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Deserves Another"*

I.B.O.C. NEWS

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Club's Aim: To join together people with a common interest who wish to further their knowledge and enjoyment of the birdlife around them.

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Singing Honeyeater
Photo taken at Victor Harbour while on a brief trip to SA

Photo Barbara Hales

WADER COUNT – Sunday 7th June 8.30 am. at Windang Meet in the carpark under the pines. All welcome. Come along and hone your wader identification skills. Bring morning tea

CLUB MEETING Monday 8th June 2009 - 7.30pm Fairy Meadow Community Hall - Speaker - Terril Nordstrom. “Birds: Birdwatchers and Pictures” Birds and birding in Australia and the Illawarra. Bird of the month is the Logrunner presented by Wal Emery. So bring a plate of goodies, and a cup for supper.

MID-WEEK WALK Wednesday 10th June, 2009, Leader-Lorraine Pincus Killalea State Park

Meet at 9am, in vacant lot car park. From Shellharbour Road (driving south) turn left, (driving north) turn right, towards Killalea, at the first roundabout take first exit onto Southern Cross Bvd then a quick right turn into a vacant lot which is our parking area for the morning. Bring morning tea, hats etc.

Lorraine’s mobile is 042 8671 426

MONTHLY OUTING Sunday 14th June 2009 Seven Mile Beach National Park Leader Betty Hudson

Meet at the parking area opposite the shop close to the entrance to the Seven Mile Beach Caravan Park at 9.00am. This area is shortly after the bridge over Crooked River, Gerroa Bring a carry morning tea and lunch which will be at the picnic area. There are two shorter walks through dune forest and some littoral rain forest areas. I aim to finish no later than 2.00pm. If time permits we may take a detour to Black Head at Gerroa to see if there are any sea birds visible.

Travel south along the Princes Hwy and take the Gerringong exit. Continue until you cross the Crooked River Bridge and almost immediately you will see the parking area.

Contact Betty Hudson on 4236 0307 or 0432 892 945.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING Monday 15th June, 2009 at 7.30pm at Lorraine Pincus’ home, 20 Cottonwood Crescent, Figtree. Phone 4225 9789

JULY 2009 NEWSLETTER Deadline for articles for the next IBOC News is Friday 19th June 2009. Don’t leave your contributions to the last minute! Submit them by email to the editor: cashman5@bigpond.com or post them to 5 Madden Street, Fernhill 2519

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS due 1st January each year: Family \$35, Single \$30, Junior \$10. Please pay Bronwyn Wilson, our Treasurer, by cash, cheque or mail order.

DARKES FOREST Walk Wednesday 13 May 2009.

Alan Cousins

18 members arrived at the Darawahl Nature Reserve in Darkes Forest on a crisp sunny Autumn morning (unfortunately due to an error in the notice of venue some members went to the incorrect place and did not arrive). The walk was along a nice wide fire trail on which we could hear but not see numerous birds, even Charlie's massive camera lens could not pick them out. Having stopped for morning tea in a sunny spot with large rocks for seating it was

decided to return to the cars. The morning was conspicuous by the absence of birds, only 20 species were seen but there was an abundance of wild flowers that made the walk worthwhile. Everyone seemed to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and perhaps a Spring visit may be appropriate for the future?

Bird list

Cattle Egret	Brown Thornbill	Grey Shrike-thrush
White-faced Heron	Spotted Pardalote	Grey Fantail
Little Corella	Eastern Spinebill	Australian Raven
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Lewins Honeyeater	Magpie-lark
Crimson Rosella	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	Silvereeye
Superb Fairy-wren	Scarlet Honeyeater	Welcome Swallow
White-browed Scrubwren	New Holland Honeyeater	

Featherdale with wind ruffled Feathers

When the alarm rattled away at 5am on Saturday and listening to wind howling like a banshee I wondered why I had arranged the Featherdale bus trip. Unfortunately winter colds and sniffles took its toll with some members ringing in their apologies. We had two visitors Mavis with Peter Fackender and Robert with Lorraine Pincus. It was good that they wanted to see the birds and were with us for the day.

Once everyone was on the bus Mary our driver had us there in no time. In fact I had over estimated time the required to get there, so we arrived a ½ hour earlier than expected. The privateers arrived later by car and went in under the group concession.

