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Deserves Another"*

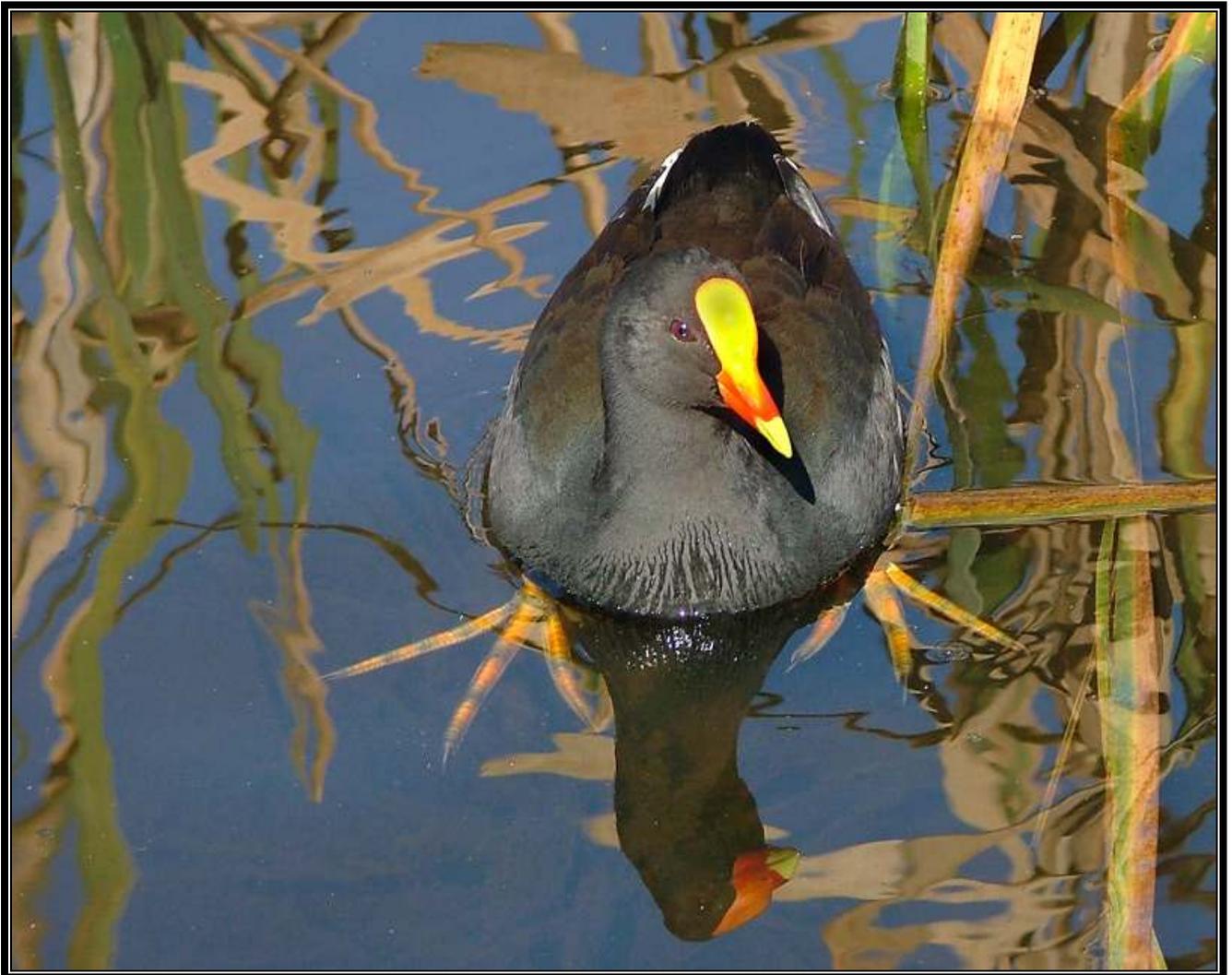
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**Dusky Moorhen**

**Photo Chris Chafer**

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## **FORTHCOMING IBOC EVENTS July 2008**

