

Australia Trip Report – 22nd July to 18th August 2002

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Itinerary

- 26th July 02 IF arrived at 0530 and was met at Sydney Airport by AJJ. Picked up hire car and went and had breakfast at Les's (our host) house. Drove to Royal National Park and birded around the rangers office and car park before driving to Lady Carrington's Drive and walking along the road there. Back towards Sydney, called in at Cronulla Swamp and then Towra Point NR (both along Captain Cooks Drive). Ended the day at Botany Bay NP, then back to Les's house.
- 27th July 02 Got up early and headed down to Wollongong. Had breakfast in a McDonalds then drove to harbour to meet up with the 'Sandra K', the boat for the pelagic. Out at sea from 0700-1800. Back to Les's house for the night.
- 28th July 02 Drove to Sydney Airport for 1100hrs flight to Melbourne. Arrived in Melbourne at 1210hrs and picked up car and drove to Edithvale Wetlands. Had a couple of hours there and then headed off to Phillip Island. Checked in at Hollydene Motel then went to Summerland Bay for the Penguin Parade. Evening meal at Cowes.
- 29th July 02 Birded Phillip Island till mid-late afternoon. Started at Rhyll Inlet and walked from Conservation Hill to the Inlet and back again. From there headed for the Nobbies via Cats Bay and then onto Swan Lake. Headed back along Watts Rd to Berry Beach and finally onto Newhaven. Drove back to Melbourne with a couple of stops en route and down to Werribee to find a motel.
- 30th July 02 Left motel and drove (via a detour!) to meet Andy Silcocks at the entrance to Werribee Sewage Farm. Spent the day going round the sewage farm with Andy ending the day walking along the Spit looking for Orange-bellied Parrots (without any luck – an interesting walk though!). Drove down to Torquay for the night.
- 31st July 02 Left motel before first light and drove along the Great Ocean Rd to Pt. Addis car park. Drove along the Gt. Ocean Rd, birding at Aireys Inlet, Cape Otway, 12 Apostles, Port Campbell, Peterborough (where we met Chris Tzaros who took us to Bay of Islands Coastal Park) and finally onto Port Fairy for a brief seawatch then found a motel for night.
- 1st August 02 Dawn sea watch at headland car park, then headed towards Rainbow. Traveled through the Grampians NP via Peshurst, Dunkeld, and birded several sites along the way. Had lunch at Halls Gap where birded around town, then on to Zumsteins, Horsham, Dimboola, Jeparit (where we had a quick look at the lake) and finally onto Rainbow where we had pre-booked our motel.
- 2nd August 02 Up early and headed to Wyperfeld NP. Drove around the Eastern Lookout Drive to the Malleefowl mound and birded the Malleefowl Walk, before finishing the drive. Spent some time around the campsite then re drove the Eastern Lookout Drive and birded along the Lowan Track (where a second Malleefowl mound is arrowed). Left Wyperfeld in late afternoon, and made good progress along the road towards Deniliquin. Drove through Hopetoun, Birchip, Wycheproof and ended up by the lakes at Boort where we checked into the motel by the lakes.

- 3rd August 02 Birded around the lakes for a couple of hours then continued our progress towards Deniliquin. From Boort we drove through Durham Ox and Echuca (where we spent some time in the small park). Drove up through the rain and birded Gulpa SF before heading to the pre-booked Peppin Motor Lodge at Deniliquin.
- 4th August 02 Up at 0615 and picked up by Philip Maher for a days birding around Deniliquin and eventually out spotlighting for Plains-wanderer. Night back at Peppin Motor Lodge.
- 5th August 02 Checked out of Motel and had a last look at Gulpa SF. Drove back into Victoria and headed down towards Melbourne. Birded Crosbie SF and Mt. Ida. Eventually ended up at Brisbane Ranges NP and walked the Anakie Gorge trail looking for Koala. Night at Bulla as we couldn't find a motel near the airport.
- 6th August 02 Arrived in the airport in good time and made the earlier flight to Brisbane. Picked up hire car and drove to Brisbane Botanical gardens and Mt. Coot-tha where we birded the JC Slaughter Falls trail. Drove to Surfers Paradise in mid afternoon and birded the spit till dusk. Drove to Burleigh Heads to find a motel.
- 7th August 02 Birded Burleigh Heads NP in am before starting to drive to O'Reilly's. Along the way birded Mt. Nathan Fish Farm and the ford at the road junction. Well worth an hour as several new species seen. Arrived at O'Reilly's (via Claigirada & Canungra) at 1330 (first bird seen was male Regent Bowerbird!). Checked in and then walked along the Border Track to the Tree Top Walk. Went on the Greater Glider tip after the evening meal along Duck Creek Road.
- 8th August 02 All day at O'Reilly's. Went on the early morning 'meet the locals' walk, and after breakfast birded the Border Track to Elabana falls, and back along the Border Track to the fork with Pensioners Track then back to the guesthouse. In afternoon walked to Mick's Tower and did the circuit past the Wishing Tree and along the road back to the guesthouse. Went spotlighting around the guesthouse after the evening meal.
- 9th August 02 Up early and walked along the Border Track to the fork with the Elabana Falls track. After checking out, followed Tom O'Reilly's tip and birded the Duck Creek Road as far as Tutt's Gully. Following more local info birded a private road (prior permission from O'Reilly's) and then drove to 15km from the guesthouse and found the Bell Miner colony! However seeing these birds is not easy! From there we drove to the Canungra Valley Winery where good views of Platypus. Drove to the outskirts of Brisbane and had the last hour or so of daylight at Sherwood Park. Drove towards the airport and unfortunately had a minor accident with the car! Eventually got sorted out and was taken to a motel near the airport.
- 10th August 02 The pre-arranged Taxi arrived slightly early and we arrived at the airport in plenty of time to sort the car out! Arrived at Cairns in coolish weather and picked up our last car. Drove to Cairns Botanical gardens and birded Centenary Lakes for a couple of hours before the long drive down to Townsville. Finding a motel was hard work in Townsville!
- 11th August 02 Birded the Townsville Common Environmental Park for most of morning. Unfortunately the waterbird spectacle was absent, as was virtually all of the water! The ponds were bone dry and the only water was a small area in front of a raised tower near the Forest Track. The area around the entrance gate is worth spending some time as several new Honeyeaters were seen. From the Common we then birded the Cape Pallarenda area. A fortuitous stop talking to some locals secured a couple of new species! Then it was time to

leave and head towards Mission Beach. On the way we detoured to Paluma where we had lunch at the Ivy Cottage Tea Rooms – has to be done! Good views of all the specialties and the owner pointed us in the direction of a Golden Bowerbird bower. Then on to Mission Beach where we found digs in Wongaling Beach.

- 12th August 02 First stop Licuala SF, where we were walking the track by 0710. The rain didn't help but plenty of sign of Cassowaries. New birds all way along trail and only in the last 200m of the return we saw a Cassowary + young crossing the road 20m from the car! Had a quick look at Bramston Beach and then onto Eubenangee Swamp. Worth climbing to the top of the grassy hill for the views over the lake (which in itself was the best place to bird the lakes from). After a couple of hours there we drove the 100+km to Malanda where we checked into a motel and headed to Broomfield Crater for the evening flight of Cranes etc.
- 13th August 02 Out early as there is meant to be Platypus in the pond at the bottom of the Motel property! Didn't see any so back for breakfast and then onto Broomfield Crater for another quick look before heading to Mt. Hypipamee NP and birded the Crater area. From there we headed to Hasties Swamp. Along Hasties Swamp road we came across a garden with two amazing flowering bushes – it was Honeyeater city! There were at least five species of Honeyeater in them. Hasties Swamp was good – 1000's of Plumed Whistling-ducks. Headed on towards Mareeba via the Curtain Fig Tree and Lake Eacham – but both very quiet (the tree is worth seeing though). Stopped briefly at the Yungaburra Platypus watch point, but no luck. From there went and had a look at Nardellos Lagoon. From there we drove to Mareeba and did a circuit around some of the roads, with brief stops at Sears Lookout and West Barron Street. Ended the day at Tinaroo Creek Rd (as per T & T). Motel in Mareeba.
- 14th August 02 Back at Tinaroo Creek Rd shortly after first light, (checked the Squatter Pigeon and Black-faced Finch areas in T & T) nothing much so drove towards Mt. Malloy. Stopped for an hour or so at Pickford Rd (in T & T). From there we headed for Big Mitchell Creek for White-browed Robin, and then onto Lake Mitchell, where views of birds were distant from the roadside (and the heat haze didn't help). Next stop was the Mt. Carbine Rd. Birded the lake area near Wolfram Mine for a couple of hours and then had a quick look at the Mary Creek Rd area – worth checking the power lines for Red-backed Kingfisher. Had a quick look at Abattoir Swamp and then checked in at Kingfisher Park (Julatten). Rest of the afternoon was spent walking round the grounds. Went on the spotlighting walk with Carol and Andrew Iles (the resident guides at the park) after dark.
- 15th August 02 Took up Carols offer of her guiding services for the morning and ventured up the Mt. Lewis road. Well worth the fee as several new species were seen and heard. On gen received from Andrew we went back to a different part of Lake Mitchell, saw c6 new species for the trip including Radjah Shelduck. Then headed up to Daintree, stopping off briefly again at Abattoir Swamp and at Newell beach (where no Beach Stone-curlew). Arrived at Daintree and after checking in to Red Mill House had a walk along the road, which didn't produced much.
- 16th August 02 Up early for Chris Dahlberg's Daintree River Cruise. It was teeming down with rain, but several new species were seen (also Estuarine Crocodile). After drying out and having breakfast at Red Mill House left to go south, stopping off at Newell beach again, then Yule Point where Beach Stone-curlew was present (and showing extremely well!). Back at Cairns we checked into a Motel near to the airport for two nights and then headed down to Edmonton and the Cairns Crocodile Farm. Almost immediately the target bird was seen (White-browed Crake). Spent about an hour and a half there before heading up to Cairns

Esplanade where several species of wader were present. Also jammed a Pied Imperial Pigeon (which had just started to arrive back in Australia).

17th August 02 Out early, with a quick look for Bush Stone-curlew at Cairns Cemetery. Another look for Mangrove Robin at the north end of the esplanade came up with the goods and a new wader on the beach. Then down to the marina to connect with the MV Seastar 2 for the trip out to Michaelmas Cay and Hastings Reef. A corking trip, with an hour on the Cay with the seabirds, then out to the reef snorkeling for a couple of hours. A good day out.