Having never been to Featherdale before but having heard glowing reports I was very pleased at the setup at Featherdale. Even though the birds were in cages they were large and clean with different habitats and dioramas made up to suit the type of birds in that cage. The large raptors were in very large cages that would still limit their flying, but not knowing the history of the birds one shouldn't be judgemental as to how the birds came to be there. In fact the same could be said for many of the birds: some of them may have been injured in some way and could not have survived in their natural environment.

What I found really interesting was how different birds look through binoculars as opposed to looking

Neil Wheway

at up close and personal. Much more detail can be seen when they are only a few feet away. I was particularly interested in the owls not having seen that many before. Sitting on their perches they looked, very handsome, majestic and of course very wise.

We went around in small groups often bumping into each other and met together for lunch discussing what had been seen to date. After lunch we only had 1 hour left which left me rushing around trying to fit in seeing all the rest I'm sure some were left unseen. It was during this last rush hour Peter Nolan had us running backwards and forwards trying to identify a bird he had seen hidden under a rock near a pond. Many guesses were made until a keeper flushed out a Buff-banded Rail for Pete. We then left our curiosity satisfied.

All too soon it was time to leave for the ride home and the choko giveaway. Tera had a couple of bags to giveaway which I'm pleased to say that she able to do. Looking back down the bus I noticed a few eyes closed and heads bobbing up and down during the journey home. Arriving back in Dapto at 4 o'clock and the westerly wind had abated somewhat. I had a very relaxed and enjoyable day particularly not having to drive there and back and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as well.

NORTH QUEENSLAND TRIP ?

Neil Wheway

The committee has asked me to write a few lines about a trip to Cape York for 2010. The club is considering such a trip to Cape York as the October camp 2010. Some preliminary work has been done. But we wish to know if there is serious interest for such a trip within club membership. There are questions such as -

1. When would be the time to go ? September or October?
2. For how many days?
3. What style of accommodation would people be willing to have, and pay for; pre-erected tents, self erected tents or accommodation?
4. Would it be worthwhile to have a bird guide go with us (cost)?
5. What would be the ideal number of members to go on such a trip?

These are just a few ideas that come readily to mind, if anyone has other ideas let them be known at the June meeting. Please remember that such a tour would not come cheap (\$3,500-\$4000 approx, conservative) and if it went ahead then it would need a commitment to travel when bookings are made.

Please make any comments to the Working Party i.e. Neil Wheway, Tom Wylie, Barbara Hales, Sylvia Garlic.

Report on Lake Burrinjuck Camp, 18-25th April 2009

Betty Hudson

32 members of IBOC enjoyed a week of good birding and good company at Lake Burrinjuck Leisure Resort, Yass. This is a 250acre property on the upper reaches of Burrinjuck Dam. Arriving in a dust storm with very strong wind gusts, nothing was visible of the lake or the surrounding hills on the steep drive down into the lake valley several hundred feet below, making us wonder what we had got into.

The next morning was fine and still with a magnificent sunrise over the hills and a wake up call from the resident Laughing Kookaburras. Tera, showering in the "old" toilet block found that she was being supervised by a Tawny Frogmouth sitting above the shower door, too full of huge moths to be bothered to move. Lake Burrinjuck was at 40% capacity and still falling, with 10' of water having been released since the start of March, leaving a very muddy rim to the water. Bird life was plentiful around the water, with Black-fronted Dotterel, Australian Darters, Pacific Black Duck, Grey Teal and Wood Duck much in evidence. Brown Quail, Superb Fairy-wrens, were scurrying around on the grassy areas. Later in the afternoon, large numbers of raptors appeared on the opposite steep hillside, some sitting on the ground. Amongst these were Whistling Kites, immature White-bellied Sea-Eagles and Wedge-tailed Eagles. During the week we had reports from local farmers of up to 15 Wedge-tailed Eagles being seen on one carcass. Rabbits were also very much in evidence. Fishermen were making good catches in the dam, including Murray Cod.

