

The President's Annual Report

Summarising the year's activities and accomplishments for this report has highlighted again the passion and commitment of a great number of people involved in the activities of the club.

The regular second Monday of the month meetings, and mid-week walks and monthly outings continue to be popular and well attended. The regular camps, this year at Wellington and Nymboida, were very successful according to the feedback received from members. In 2008 the committee will be conducting a survey to see if members are satisfied with the club's current direction and activities.

The club has been fortunate in gaining the services of well qualified speakers to talk at our monthly meetings. As well as the local scene, they have taken us all over the world, including Africa, America and Antarctica. Their generosity in giving up their time and sharing their knowledge is much appreciated.

The IBOC Newsletter has printed over 300 editions, and a newsletter with coloured photos celebrated the 300th edition. The regular production of the newsletter could not be achieved without the input from John Cashman, the article writers, and assistance from Penny Potter, Val Dolan, Norma Almond and Peg McKinley. Thanks to all of you for keeping members informed on club activities and coming events.

Chris Chafer, Records Officer, has moved to Penrith and resigned his position, which he has held for 15 years. Our thanks to Chris, and we wish him the best for the future. Martin Cocker has taken up the position of Records officer, and we welcome him.

IBOC Annual General Meeting

Chris Brandis, with fine precision, chaired the elections at the Club's AGM last month. It is pleasing to report that President Roger Bogaert, Secretary Betty Hudson and Treasurer Bronwyn Wilson were re-elected unopposed: a mark of our confidence in them. Elected to the Committee were Anne Cousins, Penny Potter, Sylvia Garlick and Tom Wylie. The positions of Vice-President and Activities Officer were not filled.

Roger Bogaert

IBOC celebrated 30 years of the club's existence in the Illawarra. Four past Presidents, Laurie Williams, Jim Robinson, Brian Hale, and Kevin McGregor and their spouses attended the celebrations. All set the club on a firm foundation for club members to continue their passion and commitment over the future years. Fae and Kevin organised the night and took us down memory lane from its beginnings with Laurie and Nola Williams, and Doug Gibson right up to the present. Thank you Fae and Kevin for a successful night.

The club has its own Website, thanks to our webmaster Chris Cartledge. The site is getting a number of hits each month from keen birdwatchers wishing to visit the Illawarra.

The club continues to monitor and work with the Illawarra Lake Authority and Shellharbour Council, recording the bird species at various locations. Chris Brandis has been our liaison officer with various Illawarra organizations. We appreciate his time and commitment. The proposed Kilalea development is of some concern, but a representative from the development company has agreed to address the club next year, to outline the developer's proposals and answer questions.

The Committee has renewed the agreement for the Fairy Meadow Community Hall in 2008.

I have not enough space to thank all members but I must give special thanks to Betty Hudson, our Secretary, and organiser supreme of camps, outings and many other activities.

On behalf of the committee I wish all members a safe and happy festive season.

Other positions which were appointed, volunteered, lobbied, or continued over from previous years included - Public Officer: Chris Brandis, Records Officer: Martin Cocker, Librarian: Anne Cousins, Webmaster: Chris Cartledge, Notice Board Officer: Martin Potter, Name Tag Officer: Neil Wheway, Hall Arrangement Officer: Tom Wylie, and Editor: John Cashman. Thanks to Val Dolan, and Fae and Kevin McGregor who served us well on the Committee last year, and have all served in various positions in the Club in previous years. Grateful thanks also to Norma Almond, Peg McKinlay, Val Dolan and Penny Potter who all variously helped again with the editing, printing arrangements and distribution of Newsletters.

Bass Point Reserve 14.11.07

Driving to the entrance gates of the reserve the preliminary excavation work for the Shellharbour Marina was observed, but what impact this will have on the fauna of the area remains to be seen. Maybe not too much because the quarry has been in operation for many years, and the fauna seems to be able to adapt to environmental changes. Another observation made was the blue metal boat at the wharf leaving; Tera and I have been many times to the reserve this was only the second time that we have seen a boat there.



Powerful Owl *Photo:Michelle Rower*

The group drove down to the main car park and walked out to headland where a boat became stranded on the rocks during WW11

Neil Wheway

where we were then joined by Eleanor and Ron Thompson and their son Andrew: they are newish members on their second walk with us. Good to have them along with us. Their other walk was at Nic and Daphne's place in Jamberoo.

