

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

May/June 2013

*Compiled by Darryl Goldrick*

Species	Number	Date	Location	Habitat	Observer
Musk Duck	1 m	05-Jun-13	Killalea	Lagoon	Rupert Jarvis
Musk Duck	1m1f	09-Jun-13	Koorongulla Wetland	Water	Charles Dove
Hoary-headed Grebe	~300	19-Jun-13	Fred Finch Park	Mullet Creek	Charles Dove
Great Crested Grebe	10	18-May-13	Wingecarribee	Wingecarribee Dam	Ian McKinlay
Bar-shouldered Dove	5	05-Jun-13	Primbee Sand Dunes	Pathway	Charles Dove
Tawny Frogmouth	1	13-Jun-13	West Wollongong	Street Tree	Chris Cartledge
Tawny Frogmouth	1	06-Jun-13	Dapto	Garden	Neil Wheway
Australasian Bittern	1	05-Jun-13	Killalea	Reed Bed	Rupert Jarvis
Royal Spoonbill	1	24-May-13	Towradgi Creek	Blue Divers Bridge	Mike Morphett
Royal Spoonbill	9	01-Jun-13	Koona Bay Reserve	Shallow Water	Charles Dove
Pacific Baza	6	15-May-13	Joseph St,Bulli	Roosting in Tree	R.Gowans
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	03-Jun-13	Thirroul	O'head/Excelsior	Mike Morphett
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	2 juv	03-Jun-13	Primbee	Overhead	Charles Dove
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1adult 2juv	07-Jun-13	Primbee	Over lake	Charles Dove
Grey Goshawk	1	05-Jun-13	Primbee Sand Dunes	Overhead	Charles Dove
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	7	14-Jun-13	Windang	Shoreline	Charles Dove
Sooty Oystercatcher	16	17-Jun-13	Bulli Beach	Tideline	Richard Miller
Sooty Oystercatcher	9	18-Jun-13	Sandon Point	Rock Platform	Richard Miller
Red-necked Avocet	3	19-Jun-13	Koong Burray Bay	Wading	Charles Dove
Red-capped Plover	14	14-Jun-13	Windang	Shoreline	Charles Dove
Double-banded Plover	11	14-Jun-13	Windang	Shoreline	Charles Dove
Double-banded Plover	35	14-Jun-13	Lake Illawarra Ent.Sth	Beach	Charles Dove
Black-fronted Dotterel	1	17-Jun-13	Bulli Beach	Tideline	Richard Miller
Common Sandpiper	1	17-Jun-13	Bulli Beach	Tideline	Richard Miller
Caspian Tern	12	01-Jun-13	Koona Bay Reserve	Foreshore	Charles Dove
Pacific Gull	2juv 1 Adult	30-May-13	Lake Illawarra Ent.	Sandbar	Charles Dove
Pacific Gull	2juv	14-Jun-13	Windang Island	Tidal Rock	Charles Dove
Kelp Gull	2 adults	30-May-13	Lake Illawarra Ent.	Sandbar	Charles Dove
Kelp Gull	2ad	14-Jun-13	Windang	Shoreline	Charles Dove
Kelp Gull	1	19-Jun-13	Fred Finch Park	Mullet Creek	Charles Dove
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	14	14-Jun-13	Thirroul	O'head	Mike Morphett
Musk Lorikeet	4	10-Jun-13	Wollongong	Botanic Gardens	J.Gowans
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	1	19-Jun-13	Fred Finch Park	Mullet Creek	Charles Dove
Powerful Owl	1	17-Jun-13	Thirroul	Excelsior Mine	Mike Morphett
Eastern Barn Owl	1	07-Jun-13	Lower Bulli Pass	Woodlands Creek	R.Miller
White-throated Treecreeper	1	10-Jun-13	Thirroul	Garden	Mike Morphett
Green Catbird	1	June	Fernhill	Garden	R&J Cashman
Satin Bowerbird	3 m	08-Jun-13	Wollongong	Bot.Gardens Fernery	A&A Cousins
Superb Fairy-wren	15+	03-Jun-13	Primbee	Yard	Charles Dove
Southern Emu-wren	?	June	Barren Grounds	Heathland	K.Eddington
Eastern Bristlebird	?	June	Barren Grounds	Heathland	K.Eddington
Pilotbird	?	June	Barren Grounds	Heathland	K.Eddington
Large-billed Scrubwren	1	13-Jun-13	Thirroul	Garden	Mike Morphett
Eastern Yellow Robin	2	10-Jun-13	Tarrawanna	Garden	S&K Brown
Red-browed Finch	8	14-Jun-13	Thirroul	Garden	Mike Morphett

*The large number of Hoary-headed Grebe is the largest raft (flock) in a number of years though a record of 950 has been recorded on Lake Illawarra many years ago. The Pacific Baza sighting suggests that there continues to be an increasing trend in this species breeding in the Illawarra. The Red-necked Avocet (a Rare, Nomadic) sighting appears to be the first since May 2006 in the Illawarra. Previous sightings at this time of the year date back to the 1980's/90's at Windang and the Shoalhaven estuaries. They mostly breed between Aug-Dec (strongholds are s.inland NSW - n.Vic,se SA) and generally move towards the coast in southern Aust.during summer.*

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