18th August 02 On way back to airport called in at Centenary Lakes and the Flecker Botanical Gardens and finally had a quick walk along the Mangrove Boardwalk by the airport. Checked in and took off on time (1240).

The sites

The following is a list of the main birding sites that we visited with a list of species seen. This will hopefully give potential visitors an idea of what species can be seen at a given location in a given month. H = heard only. T & T = Thomas & Thomas.

New South Wales.

Royal National Park (inc Lady Carrington's Drive) – 26th July.

A eucalypt forest National Park with a slow moving river running through, just to the south of Sydney. Well worth spending some time at. Three sites are covered in T & T, the most popular being Lady Carrington's Drive. We birded the area around the visitor's center then onto Lady Carrington's Drive and walked along the road.

Australian Wood Duck, Pacific Black Duck, Chestnut Teal, Hardhead, Australasian Grebe, Hoary-headed Grebe, Little Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, Great Cormorant, Dusky Moorhen, Eurasian Coot, Silver Gull, **Topknot Pigeon**, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Rainbow Lorikeet, Crimson Rosella, Eastern Rosella, Red-rumped Parrot, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, **Azure Kingfisher**, Laughing Kookaburra, **Superb Lyrebird (H)**, White-throated Treecreeper, Superb Fairy-wren, Spotted Pardalote, **Yellow-throated Scrubwren**, White-browed Scrubwren, Brown Gerygone, Brown Thornbill, Lewin's Honeyeater, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, White-naped Honeyeater, Eastern Spinebill, **Rose Robin**, Eastern Yellow Robin, Eastern Whipbird, Varied Sitella, Golden Whistler, Grey Fantail, Willie Wagtail, Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike, Australian Magpie, Pied Currawong, Australian Raven, Satin Bowerbird, Red-browed Finch, Silveryeye.

Towra Point Nature Reserve – 26th July.

A mangrove & estuary nature reserve off Captain Cooks Drive (just along from Cronulla Swamp in T & T).

Chestnut Teal, Little Pied Cormorant, Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, White-faced Heron, Royal Spoonbill, Australian White Ibis, Black-shouldered Kite, Brown Goshawk, Eastern Curlew, Pied Oystercatcher, Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike, Australian Magpie, Welcome Swallow, Red-whiskered Bulbul, Silveryeye.

Botany Bay (Silver Beach) – 26th July.

At the end of Captain Cooks Drive, you eventually meet the estuary. We birded a small area of parkland just to the south of the habited area.

Australasian Gannet, White-faced Heron, Pied Oystercatcher, Crested Tern, Spotted Turtle-Dove, Crested Pigeon, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Rainbow Lorikeet, **Musk Lorikeet**, Crimson Rosella, Eastern Rosella, Red Wattlebird, Little Wattlebird, Noisy Miner, Willie Wagtail, Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike, Pied Currawong, House Sparrow, Common Starling,

Pelagic from Wollongong (inc harbour) – 27th July.

A day out well worth the price (AUS\$65)! Views of most of the seabirds were down to a few meters from the back of the boat. Wollongong harbour is at the northern end of Wollongong, which is itself about an hours drive south of Sydney.

Australian Wood Duck, **Little Penguin**, **Southern Giant Petrel**, **Cape Petrel**, **Great-winged Petrel**, **White-headed Petrel**, **Providence Petrel**, **Fairy Prion**, **Fluttering Shearwater**, **Wandering Albatross**, **Black-browed Albatross** (2 races), **Shy Albatross** (2 races), **Yellow-nosed Albatross**, Australasian Gannet, Australian Pelican, Sooty Oystercatcher, **Great (Brown) Skua**, **Kelp Gull**, Silver Gull, Crested Tern, **White-fronted Tern**, Rainbow Lorikeet, Common Myna.

Day out with Phil Maher – 4th August.

An experience not to be missed! Phil picks you up and takes you to a wide range of sites and habitats, rounding of the day spotlighting for Plains-wanderer. A huge area is covered around Deniliquin.

Emu, **Stubble Quail**, **Freckled Duck**, Black Swan, Australian Wood Duck, Pacific Black Duck, Australasian Shoveler, Grey Teal, Chestnut Teal, Pink-eared Duck, Hardhead, Australasian Grebe, Hoary-headed Grebe, Darter, Little Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, Great Cormorant, Australian Pelican, White-faced Heron, White-necked Heron, Great Egret, **Australasian Bittern**, Australian White Ibis, Straw-necked Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, Yellow-billed Spoonbill, Black-shouldered Kite, Black Kite, Whistling Kite, Swamp Harrier, Collared Sparrowhawk, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Brown Falcon, Australian Hobby, **Black Falcon**, Nankeen Kestrel, **Australian Spotted Crake**, **Spotless Crake**, Purple Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Eurasian Coot, Black-tailed Native-hen, **Plains-wanderer**, Black-winged Stilt, **Inland Dotterel**, Black-fronted Dotterel, Red-kneed Dotterel, **Banded Lapwing**, Masked Lapwing, Rock Dove, Crested Pigeon, Galah, Long-billed Corella, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, **Cockatiel**, Yellow Rosella, Eastern Rosella, Blue Bonnet, Red-rumped Parrot, **Budgerigar**, Pallid Cuckoo, **Tawny Frogmouth**, Australian Owlet-nightjar (H), Laughing Kookaburra, White-throated Treecreeper, Superb Fairy-wren, **White-winged Fairy-wren**, Spotted Pardalote, Striated Pardalote, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Yellow Thornbill, Striated Thornbill, Red Wattlebird, **Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater**, **Striped Honeyeater**, **Little Friarbird**, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Noisy Miner, Singing Honeyeater, White-plumed Honeyeater, **White-fronted Honeyeater**, White-fronted Chat, Red-capped Robin, Grey-crowned Babbler, Grey Shrike-thrush, Magpie-lark, Grey Fantail, Willie Wagtail, Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike, Grey Butcherbird, Pied Butcherbird, Australian Magpie, Pied Currawong, Australian Raven, Little Raven, White-winged Chough, Australian Pipit, House Sparrow, **Zebra Finch**, Welcome Swallow, Little Grassbird, **Brown Songlark**, Common Blackbird, Common Starling.

Gulpa State Forest – 3rd & 5th August.

Situated along the road from Echuca to Deniliquin on the right hand side. The distance stated in T & T is from the center of Deniliquin.

Australian Wood Duck, Collared Sparrowhawk, Crested Pigeon, **Superb Parrot**, Yellow Rosella, Red-rumped Parrot, White-throated Treecreeper, Brown Treecreeper, Superb Fairy-wren, White-throated Scrubwren, Buff-rumped Thornbill, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Yellow Thornbill, Noisy Miner, White-plumed Honeyeater, Jacky Winter, **Red-capped Robin**, White-browed Babbler, Golden Whistler, Grey Shrike-thrush, Restless Flycatcher, Grey Fantail, Pied Butcherbird, Little Raven, White-winged Chough.

Victoria.

Phillip Island – 28th & 29th July.

A couple of hours drive SE of Melbourne along the Gippsland and Bass Highways. Several sites are worth checking and at the best part of a day can be spent on the island. We arrived the night before and went to the Penguin parade at Summerland Beach. This is Australia's third largest tourist attraction! We birded Rhyll Inlet starting at the Conservation Hill entrance and walked along the track to the Inlet, The Nobbies, Swan Lake, Berry's Beach and the road s leading to the beach and Newhaven. There are several other sites worth looking at if time allows.

Musk Duck, Black Swan, **Cape Barren Goose**, Australian Shelduck, Australian Wood Duck, Pacific Black Duck, Australasian Shoveler, Chestnut Teal, Australasian Grebe, Hoary-headed Grebe, **Little Penguin**, Black-browed Albatross, Australasian Gannet, Little Pied Cormorant, **Black-faced Cormorant**, Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, Great Cormorant, Australian Pelican, White-faced Heron, Great Egret, Cattle Egret, Australian White Ibis, Straw-necked Ibis, Black-shouldered Kite, Swamp Harrier, Brown Goshawk, Brown Falcon, Nankeen Kestrel, Purple Swamphen, Eurasian Coot, **Painted Button-quail**, Eastern Curlew, Pied Oystercatcher, Sooty Oystercatcher, Black-fronted Dotterel, **Hooded Plover**, Masked Lapwing, Pacific Gull, **Kelp Gull**, Silver Gull, Crested Tern, Spotted Turtle-Dove, Galah, Eastern Rosella, Superb Fairy-wren, Spotted Pardalote, White-browed Scrubwren, Brown Thornbill, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Red Wattlebird, Little Wattlebird, White-eared Honeyeater, White-plumed Honeyeater, New Holland Honeyeater, White-fronted Chat, **Flame Robin**,

Eastern Yellow Robin, Grey Shrike-thrush, Grey Fantail, Willie Wagtail, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Australian Magpie, Grey Currawong, Little Raven, Skylark, Red-browed Finch, Welcome Swallow, Common Blackbird, Common Myna

Edithvale Wetlands – 28th July.

This small reserve is about an hours drive S of Melbourne. The gate to the entrance is usually locked, due to a small flock of Eastern Grey Kangaroos in the grounds of the reserve. Good for water birds. Many thanks to Tania Ireton for supplying me with directions; otherwise we may not have found it!

Magpie Goose, **Blue-billed Duck**, Black Swan, Pacific Black Duck, Australasian Shoveler, Grey Teal, Chestnut Teal, Australasian Grebe, Hoary-headed Grebe, Little Pied Cormorant, Australian Pelican, White-faced Heron, Black-shouldered Kite, Purple Swamphen, Eurasian Coot, Black-winged Stilt, Pacific Gull, Silver Gull, Spotted Turtle-Dove, Lorikeet sp., Superb Fairy-wren, Red Wattlebird, Little Wattlebird, White-plumed Honeyeater, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, **European Greenfinch**, European Goldfinch, Welcome Swallow, Golden-headed Cisticola, Common Blackbird, Common Starling, Common Myna

Werribee Sewage Farm – 30th July.

This place is huge! It can only be visited if you know somebody with a permit. Many thanks to Andy Silcocks for taking a day off work and showing us around. There are many habitats, from estuaries, ponds, marshy bits and scrub to the sea and a shingle spit and we spent a whole day there.

