

Illawarra Bird Observers Club Inc
MEMBERS' MONTHLY SIGHTINGS

September 2008

Compiled By Martin Cocker

Many thanks for all your records. Obviously Spring is now well under way as evidenced by sightings reported in Birding-Aus and by IBOC members. Reed Warbler, Koel, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Whiskered Tern, Latham's Snipe and Black faced Monarch are but a few examples that you have sent in. Thank you to you all and keep notifying me of your "firsts" as the season progresses.

I have bent the rules in preparing this month's list and included sightings that do not strictly fit within the normal rules of "unusual" but because they are the first sightings of Spring then they are noteworthy!!

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Brush-turkey	1	22-Aug	Mt. Keira Ring Track	Rainforest	Michelle Rower
Brush-turkey	3	10-Sep	Mt. Pleasant Track. Mt. Keira	Rainforest	IBOC
White-Headed Pigeon	2	24-Aug	Berry	Urban	Kevin Mills
Bar-shouldered Dove	2	25-Aug	Primbee	Bush	Charlie Dove
White-necked Heron	2	24-Aug	South of Berry	Paddock	Kevin Mills
White-necked Heron	1	29-Aug	Yattheyattah	Paddock	Kevin Mills
Eastern Osprey	2	11-Aug	Lake Illawarra	Display flight	Bruce Coyte
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	22-Aug	Coledale/Austinmer	Littoral/residential	Mike Morphett
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	07-Sep	Robertson (Seen from Pie Shop!!)	Pie Watching	Brian Hales
Brown Goshawk	1	21-Sep	Bulli Showground	Overhead suburban	Mike Morphett
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	08-Sep	Jamberoo	garden	Elizabeth Hudson
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	04-Sep	Bellawongarah	Rainforest	Bob Ashford
Grey Goshawk	1	11-Sep	Bulli Tops	Rainforest	Roger Truscott
Swamp Harrier	1	07-Sep	Killalea Lagoon	Rural	Graham Barwell
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	21-Sep	Florence Head Morton NP	Heath/Woodland	Bob Ashford
A. Hobby	1	19-Sep	Hooka Point	Bush	Lorraine Pincus
Double-banded Plover	2	31-Aug	Windang (Breeding Plumage)	Shoreline	Bruce and Kelsey O'Brien
Latham's Snipe	1	20-Sep	Kanahooka Point	Marsh	Martin Cocker
Red Knot	4+	12-Sep	Primbee Lake Illawarra	Shore	Charlie Dove
Painted button-quail	1	17-Sep			Joan Zealey
Painted button-quail	1	24-Sep	Berry	Rural	Bob Ashford
Whiskered Tern	10	21-Sep	Primbee, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Martin Cocker

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Pacific Gull	2 Imm	09-Sep	Windang Lake Entrance	seaside	Chris Brandis
Kelp Gull	1	15-Sep	North Beach. Wollongong	Seashore	Lorraine Pincus
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	1	29-Aug	South Ulladulla	Forest	Kevin Mills
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	2	30-Aug	Long Beach, Batemans Bay	forest	Kevin Mills
Superb Parrot	1	02-Sep	Jamberoo	garden	Elizabeth Hudson
Eastern Koel	1	21-Sep	Austinmer	Suburban	Graham Meany
Eastern Koel	1	20-Sep	Excelsior Coalmine Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Eastern Koel	1	18-Sep	Lake Illawarra High School	suburban	Cheryl Akhurst
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1	21-Sep	Wollongong City Heard Calling	Urban	Kate Cocker
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1	20-Sep	Excelsior Coalmine Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1	08-Sep	Bulli	Rural	Graham Barwell
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	1	26-Aug	Bellawongarah	Rainforest/paddocks	Bob Ashford
Brush Cuckoo	1	21-Sep	Illawarra Escarpment SCA	Rural	Graham Barwell
Azure Kingfisher	1	24-Sep	Minamurra River	Riparian	Lorraine Pincus
Sacred Kingfisher	1	21-Sep	Hooka Point	Bush	Lorraine Pincus
Sacred Kingfisher	1	07-Sep	Little Lake	Estuarine	Graham Barwell
Green Catbird	2	27-Aug	Bellawongarah	Rainforest/paddocks	Bob Ashford
Green Catbird	1	19-Sep	Bellawongarah	Forest	Bob Ashford
Yellow-throated Scrubwren	1	08-Sep	Bellawongarah	Rainforest/paddocks	Bob Ashford
Yellow-throated Scrubwren	1	10-Sep	Mt. Pleasant Track. Mt. Keira	Rainforest	IBOC
Fuscous Honeyeater	5	22-Sep	Florence Head Morton NP	Heath/Woodland	Bob Ashford
Scarlet Honeyeater	Few	29-Aug	South Ulladulla	forest	Kevin Mills
Scarlet Honeyeater	1	13-Sep	Slacky Creek, Bulli	Riparian	Roger Truscott
Scarlet Honeyeater	1	10-Sep	Mt. Pleasant Track. Mt. Keira	Rainforest	IBOC
Crescent Honeyeater	1	Aug. Daily	Bellawongarah	Rainforest/paddocks	Bob Ashford
Logrunner	1	19-Sep	Bellawongarah	Forest	Bob Ashford
Rufous Whistler	1	24-Aug	Blackbutt Reserve	Park	Chris Brandis
Rufous Whistler	1	18-Sep	Hooka Point	Bush	Lorraine Pincus
Dusky Woodswallow	8+	24-Sep	Florence Head Morton NP	Heath/Woodland	Bob Ashford
Spangled Drongo	1	30-Aug	Primbee Dunes	Dunes	Michelle Rower
Rufous Fantail	1	20-Sep	Lindsay Park School	Urban	Joan Zealey
Black-faced Monarch	2	20-Sep	Hooka Point	Bush	Lorraine Pincus
Black-faced	1	18-Sep	Bellawongarah (1st of	Forest	Bob Ashford

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Monarch			season)		
Black-faced Monarch	1	22-Sep	Excelsior Coalmine Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphett
Rose Robin	1	30-Aug	Primbee Dunes	Dunes	Michelle Rower
Rose Robin	1	08-Sep	Bellawongarah	Rainforest/paddocks	Bob Ashford
Rose Robin	1	23-Sep	Florence Head Morton NP	Heath/Woodland	Bob Ashford
Reed-Warbler	1 First Migrant	04-Sep	Purrah Bay, Lake Illawarra	Reedbeds	Martin Cocker
Reed-Warbler	1	07-Sep	Killalea Lagoon	Rural	Graham Barwell
Bassian Thrush	1	13-Aug	Bellawongarah	Rainforest/paddocks	Bob Ashford
Common Blackbird	1	08-Sep	Bellawongarah	Rainforest/paddocks	Bob Ashford
Beautiful Firetail	1	25-Sep	Florence Head Morton NP	Heath/Woodland	Bob Ashford

Thanks again for all your records. Keep them coming in!! Note that our web master Chris Cartledge, places these records on our web page so don't forget that this resource is available at www.iboc.org.au.