

Brown Thornbill

Scientific Name: *Acanthiza pusilla*.

Featured bird groups: Small insect-eating birds.

Atlas Number: 475.

Description:

The Brown Thornbill is a small bird, but is one of the medium-sized and more common of the thornbills. It has olive-brown to grey upperparts, with a warm reddish-brown forehead scalloped with paler markings. The rump has a reddish-brown patch, the tail is grey-brown with a black band and a pale tip, and the underparts are off-white, streaked blackish



photo by Charles Dove

Mt. Keira NSW

on the chin, throat and chest. The eye is dark red. The sexes are similar and young birds are only slightly different to adults, with a duller eye.

Similar species:

The Brown Thornbill can be confused with other thornbills, including the very similar Inland, *A. apicalis*, and Tasmanian, *A. ewingii*, Thornbills, but has shorter tail and less streaking on breast than the former and found in different habitats to the latter. Calls can be similar to the White-browed Scrubwren, *Sericornis frontalis*, and the Tasmanian Scrubwren, *S. humilis*.

Distribution:

The Brown Thornbill is found only in eastern and south-eastern Australia, including Tasmania. There is a large overlap with the range of the very similar Inland Thornbill along slopes of Great Dividing Range from Queensland to Victoria. It is widespread in its range from south-eastern Queensland to the Mt Lofty Ranges, South Australia, and throughout Tasmania, excepting the south-west.

Habitat:

The Brown Thornbill is found in dense shrubby habitats including wet and dry forests, woodlands, shrublands, heathlands and rainforests, as well as along watercourses, mainly in the temperate and sub-tropical zones. They are found from the coast up to 1200 m. They are found regularly in parks and gardens, especially close to large patches of remnant vegetation and along nature strips in

towns and suburbs.

Seasonal movements:

Sedentary.

Feeding:

The Brown Thornbill feeds mainly on insects, but may sometimes eat seeds, nectar or fruit. They feed, mainly in pairs, at all levels from the ground up, but mostly in understorey shrubs and low trees. Will feed in mixed flocks with other thornbills out of breeding season.

Breeding:

Breeding pairs of Brown Thornbills hold territories all year round for feeding and breeding purposes, and the bonds between pairs are long-lasting. Females build a small oval, domed nest with a partially hooded entrance near the top out of grasses, bark and other materials, lining it with feathers, fur or soft plant down. The nest is usually low down, in low, prickly bushes, grass clumps, or ferns. The female incubates the eggs and both parents feed the young, who stay with the parents until early autumn, before being driven out of the parental territory.

Living with us

The Brown Thornbill is adversely affected by fires that reduce understorey, but may benefit from any clearing activity that increases shrubby vegetation cover.

information courtesy of <http://www.birdsinbackyards.net/>

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2012 MAY ACTIVITIES

Club Meeting:**Monday 14th May 2012**

7.30pm at Fairy Meadow Community Hall, Cnr of Cambridge Avenue & Princes H'way Fairy Meadow.

A presentation by Alistair Zealey, Animal House Technician, Institute for Applied Ecology, University of Canberra. His presentation will be Australian Lizards focusing on Agamids (Dragons etc.) Come and enjoy a presentation that will be of great interest as we see plenty of lizards etc. on our bird outings.

Please bring a plate of 'goodies' and a cup for supper after the meeting.

Midweek Walk:**Wednesday 16th May 2012****Koona Bay and Macquarie Rivulet**

Leaders Brian & Barbara Hales.

Meet at 9 am at the Hales' home, 32 Shearwater Boulevard, Albion Park Rail. Phone for directions if needed **4257 4431** or **0409 574 439**. You can park outside the house or there is extra parking at the end of the Boulevard, not far beyond the Hales' place. Koona Bay has turned up some lovely birds recently including a Swamp Harrier perching on the back fence, Buff-banded Rail and even a Satin Bowerbird visited for the first time. The Painted Snipe that turned up at the back end of 2011 have been the most exciting ones so far. So let's hope for a good morning's birding and don't forget to bring your morning tea.

