

**Illawarra Bird Observers' Club Inc
MEMBERS' MONTHLY SIGHTINGS**

May 2010

Compiled by Martin Cocker

Species	Number	Date	Location	Habitat	Observer
Australian Brush-turkey	1	04-May-10	University of Wollongong	Parkland/forest	Penny Potter
Musk Duck	1	07-May-10	Primbee	Swamp	Charles Dove
Black Swan	42	02-May-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Superb Fruit-Dove	1	10-May-10	Mt. Keira Garden	Dead juvenile male, window strike	Val Dolan
Tawny Frogmouth	1	Several Dates in April	Farmborough Hts	Residential	Andrew Wood
Black-browed Albatross	1	04-May-10	Off Bellambi	Ocean	Tom Wylie
Australasian Darter	5	24-Apr-10	Korungulla Swamp	Wetland	Martin Potter
Striated Heron	1	02-May-10	Lake Illawarra Windang	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Royal Spoonbill	35	22-Apr-10	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Eastern Osprey	1	01-May-10	Lake Illawarra Kanahooka	Fighting Sea Eagle	Ian McKinley
Eastern Osprey	2	08-May-10	Manildra Plant, Bomaderry	floodplain	Martin and Penny Potter
Black-shouldered Kite	3	02-May-10	HaywardsBay	Swamp	Roger Truscott
White-bellied Sea-eagle	2	22-May-10	Thirroul	Overhead	Mike Morphett
White-bellied Sea-eagle	2	15-May-10	Thirroul	Overhead	Mike Morphett
White-bellied Sea-eagle	2	24-Apr-10	Korungulla Swamp	Wetlands	Martin Potter
White-bellied Sea-eagle	1	18-Apr-10	Abrahams Bosom, Currarong	Coastal	Martin and Penny Potter
White-bellied Sea-eagle	3	13-Apr-10	Minnamurra River	Lakeside	Lorraine Pincus
Whistling Kite	2	02-May-10	HaywardsBay	Swamp	Roger Truscott
Brown Goshawk	1	07-May-10	Seacliff Bridge	Overhead	Mike Morphett
Brown Goshawk	1	04-May-10	Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	11-Apr-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Woodland	M Potter, Dave Bourne
Grey Goshawk	2	12-May-10	Excelsior Mine Thirroul	1grey, 1 white morph	Mike Morphett
Swamp Harrier	1	25-Apr-10	Bellambi Lagoon	Wetland	Joan Wylie
Swamp Harrier	1	02-May-10	HaywardsBay	Swamp	Roger Truscott
Swamp Harrier	1	08-May-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Peregrine Falcon	1	12-May-10	Excelsior Mine Thirroul	Overhead	Mike Morphett
Buff-banded Rail	1	23-May-10	Woonona Garden	Frequent garden visitor	Keith Curle
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	2	02-May-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	2	02-May-10	Lake Illawarra Windang	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Sooty Oystercatcher	2	07-May-10	Seacliff Bridge	Rock Platform	Mike Morphett
Pacific Golden Plover	2	02-May-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Red-capped Plover	6	02-May-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Red-capped Plover	33	02-May-10	Lake Illawarra Windang	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Double-banded Plover	28	02-May-10	Lake Illawarra Windang	Estuarine	Lorraine Pincus
Double-banded Plover	63	02-May-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Yellow-tailed Black-cockatoo	3	12-May-10	Excelsior Mine Thirroul	Overhead	Mike Morphett
Red-rumped Parrot	Pair	06-May-10	Wollongong Golf Course	Parkland/Coastal	Martin Potter
Powerful Owl	1	02-May-10	Bomaderry Creek Nowra	Sitting on Sign Post	Charles Dove
Powerful Owl	1	25-Mar-10	Corramy State Recreation Reserve Basin View	Forest	Stan Brown
Noisy Pitta	1	05-May-10	"Bolwarra" Foxground	Rainforest	Jeffrey Long
Superb Lyrebird	1	28-Apr-10	Mt Kembla Ring Track	Forest	Andrew Wood

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Eastern Bristlebird	2+	01-May-10	Bellawongarah	Forest	Carla Jackett
Rockwarbler	1	07-May-10	Bomaderry Creek Nowra	Sandstone Gorge	Hales &Garlicks
White-plumed Honeyeater	1	22-Apr-10	Brookes Creek Kanahooka		Glenis Wellins
White-plumed Honeyeater	1	05-May-10	Dapto	Garden	Neil Wheway
White-fronted Chat	4	02-May-10	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Australian Logrunner	1	05-Apr-10	Corrimal Escarpment	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Australian Logrunner	1	08-Apr-10	Corrimal Escarpment	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Australian Logrunner	2	01-May-10	Corrimal Escarpment	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Cicadabird	1	03-May-10	Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Golden Whistler	2	05-May-10	Dapto	Garden	Neil Wheway
Rose Robin	1	07-May-10	Bomaderry Creek Nowra	Sandstone Gorge	Hales &Garlicks
Bassian Thrush	1	16-May-10	Scarborough	Rain forest garden	Danie Ondinea
Bassian Thrush	1	16-May-10	Thirroul	Garden	Mike Morphett
Bassian Thrush	3	04-Mar-10	Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Beautiful Firetail	1	March	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Heathland	Hales &Garlicks

Top of the list this month must be the the Suberb Fruit-Dove. This bird is classified as a rare nomad in our area. Pizzey and Knight make the following comments in their field guide that is spot on the mark for this sighting. "Many also inexplicably migrate south through Sydney to south coast of NSW in all months with peak in April-May, frequently hitting windows at night, many are young birds". Many thanks to Val Dolan for this record

Good to see sightings for Eastern Bristlebird, logrunner and another Noisy Pitta in our area.

Many thanks to you all for your sightings.

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Records Officer