**CLUB MEETING Monday 14th July 7.30pm Fairy Meadow Community Hall. Tiffany Mason, NPWS Threatened Species Officer, will speak about the Regent Honeyeater Recovery Program. Please remember to bring a plate of goodies to share and your cup for supper.**

**MID-WEEK WALK – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July– Macquarrie Rivulet and Koonaa Bay. Leaders Barbara and/or Brian Hale. Meet at 9 am at the Hale’s home, 32 Shearwater Boulevard, Albion Park Rail (4257 4431) You can park in the street or there is some extra parking at the end of the street, not far beyond the Hale’s place.**

**MONTHLY OUTING –: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2008 Clover Hill Road, Macquarie Pass N.P. Leader Betty Hudson. Meet at the car park at the start of Clover Hill Rd at 8.45am sharp.**  
To reach Clover Hill Road proceed approximately half way up Macquarie Pass, to where there is a left turn at Clover Hill road. There is a large red & yellow RTA left turn road sign just before the actual road. It is only a narrow gravel entrance. Please ensure that you fill your cars where possible as there is only parking for 7 small cars or 6 large ones. Bring a carry morning tea and lunch. This is an easy walk, through rainforest, along a firetrail that slowly ascends for approx 3km to the creek. We will be back to the cars by just after lunch.

**COMMITTEE MEETING.** The next Committee Meeting will be at **7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd July** at Sylvia and David Garlick’s home, 6A Lynn Street, Oak Flats. Phone 4257 9750. Club members are always welcome to attend Committee meetings

**AUGUST NEWSLETTER** Deadline for articles and reports for the August *IBOC News* is Thursday 24th July. Please send items to the editor, [cashman5@bigpond.com](mailto:cashman5@bigpond.com) or mail them to 5 Madden Street, Fernhill 2519

**Review - Rainforest Birds of Australia’s "Wet Tropics" Neil Wheway**  
Watching the DVD gave a wonderful insight to some of the birdlife of wet tropical Australia. It gave living pictures of both male and female birds in their natural habitat, birds that are often heard but not seen. Looking at field guides to identify birds is not always the most helpful because colour is not always true to life. However DVD's colour and clarity make them an excellent tool to help with bird identification. There is plenty of time to observe the birds with no interrupting commentary watching food being eaten or nest building. Also shown is some of the flora that the birds live amongst There are 2 DVD's in the set and the club is going to purchase them for our library. So members can borrow and watch at their leisure.



## WOW! \$2000

Mr Jason Welsh, Branch Manager of the IMB Fairy Meadow Branch at the presentation on Friday 13 June (lucky day for us) to Penny Potter and IBOC President Roger Bogaert. Penny's original request was submitted in January, with a full application in March. The IMB decided to give us sponsorship through the Fairy Meadow branch and it is specifically to fund a leaflet promoting bird

watching in the local area though it will be aimed at both local and national level. It will target the tourist market rather than be about the club. Work on the brochure will take place over the next six months. Special thanks both to IMB and to Penny

**Welcome** to new members, Anna and Tony Williams. Nice to have you join us

## Wednesday Walk to Jerarra Dam, 11 th June

It was a good turn up with 25 members coming to this well vegetated arboraream amongst the dairy farms of the Jamberoo area with Eastern Whipbirds calling in the undergrowth and a Satin Bowerbird in the tree overhead. It was a bit wet underfoot and as we were away from the rainforest area few precautions were taken for leeches, but a few of us learned not to be so complacent. There were not too many waterbirds on the dam but numbers of Cattle Egrets, Australian White and Straw-necked Ibis flew over in small flocks. A track 'up the hill to no-where' only turned up a couple of Bar-shouldered Doves. On the return Hazel heard and found a Rose Robin and we later noticed a very dead Australian Wood Duck that appeared to be the remains of a raptor's meal

## Chris Brandis

with the head, all the breast and some of the innards gone, probably something as large as a Peregrine Falcon

During morning coffee Tom trained a leech to sit up and beg but was reluctant to take it home, so it was left to wander off, much to Joan's relief. With many eyes and several feeding parties of small birds and two Goshawks overhead brought the bird list to 50 species, and although the sun did not shine it stayed dry and allowed Charlie to take some photos that showed details that could not be seen by binoculars. As I had to go to Nowra to sick-relieve one of our workers a few others continued on to Dunmore Lakes, but being winter no cormorants were nesting.

