changes e.g. one of a pair at Cocora Beach (XO) was flagged at Nullica on 19/2/16, partnered with Y7, fledged two young and is now with new partner and back at Nullica. (Apparently Y7 died in the June storms.)

***Scarlet Honeyeaters feeding at several locations.



Red-necked Stint

Image: Leo Berzins

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).*

Sunday October 23, 2016

MOGAREEKA and HEADLAND WALK

Meet Barbara (6495 7390) at 8:30 am in Lions Park, on the south side of the Bridge at Mogareeka. A short walk onto the beach to check for Little Terns then drive to Bay St for the walk up the Headland. Good habitat for variety of species.

Wednesday November 9, 2016

WONBOYN

Meet Barbara (6495 7390) at 8:30 am at the corner of Scrubby Creek Picnic Area turnoff and the Princes Highway, sth of Eden and almost opposite the Wonboyn turnoff. First a search around the bush before proceeding on to Wonboyn for Beautiful Firetails and private property on the lake. Bring chair and lunch.

Saturday November 12, 2016

CANDELO

Meet Roger (6493 2208) at 8:45 am in Candelo Park, near the tennis courts. Myrtle Mountain is the destination, private property and the Lookout area, then Tantawangalo Mtn Rd briefly before returning to park for lunch.

Sunday November 27, 2016

BERMAGUI

Meet Barbara (6495 7390) at 8:30 am at Wallaga Lake Bridge park area at the northernmost boundary of Bega Valley Shire. From here we will wend our way south, for waterbirds and bush birds. Bring provisions for a big day of birding.

Thursday December 8, 2016

EVENING MEETING

Meet in the Uniting Church Hall, Henwood St, Merimbula, for a 7:30 pm start. The AGM will be followed by a showing of photos and talks by members. Please contribute a small plate for the supper table.

Saturday December 10, 2016

BROGO DAM area

Meet 9:00 am at the Brogo Fire Shed, about 1 km along Warrigal Range Rd. (About 20 km north of Bega turn left on to Warrigal Range Rd, the Brogo Dam road.) This will be our last outing for the year. Why not bring or arrange to hire a canoe?

LAND FOR WILDLIFE



If you're a landholder with half a hectare or more of native vegetation and would like to conserve your property's special features, but don't want to sign a legal agreement, you may want to consider joining the Land for Wildlife Scheme.

Land for Wildlife is a voluntary property registration scheme for landholders who wish to manage areas of wildlife habitat on their property. It assists landholders to include nature conservation along with other land management objectives. It is free to join, is not legally binding and will not change the legal status of a property.

Read more about Land for Wildlife [here](#) or contact Lesley Peden who conducts 'Land for Wildlife' assessments in our region on 0400 806 089 or facilitator@k2c.org.au

FSCB GOOGLE GROUP and FACEBOOK



Go to the welcome page at <http://groups.google.com/group/fscb?hl=en> and follow the instructions. If you have trouble contact David on dpadams@gmail.com or Barbara. In the set up process you will be asked to give your email address and a password which will be yours just for the chat line (not your personal email password).

You won't be inundated with email. Maybe one or two a day, then nothing for a week/weeks, but the more people use the service the more useful it will become. Try it and see.

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