Monthly Outing:**Sunday 20th May 2012****Box Vale Track Mittagong**

Leaders Tom & Joan Wylie

Meet at the car park at the start of the track at 9.00am. Bring a carry morning tea and lunch, *also warm clothing*. Travelling **from Wollongong via Picton**, leave the freeway at the Mittagong exit and take the Old Highway through Mittagong towards Berrima. You need to be in the right hand lane as you leave Welby. Immediately on crossing the freeway bridge at Welby turn right at the end of the median strip over the bridge, the car park is about 200m on the left along a dirt track. Coming **from Robertson**, take the Bowral Road to Mittagong, and turn left at the second traffic lights (a crossroad) after crossing the railway line. Turn left onto the Old Highway and follow the directions above at Welby.

It is suggested that a small torch would be useful for when the track goes through the old tunnel. The walk is approximately 8km return, with some steps to negotiate at both the beginning and on returning.

Committee Meeting -**Monday 21st May 2012**

Betty Hudson's at 7.30pm at: 1 Drualla Road Jamberoo. Any members with anything they wish to raise are welcome to attend the meeting.

Newsletter -

Deadline for Articles and Photos in the next IBOC newsletter is 25th May. Email contributions to Charles Dove newsletter@iboc.org.au or post to 2/39 Purry Burry Avenue, Primbee 2502. Ph: 0417 422 302

Are you interested in participating in a half day Pelagic trip in July 2012?**Read On**

The club is making preliminary enquiries as to the level of interest in a half day Pelagic Trip between 8th and 21st July 2012. This is a good time of the year to sight albatrosses. The cost is likely to be around \$45-\$50 if we have 20 participants, increasing to around \$50-\$60 for 15 participants.

At this stage no approach has been made to SOSSA who run the trips, so prices are estimates based on last year. Note the cost is for the charter of the boat and has to be shared between participants to a maximum of 20 people.

The trip leaves Wollongong Harbour wharf at 7.30am prompt and returns at 11.30am. Participants need to be at the wharf at 7.00am for the safety talk and boarding. The trip can be cancelled if the seas are too rough.

If you would be interested in participating please contact Betty Hudson by phone or email. Please indicate if there are dates in the suggested period when you are not available. Places will be allocated in the order of contacting Betty. Once a booking has been made with SOSSA your place on the trip will be confirmed when you pay your money. There will be no refunds unless the trip is cancelled.

At the beginning of May a decision will be made if there is sufficient interest to proceed. SOSSA will be contacted, a date will then be chosen, the cost verified and a booking made. Those interested in going will be notified and the date for the payment of the money advised. All money has to be paid at least 2 weeks before the date of the trip.

Further details will be in the June Newsletter.

Contact details for Betty Ph. 4236 0307 email elizabethjudson@bigpond.com

IBOC has pleasure in welcoming all New members



CLUB

REPORTS

Combined Illawarra & Cumberland Bird Clubs Walk Saturday 31st March 2012

On a perfect Saturday morning 8 members of IBOC and 20 members of CBOC met at the Wattle Forest Picnic Area at Audley Weir in the Royal National Park. Evidence of the recent flooding was very evident with debris several feet up in the trees and water lying in the dips behind the banks. Birding was excellent with both Rose Robin and Scarlet Honeyeater seen within minutes. Progress up the river bank was cut short for many by the large amount of fallen debris almost blocking the track.

Scanning the sides of the track we were rewarded with sighting of an Azure Kingfisher skimming over the overflow water and again over the main river channel. When everyone returned we drove back across the Hacking River to the start of Lady Carrington Drive, and enjoyed a convivial morning tea sitting in the sunshine. We set out to walk some way south along the drive through some good rainforest areas. Again bird life was prolific. Scarlet Honeyeaters seemed to call from every tree, but few were sighted. The bird list just kept growing, Black-faced Monarch; White-browed, Yellow-throated & Large-billed Scrubwrens; Noisy Miner; Bassian Thrush; both Superb & Variegated Fairy-wrens amongst others. Returning to the cars for lunch we were treated to the sight of an Azure Kingfisher diving into the water from a high tree branch close to us, and then a Rose Robin in the same tree. After lunch, a BBQ for some and sandwiches for others, the bird list was read out, with many excellent records.