**Bird List** (names and order according to the C&B '08 listing)

Black Swan	Australian Wood Duck	Chestnut Teal
Pacific Black Duck	Australasian Grebe	Bar-shouldered Dove
Topknot Pigeon	Darter	Little Pied Cormorant
Little Black Cormorant	Australian Pelican	Cattle Egret
White-faced Heron	White-necked Heron	Australian White Ibis
Straw-necked Ibis	Black-shouldered Kite	Brown Goshawk
Grey Goshawk	Dusky Moorhen	Eurasian Coot
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Galah	Australian King Parrot
Crimson Rosella	Laughing Kookaburra	Satin Bowerbird
Superb Fairy-wren	White-browed Scrubwren	Brown Gerygone
Yellow Thornbill	Brown Thornbill	Eastern Spinebill
Lewin's Honeyeater	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	Red Wattlebird
Eastern Whipbird	Golden Whistler	Grey Shrike-thrush
Grey Butcherbird	Australian Magpie	Grey Fantail
Willie Wagtail	Australian Raven	Magpie Lark
Rose Robin	Eastern Yellow Robin	Silvereye
Common Blackbird	Red-browed Finch	

**Bird of the Month** Tom Wylie gave us a description, accompanied by some delightful photos of Little or more popularly known Fairy Penguins. New Zealand has three sub species of Little Penguins, while we Australians make do with one. Little Penguins nest predominantly around Tasmania and coastland Victoria, but some venture quite a way up the NSW coast. When we lived at Balmain a couple of pairs used to nest in a breakwater at Cameron's Cove in the inner harbour, and the locals swore they could hear them chattering away.

**Sunday Walk to Tallawarra, 15 th June**

**Chris Brandis**

Despite the strong wind and the threat of rain 21 members arrived for a walk around the TRUenergy site at Tallawarra. We had expectations of a good list of raptors and we were not disappointed. We parked inside the ash pond 3 security gates and after a short safety induction walked around the top of the bund wall. Small birds were keeping their heads down in the windy conditions but we had a Swamp Harrier, Whistling Kite, White-bellied Sea-Eagle and an Eastern Osprey to start the raptor list. When we arrived at the ash pond we were surprised to find Pink-eared Duck amongst the good range of waterbirds even though the water levels were high and along the bank on the edge of the Haywards Bay site, a party of

Brown Quail were sighted scurrying through the grass patches.

After morning tea in the shelter of a patch of trees we moved to the track beside the Lake and continued through rather muddy conditions around the old ash ponds 1 and 2, but only adding a few more to the growing list of sightings, mainly of small birds. We finished the day having lunch in the Lake Illawarra Authority shelters. A toilet block is needed here, but due to the problem of vandals, this may not happen for a while yet. Thanks to TRUenergy for allowing us onto this site and with a total of 70 species sighted we hope access to this wonderful place so close to home will continue.

**Bird List** (names and order according to the C&B '08 listing)

Brown Quail	Musk Duck	Black Swan
Australian Wood Duck	Pink-eared Duck	Australian Shoveler
Grey Teal	Chestnut Teal	Pacific Black Duck
Hardhead	Australasian Grebe	Hoary-headed Grebe