Blue-billed Duck, Musk Duck, **Freckled Duck**, Black Swan, Australian Shelduck, Australian Wood Duck, Pacific Black Duck, Australasian Shoveler, Grey Teal, Chestnut Teal, **Pink-eared Duck**, Hardhead, Hoary-headed Grebe, Australasian Gannet, Little Pied Cormorant, Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, Great Cormorant, Australian Pelican, White-faced Heron, Great Egret, Australian White Ibis, Straw-necked Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, Yellow-billed Spoonbill, Black-shouldered Kite, Whistling Kite, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Swamp Harrier, Brown Goshawk, Collared Sparrowhawk, Brown Falcon, Nankeen Kestrel, **Lewin's Rail**, **Australian Spotted Crane**, Purple Swamphen, Black-tailed Native-hen, Common Greenshank, Red Knot, Red-necked Stint, Curlew Sandpiper, Pied Oystercatcher, Black-winged Stilt, **Banded Stilt**, Red-necked Avocet, Red-capped Plover, Double-banded Plover, Red-kneed Dotterel, Masked Lapwing, Pacific Gull, Silver Gull, Crested Tern, **Fairy Tern**, **Whiskered Tern**, **White-winged Black Tern**, Galah, **Blue-winged Parrot**, Horsfield's Bronzecuckoo, Superb Fairy-wren, White-browed Scrubwren, **Striated Fieldwren**, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, White-fronted Chat, Magpie-lark, Willie Wagtail, Australian Magpie, Little Raven, Skylark, House Sparrow, Red-browed Finch, European Goldfinch, Welcome Swallow, Tree Martin, Australian Reed Warbler, Little Grassbird, Golden-headed Cisticola, Silvereye, Common Starling.

Airey's Inlet – 31st July.

A few miles down the road from Point Addis, along the Great Ocean Rd. Worth half an hours stop if you miss the Rufous Bristlebirds at Pt. Addis.

Pacific Black Duck, Grey Teal, Chestnut Teal, Black-browed Albatross sp, Shy Albatross sp, Australasian Gannet, Little Pied Cormorant, Great Cormorant, Purple Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Galah, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Crimson Rosella, Laughing Kookaburra, **Rufous Bristlebird**, Red Wattlebird, White-eared Honeyeater, New Holland Honeyeater, Little Raven, Welcome Swallow.

Bay of Islands Coastal Park – 31st July.

Chris Tzaros (whom we bumped into at Peterborough) took us to this site, so am not totally sure where it is!

Australian Shelduck, Hoary-headed Grebe, Black-browed Albatross sp, White-faced Heron, White-necked Heron, Australian White Ibis, Straw-necked Ibis, Yellow-billed Spoonbill, Black-shouldered Kite, Swamp Harrier, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Galah, Singing Honeyeater, White-eared Honeyeater, **Crescent Honeyeater**, New Holland Honeyeater, **Tawny-crowned Honeyeater**, Eastern Spinebill, Golden-headed Cisticola, Silvereye.

Port Fairy – 31st July – 1st August.

Stayed overnight before heading off inland. Good Seawatching can be had from the car park by the two little coastal reserves.

Pacific Black Duck, Hoary-headed Grebe, Great Crested Grebe, **Southern Giant-Petrel**, Shearwater sp (prob Fluttering), Black-browed Albatross sp, Shy Albatross sp, Australasian Gannet, White-faced Heron, Little Egret, Great Egret, Straw-necked Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, **Australian Spotted Crane**, Pied Oystercatcher, Sooty Oystercatcher, Black-winged Stilt, Crested Tern, Galah, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Singing Honeyeater, Little Raven.

Grampian National Park – 1st August.

Magnificent scenery, but fairly quiet when we passed through. We birded the freshwater lake near Bryons Swamp in the southern part of the park and had a quick look around Halls Gap, Bellfield Picnic site and Zumstein.

Emu, Black Swan, Australian Shelduck, Australian Wood Duck, Australasian Shoveler, Grey Teal, Hardhead, Hoary-headed Grebe, Little Pied Cormorant, White-faced Heron, White-necked Heron, Black-shouldered Kite, Brown Falcon, Nankeen Kestrel, Purple Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Eurasian Coot, Red-kneed Dotterel, Masked Lapwing, **Long-billed Corella**, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Crimson Rosella, Red-rumped Parrot, Laughing Kookaburra, White-throated Treecreeper, Superb Fairy-wren, Striated Pardalote, White-browed Scrubwren, Brown Thornbill, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, White-plumed Honeyeater, White-naped Honeyeater, New Holland Honeyeater, **Scarlet Robin**, Grey Shrike-thrush, Restless Flycatcher, Pied Currawong, Grey Currawong, White-winged Chough, Red-browed Finch.

Wyperfeld National Park – 2nd August.

Our only venture into Mallee habitat. Unfortunately too late/early for Malleefowl to be attending their mounds (two are signposted). We drove the Eastern Lookout drive, stopping regularly and walked the Malleefowl Walk by the first mound. Also had a quick look around the discovery walk and down the Lowan Track.

Emu, Australian Shelduck, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Peaceful Dove, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, **Australian Ringneck**, Red-rumped Parrot, **Mulga Parrot**, Laughing Kookaburra, Brown Treecreeper, **Splendid Fairy-wren**, **Yellow-rumped (Spotted) Pardalote**, **Shy Heathwren**, **Inland Thornbill**, **Chestnut-rumped Thornbill**, Buff-rumped Thornbill, **Slender-billed Thornbill**, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Yellow Thornbill, Red Wattlebird, White-eared Honeyeater, **Yellow-plumed Honeyeater**, White-plumed Honeyeater, White-fronted Chat, Jacky Winter, **Hooded Robin**, White-browed Babbler, **Chestnut Quail-thrush**, **Gilbert's Whistler**, Golden Whistler, Grey Shrike-thrush, Varied Sitella, Pied Currawong, Australian Raven, Australian Pipit, Welcome Swallow, Tree Martin.

Boort Ponds – 2nd & 3rd August.

A fortuitous find when we were looking for a place to stay. The motel by these ponds was closing down the following week!

Black Swan, Australian Shelduck, Grey Teal, Hoary-headed Grebe, Little Black Cormorant, Australian Pelican, Straw-necked Ibis, Black Kite, Whistling Kite, Swamp Harrier, Purple Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Black-tailed Native-hen, Eurasian Coot, Silver Gull, Crested Pigeon, Eastern Rosella, Red-rumped Parrot, Brown Treecreeper, Superb Fairy-wren, Striated Pardalote, Noisy Miner, White-plumed Honeyeater, White-browed Babbler.

Crosbie State Forest – 5th August.

Phil Maher told us about this site as a place to look at on the way down to Melbourne.

Eastern Rosella, Laughing Kookaburra, Brown Treecreeper, Buff-rumped Thornbill, Yellow Thornbill, Striated Thornbill, Yellow-tufted Honeyeater, **Fuscous Honeyeater**, White-plumed Honeyeater, **Brown-headed Honeyeater**, Crested Shrike-tit (H), Grey Fantail, White-winged Chough, Silvereeye.

Mt. Ida – 5th August.

Another place Phil Maher told us about. Fairly quiet until we hit on a flock of birds on the way back down the mountain.

Laughing Kookaburra, White-throated Treecreeper, **Speckled Warbler**, Buff-rumped Thornbill, Striated Thornbill, Eastern Spinebill, Grey Shrike-thrush, Restless Flycatcher, Grey Currawong, White-winged Chough, Red-browed Finch.

Brisbane Ranges National Park – 5th August.

This was a bit out of our way, (we were on our way back to Melbourne Airport) but it was really to look for Koala (which we found one)!

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Crimson Rosella, Laughing Kookaburra, White-throated Treecreeper, Brown Treecreeper, Superb Fairy-wren, White-browed Scrubwren, Striated Thornbill, Red Wattlebird, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, White-eared Honeyeater, Yellow-tufted Honeyeater, White-naped Honeyeater, Eastern Yellow Robin, Grey Shrike-thrush.

Queensland.

Brisbane Botanical Gardens – 6th August.

A typical Botanical Gardens with ponds and exotic trees. Situated just west of Brisbane, a good place to get used to a new set of birds.

Australian Brush-turkey, Black Swan, Australian Wood Duck, Pacific Black Duck, Hardhead, Australasian Grebe, Little Pied Cormorant, Australian White Ibis, Straw-necked Ibis, Dusky Moorhen, Crested Pigeon, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Rainbow Lorikeet, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Noisy Miner, Magpie-lark, Willie Wagtail, Olive-backed Oriole, Australian Raven, Torresian Crow.

Mt. Coot-tha NP (JC Slaughter Falls) – 6th August.

Just along the road from the Brisbane Botanical Gardens. We spent a couple of hours walking the track along to JC Slaughter Falls.

Australian Brush-turkey, Laughing Kookaburra, Striated Pardalote, Noisy Miner, Lewin's Honeyeater, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, **Scarlet Honeyeater**, Eastern Whipbird, Golden Whistler, Rufous Whistler, Grey Fantail, Grey Butcherbird, Pied Currawong, Silvereye.

Burleigh Heads National Park – 7th August.

A small reserve that is popular with early morning walkers. It pays to get there early if you don't want be told "have you seen the bright green & orange birds special to this area" or "you should have been here yesterday there was one just here!" when you haven't! However patience will usually provide a Noisy Pitta (or three in our case!).

Australian Brush-turkey, Little Black Cormorant, Australian White Ibis, Osprey, Black-shouldered Kite, Brahminy Kite, Silver Gull, Spotted Turtle-Dove, Rainbow Lorikeet, Australian King-Parrot, Eastern Rosella, Pale-headed Rosella, **Noisy Pitta**, Large-billed Scrubwren, Striated Thornbill, Lewin's Honeyeater, **Olive Whistler**, Golden Whistler, Grey Fantail, Spangled Drongo, Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike, Varied Triller, Figbird, Pied Currawong, Welcome Swallow, Silvereye.

Mt. Nathan Fish Farm & ford area – 7th August.

Following in the footsteps of John Day et al from his trip in 96 (?), we birded this place on the way to O'Reilly's Guesthouse. Worth stopping for half an hour.

Hardhead, Cattle Egret, Straw-necked Ibis, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Masked Lapwing, Spotted Turtle-Dove, Galah, Rainbow Lorikeet, Laughing Kookaburra, Superb Fairy-wren, White-browed Scrubwren, Striated Thornbill, Noisy Miner, Lewin's Honeyeater, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, White-throated Honeyeater, Brown Honeyeater, Golden Whistler, Rufous Whistler, Little Shrike-thrush, Magpie-lark, Grey Fantail, Willie Wagtail, Figbird, Torresian Crow, Double-barred Finch, Red-browed Finch, **Chestnut-breasted Mannikin**, Welcome Swallow, Fairy Martin.