Pic by Tera Wheway

A great day enjoyed by all and hopes were expressed that it will be repeated again at a later date. This is an area well worth another visit.

Betty Hudson

Bird List 63 Species recorded

Australian Wood Duck	Crimson Rosella	Brown Thornbill	Grey Shrike-thrush
Pacific Black Duck	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	Spotted Pardalote	Grey Butcherbird
Chestnut Teal	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	Eastern Spinebill	Australian Magpie
White-headed Pigeon	Azure Kingfisher	Lewin's Honeyeater	Pied Currawong
Australian Owlet Nightjar	Laughing Kookaburra	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	Grey Fantail
Little Pied Cormorant	Superb Lyrebird	White-eared Honeyeater	Willie Wagtail
Little Black Cormorant	White-throated Treecreeper	Noisy Miner	Australian Raven
Great Cormorant	Green Catbird	Red-wattlebird	Leaden Flycatcher
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Satin Bowerbird	Scarlet Honeyeater	Black-faced Monarch
Wedge-tailed Eagle	Superb Fairy-wren	New Holland Honeyeater	Magpie-lark
Purple Swamphen	Variegated Fairy-wren	Noisy Friarbird	Rose Robin
Dusky Moorhen	Yellow-throated Scrubwren	Eastern Whipbird	Eastern Yellow Robin
Eurasian Coot	White-browed Scrubwren	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Silvereye
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Large-billed Scrubwren	Crested Shrike-tit	Bassian Thrush
Rainbow Lorikeet	Brown Gerygone	Golden Whistler	Red-browed Finch
Australian King Parrot	Striated Thornbill	Rufous Whistler	

Midweek Walk -- Kembla Grange

Ted Simpson

13 members attended the midweek walk at Kembla Grange on a cool but dry morning. John and Jenny Ellis were kind enough to allow us to park on their manicured property. Attention was drawn to their corrugated Iron Emu, which Wal would have been inspired to duplicate in earlier years!! He said. Everyone managed the inclines well, with one being quite steep. It was good to have Brian Thompson

with us who hasn't been for a while. A total of 40 birds were sighted including a Tawny Frogmouth, which was sighted by (Eagle Eye) Ross! It was so far away it took some time for members to find it including myself, but once sighted it was confirmed. Also a first for me, a Crested Shrike-tit which finished off a very pleasant morning.

Bird List for Midweek walk Kembla Grange 11.04.12**40 species**

Australian Wood Duck	Australian King-Parrot	Brown Gerygone	Crested Shrike-tit
Pacific Black Duck (B)	Crimson Rosella	Yellow Thornbill	Golden Whistler E-race
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	Eastern Rosella	Brown Thornbill	Grey Shrike-thrush
Tawny Frogmouth	Laughing Kookaburra	Spotted Pardalote	Grey Butcherbird
Australian Pelican	Superb Lyrebird	Eastern Spinebill	Grey Fantail
White-faced Heron	Green Catbird	Lewin's Honeyeater	Australian Raven
Collared Sparrowhawk	Satin Bowerbird	Noisy Miner	Maggie-lark
Grey Goshawk	Superb Fairy-wren	Noisy Friarbird	Eastern Yellow Robin
Wedge-tailed Eagle	Yellow-throated Scrubwren	Australian Logrunner	Silvereye
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	White-browed Scrubwren	Eastern Whipbird	Red-browed Finch

Monthly Outing - Barren Grounds Nature Reserve 14th April 2012

Lyndall Dawson.