Travelling around away from the dam area towards Binalong, it was evident that bird life was extremely sparse away from the Murrumbidgee corridor where there was permanent water. Farm dams were full due to rain over Easter, but this was the first since the previous year, and during our time in the area we watched the faint green start to appear in the paddocks. The conditions necessitated a rethink of places to go to see birds. By the Saturday the weather had cleared to fine but cool days and cold nights, just made for camp fires.

Sunday saw us have a walk around the western lake edge of the property, a small almost dry creek with lots of blackberries and other shrubby growth provided cover for many small birds, while the adjacent pines gave a perch to a Brown Goshawk.

Moving on we walked through the regrowth that was evident all along the lake between the 50% water level and the maximum water level. Some of this was quite large trees, an indication of how long since the dam was full. In a mature timbered area above the lake we found a raptors nest with a bird sitting on it. Unfortunately we were unable to make a positive identification as only the head and tail were to be seen, was it a Whistling Kite or a Little Eagle? A hasty retreat was made from this exposed bluff as a southerly buster moved up the lake making conditions very unpleasant. The afternoon was spent doing

our own exploring of the lake side and the rest of the property, with both Scarlet and Flame Robins being recorded. Peacocks and guinea fowl were seen around the homestead of an adjacent property.

Monday saw us visit Bookam Cemetery reserve an area of bushland east of the highway where at first birds were elusive but a list of 20 species was recorded in just over an hour with thornbills, whistlers and robins much in evidence. Morning tea over we drove on 15km down to the Murrumbidgee river at Childowla, where there was access to the riverbank. The river was raging with the water being released from the dam. We made a first stop at a crown reserve and camping area with a wide pebbled area beneath casuarinas. Birds were not plentiful and very hard to see, with sounds being masked by the sound of the water and the Sulphur-crested Cockatoos. After a leisurely lunch watching the raptors overhead, Wedge-tailed Eagles and Whistling Kites, we moved on up stream to a moister area. Here small birds were plentiful including House Sparrows and everyone had good look at Varied Sitellas, as well as the number of different honeyeaters, White-throated and Brown Treecreepers. Reluctantly we headed back. 35 species were recorded.

Tuesday we ventured out along the back roads in the area. Leaving the cars at the end of the gravel road we strolled along Woolgarlo Road to an area of regrowth in a paddock. Scarlet Robins were again in evidence with Yellow-rumped Thornbills. These latter were hard to identify as they were very dusty with red dust. Moving on we met a local farmer who was moving sheep and obtained permission to walk on his property which had had a large amount of replanting done. We drove slowly along Black Range Road stopping at likely places. A stop was made at the Hume & Hovel Track Campsite where varied Sitellas and White-eared Honeyeaters were seen. Shortly afterwards Kathryn found a pair of Gang-Gang Cockatoos sitting in a willow tree across a paddock. Superb Fairy wrens, Grey Fantails, Yellow-rumped Thornbills and Red-browed Finches were seen where water still remained in a creek after the last rain.

Wednesday saw us driving south to Jugiong, where we crossed the river and drove through spectacular scenery to Bundarbo and a property "Stonehenge" where IBOC had a previous camp. On a pleasant green area beside the river we had morning tea and then walked the 2 km beside the river. Birds were prolific with both water and arboreal birds seen. The Australasian Grebe had us puzzled as it was on the river rather than its usual habitat of a farm dam. Black Swans were majestic as they floated downstream on the current, much reduced from Mondays spate and an Azure Kingfisher flashed in the sunlight as it flew. At one point I turned round and there were 2 male Scarlet Robins on one short section of fence. Too slow to get a photo. They were flying to and fro from the riverbank trees. Other birds seen here were the White-

winged Triller, Varied Sitella, White-browed Scrubwren, Striated Thornbill, both Spotted and Striated Pardalotes, large flocks of Little Ravens, Silvereye, Fairy Martin, and the Australasian Pipit on the dry hilltops.

We returned to Jugiong for lunch at the Long Track Pantry. A pleasant meal in what had been the original shop, with the old shelves, flooring still in place. The small (150) population of Jugiong is to be congratulated on maintaining the rest area facilities to a high standard and the enterprise that has enabled the town to survive the bypass. It is well worth a stop on any journey south, with lunch at the Long Pantry a bonus. After lunch we walked through the recreation reserve to the river. The Little Corella, Eurasian Coot and Dusky Moorhen were the only new birds of the (22) recorded here.