O'Reilly's in Lamington National Park (includes all sites in area) – 7th-9th August.

We stayed here for two nights. It was more expensive than expected, but the food was excellent and the two evening spotlighting trips were worthwhile in getting the critter list up. Could be done on a day trip from Canungra (but a very early start would be needed) or perhaps best to stay one night or stay at the campsite. However the information received and permission gained to bird areas usually private to the Guesthouses trips was worth it. We birded the Border track (detouring to Elabana Falls) as far as the junction with Pensioners track. Also birded The Mick's Tower/Wishing tree track, and, on our way back to Brisbane we got permission to bird some areas off Duck Creek Rd (where we went as far as Tutt's Gully) which got us about four-five species seen nowhere else.

Australian Brush-turkey, Collared Sparrowhawk, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Masked Lapwing, **White-Headed Pigeon (H)**, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, **Wonga Pigeon**, Topknot Pigeon, **Glossy Black Cockatoo**, **Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo**, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Australian King-Parrot, Crimson Rosella, **Southern Boobook**, **Australian Owlet-nightjar**, Laughing Kookaburra, **Albert's Lyrebird**, **Red-browed Treecreeper**, Superb Fairy-wren, **Variiegated Fairy-wren**, Red-backed Fairy-wren, **Yellow-throated Scrubwren**, White-browed Scrubwren, Large-billed Scrubwren, Brown Gerygone, Striated Thornbill, Noisy Miner, Lewin's Honeyeater, Eastern Spinebill, **Rose Robin**, Eastern Yellow Robin, **Logrunner**, Eastern Whipbird, Golden Whistler, Grey Shrike-thrush, Varied Sitella, Grey Fantail, Grey Butcherbird, Australian Magpie, Pied Currawong, **Paradise Riflebird**, Torresian Crow, **Green Catbird**, **Regent Bowerbird**, Satin Bowerbird, Welcome Swallow, **Bassian Thrush**.

Sherwood Park – 9th August.

A small park near to Brisbane where we spent the last hours of daylight.

Australian Wood Duck, Pacific Black Duck, Hardhead, Australasian Grebe, Little Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, Cattle Egret, Australian White Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, Purple Swamphen, Eurasian Coot, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Brown Honeyeater, White-breasted Woodswallow, Welcome Swallow, Common Starling, Common Myna.

Centenary Lakes – 10th & 18th August.

Near to Cairns Airport an excellent birding stop before heading south. We spent a couple of hours here on 10th and again on 18th before heading back to the Airport.

Australian Brush-turkey, Orange-footed Scrubfowl, Magpie Goose, Pacific Black Duck, Darter, Little Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, Australian Pelican, Little Egret, Great Egret, Intermediate Egret, Striated Heron, Australian White Ibis, Straw-necked Ibis, Black Kite, Brahminy Kite, Australian Hobby, Common Sandpiper, Masked Lapwing, Spotted Turtle-Dove, Peaceful Dove, Rainbow Lorikeet, **Double-eyed Fig-Parrot**, White-rumped Swiftlet, Little Kingfisher, Laughing Kookaburra, Forest Kingfisher, **Noisy Pitta**, **Large-billed Gerygone**, Graceful Honeyeater, Yellow Honeyeater, Brown Honeyeater, Dusky Honeyeater, **Spectacled Monarch**, Magpie-lark, Willie Wagtail, Spangled Drongo, White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike, Varied Triller, **Yellow Oriole**, Figbird, White-breasted Woodswallow, **Black Butcherbird**, House Sparrow, Nutmeg Mannikin, Yellow-bellied Sunbird, Welcome Swallow, Metallic Starling, Common Myna.

Flecker Botanical Gardens – 18th August.

Across the road from Centenary Lakes. Not as good as the lakes but worth a wander round.

Orange-footed Scrubfowl, **Double-eyed Fig-Parrot**, White-rumped Swiftlet, Rainbow Bee-eater, Helmeted Friarbird, **Yellow Oriole**.

Townsville Common Environmental Park – 11th August.

A huge area just to the north of Townsville. Usually holds many water birds but, unfortunately, it was very dry when we were there. Did a bushland loop walk which provided a few birds and eventually found some water by the tower hide. Worth remembering to scan the surrounding area for Bustards etc. The main pond areas were totally dry, so we headed off and birded around the entrance which produced several species of Honeyeater.

Australian Brush-turkey, Pacific Black Duck, Little Black Cormorant, Australian Pelican, White-faced Heron, Little Egret, White-necked Heron, Great Egret, Glossy Ibis, Straw-necked Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, Yellow-billed Spoonbill, Black-shouldered Kite, Black Kite, Whistling Kite, Brahminy Kite, Swamp Harrier, Brown Goshawk, Brown Falcon, Nankeen Kestrel, Brolga, **Australian Bustard**, Black-winged Stilt, Black-fronted Dotterel, Masked Lapwing, Peaceful Dove, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Rainbow Lorikeet, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, **Pheasant Coucal**, Blue-winged Kookaburra, Forest Kingfisher, Rainbow Bee-eater, Red-backed Fairy-wren, Yellow Honeyeater, White-throated Honeyeater, Brown Honeyeater, **Brown-backed Honeyeater**, **Rufous-throated Honeyeater**, Leaden Flycatcher, Leaden/Satin Flycatcher, Grey Fantail, Spangled Drongo, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike, White-winged Triller, Varied Triller, Olive-backed Oriole, White-breasted Woodswallow, Torresian Crow, Nutmeg Mannikin, Yellow-bellied Sunbird, Fairy Martin, Tawny Grassbird, Silvereye.

Cape Pallarenda area – 11th August.

Just 'around the corner' from the entrance to Townsville Common, we birded the car park at the end of the road by the research station and did a short walk around the headland.

Australian Brush-turkey, Darter, Black Kite, Brahminy Kite, Nankeen Kestrel, Silver Gull, Rainbow Lorikeet, Blue-winged Kookaburra, Rainbow Bee-eater, Helmeted Friarbird, Brown Honeyeater, Dusky Honeyeater, Leaden/Satin, Flycatcher, **Satin Flycatcher**, Spangled Drongo, Varied Triller, Figbird, Torresian Crow, **Great Bowerbird**, Yellow-bellied Sunbird.

Ivy Tea Cottage and Birthday Creeks Falls – Paluma – 11th August.

A good place for a lunch stop! A good place for photography as the birds come to share your food! The proprietor gave us directions to a Golden Bowerbird bower and would no doubt have pointed us in the direction of other good birds had time allowed.

Topknot Pigeon, **Macleay's Honeyeater**, **White-cheeked Honeyeater**, Eastern Spinebill, Grey-headed Robin, Chowchilla, Bower's/Little Shrike-thrush, Pied Currawong, **Victoria's Riflebird**, Spotted Catbird, Golden Bowerbird (bower only).

Licuala State Forest – Mission Beach – 12th August.

Probably *the* place in Australia to look for Southern Cassowary. We walked the walking track in heavy rain for c4 hours and eventually saw one crossing the road c100yds from the car! An evening visit may be better than an early morning one, as a French birder we met said he saw plenty the evening before! If no luck here then try the boat ramp at South Mission Beach.

Southern Cassowary, Orange-footed Scrubfowl, Pacific Baza, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Emerald Dove, **Noisy Pitta**, Large-billed Scrubwren, Yellow-spotted Honeyeater, Pale-yellow Robin, Grey Whistler, Little Shrike-thrush?, **Spectacled Monarch**, Rufous Fantail, Spotted Catbird, Mistletoebird, Metallic Starling.

Eubenangee Swamp National Park – 12th August.

About 20km north of Innisfail, this is a wetland reserve with a small amount of woodland. Once out of the wooded bit there is a track that leads to a grassy hill. This is the best place to scan the ponds from. Good for waterfowl.

Magpie Goose, **Green Pygmy-goose**, Pacific Black Duck, Hardhead, Hoary-headed Grebe, Darter, Little Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, Australian Pelican, Great Egret, Royal Spoonbill, Yellow-billed Spoonbill, **Black-necked Stork**, Black Kite, Nankeen Kestrel, Purple Swamphen, Eurasian Coot, Comb-crested Jacana, White-rumped Swiflet, Laughing Kookaburra, Forest Kingfisher, Rainbow Bee-eater, Large-billed Scrubwren, **Large-billed Gerygone**, Leaden Flycatcher, Rufous Fantail, Grey Fantail, White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike, **Crimson Finch**, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin, Tree Martin, Tawny Grassbird.

Broomfield Crater – 12th & 13th August.

Situated about 6km between Malandra and Mt. Hypipamee National Park. There is a parking area that overlooks the crater (which is a disused volcano crater). Best to be there for dusk to see the Cranes arrive to roost from the surrounding area.

Magpie Goose, Australian Wood Duck, Pacific Black Duck, Grey Teal, Australian White Ibis, Black-shouldered Kite, Whistling Kite, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, **Sarus Crane**, Brolga, Purple Swamphen, Masked Lapwing, Rainbow Lorikeet, Eastern Whipbird, Torresian Crow.

Mt. Hypipamee NP – The Crater – 13th August.

We birded the car park as well as the short trail to the “Crater” and back around by the waterfall. Probably best to get here in the early morning before all the tourists arrive.

Orange-footed Scrubfowl, Grey Goshawk, White-throated Treecreeper, Yellow-throated Scrubwren, **Atherton Scrubwren**, Large-billed Scrubwren, **Mountain Thornbill**, Lewin's Honeyeater, Yellow-spotted Honeyeater, Grey-headed Robin, Eastern Whipbird, Bower's Shrike-thrush, Grey Fantail, Victoria's Riflebird, Spotted Catbird, **Golden Bowerbird**.

Hasties Rd/Swamp area – 13th August.

We birded a garden along Hasties Swamp Rd as it was in flower and was full of Honeyeaters (five species)! The lake at Hasties Swamp (called the Nyeta Wetland) was good for waterbirds especially Plumed Whistling Duck. A two tear hide gives good views over the lake.

Plumed Whistling Duck, Pacific Black Duck, Grey Teal, Pink-eared Duck, Hardhead, Australasian Grebe, Darter, Intermediate Egret, Cattle Egret, Australian White Ibis, Straw-necked Ibis, Yellow-billed Spoonbill, Black-shouldered Kite, Whistling Kite, Brown Falcon, Purple Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Eurasian Coot, Black-winged Stilt, Masked Lapwing, Laughing Kookaburra, Forest Kingfisher, Rainbow Bee-eater, Red-backed Fairy-wren, Lewin's Honeyeater, Bridled Honeyeater, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Brown Honeyeater, White-cheeked Honeyeater, Dusky Honeyeater, Australian Reed Warbler, Silvereye.