After the chilly weather of the previous weekend 14 lucky IBOC members enjoyed the mild sunny morning and clear air at Barren Grounds Nature Reserve on Saturday morning. We started off along the southern track toward Flying Fox Pass. It was immediately apparent that there were plenty of honeyeaters about - both Yellow Faced and New Holland Honeyeaters were clearly attracted to the many flowering banksias. Crimson Rosellas were also plentiful, but not much else. Then our attention was drawn to a distant screeching that was getting closer, and before long were able to watch a very large flock of Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos (someone counted 57!) fanning out to start their day's foraging in the reserve. We continued walking to Stone Bridge without a significant increase in the bird list. Here we had a peaceful stop for morning tea on the rocks then doubled back toward the picnic area, since Betty had been told that the track past Stone Bridge had been badly eroded by the summer rains. Lunch was eaten at the picnic area, then we headed north toward the lookout. We arrived there to be told by some other people that we had just missed a close view of a Wedge-tailed Eagle cruising along the cliff edge. After the lookout Terry and I left the group to head back home (a case of sore knee), so we missed sighting the Southern Emu-wren and Superb Lyrebird and several other interesting species that were in the forest vegetation along that part of the walk. A total of 24 species was seen and a pleasant congenial outing was enjoyed by us all.

Bird List for Barren Grounds Walk 14.04.12

Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	White-browed Scrubwren	Little Wattlebird	Grey Shrike-thrush
Crimson Rosella	Brown Thornbill	Red Wattlebird	Olive-backed Oriole
Superb Lyrebird	Spotted Pardalote	New Holland Honeyeater	Pied Currawong
White-throated Treecreeper	Eastern Spinebill	Noisy Friarbird	Grey Fantail
Satin Bowerbird	Lewin's Honeyeater	Eastern Whipbird	Eastern Yellow Robin
Southern Emu-wren	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Silvereye

24 species seen -- Note: a flock of 57 Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos was seen flying over the heath.



**WOLLONGONG'S
NATIVE TREES**

THIRD EDITION - PHOTOGRAPHY BY BYRON MCGREGOR - CAWTHORNE

LEON FULLER

You are invited to a celebration to launch the newly revised, colour edition of Wollongong's Native Trees to be held in the Grevillea Room @ Corrimal District Library & Community Centre (15 Short Street, Corrimal) on Tuesday 8th May, 2012 from 5.30pm. Plenty of Parking available Please RSVP by 4th May to

wollongongsnativetrees@gmail.com

or phone/SMS 0407 910 043 or 0417 490 100

The book will be on sale (with no obligation to buy)

at a launch discount of 10%.

Light refreshments will be served.



THE BIRDS IN MY BACKYARD

By Tera Wheway

I have lived where I live for 47 years. Our large block of land was flat grassy with a small patch of blackberries. Today it is covered in shrubbery and tall trees creating a great birding environment with a resident Satin Bowerbird. Our idea was permaculture gardening with the planting of fruit trees (apple, pears, plums, peach and grapes) unfortunately the seasons were not kind to cold weather fruit trees, we then gradually planted Australian native shrubs and trees collected on our travels around the country. Our patch slowly became a native garden, along with a large vegetable patch, beehives, ducks and chooks. We needed birds to help eat the bugs so started the planting of bird attracting Australian natives along the perimeter of the yard.

My interest in birding grew gradually as the planting took shape and the bottlebrush bloomed. Silvereyes are my main memory dancing on the flowers swinging like a mouse plague on all the flower blossoms. Eastern Spinebills, New Holland Honeyeaters, Brown and Yellow thornbills constantly gained our attention. A back verandah was added to the house making a pleasant shady spot to view our vista. Five bird baths were added and the bird parade multiplied. We had lots of little birds with Red-browed Finches, Silvereyes and lots of sparrows. Blue wrens nesting in the tall grasses along the fence line, the male chasing his own image in all the verandah windows.



