



# FAR SOUTH COAST BIRDWATCHERS Inc.

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS



An early Christmas present for birdwatchers in our region has been the influx of Scarlet Honeyeaters. Good numbers of immature birds were observed along with the adults.

This beautiful image of a Scarlet Honeyeater on a Callistemon was captured by Max Sutcliffe.

Who needs holly and ivy when you can have Christmas colours like this?

### **ROBERT EDWARD HIGH      1939 – 2016**

On October 12, 2016 our friend Rob High died peacefully at his home, aged 77, after a lengthy battle with a progressive illness.

Rob was a long-time supporter of Far South Coast Birdwatchers, always personally welcoming birdwatchers to his property Mandeni, a prime birding location which he developed over many years.

Known for his astute, enquiring mind and his humanitarian philanthropy, he contributed to the community quietly in many ways. He will be greatly missed and long remembered.

We extend deepest sympathy to Rob's family.

*Rob was instrumental in drawing attention to the destruction of his eucalypts at Mandeni, and blaming the Bell Miners, obtained a licence to undertake a Scientific Trial and eliminate over 2000 birds. This was not an easily granted approval and an expensive process for him. In November 2008 the NSW Scientific Committee, established by the Threatened Species Conservation Act, made a final determination to list 'Forest eucalypt dieback associated with over-abundant psyllids and Bell Miners' as a Key Threatening Process in Schedule 3 of the Act.*

### **EVENING MEETING Thursday Dec 8, 2016**

Meet in the Uniting Church Hall, Henwood St, Merimbula, for a 7:30 pm start.

This is also the club's AGM, to be followed by a showing of photos and talks by members.

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# Meeting Report

Thursday 13 October, 2016

Jenny Gotley

The meeting opened with the sad news of the death of Rob High, a long-time supporter of FSCB. Members were invited to a memorial service at Mandeni on 17 October.

The President welcomed visitors, then called for interesting bird sightings. These included Figbird, Wonga Pigeon, Short-tailed Shearwaters, and an encounter between a Grey Teal and a Swamp Harrier. Also reported were Brown Cuckoo-Dove, White-headed Pigeon, Bowerbird, Koel, and Channel billed Cuckoo; Peregrine Falcon and Pied Oystercatcher at Haycock Point; and Black-faced Monarch at Nethercote. Birds seen feeding on kikuyu grass was thought to be because the seeds have a high sugar content.

After a great photo presentation from Leo, the President introduced Professor Mike Tarburton, who spoke about White-throated Needletails, the largest swift in Australia. Needletails migrate in large flocks from north Asia, arriving in eastern and western Australia during early summer. They feed on flying insects, and moult after arriving. Mike talked about identification, noting that Needletails have a wingspan of about 50cm, long compared to their body length. The physics of their flight patterns has been studied and this research used in aircraft design. Records show that the number of Needletails has declined since 1900, thought to be because of reduction of habitat in Asia.

Mike answered detailed questions from several members and discussed the Needletails' characteristics, life span, breeding sites, and nesting habits.

A presentation and thanks for his participation was followed by drawing of three raffle prizes, then supper.

## President's Message

Where did 2016 go? Looking back over our committee minutes, newsletters and e-News, justifies the statement that 'we have been busy'. It also draws attention to the number of individuals who have helped throughout the year in many ways. Your committee is charged with running the daily chores of keeping the Far South Coast Birdwatchers an enjoyable and productive group and maintaining a presence in the community, but there are many other non-committee members who contribute so much.

Members have been involved with looking after visiting birders, talking to groups, doing media interviews, selling calendars and door prize tickets, mounting displays, monitoring beach-nesting birds, walking long beaches to document nest sites, representing FSCB at BIGnet meetings, providing supper, helping in the fast set-up of the room for meetings (and packing away), sharing time with home-schooled groups and answering questions from anyone who is developing an interest in birds. A small group consisting of Lizzie, Roger, Tony, Hayden and Hamish have kept the Common Mynas under watch – a task proving a challenge in some areas.

Evening meetings have provided full programmes. Guest Speakers and their topics have been Dr Rohan Bilney - Large forest owls; Dr Anne Lehnert – Bird Senses; Janine Green – WIRES; Dr Stephen Debus – Birds of Prey; and Prof Mike Tarburton – White-throated Needletails. Alan Scrymgeour has presented challenging topics and we thank our growing number of skilled photographers in the membership for their willingness to share the results with us. The purchase of a new data projector has enhanced the quality their photos deserve.