Tinaroo Creek Road – 13th & 14th August.

We looked at this site because of the birds to be seen as stated in T & T. Unfortunately we were there at the wrong time of year for some (Black Bittern) and the others weren't to be found (Squatter Pigeon, Black-throated Finch etc).

Black Kite, Sarus Crane, Pale-headed Rosella.

Pickford Road – 14th August.

Again a site mentioned in T & T. The ford area that we birded is about 2km from the main road and is worth half an hour as it produced some nice birds. The rice fields are now sugar cane, so the area is no good for

Whistling Kite, Peaceful Dove, Horsfield's Bronze-cuckoo, Blue-winged Kookaburra, Rainbow Bee-eater, Red-backed Fairy-wren, **Red-browed Pardalote**, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Yellow Honeyeater, Satin Flycatcher, Grey Fantail, White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike, Double-barred Finch, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin, Australian Reed Warbler, Tawny Grassbird, Golden-headed Cisticola.

Big Mitchell Creek – 14th August.

A place we stopped off at on our way to Kingfisher Park. It's just before Lake Mitchell. Park just before the bridge and get down into the dry river bed and we found one or two birds within a short distance.

Brown Honeyeater, **White-browed Robin**.

Lake Mitchell – 14th & 15th August.

A huge lake! Unfortunately a heat haze made viewing from the road difficult on 14th. After info from Andrew Iles (of Kingfisher Lodge) we drove along a track through a wooden gate on the south side of the lake and birded the southern lake from the causeway. Do not go past the gate at the other end of the causeway though as it is private land.

Black Swan, **Radjah Shelduck**, Australian Wood Duck, **Cotton Pygmy-goose**, Green Pygmy-goose, Pacific Black Duck, Grey Teal, Pink-eared Duck, Hardhead, Australasian Grebe, Darter, Little Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, Australian Pelican, White-faced Heron, White-necked Heron, Great Egret, Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis, Straw-necked Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, Whistling Kite, Nankeen Kestrel, Marsh Sandpiper, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Comb-crested Jacana, Black-winged Stilt, Red-kneed Dotterel, Masked Lapwing, Caspian Tern, Whiskered Tern, Crested Shrike-tit (H), Double-barred Finch.

Mt. Carbine lake and area – 14th August.

We spent a couple of hours wandering around the lake edge, birding the Eucalypt forest. Worth checking the power lines on the way up and down from the lake as Red-backed Kingfishers can be seen.

Wandering Whistling-Duck, Green Pygmy-goose, Pacific Black Duck, Pink-eared Duck, Hardhead, Great Crested Grebe, Little Pied Cormorant, Australian Pelican, White-necked Heron, Great Egret, Intermediate Egret, Royal Spoonbill, Black Kite, Whistling Kite, Eurasian Coot, Common Greenshank, Comb-crested Jacana, Black-winged Stilt, Rainbow Lorikeet, White-rumped Swiftlet, Blue-winged Kookaburra, **Red-backed Kingfisher**, Sacred Kingfisher, Helmeted Friarbird, Blue-faced Honeyeater, White-throated Honeyeater, Brown Honeyeater, Grey-crowned Babbler, Crested Shrike-tit (H), Spangled Drongo, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Pied Butcherbird, Torresian Crow, **Great Bowerbird**, Australian Reed Warbler.

Abattoir Swamp – 14th & 15th August.

Called in twice as we were going past. A small pond with a boardwalk leading to a hide. The only place where we saw Northern Fantail and Square-tailed Kite. Worth a quick look.

Pacific Black Duck, Australasian Grebe, Darter, White-faced Heron, White-necked Heron, **Square-tailed Kite**, Masked Lapwing, Grey Fantail, **Northern Fantail**.

Kingfisher Park – 14th & 15th August.

A cracking place. Wish we had spent more time in this area. The park would make a good base from which to explore the area. Went on the guided night walk with Carol and Andrew Iles and took up Carol's offer of guiding up Mt. Lewis the following morning. As we had no food, we had our evening meal in the pub five minutes down the road. The barman/owner was a character!

Orange-footed Scrubfowl, Pacific Baza, Brahminy Kite, Bush Stone-curlew, Emerald Dove, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Rainbow Lorikeet, Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, Pale-headed Rosella, **Lesser Sooty Owl**, **Barn Owl**, **Papuan Frogmouth**, Laughing Kookaburra, Forest Kingfisher, Rainbow Bee-eater, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Macleay's Honeyeater, Lewin's Honeyeater, Yellow-spotted Honeyeater, Graceful Honeyeater, Bridled Honeyeater, Dusky Honeyeater, Scarlet Honeyeater, **Lemon-bellied Flycatcher**, Pale-yellow Robin, Grey-headed Robin, Little Shrike-thrush, Spectacled Monarch, Rufous Fantail, Grey Fantail, Varied Triller, Figbird, Red-browed Finch, Yellow-bellied Sunbird, Silveryeye.

Mt. Lewis – 15th August.

Spent all morning birding with Carol Iles (a professional guide). Money well spent as several species not seen elsewhere were found. Unfortunately the pigeons weren't playing ball and we only heard the species we wanted to see.

Pacific Baza, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, **Wompoo Fruit-Dove (H)**, **Superb Fruit-Dove (H)**, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, **Double-eyed Fig-Parrot**, Forest Kingfisher, **White-throated Treecreeper**, **Lovely Fairy-wren (H)**, **Fernwren**, Yellow-throated Scrubwren, Atherton Scrubwren, Brown Gerygone, Bridled Honeyeater, White-cheeked Honeyeater, Eastern Spinebill, Dusky Honeyeater, Scarlet Honeyeater, Pale-yellow Robin, Grey-headed Robin, Golden Whistler, Grey Whistler, Little Shrike-thrush, Bower's Shrike-thrush, Rufous Fantail, Grey Fantail, **Barred Cuckoo-Shrike**, Varied Triller, Figbird, Victoria's Riflebird, Spotted Catbird, **Tooth-billed Bowerbird**, **Golden Bowerbird**, Mistletoebird, Silveryeye.

Daintree area + River Cruise – 15th & 16th August.

Booked into Red Mill House, which is a good B&B. Birded along the road in the evening. Dinner in a local restaurant. Up early for Chris Dhalbergs River Cruise. Pouring with rain all trip and only stopped when we came back. Good views of most species seen, although only brief views of Estuarine Crocodile.

Australian Brush-turkey, Orange-footed Scrubfowl, Pacific Black Duck, Hardhead, Australasian Grebe, Darter, Little Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, White-faced Heron, Little Egret, Great Egret, Intermediate Egret, Cattle Egret, Striated Heron, **Nankeen Night Heron**, Royal Spoonbill, Whistling Kite, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Brown Falcon, Bar-shouldered Dove, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Rainbow Lorikeet, Double-eyed Fig-Parrot, **Papuan Frogmouth**, White-rumped Swiftlet, Laughing Kookaburra, Blue-winged Kookaburra, Forest Kingfisher, Sacred Kingfisher, Helmeted Friarbird, Yellow-spotted Honeyeater, Graceful Honeyeater, Brown-backed Honeyeater, Dusky Honeyeater, Grey Whistler, Little Shrike-thrush, Spectacled Monarch, Leaden Flycatcher, Shining Flycatcher, Rufous Fantail, Grey Fantail, Spangled Drongo, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Varied Triller, Yellow Oriole, Figbird, White-breasted Woodswallow, Black Butcherbird, Yellow-bellied Sunbird, Mistletoebird, Tree Martin, Silvereye, Metallic Starling.

Yule Point – 16th August.

Another place suggested by Andrew Iles for Beach Stone-curlew. This time we were successful.

Eastern Reef Egret, Whimbrel, Eastern Curlew, **Beach Stone-curlew**, **Greater Sand Plover**, Silver Gull, Gull-billed Tern, Caspian Tern, Crested Tern, **Collared Kingfisher**, **Varied Honeyeater**.

Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton – 16th August.

A must for White-browed Crake! We saw one in the first pen we looked at!! Generally good for birds (and Crocodiles!). Birders get a discounted entrance fee.

Plumed Whistling Duck, Australasian Grebe, Darter, Little Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, Little Egret, White-necked Heron, Great Egret, Intermediate Egret, Striated Heron, Australian White Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, Yellow-billed Spoonbill, Black Kite, **Buff-banded Rail**, **White-browed Crake**, Purple Swampphen, Black-winged Stilt, Black-fronted Dotterel, Masked Lapwing, Gull-billed Tern, Spotted Turtle-Dove, Bar-shouldered Dove, Sacred Kingfisher, Brown Honeyeater, Brown-backed Honeyeater, Leaden Flycatcher, Spangled Drongo, Varied Triller, Crimson Finch.

Cairns Esplanade area – 16th & 17th August.

Excellent for waders. The mangroves at the north end of the Esplanade was suggested as a site for Mangrove Robin. We were told to imitate the two whistle call. We tried in the morning of 17th and immediately saw two birds!

Darter, Little Black Cormorant, Australian Pelican, White-faced Heron, Little Egret, Eastern Reef Egret, Great Egret, Intermediate Egret, Striated Heron, Australian White Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Bar-tailed Godwit, Whimbrel, Eastern Curlew, **Grey-tailed Tattler**, **Great Knot**, **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper**, Black-winged Stilt, Red-capped Plover, Black-fronted Dotterel, Masked Lapwing, Silver Gull, Gull-billed Tern, Caspian Tern, Spotted Turtle-Dove, **Pied Imperial Pigeon**, Rainbow Lorikeet, White-rumped Swiftlet, Sacred Kingfisher, Helmeted Friarbird, **Varied Honeyeater**, Brown Honeyeater, **Mangrove Robin**, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Figbird, House Sparrow, Nutmeg Mannikin, Mistletoebird, Common Myna.

Cairns Cemetery – 16th & 17th August.

A site especially birded for Bush Stone-curlew. Apparently they are always in the SE corner of the Cemetery.

Bush Stone-curlew, Peaceful Dove, Yellow Honeyeater, Spangled Drongo, Common Myna.

Michaelmas Cay & Hastings Reef + area – 17th August.

An excellent trip for the Cay itself (breeding seabirds) and the snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef. We went out on the MV Seastar 2.

