

Illawarra Bird Observers Club Inc  
MEMBERS' MONTHLY SIGHTINGS

**November/December 2009**

**Compiled By Martin Cocker**

<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>HABITAT</b>	<b>OBSERVER</b>
Brush Turkey	2 Chicks	Nov	Balgownie	Bush	Terry Edwell
Brush Turkey	1 F Laying	26-Oct	Keiraville Pre-School	Garden	Mary Eskdale
Brush Turkey	3F 1 M	15-Nov	Mt. Keira	Garden/Bush	Val Dolan
Brown Quail	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Brown Quail	2	12-Dec	Byarong Creek	Creek/underbrush	Bill Zealey
Shelduck	4	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Tawny Frogmouth	1 A 3 Y	14-Nov	Mt. Keira	Garden/Bush	Val Dolan
White-necked Heron	1	01-Nov	West Dapto		Bruce O'Brien
White-necked Heron	1	15-Nov	Silos Winery Nr. Berry	Farmland	Penny and Martin Potter
Striated Heron	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Striated Heron	1	12-Dec	Kanahooka Point	Lake Shore	Peter Fackender
Eastern Osprey	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Eastern Osprey	1	20-Dec	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Whistling Kite	1	05-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	Overhead	Joshua Coyte
Whistling Kite	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Collared Sparrowhawk	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	20-Oct	Russell Vale	Urban	Julia Veltrop
Grey Goshawk	1 White Morph	08-Nov	Mt. Ousley	Forest	Terrill Nordstromm
Grey Goshawk	2	13-Oct	Bellambi Lagoon	Overhead	Julia Veltrop
Grey Goshawk	1	22-Nov	Russell Vale	Urban	Julia Veltrop
Swamp Harrier	1	01-Nov	Foxground	Farmland	Bruce O'Brien
Swamp Harrier	1	20-Dec	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	08-Nov	Tallawarra. Lake Illawarra Foreshore	Overhead	Joshua Coyte
Little Eagle	1	08-Nov	Mt. Ousley	Forest	Terrill Nordstromm
Brown Falcon	1	08-Nov	Tallawarra	Paddock	Joshua Coyte
Hobby	1	01-Nov	Windang	Estuary	Penny and Martin Potter
Peregrine Falcon	1	16-Nov	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Estuarine	Charles Dove
Peregrine Falcon	1	15-Nov	Thirroul	Overhead	Richard Miller

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Peregrine Falcon	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Buff-banded Rail	1	15-Oct	Brooks Creek Kanahooka	Riparian	Gleniss Wellings
Buff-banded Rail	1	31-Oct	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	Marsh	Penny and Martin Potter
Buff-banded Rail	2A 5F	07-Dec	Thirroul	Garden	Dr. Ann Young/M. Morphett
Baillon's Crake	2A 1F	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Pied Oystercatcher	1	20-Dec	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Sooty Oystercatcher	1	30-Oct	Towradgi Beach	Beach	Julia Veltrop
Pacific Golden Plover	96	20-Dec	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Red-kneed.Dotterel	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Ruddy Turnstone	4	01-Nov	Woonona Beach	Rock Platform	Nerida Hudspith
Ruddy Turnstone	1	05-Nov	Coniston Beach	Shoreline	David Winterbottom
Red Knot	2	20-Dec	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Sanderling	1	04-Nov	Lake Conjola Entrance	Estuarine	Alan Morris
Curlew Sandpiper	5	16-Nov	Purry Burry Point, Primbee	Estuarine	Charles Dove
Painted Buttonquail	1	30-Nov	Bellawongerah	Rainforest	Carla Jackett
Little Tern	2	08-Nov	Windang	Estuarine	Jill Molan & IBOC
Little Tern	60	04-Nov	Lake Conjola Entrance	Estuarine	Alan Morris
Little Tern	4	07-Nov	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Penny and Martin Potter
Whiskered Tern	4	04-Dec	Purry Purry Point Primbee	Lake Shore	Charles Dove
Common Tern	2	04-Nov	Lake Conjola Entrance	Estuarine	Alan Morris
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	1	14-Dec	Figtree	Feeding in tree	Lorraine Pincus
Gang-Gang Cockatoo	1	08-Nov	Fitzroy Falls	Woodland	Richard Miller
Gang-gang Cockatoo	2	12-Dec	Budderoo Fire Trail	Woodland	Betty Hudson
Musk Lorikeet	15+	03-Nov	Croome Reserve Albion Park	Parkland	Anthony Rutter
Brush Cuckoo	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Dollarbird	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Dollarbird	1	20-Dec	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Martin and Penny Potter
Dollarbird	1-2	Nov	Thirroul	Overhead	Richard Miller

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Noisy Pitta	2	21-Dec	Rodway Nature Reserve via Irvines Road	Rainforest	Carla Jackett
White-fronted Chat	3	07-Nov	Shoalhaven Heads	Estuarine	Penny and Martin Potter
Scarlet Honeyeater	2	29-Nov	Mangrove Boardwalk, Huskisson	Mangrove	Penny and Martin Potter
Scarlet Honeyeater	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Rufous Whistler	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Spectacled Monarch	6	Early October	Balgownie	Bush	Terry Edwell
Spectacled Monarch	Breeding	December	Balgownie	Bush	Terry Edwell
Fairy Martin	Present	29-Nov	Tallawarra Ash Ponds		IBOC
Plum-headed Finch	1	22-Nov	Cordeaux Heights	Garden	David Price

Happy New Year! I have prepared a combined report for the last two months of the year so this wraps up 2009. We have some very interesting sightings; a first for the Illawarra is the sighting by David Price of the Plum-headed Finch at Cordeaux Heights-keep a lookout for this bird. The breeding Spectacled Monarch in Balgownie, a rare summer migrant, is this the Illawarra's first breeding record? Another pair of Noisy Pitta has been sighted on a private property in the Bellawongerah district, further evidence of this species southwards drift and the sighting of the Baillon's Crake with young at Tallawarra capped off a good year of sightings for crakes and rails.

If you would like a copy of all of 2009 sightings, in Excel, then drop me a line. Looking forward to your 2010 sightings!

Many thanks for all your records! Please send in your sightings to [cocker@speedlink.com.au](mailto:cocker@speedlink.com.au) and don't forget that these lists are on our website [www.iboc.org.au](http://www.iboc.org.au). Good Birding!