Our membership remains steady with new members appearing regularly, making for an interesting mix of people. We have continued with the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday walks this year and the addition of six mid-week walks provided for a growing number of keen birders. These will continue in 2017, as well as the quarterly Panboola surveys. Our activities take us to each end of the Bega Valley Shire, to all habitats, some more challenging than others with older or less mobile members choosing to undertake part of the walk only and stay near cars seeing just as many birds in many cases. It is hoped a trip away from the area will eventuate, following yet another small but successful visit to Lake Cargelligo this year. Expressions of interest are called for a pelagic trip from Eden to observe sea birds, probably on a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. It must be over 10 years since these trips were arranged regularly by FSCB.

Sales of our popular book continue to exceed our expectations, allowing us the funds to increase the newsletter size commencing in 2017 with more articles, colour photos and contributions from members. We ask for as many recipients as possible to take advantage of receiving their newsletter by email only, in colour of course, recognising that some members are unable to do this. The newsletter is our main contact with the membership and we continue to spread and receive news via the FSCB Google Group chat line, Website, Facebook and now Twitter as well.

With over 200 species sighted in our area of interest and recorded on our database this year one wonders why it has been so difficult to find them. Dry conditions, savage coastal storms and resultant damage to habitats, prolonged high

wind periods, and unusual seasonal changes, have sent birds elsewhere, delayed their return, or restrained observers. Recording and sharing observations is one of our club aims and even if you choose not to keep your own records FSCB is interested to hear, even via a quick email, adding to our knowledge of what birds are here and where. Our sightings are forwarded to BirdLife Australia.

There have been frustrations at Government level with the passing of changes to the Biodiversity Laws accepted by the NSW Government, no doubt to be challenged vigorously; and on the flip side we have had positive news starting to result from massive spending, dedication, effort and research for our threatened birds. Who would have thought the Night Parrot, thought to be extinct a few years ago would have been rediscovered, with a fledgling photographed this week. Good things do happen. Here's hoping for a good season for our local threatened Hooded Plovers.

Thank you each and every one of you for being ambassadors for Far South Coast Birdwatchers and helping in so many ways. Most of your committee are nominating to return to their positions for 2017. We said goodbye to Beverley Croft and now Sylvia Hibberd (again) and look forward to new members accepting a committee role. As President I will be stepping down, an action that honestly hurts me more than anyone would know, but it is time to move backwards or sideways, remaining on committee. How will they keep me quiet! FSCB is my greatest interest and the joy of making friends, and doing something outdoors with like-minded people I can highly recommend.

Are you getting the most from your membership? Get involved, learn lots and share it around. It is very rewarding.

Good birding, Barbara Jones.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

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

Ralph and Fiona Cullen from Bega

Pat Guinane from Bega.

## **THANKS**

We thank Mitre 10, Carbon Copy, Salah Romane/Manna Park and local media for their support this year.

## **Activity Reports**

### **TATHRA**

**Wednesday September 28, 2016**

**Barbara Jones**

This was an extra midweek walk, not in the newsletter. It pays to read your e-News or check the website for coming events. Eighteen people turned up to Riverview Cres, Tathra on a rare perfect day, including father and young daughter from Narooma, and a 7 week old baby. We looked down onto the Bega River, heard a lyrebird calling and identified the owner of a fallen nest with light leafy twig attached, brought by Norm and Jenny. A round dome with hooded entrance, made from bark, mosses, spider webs, egg sacs and grasses. We recalled watching a Striated Thornbill entering such a nest at Quaama as we lunched. Just then, two Striated Thornbills magically appeared within a few metres of the group and started collecting bark! Bird life along the roadside was very productive with a good vegetative cover and few houses.

Max and Joy had emerged from their home, with 2 granddaughters, and led us on a walk along a forested track. Some explored the depths of a gully nearby and by mid-morning we had notched up some good clear sightings. We had morning tea at the Cooks, (with home cooked cake and scones) and admired a well planted native garden full of colour and birds then drove to the north end of the Tathra Forest Reserve, following some of the 50 km of mountain bike tracks through the bush. Casuarinas grow thickly here and we found evidence of Glossy Black-Cockatoos from the fresh chewings under three separate trees. Thicker vegetation produced Brown Gerygones, Crescent Honeyeater, Golden and Rufous Whistlers and a small colony of Bell Miners.