Spotted Dove	Crested Pigeon	Bar-shouldered Dove
Darter	Little Pied Cormorant	Little Black Cormorant
Australian Pelican	Eastern Great Egret	White-faced Heron
Australian White Ibis	Royal Spoonbill	Eastern Osprey
Black-shouldered Kite	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Whistling Kite
Swamp Harrier	Little Eagle	Nankeen Kestrel
Australian Hobby	Peregrine Falcon	Purple Swamphen
Eurasian Coot	Black-winged Stilt	Black-fronted Dotterel
Masked Lapwing	Caspian Tern	Crested Tern
Silver Gull	Rainbow Lorikeet	Crimson Rosella
Eastern Rosella	Azure Kingfisher	Superb Fairy-wren
Variiegated Fairy-wren	White-browed Scrubwren	Yellow Thornbill
Brown Thornbill	Spotted Pardalote	Eastern Spinebill
Noisy Miner	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Golden Whistler
Grey Shrike-thrush	Grey Butcherbird	Australian Magpie
Grey Fantail	Willie Wagtail	Australian Raven
Magpie-lark	Eastern Yellow Robin	Golden-headed Cisticola
Little Grassbird	Silvereye	Welcome Swallow
Common Myna	Red-browed Finch	House Sparrow
European Goldfinch		

## BIRDS and WARFARE

Mike MORPHETT

Hushed is the shriek of hurtling shells: and hark!  
Somewhere within that bit of deep blue sky –  
Grand in his loneliness, his ecstasy,  
His lyric wild and free carols a lark.

I in the trench, he lost in the heaven afar,  
I dream of Love, its ecstasy he sings;...  
A song that touches in this place remote  
Gladness supreme in its undying note...  
'Tis strange that while you're beating into life  
Men here below are plunged in sanguine strife!

From 'A Lark Above the Trenches'  
by Sgt Will (John William) Streets, 12<sup>th</sup>  
Battalion Yorkshire & Lancashire Regiment  
(France 1916)

(Skeffington & Son Ltd 1919). This book, which can be downloaded from the net, is devoted entirely to the Great War and considers the utility and economy of birds in the war as messengers, crop protectors, and food; the suffering effects on birds in captivity and severe weather and of air-raids and aircraft; the behaviour of birds in war zones; and the effects of war on birds in regard to migration and change of habit and habitat. Accounts from war memoirs, poems and reports clearly indicate the value birdlife gave to both those in armed combat and at home in practical, inspirational and spiritual terms.

Probably the foremost example of birds' utility is the homing pigeon as a means of communicating vital intelligence information. Back in 1871 in the Franco-Prussian War this species had been transported in hot-air balloons past enemy lines into Paris during a four months siege. In WW1 they delivered messages ('colombograms') for the military in pill box forts and command posts. To relieve boredom from sending countless practice messages, an Australian battalion quipped: "In view of the shortage of paper, what about crossing these birds with cockatoos and teaching them to deliver verbal messages?" In WW2 in Germany there was a prohibition against keeping pigeons, which were killed and eaten. Many allied birds were dropped behind enemy lines by parachute in an attempt to dodge German falcons. Several that

delivered crucial intelligence for the elite M1-14 Secret Service were awarded the Dickin Medal (the VC for animals) for their gallantry. They were similarly used by the Australian Corps of Signals Pigeon Service in Papua New Guinea and other islands to help overcome the obstacles of rugged terrain and humidity. In 1942 alone 135000 birds were donated by their owners. Sadly, quarantine laws prevented their return after the war effort and the majority of birds had to be put down.



Pigeon to be released for a training session from basket at HQ 1<sup>st</sup> Pigeon Section – Aust. War Memorial 073819



An armed guard escorting natives carrying baskets of pigeons through jungle during a patrol in Tsimba area, Bougainville Is. - AWM 079122

**To be continued**

## **COONABARABRAN OR BUST! April 3-22, 2008**

After two years trapped in the dense undergrowth of Albion Park, the intrepid explorers of 2527 set off for three weeks in the Victorian Alps. However, the high road soon became the “bye” road after the first night at a roadside stop on the Numeralla River near Cooma. Zero temperatures? Now that, our little tent-trailer can withstand, but MINUS TWO with a big rip in the canvas roof sent us scooting north to warmer climes before we’d even defrosted the binoculars. Nonetheless, some sixteen bird species approached us at that spot (for bodily warmth, I suspect) including the Rufous Whistler and the White-eared Honeyeater, bringing us to a grand total of 25 in the first 24 hours of the trip. We always have a guess as to how many species we’ll see in total and after careful perusing of past totals from our misadventures (she’s a great secretary!) divided by days of trip, multiplied by days of current trip (it’s a fatal combination being both a qualified

**Alison Foley**

statistician and a birdwatcher – Dave, not me), we came up with 115.