Brown Booby, Darter, Australian White Ibis, Ruddy Turnstone, Pied Oystercatcher, Masked Lapwing, Gull-billed Tern, Crested Tern, **Little Tern**, **Sooty Tern**, **Common Noddy**, **Black Noddy**, Pied Imperial Pigeon, Rainbow Lorikeet.

Systematic List

The order and nomenclature follow Christidis & Boles 1994.

Although our trip encompassed two different months there were no overlap in dates, so the 26th-31st always refers to July and 1st to 18th always refers to August.

Southern Cassowary *Casuarius casuarius*

QLD: - An adult and small young were seen walking across the road by the car park at the Licuala State Forest Park on 12th August.

Emu *Dromaius novaehollandiae*

NSW: - Two were seen between Echuca and Gulpa SF on 3rd August with 13 while out with Phil Maher the next day.

VIC: - First seen in the Grampian NP, with three near the Bellfield Picnic site on 1st August. Next day 25 were seen in the Wyperfeld NP area (inc 14 in a field just outside the park entrance).

Australian Brush-turkey *Alectura lathami*

QLD: - Singles at Brisbane Botanical Gardens and at Mt. Coot-tha (JC Slaughter Falls walk) on 6th August. Next day, 25+ were at Burleigh Heads NP with 40-50(?) around O'Reilly's Rainforest Guesthouse in the evening. In the Cairns area one was at Centenary Lakes on 10th, two at Townsville Common (with several at Cape Pallarenda) on 11th, two's at the Curtain Fig tree and at Lake Eacham on 13th, two's between Kingfisher Park and Mt. Lewis on 13th and from the Daintree River cruise on 16th (all dates in August).

Orange-footed Scrubfowl *Megapodius reinwardt*

QLD: - A single at Centenary Lakes (Cairns) on 10th August was the first. 18 were seen along the walking trail at the Licuala State Forest Park on 12th. Singles were seen at The Crater (Mt. Hypipamee NP) on 13th, from the Daintree River Cruise on 16th and in the Flecker Botanical Gardens (Cairns) on 18th, with two birds present at Kingfisher Park on 14th and at Red Mill House (Daintree) on 16th with six at Centenary Lakes on 18th.

Stubble Quail *Coturnix pectoralis*

NSW: - Four were seen in the Plains-wanderer paddock whilst out spotlighting with Phil Maher on 4th August.

Magpie Goose *Anseranas semipalmata*

VIC: - A single at the Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July was possibly a feral bird from South Australia.

QLD: - Seven were at Centenary Lakes (Cairns) on 10th August with a single there on 18th, two were at Broomfield Crater on 12th with 17 at Eubenangee Swamp later the same day.

Plumed Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna eytoni*

QLD: - 1000's were along the shoreline at the Nyeta Wetland (Hasties Swamp) on 13th August. Ten were in one of the Crocodile pens at the Crocodile Farm (Edmonton) on 16th.

Wandering Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna arcuata*

QLD: - 50 were on the Mt. Carbine Lake on 14th August.

Blue-billed Duck *Oxyura australis*

VIC: - 11 were seen at the Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July with 20+ at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th.

Musk Duck *Biziura lobata*

VIC: - Three were seen at Swan Lake on Phillip Island on 29th July with several noted at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th.

Freckled Duck *Stictonetta naevosa*

NSW: - 14 were on a small farm pond 16km to the east of Deniliquin area on 4th August.

VIC: - One was at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th July.

Black Swan *Cygnus atratus*

VIC: - 50 were at Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July with 15 seen on the drive to Phillip Island the same day. On Phillip Island on 29th a total of 100+ were seen, with 50 on Swan Lake and 42 adults and broods of two and five in a field between there and Berry's Beach. They were common at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th. Next day c50 were on the lake at Peterborough. 40 were in the southern Grampians on 1st August and up to 60 were on the lakes at Boort on 2nd-3rd.

QLD: - One was at the Brisbane Botanical Gardens on 6th August with two adults and two young (?) between Canungra and Beaudesert (on a pond just before Tambourine) on 9th. Two were at Nardellos Lagoon and 100+ at West Barron Storage Fauna Reserve on 13th and they were present at Lake Mitchell (from the causeway) on 15th.

Cape Barren Goose *Cereopsis novaehollandiae*

VIC: - Only seen on Phillip Island with a single on the way to Cowes on 28th July with five around Swan Lake and 24 in a field between Swan Lake and Berry's Beach on 29th.

Australian Shelduck *Tadorna tadornoides*

VIC: - 18 were seen on Phillip Island on 29th July with birds present at Werribee Sewage Farm the next day. Six were noted along the Great Ocean Road on 31st. In August four were seen between Port Fairy and Penshurst with eight between the lake in the southern Grampians to Bellfield Picnic site and a single on the lake to the north of Jeparit on 1st. Two were at Wyperfeld NP on 2nd with pairs at Boort Lake and between Durham Ox and Echuca on 3rd.

Radjah Shelduck *Tadorna radjah*

QLD: - 11 were seen from the Lake Mitchell causeway on 15th.

Australian Wood Duck *Chenonetta jubata*

NSW: - 28 were seen around Lady Carrington's Drive (Royal National Park) on 26th with four noted from the Wollongong pelagic the next day. 20 were along the roadside by the Gulpa State Forest on 5th August.

VIC: - 23 were seen at Phillip Island on 29th July. Only two were seen at Werribee on 30th with another 21 noted along the Great Ocean Road on 31st. The drive from Port Fairy to Rainbow on 1st August produced 46 birds (with 35 between the Freshwater Lake (nr. Bryans Swamp) and Bellfield Picnic Site). 20 were seen between Birchip to Boort on 2nd with another ten at the park at Echuca on 3rd.

QLD: - Ten were at Brisbane Botanical Gardens on 6th and 16 between Canungra Valley Winery and Sherwood Park on 9th with birds also present at Sherwood Park. Two were at Broomfield Crater on 13th with 20 at Lake Mitchell on 14th (seen from the road) and 100+ seen from the Lake Mitchell causeway the next day.

Cotton Pygmy-goose *Nettapus coromandelianus*

QLD: - 20 were seen from the Lake Mitchell causeway on 15th August.

Green Pygmy-goose *Nettapus pulchellus*

QLD: - 40+ were at Eubenangee Swamp on 12th August with c80 seen at both sites at Lake Mitchell on 14th-15th and four at Mt. Carbine Lake on 14th.

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

VIC: - Four were on the Russell Clark Reserve at Port Fairy on 1st August.

Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa*

NSW: - 15 were along Lady Carrington's Drive (Royal National Park) on 26th July and 40+ were on the lake along Avalon Rd near Deniliquin on 4th August.

VIC: - Small numbers were noted at all suitable localities with a maximum of 40 in the park by the Murray River at Echuca on 3rd August.

QLD: - 60 were at Brisbane Botanical Gardens on 6th August with 50+ at Sherwood Park (Brisbane) on 9th. 64+ were at Centenary Lakes (Cairns) on 10th with 60 at Eubenangee Swamp and 50+ between there and Broomfield Crater on 12th. 200 were at Nyeta Wetland (Hasties Swamp) and 1000's at Nardellos Lagoon on 13th. 52 were at Mt. Carbine Lake on 14th with smaller numbers seen at many localities.

Australasian Shoveler *Anas rhynchotis*

NSW: - 14 were on a small farm pond 16km east of Deniliquin on 4th August.

VIC: - 20+ were at the Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July with three on Swan Lake (Phillip Island) the next day. Ten's were at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th with two on the Freshwater Lake in the southern Grampians (near Bryans Swamp) on 1st August.

Grey Teal *Anas gracilis*

NSW: - 12 were seen along the Forest Creek Rd (nr. Deniliquin) and 100+ were on a small farm pond 16km E of Deniliquin on 4th August.

VIC: - Small numbers were seen at Edithvale Wetlands, Airey's Inlet pond, along the Great Ocean Rd, the Freshwater lake in the southern Grampians, Boort Ponds. Many were at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th July.

QLD: - 100's were at Broomfield Crater on 12th with 10's at Nyeta Wetland (Hasties Swamp) the next day and lots were at Lake Mitchell on 14th.

Chestnut Teal *Anas castanea*

NSW: - A female was at the Currawong Car Park in the Royal National Park on 26th July with six at Towra Point NR later the same day. One was on the small farm pond 16km E of Deniliquin on 4th August.

VIC: - 40 were on Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July with 50 seen on Phillip Island the next day. Many were at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th and finally one was on Airey's Inlet pond on 31st.

Pink-eared Duck *Malacorhynchus membranaceus*

NSW: - Seven were on the small farm pond 16km E of Deniliquin on 4th August.

VIC: - 1000's were at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th July. One of the spectacles of the trip!

QLD: - 100's were at the Nyeta Wetland (Hasties Swamp) on 13th with one on Mt. Carbine Lake the next day and c200 on Lake Mitchell on 15th.

Hardhead *Aythya australis*

NSW: - Three – four were at Lady Carrington's Drive in the Royal National Park on 26th July and c55 were noted on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin on 4th August.

VIC: - Four were at Werribee (probably under-recorded) on 30th July and six were on the Freshwater Lake in the southern Grampians on 1st August.

QLD: - 40 were at the Brisbane Botanical Gardens on 6th August, in a ditch between Eubenangee Swamp and Broomfield Crater on 12th and at Daintree on 15th. 300-400 were at the West Barron Storage Fauna Reserve on 13th. Smaller numbers were noted at Mt. Nathan Fish Farm, Sherwood Park, Lake Mitchell and Mt. Carbine Lake.

Australasian Grebe *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*

NSW: - Four were on the Hacking River in the Royal National Park on 26th July. About ten were on a small farm pond 16km east of Deniliquin on 4th August.

VIC: - 15-20 were at the Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July with 3-4 seen on Phillip Island on 29th and three on a small pond along the Great Ocean Road on 31st.

QLD: - 100 were on the Nyeta Wetland (Hasties Swamp) on 13th August with one to seven seen at Brisbane Botanical Gardens, Sherwood Park, between Cardwell to Ingham, Abattoir Swamp, Lake Mitchell, Cairns Crocodile Farm and on the Daintree River cruise.

Hoary-headed Grebe *Poliiocephalus poliocephalus*

NSW: - One was on the Hacking River in the Royal National Park on 26th July. Six were seen on the day out with Phil Maher on 4th August.

VIC: - Three were seen at the Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July with c20 on Phillip Island the next day. 100's were at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th with ten on the Freshwater lake in the Southern Grampians on 1st August. One to five were at 12 Apostles, Bay of Islands Coastal Park, Port Fairy and Boort Ponds.

QLD: - One was on Eubenangee Swamp on 12th August.