We then wandered along the road to Bushrangers Bay. Here the group split into two, one going on to have a look down onto the rocky foreshore while myself and a few others headed off to overlook Bushrangers Bay. The only birds spotted were two whipbirds chasing each other. I thought that was an appropriate time to head back for morning tea. Once we headed back along the main track Chris Cartledge had other ideas calling us all back to see the whales breaching just off the headland. What a show they put on leaping right out of the water. An added bonus was seeing the Wedgetailed Shearwaters skimming the top of the water in the vicinity of the whales.

At last, tongues hanging out for a cuppa, we got back to the picnic area and were enjoying our cuppa, when Terry Edwell came racing in disturbing our rest to look at a Powerful Owl. What a scramble and mass exodus to look at the owl which was being harassed by Currawongs - what a magnificent and stately looking bird. Once again we headed back to continue our now cold cuppa.

We then walked along the foreshore track but by this the wind had got up making it difficult to see birds in the continually moving bushes and trees. Whales were again spotted in the bay near the quarry wharf; the walk was completed by walking back along the road. Tera and Sylvia

dragging the chain found a Willie Wagtails' nest with three eggs. Not to be out-done another Willie Wagtails' nest was spotted near the car park with a pair of birds having a tag team on and off the nest feeding young.

While not many birds were seen, the lack of numbers was compensated by the whales and the Powerful Owl: a beautiful day and good company.

Bird List for the Wednesday Walk 14/11/07 29 bird species

Wedge-tailed Shearwater	White-throated Treecreeper	Willie Wagtail
Australasian Gannet	Superb Fairy-wren	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
Pied Cormorant	Variiegated Fairy-wren	Australian Magpie
Little Black Cormorant	White-browed Scrubwren	Pied Currawong
Great Cormorant	Brown Thornbill	Australian Raven
Australian Pelican	Lewin's Honeyeater	European Goldfinch
Silver Gull	New Holland Honeyeater	Welcome Swallow
Topknot Pigeon	Eastern Whipbird	Red-whiskered Bulbul
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	Golden Whistler (F)	Silvereye
Powerful Owl	Grey Fantail	

Bits And... Gouldian Finch research

'I am conducting PhD research on the Gouldian Finch at Macquarie University as part of a group working for the conservation of this threatened species alongside the Save the Gouldian Fund. As well as being one of Australia's most endangered birds, the Gouldian Finch is almost unique in that it occurs in three discrete morphs, with birds having either a red, yellow, or black head. Currently in the wild, populations are made up of 70% black, 30% red and less than 1% yellow birds. We are trying to find out whether these frequencies were similar historically, and across the wider range of the species before the decline.

'I am trying to locate all sources of information on past and present wild Gouldian populations and wondered if you had any old records that you could pass onto me, particularly where the head morph and sex have been recorded? Could any of your members have recorded these details on any trips to the Northern Territory where they saw Gouldians, or even if any members received Gouldians that were exported from Australia up to 1986?

'Any information you can give me would be greatly appreciated, Thank you, Amanda Gilby. CISAB, Macquarie University, Sydney, NSW 2109, Australia. Tel: +61 (2) 9850 4187; Fax: +61 (2) 9850 9231 Email: gouldian.finch.research@gmail.com

THE WINDHOVER

I caught this morning morning's minion, kingdom of daylight's dauphin,
 dapple-dawn-drawn Falcon, in his riding
 Of the rolling level underneath him steady air, and striding
 High there, how he wrung upon the rein of a wimpling wing
 In his ecstasy! then off, off forth on swing
 As a skate's heel sweeps smooth on a bow-bend: the hurl and gliding
 Rebuffed the big wind. My heart in hiding
 Stirred for a bird- the achieve of, the mastery of the thing !

Brute beauty and valour and act, oh, air, pride, plume, here
 Buckle! AND the fire that breaks from thee then, a billion
 Times told lovelier, more dangerous, O my chevalier!

No wonder of it: sheer plod makes plough down sillion
 Shine, and blue-bleak embers, ah my dear,
 Fall, gall themselves, and gash gold-vermillion.

Gerard Manley Hopkins

Shoalhaven Heads Walk 18.11.2007

The first birds we saw near the carpark were Chestnut Teals. Then walking along the track toward the distant waterline in a small patch of weedy bush we saw Scarlet Honeyeaters feeding on the flowers. A cool breeze made the walk enjoyable.