We then moved to Kianinny Bay for lunch beside the water. The patch of bush at the end of the picnic area was busy with Eastern Yellow Robins, Grey Fantails and Brown Gerygones, while the waterside was fairly quiet.

We thanked the Cooks for sharing their patch with us. Our bird count for the morning was 45 species.

### **BEMBOKA**

**Saturday October 8, 2016**

**Lizzie Simkus**

An overcast sky made bird identification slightly difficult when we met at Colombo Park but some of the group saw a White-winged Triller and Max photographed a Varied Sittella. We carpoled and drove to Damian Picone's property on Yankees Gap Road and although very few species were sighted we enjoyed a walk down to the picturesque creek with Damian.

Then we turned around and headed to Michelle and Doug Wilson's farm on Sullivan's Gap Road. Here we saw a Eurasian Skylark soaring up and singing as it fluttered down. We also watched Australasian Pipits darting through the grass near a dam and trod carefully in case they had a nest under a tussock. Dusky Woodswallows and Tree Martins circled overhead.

After lunch back at the cars we took a quick look along Buckley's Ridge Road. The Diamond Firetails that Max had seen the day before weren't present when we visited but there was plenty of bird activity, including a Scarlet Honeyeater, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo and Olive-backed Oriole. Not including a little bird that called loudly but that we were unable to identify, the day's species total was 59.

Thank you to Damian, Michelle and Doug for allowing access to their properties.

## **PANBOOLA SURVEY**

**Wednesday October 12, 2016**

**Robyn Kesby**

Panboola looked green, lush and bursting with life for this Spring survey. Our group of 8 people enjoyed watching a Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Eastern Rosellas inspecting the hollows in the red gums on the south-west edge of the old racecourse and a Crimson Rosella at its usual nesting pole near the kiosk building. A White-faced Heron sat on a nest high in a tree near the Pavilion. Birds with young included Purple Swamphen, Masked Lapwing, Red Wattlebird, Grey Butcherbird and Magpie. The three cygnets on Watsons Waterhole swam strongly with their parents and a Magpie-lark chose the willow between Watsons and Tips for a nesting site. The two Latham's Snipe in the longish grass near Watsons Waterhole made a great start to the survey. A total of 57 species recorded.

## **MOGAREEKA**

**Sunday October 23, 2016**

**Barbara Jones**

Strong winds, 7 Deg temp, huge seas and spray, intermittent rain and 8 participants. We'd come this far we might as well give it a go!

Looking amongst the flood debris on the large sand expanses at Mogareeka we found three Pied Oystercatchers wandering aimlessly, Red-capped Plovers scurrying, one doing a broken-wing display running from a 2 egg nest and no Little Terns although 3 were seen earlier in the week. Crested Terns flew continuously from the shelter in the bay to the rough seas – there was constant flight. Two Red-necked Stints fed along the waterline near the car park and as we left that area 16 Bar-tailed Godwits flew in, joined by 12 Red-capped Plovers searching the sand as the tide ran out.

The plan to walk up Fords Headland was abandoned due to wind and approaching rain. The leaves on the pittosporums were blowing horizontal and so were we, so Plan B came in action – the Treatment Works and bush track in the shelter of the hill. Here we found calm and birds we could hear. We listed Scarlet, New Holland, Lewin's and Yellow-faced Honeyeaters, Eastern Yellow Robin feeding young, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo with squawking young in tow, a shrieking Channel-billed Cuckoo and the soft call from a Shining Bronze-cuckoo.

Then off to the lookout on the south side to look for shearwaters and just as we arrived the clouds opened again, and with very heavy rain falling we cancelled the birdwatching and headed home. All in all we had had a good morning in spite of the challenges. Species count was 49. Leo submitted several 20 minute lists to the Aussie Bird Count during the morning.

## **SCRUBBY CREEK and WONBOYN**

**Wednesday November 9, 2016**

**Sue Romane**

Despite heavily overcast skies and forecast rain, ten birdwatchers met for a mid-week outing at Scrubby Creek. This is usually a rewarding spot to visit in spring and so it proved. Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Olive-backed Oriole and Rose Robin were calling insistently. Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Brown Gerygone, Black-faced Monarch and Cicadabird were heard; a Leaden Flycatcher on the nest gave two of its calls and Brush Cuckoo demonstrated its descending "fear-fear-fear" and the more rarely heard "Where's-the-tea-Pete" (both according to Pizzey). In this small clearing between rainforest and woodland with a creek running through, 34 species were noted over two hours.