Back on the road, two days of the holiday gone, we approached Sydney with a car stuffed full of (now, useless) maps of Bright, Mt. Buffalo, Beechworth, etc. We did consider spending the second night at home but sensibly opted for Bent’s (oops, hope I’ve got the apostrophe right) Basin State Recreation Area near Warragamba Dam, and an overnight stop became two at this beautiful location. If you are into luxury camping (\$14/adult + \$7 per car per night), it’s cordon bleu! A balmy 4 degrees at night, hot showers to help you come out of stasis, huge grassy areas, picnic tables, firewood baskets (for BBQs), fireplaces and of course, le Basin, for water sports and Caley’s Lookout. The birds were reasonably classy too – Double-barred Finches and the unforgettable Azure Kingfisher in flight low over water, its back so richly

purple, it should be fringed with ermine; a Wonga Pigeon plumping about on the lakeshore and the White-winged Chough gangs, gatecrashing campsites in turn, headed by Tough Chough and his sidekick, Rough Chough. Right, that's enough chough.

After a brainstorm as to our next move, there were two votes in favour of Smoky Cape in Hat Head National Park near Kempsey with a night at Myall Lakes National Park on the way, and two abstentions from those more interested in how much water a sock can hold if you jump in puddles or how far a small pebble can be pushed up a nose which is only two years old.

Neranie (Little Lake) Campground at Myall Lakes NP was disastrous for us. We arrived late in pouring rain and rushed to set up the trailer and cook an evening meal before dark, ripping the canvas further in our haste. We cooked in the pouring rain, ate in semi-darkness, two fractious children got soaking wet from running around but, as we wrestled them into their straight-jackets, I mean sleeping-bags, the rain stopped. We got out the soggy wine cask and sat on our damp camp-chairs breathing a deep sigh of relief. A second later, a cloud of mosquitos enveloped us. So, we got the Rid out, sprayed ourselves from head to toe and sat down, picking up the wine mug for a first sip. Then it seriously started to rain. The Scaly-breasted Lorikeet has obviously developed gills to cope with this as it was the only species we saw there.

Next morning, off to Hat Head NP as fast as wellies could trot, in particular, to a little haven we know which guaranteed us sightings of Brahminy Kite, osprey and Crested Tern and possibly White-cheeked Honeyeater, which Dave had seen for the first time when we were there six months ago. I had yet to see His Cheekiness. But when we got to paradise, rain stopped play for five days straight and with no sign of easing up, we had to take shelter in an apartment in South West Rocks for 24 hours to dry out. We spent the time glued to Astar's weather channel looking for those funny yellow circles with the flames leaping out (what did they call that phenomenon again?). Still, it gave us the chance to go fishing for the first time as a

family, an experience which lasted only ten minutes for two reasons: Keira's apprehension (despite our reassurance) about "getting a bite" and Tess eating all our bait (3 slices of white bread). However, we had some great views of Striated Heron, Brown Honeyeater and best of all for me, ol' white cheeks. Boy, this is another bird that illustrations can't do justice to. I always thought it looked much like a New Holland but that white splash spills over from cheek to shoulder à la Veronica Lake.

So, the forecast said "go west, young fam" and we crossed the Great Dividing Range on the Oxley Highway, the forests drily pinging with those ventriloquial Bell Miners, heading for the un-personally-charted territory of Coonabarabran and the Warrumbungles. At an overnight stop in Bendemeer on the way, sitting post-prandially in the dark, heavy flapping close by betrayed a Tawny Frogmouth caught in the Dolphin's spotlight as he perched on a low branch right over the picnic table, giving us up-close-and -personal views. A lovely moment - though he may not have shared our delight.