We were soon on the sand, and saw Bar-tailed Godwits feeding in quite large numbers, while overhead a Swamp Harrier patrolled the waterways. Standing in pools of water were Caspian and Crested Terns. At our morning tea stop, we saw White-fronted Chats resting on top of a mangrove bush. More water was just around the corner with Golden Plovers and Eastern Curlews. When disturbed the plovers flew a short distance away in groups of 8 to 10.

Sylvia Garlic

Lots of mozzies surrounded us at lunchtime, but fortunately we had plenty of repellent. After lunch we took a 10 minute walk into Rainforest, and a Black-faced Monarch was calling and was seen flying around in the sunshine. Also heard calling was an Olive-backed Oriole. On the return trip the group split into two, some on the beach and some retracing their steps. On the damp sand lovely little Red-capped Dotterels and Red-necked Stints ran backwards and forwards. For a short time an Osprey was seen, flying and dropping to the water to take a catch in its claws.

And back near the car park Martin saw two Striated Herons and a Sanderling. Thanks Betty for another great walk

Bird list of Sunday 18th November Walk - Shoalhaven Heads.

Black Swan	Silver Gull	Eastern Whipbird
Chestnut Teal	Caspian Tern	Rufous Whistler
Pied Cormorant	Crested Tern	Grey Shrike-thrush
Australian Pelican	Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Black-faced Monarch
White-faced Heron	Galah	Grey Fantail
Striated Heron	Common Koel	Willie Wagtail
Osprey	Superb Fairy-wren	Olive-backed Oriole
Swamp Harrier	Spotted Pardalote	Australian Magpie
Bar-tailed Godwit	Brown Thornbill	Pied Currawong
Little Curlew	Yellow Thornbill	Australian Raven
Eastern Curlew	Striated Thornbill	Welcome Swallow
Sanderling	Lewin's Honeyeater	Red-whiskered Bulbul
Red-necked Stint	New Holland Honeyeater	Clamorous Reed-Warbler
Pied Oystercatcher	Scarlet Honeyeater	Silvereye
Pacific Golden Plover	White-fronted Chat	
Red-capped Plover	Eastern Yellow Robin	

Nymboida Camp

Betty Hudson, Neil & Tera Wheway, Penny Potter

BH During the week 28 members enjoyed the spring camp held at the Nymboida Canoe Centre near Grafton. This was a delightful spot with those in tents and vans having river views as well as shade. The "River" was the exit channel for water pumped to the hydro-electric power station from the Nymboida River. This channel had been customised as a white water canoe course with access tracks along the banks. In common with all the rivers and creeks in the area it was lined with scarlet bottle brushes in full flower, and what a magnificent sight they made as well as attracting many birds.

PP The location of the Camp was well chosen being directly on Goolong Creek. This provided us with regular sightings of Scarlet Honeyeaters feeding on the flowering eucalypts, a Striated Pardalote flying into its nest in the riverbank and an Azure Kingfisher watching over the river from the ropes strung across it for the canoeists.

NW Canoeing is done on a creek largely natural but with some help in the placement of rocks to create a challenging course. A hydro- power station which draws its water

from the Nymboida River discharges water into the creek. Rob the centre manager told us that because of the low water level in the Nymboida river the power station was due to suspend operating at any time. To us the water looked turbulent even though the power station was not generating at full capacity. It must be awesome in full flow.

TW Camping for me is always fun with the camper-trailer in tow, however, this time it was a new experience for us: bunkhouse (cabin) accommodation. I greatly enjoyed the camaraderie, especially around the joint cooking facility, and packing up was easier.

BH On the Sunday morning we walked along the riverside track marvelling at the number of Scarlet Honeyeaters we saw, and admiring the canoeists on the river. A leisurely stroll through the TSR across the road and onto "Valley View" farm helped to walk off lunch. Birds were scarce in the TSR but a creek with a profusion of bottlebrushes, revealed more Scarlet Honeyeaters than most of us had ever seen, and provided much discussion over the identity of a honeyeater. After all books had been consulted and much checking of the actual birds seen, it was decided that these were White-throated Honeyeaters, a new species for most.