Continuing on to Watergums Creek on Wonboyn Road there were fewer birds. The standout at the creek crossing was a pair of Crested Shrike-tits, with their striking black and white head pattern, black crest and bright yellow breast,

chasing each other through the forest. They were enticed by whistles to approach and flew back and forth, whistling and scolding, perching close and giving excellent views of the relatively large head and chunky bill.

The next stop was a property overlooking Wonboyn Lake. We had morning tea on a terrace landscaped with drystone walls, native shrubs and trees, and a stream running into a perched pond. A Whistling Kite circled and a flock of Cattle Egrets overflew the lake. Tracks down to the water and up the hill were explored; Eastern Yellow Robin on the nest and a Laughing Kookaburra carrying food were seen, and calling Rufous Whistler and Shining Bronze-Cuckoo heard. Later we were shown a Superb Fairy-wrens' nest in a lavender bush and an active Satin Bowerbird's bower featuring a scattering of blue clothes pegs with touches of yellow.

Jewfish Beach did not deliver the hoped-for but rarely seen Beautiful Firetails, so after a short walk where Leaden Flycatcher and Peaceful Dove calls were noted, we adjourned for lunch at Myrtle Cove. All was quiet here too until some of us continued up the road to the store, where we heard Black-faced Monarch, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo and a Superb Lyrebird. A Satin Bowerbird resplendent in glossy blue-black plumage flew away from his bower, fixed us with his violet eye and waited for us to drive away.

A tally of 58 species were recorded, surprisingly considering the poor visibility.

Thanks to Paul and Jane for allowing us to visit their property.

**CANDELO DISTRICT**  
**Saturday November 12, 2016**  
**Roger Heffernan**

The weather pollsters missed the mark with not a drop of rain in sight. Eleven members met in Dr. Loftus Park to the calls of a Koel, Channel-billed Cuckoos, Australian Reed-Warblers and Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos.

Travelling along Myrtle Mtn. Rd. a number of species were seen with the highlight being a Grey Goshawk observed by Max. Tony Jennings and Jenny Garden welcomed us to their property beneath Myrtle Mountain, where we were joined by neighbours and some overseas visitors who doubled the size of the group. Reaching the dam, ripples beside the jetty gave away the hide of a family of Australian Wood Ducks sheltering beneath. Then excitement as Scarlet Honeyeaters were found in the trees by the spillway and a pair of Grey Fantails guarding their nest. The call of the Black-faced Monarch attracted interest and it was spotted in the vicinity of a huge angophora tree. Leaden Flycatcher, Mistletoebird sighted, along with Rose Robin calls featured in the forest plantation.

Morning tea was enjoyed on the verandah with Jenny and Tony supplying us with a cool drink, tea, coffee and goodies. Various honeyeaters, fantails, thornbills, whistlers and a Dollarbird feeding a youngster entertained us here. Next stop was Mick and Jenny Attwills' garden overlooking Candelo township. This garden was host to Hillgrove House Garden Party last weekend so was in top condition for our visit. Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, European Goldfinch, Common Bronzewing were a sample of birds present. A lone Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo munched on a pine cone and posed for photos.

The number of waterbirds on the "Willowdene" dams is much lower than normal. Pacific Black Ducks and Grey Teal with broods of young, a pair of Australasian Shovelers and a Swamp Harrier delighted the group at this site. Lunch was enjoyed back under the trees in town. Species count 64.

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## **A SELECTION of SIGHTINGS from Oct/Nov 2016**