Thursday was the long awaited trip to Burrinjuck Waters State Park. On the road in Diamond Firetails were seen flying across. This road is the line of the original light railway used to transport the rock used in construction of the dam from the quarries near Binalong. As the road wound slowly down through the forest we had tantalising glimpses of the waterway below us. At the Park we found an oasis of green lawns and flowering shrubs surrounded by natural bushland. Parking and leaving Joan safely settled in a chair at the picnic area, we did a short walk around the park roads, where a Wonga Pigeon was sighted on the veranda of one cottage, posing nicely for photos. After morning tea we walked a section of the Hume and Hovel Track in very dry forest overlooking the Lake. Birds were very scarce. On our return we detoured around other park roads and saw several King Parrots, a White-throated Treecreeper clinging to the wall of a cottage, and had several sightings of Eastern Yellow Robins. Returning to the picnic area for lunch honeyeaters were in evidence in the bottlebrushes and grevilleas planted around the

Tony and Sylvia Loader Tony and I really enjoyed our 3rd Bird Camp. We stayed in an interesting cottage which was a 100yrs old and had a resident mouse. He was very friendly and visited every night!! He seemed to live on Rat-sack which didn't seem to effect him at all.

The friendship and camaraderie was great as usual and our friends Barry and Lyn Walker had a great

Barbara & Brian Hales As always, Betty Hudson ran another very successful camp for those lucky enough to attend. The bird count was good, especially given the dry conditions, with over 100 species sighted. Brown quail were running around camp within a few feet of campers, Tawny Frogmouths visited the ladies showers and we were just about tripping over Flame and Scarlet Robins (who needs other birds once you latch on to these brilliant little beauties?) to say nothing of the

grass. A Mistletoe Bird was seen flying into one tree with a large mistletoe. A short walk along the lake shore after lunch gave no new birds. Leaving the State Park several of us drove further along the road to the village by the dam, perched on the steep hillside of the gorge. Stepping off the veranda at the wrong spot could have seen you fall a long way into the water!

Friday, our last day was cool cloudy and windy for a visit to the regrowth areas on an adjacent property. Common Bronzewing were seen as well as Scarlet Robins, Yellow-rumped Thornbills –with the brightest yellow rumps- and a pair of Wedge-tailed Eagles being harassed by Australian Magpies. One eagle flew off but the other decided to land on a dead branch at the top of a eucalypt tree with disastrous results. The branch broke on impact, just as the eagle folded its wings. Branch & eagle fell down through the tree. Luckily the eagle managed to regain flight before it hit the ground. We all had a good laugh. Driving back to camp we stopped to make a phone call and were advised that bad weather was forecast for that night. While we were deliberating whether it would be bad enough to turn the dust to mud the rain started, and made us decide to leave that afternoon. Wet tents can be coped with, but wet and muddy ones are not so easy, so after a rushed lunch Kathryn and I struck camp and only had the tents to get down when her mother arrived to collect us. All the others in tents or campervans also decided to up and leave, just as well as they had 16mm of rain overnight turning the dust to gluey mud.

My thanks to Sylvia, David and Faye who helped to get the tent down without getting it in the mud. Our hosts Mary-Anne and Ray went out of their way to make our stay as comfortable as possible. We would like to thank them for this. Tim was invaluable as the gate opener.

time at their first bird camp. The wind was cold but the days were quite warm and sunny once we moved out of the wind. The birds we saw were delightful. Tony remembers the names better than I do (but then I am 2yrs older than him !!!) I just love seeing them and being out in the countryside. Thanks Betty for all your hard work and effort planning the camp yet again!

wedgies and sea eagles flying overhead, it was the laziest week of bird watching ever as we really didn't have to work for any of them. Thanks to Betty for taking on the task of arranging the camp site and walks, to Catherine for using her spotting skills for older eyes, to Neil (W) and Tom for the happy hour venue, to all the fire wood gatherers and stokers, to Trish for spoiling us with freshly baked cakes and to everyone else who attended, thanks for your company, you made it a terrific week for us.