PP A day trip to Dalmorton National Park brought us leisurely views of a Wompoo Fruit-Dove as it sat satiated under the canopy of a fig tree. Terry Dawson had spotted it on the way to the park and amazingly it was still there on our return three hours later, enabling everyone to see and photograph it. *(I was in Terry's car, bumping along a forest road, when he suddenly stopped, leapt out and had his goggles up and focused before you could say 'Jack Robinson.'* Amazingly, Terry spotted the Wompoo while he was driving and while it was partially hidden behind several leafy branches! Editor)BH Morning tea at a reserve beside the river and the entering Boyd River gave another great sighting-a male Red-backed Fairy-wren in full breeding plumage with the red shining

like gold in the sun. He even stayed put while every one had a good look and some took photos. A bevy of Brown Quail was also seen giving those near enough a good look.

BH Our long awaited visit to The Briary took place on a very hot morning, when we had an enthusiastic reception from Robyn the owner. Unfortunately due to the weather, birds were very scarce, and as the track was in the open, we quickly retreated to the shelter of the homestead trees. We tried an area across the road by the creek but no luck. *(Though some who remained filled the air with song)* After lunch 6 blokes tried their hand at rafting on inner tubes.

NW One hot afternoon, Tera suggested that we should have a go in the creek on inner tubes, I approached Rob, the Manager, and inquired about hiring the inner tubes. He reckoned if he was to let us have a go he'd blow his insurance. I convinced him we wouldn't do anything reckless. His next quip was the tubes wouldn't be suitable for us because they were not equipped with stubbie holders. I commented it was too early in the afternoon for 'happy hour'. Next he said we couldn't afford the hire charges. After telling him we were all very rich he said OK \$10 each. All the ladies reneged but six of us blokes had a go.



Josh Photo Tera Wheway

We had to wear crash hats, life vests and shoes that wouldn't come off, we were given instruction and had to demonstrate our ability to manouvre the tubes and get out of difficulties. This is mandatory for all, not

just for bird watchers. We had a great afternoon floating, swimming and getting tipped off the tubes while getting a few kilograms rubbed off our bums when getting bounced over the rocks. Our only mishap was a lost pair of glasses at the first dunking. Even while being tossed about in the creek we still looked for birds. (*Of course!*)

NW Alison Foley and David Bourne arrived with their two girls full of energy for a couple of nights. It was interesting to hear Alison, who speaks Spanish, talking to girls in Spanish. No doubt in time they will be able to converse in Australian, Spanish and Irish. (*On a hot afternoon Kevin McGregor also entertained the youngsters with grandfatherly water antics*)

PP One afternoon a few of us decided to go out to the swamps at Coutts Crossing as the day grew cooler. We were rewarded with sightings of Marsh Sandpiper, a Hobby hunting and several Comb-crested Jacana. The latter were on my own personal wish list. Brian Hales was also pleased to see the Jacana but added the comment that next he'd really like to see a Jabiru, whereupon one promptly arrived at the swamp! It was a spectacular sign as it circled with outstretched wings before landing, and was greeted with many excited exclamations by its wide-eyed audience. Thanks Brian!

TW A great time was the day six excited men (boys) floated and tumbled down the river on rubber rings while us girls relaxed and swam, cooled off in the flowing stream. We girls then escaped and went bird watching leaving the men to their fun.

The highlight for me was to see the beautiful majestic Australian Jabiru come out of the sky float down onto the lagoon in all the splendour of beautiful white and black wings. I've seen this bird a few times before but never in flight. A great sight to behold.



Robyn, Sylvia, Joan Photo Tera

BH Shopping day in Grafton was next on the agenda. On the way we stopped at the swamps at Coutts Crossing checked out the previous night. Birds were less numerous and the Black-necked Stork had left. The jacanas were still there and several raptors were seen as well as Great & Intermediate Egrets which made comparison very easy.

Grafton was a beautiful sight with the Jacaranda Trees at their peak. Successfully negotiating the town without losing anyone, we met at Carr's Island Bridge, but decided to return a little way into town for morning tea in a lovely park we had seen. Returning to the island we had sightings of many waterside birds, including the Golden-headed Cisticola. The Nutmeg Mannikin however eluded us. Carr's Peninsular, the next stop was disappointing, so we pushed on to Cowan's Pond Wetland reserve on the Gwydir Highway. Lunch over we walked to the bird hide which gave good views of an extensive wetland and many birds, including an Australian Shoveller, jacanas, and many types of ducks. Black Winged Stilts made light of the deeper areas. Shopping followed, as well as another visit to the swamps at Coutts Crossing. An evening of fellowship followed with dinner at the Coaching Station Inn after drinks in the garden watching the Double-bar Finches, parrots and pigeons vying for the seed left for them. Even a young White Headed Pigeon was seen feeding.