**Please report your sightings, especially threatened species**

2/10/2016	Australasian Figbird	few	Pambula town	D Waldon	in mulberry tree
14/10/2016	Australasian Figbird	several	Tathra	J Plumb et al	
24/10/2016	Australasian Figbird	few	Merimbula CBD	M Sutcliffe	5/11 (L Allen)
8/10/2016	Australasian Pipit	4	Bemboka	FSCB outing	
12/10/2016	Australasian Pipit	2	Panboola	FSCB survey	
12/11/2016	Australasian Shoveler	2	Tantawangalo Mtn	FSCB outing	
2/11/2016	Australasian Shoveler	1	Bega, opp Glebe Park	Jones/Sutcliffe/Lyell	
20/10/2016	Australian Hobby	1	Bega River walk	D Adams	
2/11/2016	Australian Hobby	1	Bird Route No 1	Jones/Sutcliffe/Lyell	
9/11/2016	Australian Hobby	1	Tura Beach C Club,	N Hayes	
20/11/2016	Australian Hobby	nesting	Yurammie	R Heffernan	high in tallest Red Gum
15/10/2016	Aust. Pied Oystercatcher	nest	Bithry Inlet	A Harris	sand-bagged nest (18/10 1 chick)
8/10/2016	Aust. Reed-Warbler	in reed beds	– Bemboka, Panboola, Bega, Buckajo, Candelo.		
5/10/2016	Azure Kingfisher	1	Blackfellows Lake	T Jarman	
8/11/2016	Bar-tailed Godwit	130	Merimbula	L Berzins	consistent with other years
6/10/2016	Bassian Thrush	1 with food	Kiah	R Miller	on motion camera
9/11/2016	Bassian Thrush	1	Scrubby Creek	FSCB outing	
2/10/2016	Bassian Thrush	2	Mandeni, Tura	M Sutcliffe	
22/11/2016	Black-faced C'koo-shrike	2 fy at nest	Yellow Pinch Drive	FSCB outing	
6/10/2016	Black-faced Monarch	several	Bermagui SF	D Adams	1st report for season
5/11/2016	Black-faced Monarch	reports from	Tathra, Wonboyn, Scrubby Creek, Myrtle Mtn, forest behind Camel Rock, Nethercote, Bermagui SF, Yellow Pinch, Berrambool. Appearing in open areas where not usually seen.		
17/11/2016	Black-shouldered Kite	2 juv	Panboola	M Sutcliffe	
4/10/2016	Brown Cuckoo-Dove	2	Tanja, 'Ngairin'	D Bright	at feed dish
Oct/Nov 2016	Brown Cuckoo-Dove	1	Tathra reports from McCreery/Harvey, B Handke, J Plumb, all in home sites		
8/10/2016	Brown Cuckoo-Dove	1	The Murrah	S Swensson	
22/11/2016	Brown-headed H'yeater	5+	Yellow Pinch Drive	FSCB outing	
25/10/2016	Brush Cuckoo	calling	Quarantine Bay	Jones/Lyell	
31/10/2016	Brush Cuckoo	calling	Nethercote	B Jones	calling at 6:00 am and other days
9/11/2016	Brush Cuckoo	calling	Scrubby Creek	FSCB outing	
22/11/2016	Brush Cuckoo	calling	Yellow Pinch Drive	FSCB outing	
21/10/2016	Cattle Egret	8 at Yurammie, 11 at Wallagoot Lake, 4 in Bega, 18 at Wonboyn, 10 + 20 at Candelo.			
2/10/2016	Channel-billed Cuckoo	regular calls	Candelo, Yurammie, Bemboka, Kanoona, Nethercote, Buckajo, Tathra, Towridgee, Wolumla, Towamba, Bega.		
10/11/2016	Channel-billed Cuckoo	4	Morans Crossing	H Kingston	noisy!
13/10/2016	Cicadabird	calling	Nethercote	B Jones	also on 17/10 and 18/11
9/11/2016	Cicadabird	calling	Scrubby Creek	FSCB outing	
7/10/2016	Common Myna	persisting in Yurammie, 8 removed, McLeods Hill, and traps set in Bega.			
17/11/2016	Common Sandpiper	1	Bermagui Estuary	A Harris	
23/10/2016	Crested Shrike-tit	2	Nethercote	B Jones	for several days
9/11/2016	Crested Shrike-tit	2	Wonboyn	FSCB outing	
18/10/2016	Curlew Sandpiper	4	Wallagoot Lake	M Sutcliffe	again 20/10 (Holden/Romane)
19/10/2016	Curlew Sandpiper	1	Mogareeka	S Romane	small flock 4/11 (L Berzins)
3/10/2016	Dollarbird	Tarraganda, Bega, T Jarman, 1st report for season then followed by Pambula Beach, Bermagui, Rocky Hall, Yurammie, Myrtle Mtn, Candelo, Millingandi, Yellow Pinch, Bega. Breeding recorded.			
21/10/2016	Dusky Moorhen	6	Buckajo	B Jones	
2/10/2016	Dusky Woodswallow	10	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
8/10/2016	Dusky Woodswallow	4+	Bemboka	FSCB outing	
9/10/2016	Dusky Woodswallow	few	Pambula, near Lumen	D Carter	
15/10/2016	Dusky Woodswallow	6 +	Mattaganah Creek	Heffernan/Henshaw	
25/10/2016	Dusky Woodswallow	3	Quarantine Bay	Jones/Lyell	
1/10/2016	Eastern Curlew	1	Wallaga Lake	L Allen	
25/10/2016	Eastern Curlew	2	Eden, Lake Curalo	Berzins/Lyell	
17/11/2016	Eastern Curlew	5	Bermagui Estuary	A Harris	
22/11/2016	Eastern Curlew	1	Merimbula Boardwalk	L Allen	
2/11/2016	Eastern Great Egret	nesting	Bega, Glebe Park	Sutcliffe/Lyell	
2/10/2016	Eastern Koel	pair	Pambula town	D Waldon	in mulberry tree then followed reports from Merimbula, Glebe Lagoon, Berrambool, Buckajo, Tathra, Mogareeka, Pambula Beach, Yurammie,
7/10/2016	Eastern Osprey	1	Wonboyn Estuary	R & L Miller	
21/10/2016	Eastern Osprey	1	Merimbula, opp pub	L Allen	
23/10/2016	Eastern Osprey	1	Mogareeka	FSCB outing	dived for fish
9/11/2016	Eastern Yellow Robin	on nest	Wonboyn Lake	FSCB outing	
2/10/2016	Eurasian Skylark	present	Panboola	D Waldon	
8/10/2016	Eurasian Skylark	2+	Bemboka	FSCB outing	
12/10/2016	European Goldfinch	2	Panboola	FSCB survey	
12/11/2016	European Goldfinch	2	Candelo	FSCB outing	
2/11/2016	Fairy Martin	2	Bird Route No 1	B Jones	
15/11/2016	Fairy Tern	present	Mogareeka	L Berzins	fish presenting