Southern Boobook



Little Corella

Over the years the highlights have been, a butcher bird plucking and eating dinner. The fish disappeared "fish from the pond where did they go?" Finally a white faced Heron was seen on a fishing trip. A pair of Channel-billed Cuckoos sitting in the back trees calling (what were those ugly big birds with that loud noise?) Little Wattlebirds feeding a frantic Koel, constantly crying for more: it never seemed to be enough. A huge Magpies nest blown out of the Queensland Firewheel tree one stormy day had wire woven into it. A Spotted Pardalote nesting in the compost heap and holding up the garden veggie production.



Rose Robin



Golden Whistler

We have had occasional visits of the Brown Cuckoo-dove, White-headed Pigeon, and Southern Boobook. The arrival of the Boobook bought in every Grey Butcherbird in Dapto to hunt it off, along with dozens of Noisy Miners. Other unusual birds include Rose Robin, Eastern Yellow Robin, Golden Whistler and Grey Shrike-thrush. Plant the environment to attract them and the pleasure is all yours to enjoy. Our Satin Bowerbird with his bower entertains us with morning and afternoon displays. A little weeding is sometimes necessary to clear the weeds from his territory. We also have a Sun Conure called Chico (a South American parrot) on the back verandah in a cage that attracts a Brown Goshawk; Chico's calls of alarm let us know the Goshawk is in the vicinity.

We had bird books and bird lists, but felt we needed more; a phone call to the IBOC club to enquire about binoculars invited us to attend a club meeting. Our early interest in backyard birds eventually led us to join the bird club. Firm friendships, many outings, camps and many happy memories have become the mainstay of our birding adventure.

Be inspired..... Send in your story of your own backyard garden and the birds PLEASE

Spring 2012 Camp Mallacoota**20th to 27th October 2012**

The IBOC Spring Camp will be held at the Shady Gully Caravan Park, Mallacoota from 20th to 27th October 2012. Mallacoota is 80km south of Eden just over the border into Victoria. Travel south down the Princes Highway and at Genoa, 14km south of the Victorian border, take a well marked turning on the left, to Mallacoota. The turning is immediately after you cross the Genoa River. The township is on Mallacoota Inlet a large tidal lagoon, and is surrounded by Croajingolong National Park. The caravan Park is 1km north of the town at Lot 5 Genoa Road Mallacoota. As you approach Mallacoota look for a turning on the left to the cemetery, Birrabooka Rd, pass this, and the caravan park is then approx another 2km on the left

Contact the Caravan Park as follows: Ph 03 5158 0233;

Email shadygully@bigpond.com; or use the web www.mallacootacaravanpark.com;

The park has a variety of accommodation:

Luxury Gunya's	\$130 per night for 2	linen supplied
3 x 2 bedroom ensuite cabins	\$75per night for 2	
2 x 1 bedroom ensuite cabins	\$60 per night for 2	1xDB + 1 triple bunk large verandah
2 x 1 bedroom ensuite cabins	\$65 per night for 2	1xDB + 2 triple bunk small verandah
3 no ensuite cabins	\$50 per night for 2	
Powered site	\$25 per night for 2	
Unpowered site	\$20 per night for 2	
Additional adults in cabins	\$7.50 per night	Gunya's \$15 per night

Note that in the 1 bedroom cabins access to the bathroom is through the room with the bunks. When you make a booking let the caravan park know that you are with the Illawarra Bird Observers Club and they will try to put us all reasonably close.

Please let Betty know once you have booked.

Additional information will be given in a later newsletter.....

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Bird flu genetic research sparks alarm - Pt 1

21 Mar 2012 | By Naomi Selvaratnam

<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/radio/episode/208073/Bird-flu-genetic-research-sparks-alarm-Pt-1>

Dutch and US scientists have created a strain of bird flu, so lethal that it could potentially wipe out 60% of the world's population.

That's the claim being made about a genetically-engineered virus developed almost simultaneously by separate teams of scientists in the Netherlands and the US.

The teams have agreed to a pause on publication of the details of their findings, while they and the rest of the world consider the implications.

