

Illawarra Bird Observers Club Inc
MEMBERS' MONTHLY SIGHTINGS

June 2008

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Shortly after complaining about the cold weather that had kept you all indoors and resulted in a paucity of records, at the eleventh hour I was deluged with emails that have tied me to the computer. Such is a Records Officers life! However thank you for all the contributions to our data base.

The Masked Booby seen by Josh and Bruce Coyte as they emerged from the surf at Minnamurra Beach reminded them of their recent sightings at Lord Howe and is a new bird for the area probably blown by the recent gales. Not listed are several sightings of Shoveller that is classified in our area as uncommon and nomadic. Several pairs were on the freshwater lake at Griffins Bay on Lake Illawarra a new sighting for me at this local patch and they have also been present at Fred Finch Park and Lake Tallawarra. The latter venue also had several Pink-eared Duck for the IBOC monthly walk.

In the Bega area there has been a sighting, with photo, recorded on Birding-Aus of a Pied Heron a species that is normally located in the Top End with casual sightings as far south as Roma and the Macquarie Marshes. Wings are a wonderful invention which shows that anything can turn up anywhere!

Chris Chafer recently commented upon the finding of a dead Logrunner reported last month. Chris has pointed out that there have been no sightings for quite some time and as the Illawarra population is so isolated then it would be worthwhile to do a targeted survey along the escarpment rainforest. With this in mind can you dig out all the sightings of this species that you have in your records so I can compile a list of target sights. I will then coordinate teams of people to visit these areas over a few weekends so please contact me if you would like to participate.

Below is the Unusual/Interesting listing for the month. Other records were received from: Betty Hudson, Jill Molan, Tom Wylie, Richard Fackender, Roger Bogaert and Lorraine Pincus. Many thanks to you all for your records. Good Birding!

Species	No.	Date	Location	Habitat	Observer
Brush-turkey	1	23-May-08	Mt. Kembla Ring Track	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Bar-Shouldered Dove	2	31-May-08	East Corrimal	Scrub	David Winterbottom
Bar-Shouldered Dove	Many	01-Jun-08	Windang	scrub	David Winterbottom
Tawny Frogmouth	1	01-Jun-08	Dapto	Urban	Tera Wheway
Tawny Frogmouth	1	01-Jun-08	Blackbutt Reserve	Parkland	Chris Brandis
Tawny Frogmouth	1	13-Jun-08	Thirroul	suburban	Mike Morphett
Buller's Albatross	2	24-May-08	Off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Masked Booby	1	06-Jun-08	Minnamurra Beach	Seaside	Bruce Coyte
Black Bittern	1	17-May-08	Gwynneville	Creek side	David Winterbottom
Striated Heron	1	29-May-08	Fed Finch Park	Tidal Creek	David Winterbottom
Striated Heron	2	04-Jun-08	Fred Finch Park	Tidal Creek	David Winterbottom
Striated Heron	1	25-Aug-09	Little Bay	Estuarine	Martin Cocker
Eastern Osprey	1	01-Jun-08	Haywards Bay	Overhead	Martin Cocker

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Eastern Osprey	1	08-Jun-08	Haywards Bay	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Whistling Kite	1	08-Jun-08	Haywards Bay	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Brown Goshawk	1	June 08	Thirroul Garden (inspecting aviary birds)	garden	Mike Morphett
Brown Goshawk	1	16-May-08	Bellambi Lagoon	Overhead	Graham Barwell
Brown Goshawk	1	01-Jun-08	Haywards Bay	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Grey Goshawk	1	14-May-08	Kanahooka Point	overhead	Richard Fackender
Grey Goshawk	1	11-Jun-08	Yallah	rural	Martin Cocker
Swamp Harrier	1	08-Jun-08	Haywards Bay	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Hobby	1	08-Jun-08	Haywards Bay	Overhead	Martin Cocker
Brown Skua	5	24-May-08	Off Wollongong	Pelagic	Graham Barwell
Major Mitchell's Cockatoo	1	03-Jun-08	Albion Park	overhead	Bruce Coyte
Superb Parrot	1	15-May-08	Balgownie	garden	Terry E
Azure Kingfisher	1	30-Apr-08	Mullet Creek, Kanahooka	estuarine	Richard Fackender
Southern Emu-wren	10+	04-May-08	Maddens Plains	Bush	Graham Barwell
Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	many	24-May-08	Pot Holes Crossing, Bargo River	Bush	Graham Barwell
Bell Miner	many	24-May-08	Pot Holes Crossing, Bargo River	Bush	Graham Barwell
Tawny-crowned Honeyeater	20+	04-May-08	Maddens Plains	Bush	Graham Barwell
White-cheeked Honeyeater	2	04-May-08	Maddens Plains	Bush	Graham Barwell
Brown-headed Honeyeater	1	04-May-08	Maddens Plains	Bush	Graham Barwell
White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	2	24-May-08	Pot Holes Crossing, Bargo River	Bush	Graham Barwell
Figbird	3+	18-Jun-08	Uni of Wollongong Campus	Parkland	Graham Barwell
Leadon Flycatcher	1	06-Mar-08	Windang	Scrub	David Winterbottom
Rose Robin	1	05-Jun-08	Balgownie	garden	Terry E
Beautiful Firetail	1	04-May-08	Maddens Plains	Bush	Graham Barwell