The highlight of the trip was five days in Warrumbungle NP. The most enormous roo-scattered camping area was the amphitheatre for a host of beautiful birds to delight us with their calls and colour, as the Breadknife and other volcanic fingers of rock pointed our attention upwards to the skies. A Black-shouldered Kite nailed to a fixed point in the fiery air of a spectacular sunset; a Pacific Heron - metres from me - gobbling up tadpoles (or "deadpoles" as Keira called them more appropriately) from the shrinking pools of a dry creek bed; six kookaburras at twilight, flying in and huddling close on a branch overhanging our campfire in the hope of fallout from dinner; the defining moment of the holiday from a birding point of view, a pair of sticky-beak (pardon le pun) Turquoise Parrots whom I'd swear flew down to near the track to check us out. Actually that moment is a story in itself featuring Speckled Warblers, White-throated Treecreepers and Striated Pardalotes. And there were so many other glorious moments unrelated to birds, (if you can believe that!). On the night we arrived,

the first tree we spotlighted revealed a koala wedged in its fork and another occasion yielded a “sugar-coated glider”; a discovery night in the astronomical capital of Australia, hugging port-mug for warmth, with only eyes visible from woolly swaddling, revealed the jewels of the heavens to us – Saturn’s rings, the horse-head nebula and the craters of the moon, seeming close enough to walk on.

North to Narrabri and Mt. Kaputar NP, and a stop-off at the melted-Gruyere-like Sandstone Caves revealed a Striped Honeyeater, though the

Regent had abdicated. We chased the latter back through Munghorn Gap NR near Mudgee, the highlight of which was a sign for what is usually unimaginatively called “Horse Poo”, but some creative thinker had delightfully advertised it as “Clip-Clop Plop”! A last ditched attempt for an audience with His Regentship near his fortress in Capertee Valley at Glen Davis but to no avail, so we headed for home, the last bird on the list being a Yellow-billed Spoonbill, bringing our total to.....115!!!! Now, seeing the Regent Honeyeater would’ve spoilt that, right?

**Bird List** (names and order according to the C&B '08 listing)

Emu	Black-shouldered Kite	White-throated Treecreeper	Grey-crowned Babbler
Black Swan	White-bellied Sea-eagle	Brown Treecreeper	White-browed Babbler
Wood Duck	Whistling Kite	Spotted Bowerbird	Varied Sittella Orange Winged
Northern Mallard	Brahminy Kite	Variegated Fairy-wren	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
Pacific Black Duck	Black Kite	White-browed Scrubwren	White-bellied Cuckoo-Shrike
Australasian Grebe	Wedge-tailed Eagle	Speckled Warbler*	Rufous Whistler
Rock Dove	Nankeen Kestrel	Yellow-rumped Thornbill	Grey Shrike-thrush
Spotted Dove	Australian Hobby	Buff-rumped Thornbill*	Olive-backed Oriole
Common Bronzewing	Buff-banded Rail	Inland Thornbill	Grey Butcherbird
Crested Pigeon	Dusky Moorhen	Spotted Pardalote	Pied Butcherbird
Peaceful Dove	Eurasian Coot	Striated Pardalote	Australian Magpie
Wonga Pigeon	Masked Lapwing	Eastern Spinebill	Pied Currawong
Tawny Frogmouth	Crested Tern	Lewin's Honeyeater	Grey Fantail
Darter	Silver Gull	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	Willie Wagtail
Little Pied Cormorant	Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	White-eared Honeyeater	Australian Raven
Great Cormorant	Galah	Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	Magpie-Lark
Little Black Cormorant	Little Corella	White-plumed Honeyeater	White-winged Chough
Australian Pelican	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Bell Miner	Apostlebird
White-necked Heron	Rainbow Lorikeet	Noisy Miner	Jacky Winter
Eastern Great Egret	Scaly -breasted Lorikeet	Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater	Scarlet Robin
Cattle Egret	Australian King-Parrot	Little Wattlebird	Eastern Yellow Robin
Striated Heron	Red-winged Parrot	Red Wattlebird	Silveryeye
White-faced Heron	Crimson Rosella	Brown Honeyeater	Welcome Swallow
White Ibis	Eastern Rosella	New Holland Honeyeater	Common Blackbird
Straw-necked Ibis	Red-rumped Parrot	White-cheeked Honeyeater	Common Starling
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Turquoise Parrot	White-naped Honeyeater	Common Mynah
Eastern Osprey	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	Blue-faced Honeyeater	Mistletoebird
Tawny Frogmouth	Azure Kingfisher	Noisy Friarbird	Double-barred Finch
Darter	Laughing Kookaburra	Striped Honeyeater	Red-browed Finch