It has raised profound questions about medical research and its potential for evil - and about censorship of science.

From link above --- Naomi Selvaratnam with excerpts from the first of a two-part series.

(Sounds of laboratory): In a high security laboratory in Geelong, south-west of Melbourne, federal government scientists are engaged in part of an international effort to avert a potentially devastating outbreak of bird flu.

Nobody can predict when, but experts agree that it's probably only a matter of time before another bird flu outbreak becomes a pandemic with far-reaching consequences.

The focus of the CSIRO research in Geelong, still believed to be several years from completion, is on trying to genetically engineer a chicken that would be immune to bird flu.

Director of the CSIRO's Australian Animal Health Laboratory, Professor Martyn Jeggo, says this could be the key to preventing a future pandemic.

Other interesting sights on the web:

<http://topics.nytimes.com/topics/news/science/topics/birds/index.html>

http://www.sciencedaily.com/news/plants_animals/birds/

Bird throws up unusual vomit defence

Wednesday, 7 March 2012 AFP <http://www.abc.net.au/science/articles/2012/03/07/3447555.htm>

Repugnant warning: stand back or we'll vomit on ourselves

(Source: *Nadia Silva /*)

Icky protection Babies of a bird species called the Eurasian Roller vomit a foul-smelling orange liquid as a defence mechanism against predators, biologists have discovered.

Offspring of the bright-blue Jackdaw-sized bird (*Coracias garrulous*) throw up the repugnant fluid when they are frightened in their nests, according to a paper appearing in the journal [Royal Society Biology Letters](#).

Covered in vomit, the nestlings not surprisingly become less attractive as a snack, the team says.

But the smell also alerts parents, returning to the nest, that a threatening incident has happened in their absence, they believe.

The scientists tested the "olfactory cue" theory by visiting nests with 10-day-old nestlings inside.

They used a small paintbrush to daub a tiny amount of either lemon juice or vomit on the inside of the nest. Parents returning to a vomit-treated nest reacted with great caution, delaying the time when they would settle in the home.

Previous research has found that birds have a surprisingly wide range of defensive reactions.

For instance, the Northern Fulmar (*Fulmaris glacialis*) brings up stomach oils against intruders that makes them lose their waterproof coating.

And the Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*) and Northern Shoveler (*Anas acuta*) have the ability to spray faeces on their eggs to deter mammal egg-thieves.

However, the Eurasian Roller is the first bird that has been found to use a scent, derived in response to a threat, as a means of communication, says the paper.

In that regard, it joins many other animals, from insects to humans, that use the "smell of fear" to warn fellow members of their species of an attack.

The study is led by Deseada Parejo of Spain's [Estacio Experimental de Zonas Aridas](#).



Black-shouldered Kite



Superb Fairy-wren – eclipse

By Terry Edwell

Members Sightings March - April 2012

Please keep your sightings coming in, everything you consider unusual or interesting.

Compiled By Betty Hudson

SPECIES	No	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	1	11.04.12	Ellis Farm Reddalls Rd Kembla Grange	Rainforest	IBOC
Tawny Frogmouth	1	11.04.12	Ellis Farm Reddalls Rd Kembla Grange	Woodland	IBOC
Australasian Gannet	1	14.03.12	Bass Pt Reserve Shellharbour	Off Shore	IBOC
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	31.03.12	Pt Hacking River Audley	Overhead	IBOC/CBOC
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	11.04.12	Ellis Farm Reddalls Rd Kembla Grange	Overhead	IBOC