9/11/2016	Golden Whistler	on nest	Scrubby Creek	FSCB outing	
12/10/2016	Golden-headed Cisticolaseveral		Panboola	FSCB survey	
14/10/2016	Golden-headed Cisticola2		Yurammie	R Heffernan/B Henshaw	
15/10/2016	Grey Currawong	2	Mt Darragh	Heffernan/Henshaw	
8/11/2016	Grey-tailed Tattler	1	Merimbula, Beach St	M Sutcliffe	there 20/11 (L Allen)
9/10/2016	Hooded Plover		Pairs have established their territory, some nesting begun, signage being erected. Tura Beach, Wallaga Lake, Nullica Beach, Bunga Beach, Haycock Beach.		
3/10/2016	Latham's Snipe	1	Wallagoot	C & S Wallis	
12/10/2016	Latham's Snipe	2	Panboola	FSCB survey	
15/10/2016	Leadon Flycatcher	1 f	Rocky Hall, Heffernan/Henshaw, 1st for season, others at Quarantine Bay, Mandeni, Tura, Wonboyn, Jewfish Beach area, Scrubby Creek, Sth of Eden (on nest), and 'Mirrabook' Myrtle Mtn Rd.		
27/10/2016	Little Egret	2	Wallagoot Lake	M Lyell, G Oliver	
22/11/2016	Little Egret	1	Merimbula Boardwalk	L Allen	
21/10/2016	Little Grassbird	1	Buckajo, Grevillea	B Jones	
12/10/2016	Little Grassbird	2+ calling	Panboola	FSCB survey	
9/10/2016	Little Lorikeet	20+ and nesting	Pambula, near Lumen	D Carter	
18/11/2016	Little Lorikeet	1	Beauty Pt, Bermagui	D Adams	with Musks
14/10/2016	Little Lorikeet	1 window kill	Pambula Beach	E Prosser	near site of nest reported 9/10/16
2/10/2016	Little Raven	few	Yurammie	R Heffernan	1 with nesting material
28/10/2016	Little Tern	11	Mogareeka	L Berzins	courting
12/10/2016	Magpie-lark	2 fy in nest	Panboola	FSCB survey	
8/10/2016	Mistletoebird	1 female	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
31/10/2016	Mistletoebird	1 female	Panboola	Jones/Sutcliffe/Lyell	
31/10/2016	Mistletoebird	1 male	Bega Saleyards	Sutcliffe/Lyell	
12/11/2016	Mistletoebird	1 male	'Mirrabook' Myrtle Mtn	FSCB outing	
6/11/2016	Musk Duck	1 male	Bondi Lake, Bournda	J Plumb	
15/11/2016	Musk Lorikeet	1	Pambula Beach	E Prosser	1st time here
18/11/2016	Musk Lorikeet	many	Beauty Pt, Bermagui	D Adams	regular lately
9/11/2016	Noisy Friarbird	on nest	Scrubby Creek	FSCB outing	
3/10/2016	Peregrine Falcon	1	Yurammie	R Heffernan	other days too
10/10/2016	Peregrine Falcon	1	Haycock Point	L Berzins	
19/11/2016	Peregrine Falcon	2	Glebe Lagoon	H Kingston	circling
5/10/2016	Pied Cormorant	5	Wallagoot Lake	Jones/Romane/Sutcliffe	
4/11/2016	Pilotbird	1	Kiah - Snake Track	R Miller	on motion activated camera
18/11/2016	Powerful Owl	2 ad 2 imm	Berrambool Rainforest	S Romane	
21/10/2016	Red Knot	1	Wallagoot Lake	L Berzins	subsequently seen by many
4/11/2016	Red Knot	1	Mogareeka	L Berzins	
18/10/2016	Red-capped Plover	30	Wallagoot Lake	M Sutcliffe et al	regulars
23/10/2016	Red-capped Plover	12+ nest	Mogareeka	FSCB outing	
Oct/Nov 2016	Red-necked Stint	9	Mogareeka	L Berzins et al	numbers varied
Oct/Nov 2016	Red-necked Stint	12	Wallagoot Lake	M Sutcliffe et al	numbers varied
9/11/2016	Rose Robin	calling	Scrubby Creek	FSCB outing	
12/11/2016	Rose Robin	2 calling	'Mirrabook' Myrtle Mtn	FSCB outing	
2/11/2016	Royal Spoonbill	nesting	Bega, Glebe Park	Sutcliffe/Lyell	
14/10/2016	Ruddy Turnstone	2	Mogareeka	L Berzins et al	still there mid Nov
20/10/2016	Ruddy Turnstone	1	Wallagoot Lake	S Romane et al	still there mid Nov
20/10/2016	Rufous Fantail	1	Bega River walk	D Adams	
9/11/2016	Rufous Fantail	present	Scrubby Creek	FSCB outing	
19/11/2016	Rufous Fantail	present	Berrambool Rainforest	M Sutcliffe	
Oct/Nov 2016	Rufous Whistler		widely recorded thank you	Nesting records appreciated	
5/10/2016	Sacred Kingfisher	1 nesting	Mandeni, Tura	M Sutcliffe	
8/10/2016	Sacred Kingfisher		widely: Bemboka, Panboola, Rocky Hall, Yurammie, Mandeni, Scrubby Creek, Wonboyn.		
Oct/Nov 2016	Scarlet Honeyeater		Irruption: More sightings than ever recorded all along coastal strip from many observers		
27/10/2016	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	1	Panboola	D Waldon et al	
18/10/2016	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	40	Wallagoot Lake	M Sutcliffe et al	
14/11/2016	Short-tailed Shearwater	hundreds	Picnic Point	S Hibberd	assumed species
8/10/2016	Short-tailed Shearwater	00000s	Green Cape	K Buckland	
16/11/2016	Silver Gull	nesting	Merimbula Lake	G Holden	on moored boats
16/10/2016	Spotted Quail-thrush	pair	Yurammie, Carey's Trail		Heffernan/Henshaw
26/10/2016	Spotted Quail-thrush	pair	Haycock Pt Rd	L Berzins	near exit to Highway
10/10/2016	Square-tailed Kite	1	Tathra, Pacific St	J Plumb	
11/11/2016	Square-tailed Kite	1	Mandeni, Tura	M Sutcliffe	
15/10/2016	Striated Pardalote	4	Mattaganah Creek	Heffernan/Henshaw	
11/11/2016	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo		2 nests	Yurammie	R Heffernan
12/10/2016	Superb Fairy-wren	nest building	Panboola	FSCB survey	
16/11/2016	Superb Fairy-wren	fy in nest	Nethercote	B Jones	
9/11/2016	Superb Fruit-Dove	1 imm	'Mirrabook' Myrtle Mtn	T Jennings	
12/10/2016	Swamp Harrier	pair	Panboola	FSCB survey	
4/11/2016	Swift Parrot	group heard	Tura Beach	N & A Hayes	
6/11/2016	Tawny Frogmouth	nest + 1y	Tarraganda, Bega	T Jarman	
13/10/2016	Tawny-crned H'yeater	4	nr Pulpit Rock	S Romane	
21/10/2016	Topknot Pigeon	1	Middle Beach	L Berzins	
8/10/2016	Tree Martin	4+	Bemboka	FSCB outing	