BH Next day we said goodbye to some early leavers and then headed up into Chaelundi National Park on another fine hot day. After climbing steadily we stopped for morning tea and a walk along an overgrown track beside a large rainforest gully, hoping to see some different birds, but were disappointed. Next we turned along the track to a picnic area shown on the NP map, but which was badly eroded at one point. Along here we saw families of both Glossy Black Cockatoos and Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoos. The picnic area was run down and a walk along tracks in the area produced few birds of any sort. Returning we visited the property of Ken Tucker just before reaching Nymboida. Here we found the shade and lush riverside grass welcome, although birds were not plentiful, with the Jacky Winter being added to the growing list. Storms that evening saw campfire transferred to the dining shelters. This was a bonus as laptops were produced and photos shown.

NW Our dinner night was at an old coach house inn just a few kilometres from the canoe centre. From the inn's grounds we were able to look down on the Nymboida

River and watch the cat fish and platypus swimming, and at the same time look at birds in the beer garden. Our evening out was a success as was the whole camp and once again we were chaperoned and organized by our secretary Betty Hudson. Betty enjoys her camps and birds and makes every minute of time away count, and in doing so makes sure we also are kept busy. Thank you Betty you make it all possible and happen.

PP As usual the IBOC camp was a great success and on behalf of all present I would like to offer our sincere thanks for the time and effort put in by Betty Hudson, our leader and organizer; to Tom Wylie and Neil Wheway for keeping the campfire going and making sure everyone was accounted for on the outings; and to Neil for also arranging the Wednesday night dinner.

BH A rollcall of birds on the last night showed a tally of 149 species for the week, and all within 40km of camp. This is an area and campsite well worth a future visit. My thanks to all who made this camp such a success. It is the members who attend who make the camps not the organiser.

...Pieces

*Alan Cousins asks, 'Has any club member has ever seen an Elephant bird ??? My dad used to tell us this amongst a lot of other "Silly Rhymes." Goodness knows where they came from.

An elephant is a dainty bird
It flits from bough to bough
It lays its eggs in a rhubarb tree
And whistles like a cow.

*At short notice Chris Brandis showed some fine photos at the AGM. They were of a recent trip to Queensland which he did with Chris Chafer. First up was a Wompoo Fruit-Dove which had caused much excitement at the recent Nymboida Camp. (*It even brought forth a cheer when read out at the campfire that night*) Chris showed some great shots and finished with lovely photos of dragon flies ! Interestingly, later that week the *S M Herald* had an article about cleaning up some Blue Mountain creeks. Sewerage effluent previously put into the creeks had at last been diverted from the creeks to the sewerage farm at Winmallee. As a result, there had been a great increase in the number and variety of native flies. May-flies, for instance, had increased from 5 to 10 varieties in a very short time. Many thanks Chris.

* Our Treasurer reported that our bank balance was \$443 at the end of October. Expenses in the previous month were some \$1061 and included rent for the hall, website fees, books for the library and other items. PS You can pay annual Club Fees early in December!

* A feast of articles were sent in for this IBOC News. Thanks to all. Naturally some have had to be held over for later, but never fear – they will appear.