Grey Goshawk	1	11.04.12	Ellis Farm Reddalls Rd Kembla Grange	Overhead	IBOC
Grey Goshawk (White form)	1	01-03-12	Lawrence Hargrave Drive Coalcliff	Garden	Terry Brooks (Email)
Swamp Harrier	1	14.03.12	Shellharbour Swamp	Overhead Swamp	IBOC
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	31.03.12	Pt Hacking River Audley	Overhead	IBOC/CBOC
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	11.04.12	Ellis Farm Reddalls Rd Kembla Grange	Overhead	IBOC
Nankeen Kestrel	1 Juv	14.03.12	Bass Pt Reserve Shellharbour	Dead Tree	IBOC
Sooty Oystercatcher	2	14.03.12	Bass Pt Reserve Shellharbour	Rocky Foreshore	IBOC
Sooty Oystercatcher	6	31.03.12	Sea Cliff Bridge Coalcliff	Rocky Shore	Paul Freeman (email)
Kelp Gull	1	14.03.12	Bass Pt Reserve Shellharbour	Rocky Shore	IBOC
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	20+	01.04.12	Dapto	Overhead	Anne & Alan Cousins
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	57	14.04.12	Griffith Track Barren Grounds	Heathland	IBOC
Eastern Koel	1m, 1 f	14.03.12	Addison St Car Park Shellharbour	Figtree	Hale's, Garlick's & Gowan's
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	1	31.03.12	Pt Hacking River Audley	Overhead	IBOC/CBOC
Azure Kingfisher	2	31.03.12	Pt Hacking River Audley	Overhead	IBOC/CBOC
Green Catbird	1	31.03.12	Pt Hacking River Audley	Overhead	IBOC/CBOC
Green Catbird	1	11.04.12	Ellis Farm Reddalls Rd Kembla Grange	Rainforest	IBOC
Southern Emu-wren	1	14.04.12	Griffith Track Barren Grounds	Heathland	IBOC
Yellow-throated Scrubwren	1	18.03.12	East Rim Track Fitzroy Falls	Rainforest	IBOC
Yellow-throated Scrubwren	1	18.03.12	Black Ash Reserve Bellowongarah	Rainforest	IBOC
Yellow-throated Scrubwren	few	31.03.12	Pt Hacking River Audley	Overhead	IBOC/CBOC
Large-billed Scrubwren	few	31.03.12	Pt Hacking River Audley	Overhead	IBOC/CBOC
Scarlet Honeyeater	several	31.03.12	Pt Hacking River Audley	Overhead	IBOC/CBOC
Australian Logrunner	1	11.04.12	Ellis Farm Reddalls Rd Kembla Grange	Rainforest	IBOC
Varied Sittella	few	18.03.12	Picnic Area Fitzroy Falls	Rainforest	IBOC
Crested Shrike-tit	1	11.04.12	Ellis Farm Reddalls Rd Kembla Grange	Woodland	IBOC
Olive-backed Oriole	1imm	14.04.12	Griffith Track Barren Grounds	Woodland	IBOC
Rufous Fantail	2	18.03.12	Picnic Area Fitzroy Falls	Rainforest	IBOC
Rufous Fantail	1	18.03.12	Black Ash Reserve Bellowongarah	Rainforest	IBOC
Grey Fantail	1	26.03.12	Jamberoo	Garden	Betty Hudson
Leaden Flycatcher	1	31.03.12	Pt Hacking River Audley	Overhead	IBOC/CBOC
Black-faced Monarch	1	18.03.12	East Rim Track Fitzroy Falls	Rainforest	IBOC
Black-faced Monarch	1	31.03.12	Pt Hacking River Audley	Overhead	IBOC/CBOC
Rose Robin	2	18.03.12	Picnic Area Fitzroy Falls	Rainforest	IBOC
Rose Robin	Few	31.03.12	Pt Hacking River Audley	Overhead	IBOC/CBOC
Eastern Yellow Robin	1	26.03.12	Jamberoo	Garden	Betty Hudson
Bassian Thrush	1	31.03.12	Pt Hacking River Audley	Overhead	IBOC/CBOC

Note: The flock of 57 Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos is one of the largest reported in recent times. The White form of the Grey Goshawk was reported from several locations along Lawrence Hargrave Drive. The Southern Emu-wren is a welcome sighting from Barren Grounds as they appeared to have disappeared during the drought.