12/11/2016	Tree Martin	few	Myrtle Mtn Rd	FSCB outing
5/10/2016	Tree Martin	10+	Wallagoot	Jones/Romane/Sutcliffe
Oct/Nov 2016	Varied Sittella	reported	from Yurammie, Bemboka Rec Ground,	Quarantine Bay, Wonboyn, Tarraganda, Bega
11/10/2016	Variegated Fairy-wren	pair	Merimbula	S Romane in home garden
28/10/2016	Variegated Fairy-wren	1 male	Wallagoot Lake	S Romane beside parking area
8/11/2016	Variegated Fairy-wren	pair	Middle Beach	L Berzins lagoon track
22/11/2016	Variegated Fairy-wren	present	Merimbula Boardwalk	L Allen
14/11/2016	Wedge-tailed Shearwater		hundreds	Picnic Point S Hibberd assumed species
22/10/2016	Whimbrel	1	Wallagoot Lake	G Holden et al other days too
20/11/2016	Whimbrel	1	Merimbula	L Allen et al
2/10/2016	White-ch'ked H'yeater	6	Mandeni, Tura	M Sutcliffe other observers too
12/10/2016	White-faced Heron	on nest	Panboola	FSCB survey
Oct/Nov 2016	White-fronted Chat	3	Wallagoot Lake	M Sutcliffe et al
28/10/2016	White-fronted Chat	3	Panboola	B Jones saltmarsh
4/10/2016	White-headed Pigeon	10	Tanja, 'Ngairin'	D Bright at feed dish
Oct/Nov 2016	White-throated Gerygone	1 or 2	at Yurammie, Bemboka, Nethercote, Mandeni, Yellow Pinch, Bird Route 1	
5/10/2016	White-throated N'letail	1	Beauty Pt, Bermagui	D Adams
12/11/2016	White-throated N'letail	150+	Barragga Bay	Eremaea
8/10/2016	White-winged Triller	1	Bemboka Rec Ground	FSCB outing
12/10/2016	Yellow Thornbill	8	Panboola	FSCB survey