Hard working bird observers

Photo Barbara Hales

Bird List 106 species recorded

Brown Quail	Gang-gang Cockatoo	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
Australian Wood Duck	Major Mitchell's Cockatoo	Grey Shrike-thrush
Grey Teal	Galah	White-browed Woodswallow
Chestnut Teal	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Dusky Woodswallow
Pacific Black Duck	Australian King-Parrot	Grey Butcherbird
Australasian Grebe	Superb Parrot	Australian Magpie
Common Bronzewing	Crimson Rosella	Pied Currawong
Crested Pigeon	Eastern Rosella	Grey Fantail
Tawny Frogmouth	Red-rumped Parrot	Willie Wagtail
Australian Darter	Barking Owl	Australian Raven
Little Pied Cormorant	Southern Boobook	Little Raven
Great Cormorant	Laughing Kookaburra	Restless Flycatcher
Little Black Cormorant	White-throated Treecreeper	Magpie-lark
Australian Pelican	Brown Treecreeper	White-winged Chough
White-faced Heron	Satin Bowerbird	Scarlet Robin
Australian White Ibis	Superb Fairy-wren	Flame Robin
Black-shouldered Kite	White-browed Scrubwren	Welcome Swallow
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Brown Gerygone	Common Blackbird
Whistling Kite	Yellow-rumped Thornbill	Common Starling
Brown Goshawk	Brown Thornbill	Double-barred Finch
Wedge-tailed Eagle	Spotted Pardalote	Red-browed Finch
Nankeen Kestrel	Striated Pardalote	Diamond Firetail
Brown Falcon	White-eared Honeyeater	House Sparrow
Australian Hobby	Fuscous Honeyeater	Australasian Pipit
Black-fronted Dotterel	White-plumed Honeyeater	European Goldfinch
Masked Lapwing	Red Wattlebird	
Silver Gull	Varied Sittella	

Medal Winner

Former IBOC President, Dave Thomson has reported that Kevin Wood, a former member of IBOC was awarded the J N Hobbs medal for 2008 by Birds Australia. Mr Wood moved from the district some years ago. He was awarded the medal for his birdwatching work in the Wollongong area and in connection with our Club. Dave especially remembers how Mr Wood co-opted others into joining in a bird count over large parts of the Illawarra area and over several years. Our congratulations to Kevin Wood.

J N (Johnny) Hobbs was also connected with this area. As a Police Officer, he was stationed in the Illawarra for some years. He was an associate of Doug Gibson (whose lectures inspired the formation of IBOC) and Arthur Mothersdill, and was well known to our Club and to the general bird observing fraternity. Dave last remembered birdwatching with Johnny Hobbs when they camped at Square Knob, Narranderra in 1982

SALIVATING KOOKABURRA

Late afternoon late April I had my first lengthy look at a Laughing Kookaburra that landed on a branch of my de-leafing robinia. It seemed quite unperturbed by my presence barely two metres away on my back verandah, even when I went inside to get my camera. During the period of observation of about twenty minutes it moved only to switch direction. It was obviously on the lookout for food before the cold night set in, scanning the ground below and the space overhead. It took note of conspecific calls from over in the old Excelsior coal mine bushland and about five minutes later reunited with the rest of the group, but without having found any prey. What

Mike Morphett

particularly intrigued me was the appearance of clear drops of liquid that appeared at the tip of its bill and grew until they dropped, like gentle rain from a leaf. This occurred at least six times and was a completely new experience for me in avian study, which got me delving into books and web sites. I wished I had been able to capture it on camera. I can only guess the droplets came from the salivary glands housed in the bird's oral cavity. Could it have been salivating over the prospect of food, a bit like Pavlov's dogs? I hasten to add I wasn't on hand like a lab technician to give it things to eat. Any thoughts anyone?



JULY Members Night 13 July.

This is the night when you have the chance to take centre stage and have the devoted attention of your fellow members! Tell us something about a birding experience, a place visited, a holiday, your favourite bird, your favourite birding place, a treasured

memory, a book, a film, music or poetry. You do not need to spend hours preparing fancy supporting material all you have to do is stand up and share! Make this evening a success, contact a committee member!!

JULY Members Night 13 July. Photographic Competition

As so many members are enthusiastic photographers we are suggesting that a competition is held on the Members night. The rules are simple: Each member is limited to three bird photographs, prints must not

be larger than A4, entries will be anonymous and registration at the meeting will be required, members will register their votes Start snapping or sorting through those files!