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*

VIC: - One was at Port Fairy on 1st August.

QLD: - Two were at the West Barron Storage Fauna Reserve on 13th August with another two on the lake up Mt. Carbine the next day.

Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

NSW: - One was seen just outside the harbour at Wollongong on the pelagic on 27th July.

VIC: - 200+ were seen coming up the beach at the Summerland Beach Penguin Parade on Phillip Island on the night of 28th July.

Southern Giant Petrel *Macronectes giganteus*

NSW: - One was seen on the pelagic off Wollongong on 27th July.

VIC: - One was off Port Fairy on 1st August.

Cape Petrel *Daption capense*

NSW: - One was seen on the pelagic off Wollongong on 27th July.

Great-winged Petrel *Pterodroma macroptera*

NSW: - One was seen on the pelagic off Wollongong on 27th July.

White-headed Petrel *Pterodroma lessonii*

NSW: - One was seen on the pelagic off Wollongong on 27th July.

Providence Petrel *Pterodroma solandri*

NSW: - 16+ were seen on the pelagic off Wollongong on 27th July.

Fairy Prion *Pachyptila turtur*

NSW: - 25+ were seen on the pelagic off Wollongong on 27th July.

Fluttering Shearwater *Puffinus gavia*

NSW: - 15 were seen on the pelagic off Wollongong on 27th July.

Fluttering/Hutton's Shearwater *Puffinus gavia/huttoni*

VIC: - c30 past Port Fairy early morning on 1st August.

Gibson's (Wandering) Albatross *Diomedea (exulans) gibsoni*

NSW: - Six were noted from the pelagic off Wollongong on 27th July.

Large Albatross sp *Diomedea sp*

VIC: - Two large Albatross (probably Wanderers) were seen from the Nobbies on Phillip Island on 29th July.

Black-browed Albatross *Diomedea (Thalassarche) melanophris*

NSW: - 100's were seen on the pelagic off Wollongong on 27th July.

Campbell's Albatross *Diomedea (Thalassarche) (melanophris) impavida*

NSW: - 10's were seen on the pelagic off Wollongong on 27th July.

Black-browed Albatross sp *Diomedea (Thalassarche) melanophris/impavida*

NSW: - One unraced bird caught on the pelagic off Wollongong on 27th July.

VIC: - Two were noted off the Nobbies on Phillip Island on 29th July with 24 along the Great Ocean Road (at various stop offs) on 31st. About 100 were noted off Port Fairy on 1st August.

Shy Albatross *Diomedea (Thalassarche) cauta*

NSW: - One was seen on the pelagic off Wollongong on 27th July.

White-capped Albatross *Diomedea (Thalassarche) (cauta) steadi*

NSW: - Two were seen (including one nearly caught) on the pelagic off Wollongong on 27th July.

In addition several unraced 'Shy' Albatrosses were noted.

VIC: - On 31st July a single was noted off Airey's Inlet and three were seen from the 12 Apostles lookout. Three were also noted off Port Fairy the next day.

(Indian) Yellow-nosed Albatross *Diomedea (Thalassarche)(chlororhynchus) bassi*

NSW: - Hundreds were seen on the pelagic off Wollongong, including eight caught from the boat on 27th July.

Australasian Gannet *Morus serrator*

NSW: - One was seen in Botany Bay (from Silver Beach) on 26th July with 44 noted from the pelagic off Wollongong the next day.

VIC: - Two flew past Berry's Beach (Phillip Island) on 29th July with c100 noted feeding off the mouth of the Little River (Werribee Sewage Farm) the next day. 11 were seen along the Great Ocean Rd on 31st July with six off Port Fairy on 1st August.

OLD: - One (juv) was seen flying past the pier along the spit (Doug Jennings & Phillip park), Gold Coast on 6th August.

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*

QLD: - c50 were seen on the outward and return journey to & from Michaelmas Cay, with c70 on the Cay itself on 17th August.

Darter *Anhinga melanogaster*

NSW: - One was seen on the Edward River (Deniliquin) on 4th August.

VIC: - One was seen at Echuca on the Murray River on 3rd August.

QLD: - One to three were seen at 11 widespread localities with five in the harbour at Cairns on 17th August.

Little Pied Cormorant *Phalacrocorax melanoleucos*

NSW: - Three were seen along the river in the Royal National Park on 26th July.

VIC: - A total of 40 were seen in Victoria (including 14 on Phillip Island on 29th July & at Werribee Sewage Farm the next day) at 11 widespread (including inland) localities.

QLD: - 44++ were seen at 12 widespread localities.

Black-faced Cormorant *Phalacrocorax fuscescens*

VIC: - Only seen on Phillip Island where one flew past the Nobbies and two were at Newhaven on 29th July.

Pied Cormorant *Phalacrocorax varius*

NSW: - Ten were at Towra Point NR on 26th July.

VIC: - Two were on Phillip Island at Newhaven on 29th July & hundreds were at Werribee Sewage Farm the next day.

QLD: - One was along the Spit (Doug Jennings & Phillip park) Gold Coast on 6th August with six at the West Barron Storage Fauna Reserve on 13th.

Little Black Cormorant *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*

NSW: - Ten were along the river in the Royal National Park with four at Towra Point NR on 26th July. One was noted between Echuca and Gulpa SF on 3rd August with three around the Deniliquin area the next day.

VIC: - Six were on Phillip Island on 29th July with 40 at Werribee Sewage Farm the next day. Along the Great Ocean Rd on 31st, two were between Airey's Inlet and Cape Otway and 30 at Peterborough. Inland ten were at the lakes at Boort on 2nd August with a single between there and Durham Ox on 3rd.

QLD: - c30 were at the Crocodile Farm at Edmonton on 16th August with ten on the lake at Mt. Carbine on 14th and six at Sherwood Park on 9th. One to five were noted at Burleigh Heads, Townsville Common, Eubenangee Swamp, Lake Eacham, Daintree, Cairns Esplanade and Centenary lakes. Birds were also present at Lake Mitchell.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*

NSW: - Four were along the river in the Royal National Park on 26th July with another four seen on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin on 4th August.

VIC: - One was at Newhaven on Phillip Island on 29th July with two at Werribee the next day and a single at the pond at Airey's Inlet on 31st.

QLD: - 20 were at the West Barron Storage Fauna Reserve on 13th August.

Australian Pelican *Pelecanus conspicillatus*

NSW: - Two were in Wollongong harbour on 27th July with 30 in the Deniliquin area on 3rd-4th August.

VIC: - 20 were at Newhaven on Phillip Island on 29th July with 30+ at Werribee the next day. c30 were also at the lakes at Boort on 2nd August. One was at Peterborough on 31st July and three were between Durham Ox and Echuca on 3rd August.

QLD: - 20 were noted between Mt. Coot-tha and Surfer's Paradise on 6th August, Townsville Common on 11th and Lake Mitchell on 14th. 14 were also at Cairns Esplanade on 16th. Smaller numbers were also noted at another six widespread localities.

White-faced Heron *Egretta novaehollandiae*

NSW: - Singles were at Botany Bay (Silver Beach) & Cronulla Swamp with two at Towra Point NR on 26th July. Ten were noted on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin on 4th August.

VIC: - Eight were on Phillip Island on 29th July with 20+ at Werribee Sewage Farm the next day. Ten were along the rd to Cape Otway on 31st. One to five were noted at another 12 widespread localities.

QLD: - Five were around the Daintree area on 15th-16th August. One to two were at another seven localities.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

VIC: - One was at Port Fairy on 1st August.

QLD: - Singles were at Centenary Lakes on 10th August (with another on 18th), Townsville Common on 11th, Daintree River Cruise on 16th & Cairns Esplanade on 17th (with two on 16th) and two at Cairns Crocodile Farm (Edmonton) on 16th.

Eastern Reef Egret *Egretta sacra*

All birds seen were dark morph birds.

NSW: - One was seen on the way to Sydney Airport on 28th July.

QLD: - Singles were at Yule Point and Cairns Esplanade on 16th August.

White-necked Heron *Ardea pacifica*

NSW: - 17 were noted on the day out with Phil Maher around the Deniliquin area on 4th August.

VIC: - The first was seen along the Gippsland/Bass Highway between Melbourne and Phillip Island on 28th & 29th July. 46 were seen along the Great Ocean Rd with 17 at Cape Otway, 19 between there and the 12 Apostles & seven at the Bay of Islands Coastal Park on 31st. Two were between Port Fairy & Peshurst with a single between Zumsteins & Horsham on 1st August.

QLD: - Three were present at the lake on Mt. Carbine on 14th & at Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton on 16th. Two were between Ingham & Townsville on 10th with singles present at Townsville Common, Abattoir Swamp, Lake Mitchell and between Newell Beach and Daintree.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

NSW: - Four were seen on the day out with Phil Maher around the Deniliquin area on 4th August.

VIC: - Three were on Phillip Island on 29th July with a single on the way back to Melbourne the same day. Only two were seen at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th and six were noted along the Great Ocean Rd on 31st. Two were at Port Fairy on 1st August.

QLD: - Ten+ were at Lake Mitchell on 14th and they were noted as common at Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton on 16th. One to four were noted at another 16 widespread localities.

Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia*

VIC: - One was at the Swamp lookout ½ way between Phillip Island and Melbourne on 29th July.

QLD: - 13 were at the West Barron Storage Fauna Reserve on 13th August with ten+ at the Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton on 16th. Six were seen from the Daintree River Cruise also on 16th and singles were noted at Centenary Lakes, between Cairns & Innisfail, Hasties Swamp, Mt. Carbine Lake and at Cairns Esplanade.

Cattle Egret *Ardea ibis*

VIC: - 19 were on Phillip Island in a field between Swan Lake & Berry's Beach on 29th July. 60 were in a field on the River Moyne at Rosebrook on 31st July with c70 in roughly the same place the next day.

QLD: - 100+ were in the Daintree area on 15th-16th August with 70 between Eubenangee Swamp & Broomfield Crater and 38 between Licuala SF & Bramston on 12th. 25 were noted at Hasties Swamp on 13th and between Newell Beach & Daintree on 15th. One to 20 were noted at another 13 localities.

Striated Heron *Butorides striatus*

QLD: - Two were at Centenary Lakes on 10th with three there on 18th August. On 16th singles were on the Daintree River Cruise and at Cairns Esplanade with two at Cairns Croc farm at Edmonton.

Nankeen Night Heron *Nycticorax caledonicus*

QLD: - Four were noted from the Daintree River Cruise on 16th.