IBOC UNUSUAL/INTERESTING SIGHTINGS NOVEMBER 2007

Compiled by Martin Cocker

Species	Number	Date	Location	Habitat	Observer
Australian Brush-turkey	1	10-Nov	Excelsior Reserve, Thirroul	woodland	Mike Morphett
Australian Brush-turkey	1	30-Sep	Cordeaux Road	Woodland	Peter Nolan
Cape Petrel	200+	27-Oct	off Wollongong	pelagic	Graham Barwell
Black Petrel	1	28-Oct	off Wollongong	pelagic	Graham Barwell
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	100+	29-Oct	off Wollongong	pelagic	Graham Barwell
Darter	1	14-Nov	Myamba wetland, Shellharb	wetland	Bob Ashford
Little Pied Cormorant	numerous	14-Nov	Dunmore Lakes	rural/swamp	Darryl Goldrick
Striated Heron	2	27-Nov	Shoalhaven Heads	estuarine	IBOC
Nankeen Night Heron	1	13-Nov	Shoalhaven Heads	estuarine	David Marshall
Glossy Ibis	13	19-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	rural/swamp	Bob Ashford
Osprey	1	25-Nov	Shoalhaven Heads	estuarine	IBOC
Square-Tailed Kite	1	19-Nov	Dunmore	rural/swamp	Bob Ashford
Swamp Harrier	2	19-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	rural/swamp	Bob Ashford
Swamp Harrier	1	11-Nov	Killalea State Park	rural/swamp	Graham Barwell
Swamp Harrier	1	12-Nov	Albion Park	river foreshore	Bruce Coyte
Swamp Harrier	1	5-Nov	Berkley	urban/paddock	Joshua Coyte
Swamp Harrier	1	20-Nov	Shoalhaven Heads	estuarine	IBOC
Brown Goshawk	1	11-Nov	Albion Park	urban/woodland	Joshua Coyte
Grey Goshawk White Morph	1	14-Nov	Dunmore Lakes	rural/swamp	Darryl Goldrick
Little Eagle	1	14-Nov	Dunmore Lakes	rural/swamp	Darryl Goldrick
Little Eagle	1	10-Nov	Bulli	overhead	Roger Truscott
Brown Falcon	1	14-Nov	Terragong Swamp	rural/swamp	Darryl Goldrick
Black-tailed Native-hen	1	1-Nov	Why Juck Bay	estuarine	Gleniss Wellings
Bar-tailed Godwit	100+	19-Nov	Shoalhaven Heads	estuarine	IBOC
Eastern Curlew	10	21-Nov	Shoalhaven Heads	estuarine	IBOC
Terek Sandpiper	1	14-Nov	Lake Conjola Outlet	estuarine	Graham Barwell
Ruddy Turnstone	1	8-Nov	Comerong Island	estuarine	David Marshall
Sanderling	1	24-Nov	Shoalhaven Heads	estuarine	IBOC
Red-necked stint	100+	22-Nov	Shoalhaven Heads	estuarine	IBOC
Pacific Golden Plover	100+	18-Nov	Shoalhaven Heads	estuarine	IBOC
Red-capped Plover	100+	23-Nov	Shoalhaven Heads	estuarine	IBOC
Hooded Plover	1	14-Nov	Berrara Beach	estuarine	Graham Barwell
Caspian Tern	1	26-Nov	Shoalhaven Heads	estuarine	IBOC
Fairy Tern	3	14-Nov	Lake Conjola Outlet (nesting)	estuarine	Graham Barwell
Long-billed Corella	1	7-Nov	Woonona Beach	suburban	N. Hudspith
Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	27	12-Nov	Albion Park	urban/woodland	Bruce Coyte
Brush Cuckoo	1	4-Nov	Bulli Pass	forest	Graham Barwell
Brush Cuckoo	1	18-Nov	Wollondilly River NR	woodland	Graham Barwell
Powerful Owl	1	14-Nov	Bass Point	woodland	IBOC
Azure Kingfisher	1	13-Nov	Shoalhaven Heads	creek side	David Marshall
Sacred Kingfisher	1	8-Nov	Comerong Island (nesting)	woodland	David Marshall
Scarlet Honeyeater	1	15-Oct	Jamberoo	gardens	Betty Hudson
White-fronted Chat	4	28-Nov	Shoalhaven Heads	estuarine	IBOC
Black-faced Monarch	2	14-Nov	Jamberoo	rural	Darryl Goldrick
White-winged Triller	1	18-Nov	Wollondilly River NR	woodland	Graham Barwell
Green Catbird	2	19-Nov	Bellawongarah	rainforest	Bob Ashford

Satin Bowerbird	1	5-Nov	Bulli	creek	N. Hudspith
Skylark	numerous	14-Nov	Terragong Swamp	rural/swamp	Darryl Goldrick
Rufous Songlark	3	18-Nov	Wollondilly River NR	woodland	Graham Barwell
Bassian Thrush	2	25-Oct	Excelsior Reserve, Thirroul	woodland	Mike Morphet

Many thanks to you all for submitting these records. Look at all those raptors, particularly the Swamp Harriers. I am especially envious of Graham Barwell's Terek Sandpiper, a lifer for me, and what a marvellous bird so evocative of all those wild places!