## 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).*

### **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?

### **Wednesday January 11, 2017 PANBOOLA SURVEY**

Meet Robyn (6495 6469) at Panboola Centre, Watson Waterhole, next to Idlewilde Motel in Bullara St, Pambula at 7:30 am for the summer survey. Wear sturdy shoes. Carry snack and drink, hat, insect repellent. Usually takes about 3 hours.

### **Saturday January 14, 2017 PAMBULA SHOW**

Merimbula-Imlay Historical Society is preparing a bird related display with a bird call competition. Details are limited at time of printing. Put the date in your diary and watch out for details.

### **Sunday January 22, 2017 PANBOOLA PICNIC**

Start the year slowly. Bring a picnic tea to the covered tables in Tips Billabong, for a get together. Walkers will set off at 5:00 pm for a prowl around Panboola first or join us at 6:00 pm ready to eat. Bring your visitors too.

### **Thursday February 9, 2017 EVENING MEETING**

Meet in the Uniting Church Hall, Henwood St, Merimbula, for a 7:30 pm start. This will be a 'February Feathered Friends Fun' night. Something for everyone. Find out what you know and what you don't know and have some fun.

### **Saturday February 11, 2017 BERMAGUI (again)**

Meet Barbara (6495 7390) just north of the Bermagui Bridge, on the corner of the Bermagui – Narooma Rd, opposite the group of small shops at 8:45 am. First a return to the property we visited in Feb 2015 then continuing on to Bermagui sites not seen in Nov 2016. Lunch in the park opposite the Country Club with more to see after lunch if energy permits.

## **FSCB GOOGLE GROUP and FACEBOOK**



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