

Illawarra Bird Observers Club Inc
MEMBERS' MONTHLY SIGHTINGS

April 2009

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A smaller number of records fit into the "Unusual or Interesting" category this month but again we have had many records submitted. The Cape Barren geese were a great sighting. I have never seen them in the wild but have seen them as exotics in private collections, an unusual looking bird. Other records have been submitted by Betty Hudson, Mike Morphett and Charlie Dove.

SPECIES	No.	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Cape Barren Goose	2	6-Apr	Shellharbour Golf Course	Rural	Chris Brandis
Bar-shouldered Dove	1	10-Apr	Primbee	Garden	Ron Imisides
Bar-shouldered Dove	8	15-Mar	Killalea SRA	Parkland	Nikolas Haass
White-throated Nightjar	1	30-Mar	Shoalhaven Heads	Heath	Nigel Jackett
White-throated Nightjar	1	5-Apr	Exeter Exit, Hume Hwy	Heath	Nigel Jackett
White-throated Nightjar	1	22-Mar	Seven Mile Beach NP	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Pacific Baza	1 to 2	3 to 10 April	Kangaroo Valley	Rural	Carla Jackett
Grey Goshawk	1	8-Apr	Kangaroo Valley	Rural	Carla Jackett
Grey Goshawk	11	26-Mar	Killalea SRA	Parkland	Patrick Lyons
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	29-Mar	Kangaroo Valley	Rural	Nigel Jackett
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	9-Apr	Kangaroo Valley	Rural	Carla Jackett
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	26-Mar	Killalea SRA	Parkland	Patrick Lyons
Brown Falcon	2	11-Apr	Coolangatta Mountain	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Brown Falcon	1	15-Mar	Killalea SRA	Parkland	Nikolas Haass
Peregrine Falcon	1	19-Apr	Berry	Rural	Nigel Jackett
Musk Lorikeet	5	11-Apr	Shoalhaven Heads	Rural	Nigel Jackett
Musk Lorikeet	many	15-Apr	Wollongong Bot. Gardens	Garden	IBOC
Brush Cuckoo	1 Juv	15-Mar	Killalea SRA	Parkland	Nikolas Haass
Rockwarbler	1	13-Apr	Bungonia Gorge	Bush	Gleniss Wellings
Satin Flycatcher	1	23-Mar	Red Rocks Cambewarra Range	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Rose Robin	1	16-Apr	Figtree	Garden	Lorraine Pincus
Rose Robin	1	15-Apr	Wollongong Botanical Gardens	Garden	IBOC

Several members have asked about Gang-gang Cockatoo's and their apparent decline over previous years. Over the last two years we only have five records mostly away from the coast. When I lived in Bowral they were regular winter visitors to the hawthorn bushes in gardens and road sides. Please can we make a special point of looking out for these birds and submitting reports.

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Our Wader Counts on the first Sunday of the month are becoming a regular feature of the Clubs Calendar. We have spent time establishing the best locations to find these birds at roost and have met local residents who have shown interest in our activity and have provided local knowledge. Everyone is always welcome to join this morning activity.

Recently I was contacted by phone from a web site enquiry from a local who had found a badly injured Little Tern at Windang that subsequently died. The bird was carrying a ring and I submitted the details on-line to the Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme. This bird was banded on 31 January 2009 at Lake Conjola as a nestling, so its life span was only one month and 15 days and it had travelled 89km to Windang. A life far short of its potential.

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!