MAY MEETING

Last month our members' spot was taken by Bruce and Joshua Coyte who presented a video and photo combo of their visit to the Capertee Valley to assist in the tree planting that supports the Regent

Honeyeater conservation project. Some well crafted film and images provided us all with greater knowledge of this important project.

Our guest speaker in May, Bob Ashford provided us with stories and images of birds found, forgotten and rediscovered as part of his travels around the world. Birds encountered in his youth in the UK turned up again in remote parts of Europe and the East and many of us were reminded of species that we have not seen for many years such as Wryneck, Red-

footed Falcon, Red-necked Phalarope, Woodcock and Great Northern Diver. Certainly it is true for many of us that the birds seen in our younger years are the ones that hold our imagination and provide life time memories. Many thanks to Bob for for the images, stories and memories.



Spotted Quail-thrush

Photo Charles Dove

Winter Film Nights **Brian Hales**

The year is flying by and we plan to revive the popular film nights so, here are a couple of potential dates to mark on your social Calendar...11th July and 8th August, both Saturday evenings. We have two venues in mind but if you would like to host one in your home please feel free to contact Barbara and Brian Hales, phone 42574431 or 0409 574439, for more info and to make the necessary arrangements. IBOC can supply the equipment as needed and various members volunteer their time and expertise

in operating it. For the newbies,  film nights consist of a gathering of members for a social evening watching a bird/wildlife DVD/video followed by supper (supplied by members bringing a plate as on meeting nights) and sharing a yarn or two or three. It's a fun way to socialise and get to know your fellow IBOCers. Members also bring along their camp chairs in case extra seats are needed. Final venue details and time will appear in the July and August newsletters.

MEMBER'S SIGHTINGS-MAY 2009

I have just returned from the IBOC walk around Tallawarra Ash Ponds, a good turnout of members and some 70 species, a good morning! Some of you were kind enough to point out my typo for last month when I reported 11 Grey Goshawks. Unfortunately not should have read just 1. I wonder

Compiled by **Martin Cocker**

what the collective noun is for Goshawks; a "Glare" would be appropriate but would be rarely used for such a solitary species. Here are the records for the month, it is good to see so many members contributing to our database.

SPECIES	No.	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Cape Barren Goose	2	May 09	Shellharbour Golf Course	golf course	Chris Brandis
White-headed Pigeon	1	20-Apr	Balgownie	Garden	Wal Emery
Wonga Pigeon	1	11-May	Kangaroo Valley	Rural	Nigel Jackett
Topknot Pigeon	100	12-May	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Escarpment	Jil Molan
Topknot Pigeon	1	27-Apr	Budderoo National Park-- Minnamurra Rainforest	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Grey-headed Albatross	1	28-Apr	Off Wollongong	Pelagic	Chris Brandis
Buller's Albatross	1	28-Apr	Off Wollongong	Pelagic	Chris Brandis
Black-shouldered Kite	1	24-May	Tallawarra	Rural	IBOC
Black-shouldered Kite	3	May 14	Killalea SRA	Wetland	Joshua Coyte
Black-shouldered Kite	2	07-May	Shellharbour Marina Site	Swamp	Charles Dove
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	24-May	Tallawarra	Rural	IBOC
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	3	May 10	Killalea SRA	Wetland	Joshua Coyte
Whistling Kite	1	24-May	Tallawarra	Rural	IBOC
Grey Goshawk	1	04-May	Foxground	Forest	Peter Nolan
Grey Goshawk	1	May 12	Killalea SRA	Wetland	Joshua Coyte
Grey Goshawk	1	26-Apr	Bomaderry	Rural	Nigel Jackett
Grey Goshawk	1	15-May	Bomaderry	Rural	Nigel Jackett
Swamp Harrier	1	May 15	Killalea SRA	Wetland	Joshua Coyte
Swamp Harrier	1	07-May	Shellharbour Marina Site	Swamp	Charles Dove
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	24-May	Tallawarra	Rural	IBOC
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	10-May	Tarrawanna	Escarpment	Alan Cousins
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	20-Apr	Bellawongarah	Bush/Paddock	Bob Ashford
Little Eagle	1	May 11	Killalea SRA	Wetland	Joshua Coyte
Nankeen Kestrel	2	May 13	Killalea SRA	Wetland	Joshua Coyte
Nankeen Kestrel	2	04-May	Wollongong University- Nesting	Parkland	Alan Cousins
Brown Falcon	1	24-May	Tallawarra	Rural	IBOC
Australian Hobby	1	07-May	Shellharbour Marina Site	Swamp	Charles Dove
Australian Hobby	3	May 09	Killalea SRA	Wetland	Joshua Coyte
Australian Hobby	1	18-May	Hooka Creek	Overhead	Lorraine Pincus
Australian Hobby	1	20-May	Albion Park Rail	Overhead	Peter Fackender
Peregrine Falcon	1	30-Apr	Figtree Prey on Rainbow Lorrieket	Overhead	Lorraine Pincus
Peregrine Falcon	1	07-May	West Nowra--Flatrock Dam	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Whimbrel	1	03-May	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Eastern Curlew	3	03-May	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Painted Button-quail	11	02-Apr	Berry Garden	Garden	Bob Ashford
Gang-gang Cockatoo	1	25-Apr	Berry	Rural	Nigel Jackett
Musk Lorikeet	3	28-Apr	Nowra	Urban	Nigel Jackett
Southern Boobook	1	24-Apr	Kangaroo Valley	Rural	Nigel Jackett
Azure Kingfisher	1	07-May	Minnamurra	Estuarine	Neil McKinlay
Azure Kingfisher	1	20-May	Hyams Creek Jamberoo	Riparian	Elizabeth Hudson
Southern Emu-wren	4	11-May	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Heath	Charles Dove
Eastern Bristlebird	2	11-May	Barren Grounds Nature	Heath	Charles Dove