**Nightjar**

One day in June this year I was at Boondah wetlands in Brisbane about 8.15am when I saw a nightjar perched about 4 metres above ground lengthways along a horizontal bare branch of a dead sapling. The sapling was in the midst of some casuarina saplings just behind the mangroves along the edge of the creek, with a few eucalypts. It was side-on to my position, so I had an uninterrupted view of it. It was in a cryptic posture with wings drooped, neck extended and eyes closed into

**Jill Molan**

a slit. I identified it as a White-throated Nightjar from it's field marks but I guess it couldn't really have been anything else.

It didn't move during the 40 minutes or so that I watched it although I made myself as inconspicuous as possible in the hope that it would relax. I returned about 11am with a volunteer guide from the wetland centre. While we were watching it, a Grey Shrike-thrush approached the nightjar, first landing

on another dead branch, then approaching in a series of small hops until it positioned itself on the same branch about 8 inches behind the bird's tail. After a couple of minutes (while we waited with bated breath), the GST hopped forward and seemed to peck the nightjar on the tail.

Although the nightjar hadn't moved a feather up to this point, it immediately twisted its body toward the GST, without moving its feet, so that it was fully face-on to us. Both wings were opened fully and lifted up and out, making it look huge. The head went back and the bill opened widely. As the neck extended, the white patches of feathers on the side of the throat stood out noticeably

**A Question** from the ABC1's Einstein Factor Quiz: 'Which bird can imitate human speech better than parrots? Is it the Godwit, the Goosande, or the Grackle? (spelling ? ) (Answer p10)

## **MEMBER'S SIGHTINGS-JUNE 2008**

Shortly after complaining about the cold weather that had kept you all indoors and resulted in a paucity of records, at the eleventh hour I was deluged with emails that have tied me to the computer. Such is a Records Officers life! However thank you for all the contributions to our data base.

The Masked Booby seen by Josh and Bruce Coyte as they emerged from the surf at Minnamurra Beach reminded them of their recent sightings at Lord Howe and is a new bird for the area probably blown by the recent gales. Not listed are several sightings of Shoveller that is classified in our area as uncommon and nomadic. Several pairs were on the freshwater lake at Griffins Bay on Lake Illawarra a new sighting for me at this local patch and they have also been present at Fred Finch park and Lake Tallawarra. The latter venue also had several Pink-eared Duck for the IBOC monthly walk.

further than the surrounding dark feathers which seemed to fold back flat against the neck. This gave the distinct impression of a ruff of the Elizabethan type (although it didn't go all the way around of course). The whole display was so startling that I honestly can't say whether any sound was made or not, but I think there was some sort of noise that accompanied it.

The GST was also startled because it skedaddled quick smart to another tree and didn't go back again during the time we stayed, another 10 minutes or so - although it stayed in the area. The nightjar held the position for maybe a full minute then settled back to its previous posture.

## **Compiled by Martin Cocker**

In the Bega area there has been a sighting, with photo, recorded on Birding-Aus of a Pied Heron a species that is normally located in the Top End with casual sightings as far south as Roma and the Macquarie Marshes. Wings are a wonderful invention which shows that anything can turn up anywhere!