Thank you for giving me such a rousing start in my new role. Keep me busy and send all your records to me at cocker@speedlink.com.au. Good Birding!

Bird List for Nymboidae Camp October 20th to 27th 2007.....

There was a total of 149 species recorded during the camp on the camp site and the various other locations in the area we visited

Brown Quail	Latham's Snipe	Superb Fairy-wren	Magpie Lark
Plumed Whistling-Duck	Marsh Sandpiper	Variiegated Fairy-wren	Rufous Fantail
Black Swan	Comb-crested Jacana	Red-backed Fairy-wren	Grey Fantail
Australian Wood Duck	Black-winged Stilt	Spotted Pardalote	Willie Wagtail
Pacific Black Duck	Masked Lapwing	Striated Pardalote	Spangled Drongo
Australasian Shoveler	Crested Tern	White-browed Scrubwren	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
Grey Teal	Rock Dove	White-throated Gerygone	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike
Hardhead	White-headed Pigeon	Brown Thornbill	Cicadabird
Australasian Grebe	Spotted Turtle-Dove	Yellow Thornbill	White-winged Triller
Darter	Emerald Dove	Striated Thornbill	Olive-backed Oriole
Little Pied Cormorant	Crested Pigeon	Noisy Friarbird	Figbird
Little Black Cormorant	Peaceful Dove	Little Friarbird	White-breasted Woodswallow
Great Cormorant	Bar-shouldered Dove	Blue-faced Honeyeater	Dusky Woodswallow
White-faced Heron	Wonga Pigeon	Bell Miner	Grey Butcherbird
White-necked Heron	Wompoo Fruit-Dove	Noisy Miner	Pied Butcherbird
Great Egret	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	Lewin's Honeyeater	Australian Magpie
Intermediate Egret	Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	Pied Currawong
Cattle Egret	Galah	Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	Australian Raven
Black Bittern	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Fuscous Honeyeater	Torresian Crow
Australian White Ibis	Rainbow Lorikeet	White-plumed Honeyeater	White-winged Chough
Straw-necked Ibis	Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	Black-chinned Honeyeater	Satin Bowerbird
Black-necked Stork	Musk Lorikeet	White-throated Honeyeater	Richard's Pipit
Pacific Baza	Little Lorikeet	Brown Honeyeater	House Sparrow
Black-shouldered Kite	Australian King Parrot	White-cheeked Honeyeater	Double-barred Finch
Whistling Kite	Crimson Rosella	Eastern Spinebill	Red-browed Finch
Brahminy Kite	Eastern Rosella	Scarlet Honeyeater	Mistletoebird
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Pallid Cuckoo	Jacky Winter	Welcome Swallow
Swamp Harrier	Brush Cuckoo	Eastern Yellow Robin	Tree Martin
Brown Goshawk	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	Grey-crowned Babbler	Fairy Martin
Collared Sparrowhawk	Common Koel	Eastern Whipbird	Clamorous Reed-Warbler
Wedge-tailed Eagle	Channel-billed Cuckoo	Varied Sitella	Little Grassbird
Brown Falcon	Pheasant Coucal	Golden Whistler	Golden Headed Cisticola
Australian Hobby	Azure Kingfisher	Rufous Whistler	Silvereye
Nankeen Kestrel	Laughing Kookaburra	Grey Shrike-thrush	Common Starling
Buff-banded Rail	Sacred Kingfisher	Black-faced Monarch	Common Myna
Purple Swamphen	Rainbow Bee-eater	Leaden Flycatcher	
Dusky Moorhen	Dollar Bird	Satin Flycatcher	
Eurasian Coot	White-throated Treecreeper	Restless Flycatcher	

Places Visited During Camp, Nymboidae Canoe Centre, "The Briary", The TSR opposite the Canoe Centre, & "The Valley

View" property beyond the TSR, Nymboidae Coaching Station Inn, Buccarumbi & Dalmorton, Chaelundi National Park Picnic area on

Shannons Creek Rd & Mr Ken Tucker's property off Boundary Creek Road, Laytons Range Road & Nymboi-Binderay NP. Coutts Crossing -Geregarow Rd

swamp & Black Swan Drive swamp on roads East & West of the Town. Grafton – Cowans Pond Reserve, Carrs Island and Carrs Peninsular.