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Pilotbird	1	11-May	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Heath	Charles Dove
Rockwarbler	4	08-May	Box Vale Tram Track	Scrub	Charles Dove
Fuscous Honeyeater	1	17-May	Primbee Sandtrack	Heath	Ron Imisedes
Crescent Honeyeater	1	07-May	Morton National Park-- Yarramunmun	Bush	Nigel Jackett
White-cheeked Honeyeater	4	May 09	Puckey's Reserve	Bush	Ronel Jit
Logrunner	1	06-Apr	Bellawongarah	Bush/Paddock	Bob Ashford
Logrunner	1	April 09	Scarborough-Nest Found	Rainforest	Danie Ondinea
Spotted Quail-thrush	1	08-May	Box Vale Tram Track	Scrub	Charles Dove
Spotted Quail-thrush	2	07-May	Yalwal	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Dusky Woodswallow	5	27-Apr	Jibbon Fire Trail Royal National Park	Heath	Bruce and Kelsey O'Brien
White-winged Chough	16	23-Apr	Nowra	Urban	Nigel Jackett
White-winged Chough	5	07-May	Yalwal	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Rose Robin	2	03-May	Figtree	Garden	Lorraine Pincus
Tawny Grassbird	2	13-May	Hooka Creek	Riparian	Lorraine Pincus
Mistletoebird	1	07-May	Albion Park	Garden	Bruce Coyte

Many thanks for all your records! Please send in your sightings to cocker@speedlink.com.au and don't forget that these lists are on our website www.iboc.org.au. Good Birding!



Cape Barren Goose

In last month's IBOC News, the page 1 photo by Charles Dove was of a pair of Cape Barren Geese resting on a fairway of Shellharbour Golf Course.

David Thomson, of eagle eyes and good memory, dug out this photo from 20 years ago, 8th March 1989, of a Cape Barren Goose standing on the fairway of Wollongong Golf Course! What is it about Cape Barren Geese and golf courses ?

WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE !

The ABC reported that water is flowing into Lake Eyre after heavy rains in South Queensland. The water flow is expected to continue for some weeks yet. And with the water, the birds have come. It is estimated that there are now 50,000 birds around Lake Eyre – pelicans, waders, and up to 10,000

whistling ducks. Where have they come from? And how did they know there was water in Lake Eyre again ? Who knows ? The ABC doesn't, but reported that local tourism is booming !