Chris Chafer recently commented upon the finding of a dead Logrunner reported last month. Chris has pointed out that there have been no sightings for quite some time and as the Illawarra population is so isolated then it would be worthwhile to do a targeted survey along the escarpment rainforest. With this in mind can you dig out all the sightings of this species that you have in your records so I can compile a list of target sights. I will then coordinate teams of people to visit these areas over a few weekends so please contact me if you would like to participate.

Below is the Unusual/Interesting listing for the month. Other records were received

from: Betty Hudson, Jill Molan, Tom Wylie,  
Richard Fackender, Roger Bogaert and

Lorraine Pincus. Many thanks to you all for  
your records. Good Birding!

Species	No.	Date	Location	Habitat	Observer
Brush-turkey	1	23-May-08	Mt. Kembla Ring Track	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Bar-Shouldered Dove	2	31-May-08	East Corrimal	Scrub	David Winterbottom
Bar-Shouldered Dove	Many	01-Jun-08	Windang	scrub	David Winterbottom
Tawny Frogmouth	1	01-Jun-08	Dapto	Urban	Tera Wheway
Tawny Frogmouth	1	01-Jun-08	Blackbutt Reserve	Parkland	Chris Brandis
Tawny Frogmouth	1	13-Jun-08	Thirroul	suburban	Mike Morphet
Buller's Albatross	2	24-May-08	Off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Masked Booby	1	06-Jun-08	Minnamurra Beach	Seaside	Bruce Coyte
Black Bittern	1	17-May-08	Gwynneville	Creek side	David Winterbottom
Striated Heron	1	29-May-08	Fed Finch Park	Tidal Creek	David Winterbottom
Striated Heron	2	04-Jun-08	Fred Finch Park	Tidal Creek	David Winterbottom
Striated Heron	1	25-Aug-09	Little Bay	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Eastern Osprey	1	01-Jun-08	Haywards Bay	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Eastern Osprey	1	08-Jun-08	Haywards Bay	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Whistling Kite	1	08-Jun-08	Haywards Bay	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Brown Goshawk	1	June 08	Thirroul Garden - inspecting aviary birds	garden	Mike Morphet
Brown Goshawk	1	16-May-08	Bellambi Lagoon	Overhead	Graham Barwell
Brown Goshawk	1	01-Jun-08	Haywards Bay	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Grey Goshawk	1	14-May-08	Kanahooka Point	overhead	Richard Fackender
Grey Goshawk	1	11-Jun-08	Yallah	rural	Martin Cocker
Swamp Harrier	1	08-Jun-08	Haywards Bay	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Hobby	1	08-Jun-08	Haywards Bay	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Brown Skua	5	24-May-08	Off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Major Mitchell's Cockatoo	1	03-Jun-08	Albion Park	overhead	Bruce Coyte
Superb Parrot	1	15-May-08	Balgownie	garden	Terry Edwell
Azure Kingfisher	1	30-Apr-08	Mullet Creek, Kanahooka	estuarine	Richard Fackender
Southern Emu-wren	10+	04-May-08	Maddens Plains	Bush	Graham Barwell
Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	many	24-May-08	Pot Holes Crossing, Bargo River	Bush	Graham Barwell
Bell Miner	many	24-May-08	Pot Holes Crossing, Bargo River	Bush	Graham Barwell
Tawny-crowned Honeyeater	20+	04-May-08	Maddens Plains	Bush	Graham Barwell
White-cheeked Honeyeater	2	04-May-08	Maddens Plains	Bush	Graham Barwell
Brown-headed Honeyeater	1	04-May-08	Maddens Plains	Bush	Graham Barwell
White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	2	24-May-08	Pot Holes Crossing, Bargo River	Bush	Graham Barwell
Figbird	3+	18-Jun-08	UOW Campus	Parkland	Graham Barwell
Leaden Flycatcher	1	06-Mar-08	Windang	Scrub	David Winterbottom
Rose Robin	1	05-Jun-08	Balgownie	garden	Terry E
Beautiful Firetail	1	04-May-08	Maddens Plains	Bush	Graham Barwell

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