Australasian Bittern *Botaurus poiciloptilus*

NSW: - Four were flushed from a lake around Deniliquin on 4th August.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*

QLD: - One was at Townsville Common on 11th August with two at Lake Mitchell (from the road) on 14th and six from Lake Mitchell Causeway the next day.

Australian White Ibis *Threskiornis molucca*

NSW: - 20 were noted at the Towra Point NR on 26th July, with a single on the way to Sydney airport on 28th. 15 were seen along the road between Echuca and Gulpa SF on 3rd August.

VIC: - 11 were at Edithvale Wetland on 28th July with 15 on Phillip Island over 28th-29th and 50 on the return journey to Melbourne on 29th. Noted as present at Werribee on 30th with 80 noted along the Great Ocean Rd between Nirranda and Port Fairy (this includes 20 at the Bay of Islands Coastal Park) on 31st. 55 were noted between Port Fairy & Peshurst on 1st August and 15 were at Greendale on 5th.

QLD: - Peak counts were 50 along the Esplanade at Cairns on 16th with 30 at Broomfield Crater on 12th and 25 between Paluma & Cardwell on 11th and at Brisbane Botanical Gardens on 6th. One to 20 were at another ten widespread localities.

Straw-necked Ibis *Threskiornis spinicollis*

This species was probably under recorded due to some large flocks encountered on several journeys.

NSW: - Five were seen between Echuca and Deniliquin on 3rd & 5th August, with 70+ seen on the day out with Phil Maher on 4th.

VIC: - 152+ were seen between Edithvale and Phillip Island on 28th July with 60 noted on the return journey the next day. 210+ were noted on Phillip Island on 29th (mainly in the Cowes – Rhyll area). 62 were at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th and 260+ were seen along the Great Ocean Rd the next day. Inland few were noted with a single at Boort ponds on 3rd August with 12 noted between Durham Ox and Echuca the same day. 44 were between Echuca and Toolleen on 5th.

QLD: - Peak counts involved 150 were in the Granite Creek/Chettle Rd area & 90 between Yungaburra & Nardellos lagoon on 13th August. 30 were between Granite Creek Rd & Sear's Lookout on 13th, 26 between Yule Point & Cairns on 16th and 20 were noted at Hasties Swamp on 13th. One to 12 were noted at another 12 widespread localities. A 'lot' were also noted between Cairns & Innisfail on 10th.

Royal Spoonbill *Platalea regia*

NSW: - Five were at Towra Point NR on 26th July, with singles at the Peppin Motor Inn, Deniliquin area & Moama between 3rd-5th August.

VIC: - Three were seen at Werribee SF on 30th July with three at Port Fairy on 1st August and a single between Port Fairy & Peshurst on 1st August.

QLD: - 19 were roosting along the Esplanade at Cairns on 16th August with six at Townsville Common (11th) and Eubenangee Swamp (12th). Four were at Lake Mitchell on 14th & at Daintree on 15th. One to two were at Sherwood Park, Ingham – Townsville, Mt. Carbine lake and the Cairns Crocodile Farm at Edmonton.

Yellow-billed Spoonbill *Platalea flavipes*

NSW: - Three were noted on the day out with Phil Maher on 4th August.

VIC: - Four+ were at Werribee SF on 30th July, with seven at the Bay of Islands Coastal Park the next day and two between Port Fairy & Peshurst on 1st August.

QLD: - Singles were at Townsville Common (11th August), Eubenangee Swamp (12th) and Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton 16th. One – two were also at Hasties Swamp on 13th.

Black-necked Stork *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus*

QLD: - Singles were between Ingham and Townsville on 10th August, Bramston Road & Eubenangee Swamp on 12th and between Newell Beach & Daintree on 15th.

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

QLD: - Singles were noted at Burleigh Heads NP on 7th August, Bramston Road on 12th & Newell Beach on 16th (with two there on 15th). A very obvious nest at Wonga had two adults in attendance on 15th and two adults + 2 (flying) juveniles the next day.

Pacific Baza *Aviceda subcristata*

QLD: - Singles were noted along the walking trail at the Licuala SF on 12th, with a confiding bird at Kingfisher Park on 14th with another up Mt. Lewis the next morning. Two were seen just before Daintree from a lookout spot by the river also on 15th.

Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus axillaris*

NSW: - One afforded close views at Towra Point NR on 26th July. One was between Gulpa SF and Deniliquin on 3rd & 5th August with two around Deniliquin on 3rd and on the day out with Phil Maher on 4th.

VIC: - Many were seen whilst driving. One landed on a dead tree in front of the hide at Edithvale Wetlands and gave point blank views for a few minutes on 28th July. Eight were seen on the drive from there to Phillip Island the same day and four were on Phillip Island between 28th-29th. 11 were noted around Werribee SF on 30th with only five noted along the Great Ocean Rd the next day. Inland five were seen between Hall's Gap & Rainbow on 1st August. Four were noted between Wycheproof & Echuca on 2nd-3rd, and six between Echuca and Kyneton on 5th.

QLD: - Seven were noted between Newell Beach & Daintree on 15th August. One to three were noted at another 15 localities throughout the state, mainly seen whilst driving.

Square-tailed Kite *Lophoictinia isura*

QLD: - One was seen at close quarters at Abattoir Swamp on 15th August.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*

NSW: - Two were seen between Echuca & Gulpa SF on 3rd August with five noted on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin the next day.

VIC: - Singles were at Boort ponds on 3rd August and between Echuca & Toolleen on 5th.

QLD: - Some large counts were made, especially between Cairns & Townsville (mainly over the large tracts of sugar cane)! 165 were seen between Cairns & Townsville on 10th August (with 139 between Innisfail & Cardwell). 13 were at Townsville Common the next day with the journey between there and Cardwell producing only 10 birds. On 12th 154 were noted with 52 between Licuala SF & Bramston Rd, 31 along Bramston Rd & 71 around Eubenangee Swamp. 120 were seen on 13th with 70+ between West Barron Storage Fauna Reserve & Tinaroo Creek. 19 were seen on 14th with 51 on 15th (38+ between Newell Beach & Daintree). 200+ were noted on 16th with c150 at the Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton. Finally the last, a single, was noted at Centenary Lakes on 18th.

Whistling Kite *Haliastur sphenurus*

NSW: - Six were noted on the day out around Deniliquin with Phil Maher on 4th August.

VIC: - Nine were at Werribee SF on 30th July. Two were between Dimboola & Jeparit on 1st August. On 3rd two were at Boort ponds with singles between Boort & Durham Ox and Durham Ox & Echuca.

QLD: - Seven were in the Granite Creek/Chettle Rd area on 13th August with six at Nardellos Lagoon the same day. Three were at Pickford Rd on 14th with one to two at another ten localities.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*

QLD: - 11+ were between Paluma & Cardwell on 11th August. Three were between Cardwell & Ingham on 10th and at Centenary Lakes on 18th. Two were at the end of 'the Spit' (Doug Jennings Park & Phillip Park) on 6th and at Cape Pallarenda (Townsville) on 11th. Singles were also seen at another nine, mainly coastal, localities.

White-bellied Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

VIC: - One was seen twice at Werribee SF on 30th July.

QLD: - Singles were noted at Broomfield Crater & West Barron Storage Fauna Reserve on 13th August, between Newell Beach & Daintree and at Daintree on 15th and along the Esplanade at Cairns on 16th.

Swamp Harrier *Circus approximans*

NSW: - Two were noted at Clarks Creek marsh on the day out with Phil Maher on 4th August.

VIC: - Three were on Phillip Island and a single between there and Melbourne on 29th July. Four were at Werribee SF on 30th with two to three at the Bay of Islands Coastal Park the next day. Inland one was at Boort ponds on 2nd August.

QLD: - One was at Townsville Common on 11th and on 13th, five at Nardellos Lagoon with two at the West Barron Storage Fauna Reserve.

Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatus*

NSW: - An ad male was at Towra Point NR on 26th July.

VIC: - Five were on Phillip Island on 29th July with a single at Werribee SF the next day.

QLD: - Singles were at Townsville Common on 11th August and between Kingfisher Park & Mt. Lewis on 15th.

Grey Goshawk *Accipiter novaehollandiae*

QLD: - Singles were between Cairns & Innisfail on 10th, Bramston Rd on 12th and at the Crater (Mt. Hypipamee NP) on 13th. Two were seen just before Daintree on 15th.

Collared Sparrowhawk *Accipiter cirrhocephalus*

NSW: - Singles were in the Deniliquin area on 4th August and opposite Gulpa SF the next day. Another *Accipiter* seen in the Deniliquin area also on 4th was probably this species.

VIC: - One was at Werribee SF on 30th July.

QLD: - One was at O'Reilly's (along the Border track to Elabana Falls) on 8th August.

Brown Goshawk/Collared Sparrowhawk *Accipiter fasciatus/A. cirrhocephalus*

QLD: - One was seen sitting in a tree along a dodgy part of the road between Broomfield Crater & the Crater (Mt. Hypipamee NP) on 13th August.

Wedge-tailed Eagle *Aquila audax*

NSW: - Five were seen in the Deniliquin area, with Phil Maher on 4th August.

VIC: - One was at the Bay of Islands Coastal Park on 31st July. Inland seven – eight were seen in the Wyperfeld NP on 2nd August and three were in the Anakie Gorge/Stony Creek reservoir area (near the Brisbane Ranges NP) on 5th.

QLD: - Two were in the Mt. Nathan Fish Farm & ford area on 7th August with five along Duck Creek Rd at O'Reilly's on 9th with a single at the Canungra Valley Winery the same day.

Little Eagle *Hieraaetus morphnoides*

QLD: - Two were at Bramston Beach on 12th August.

Brown Falcon *Falco berigora*

NSW: - Three were seen between Echuca & Deniliquin on 3rd August with 13 seen the next day when out with Phil Maher.

VIC: - Two were on Phillip Island (including one at Native Dog Creek) on 29th July. Four were at Werribee SF (including a colour ringed individual) the next day. Another 16 were seen whilst driving between sites, many just sitting on road signs!

QLD: - Daily counts, whilst driving were as follows: seven on 10th August, five on 11th, one on 12th, nine on 13th, two on 14th, four on 15th and eight on 16th.

Australian Hobby *Falco longipennis*

NSW: - Three were seen on the day out around Deniliquin with Phil Maher on 4th August.

VIC: - One was noted between Melbourne Airport & Edithvale on 28th July.

QLD: - Singles were at Bramston Rd on 12th August and at Centenary Lakes on 18th.

Black Falcon *Falco subniger*

NSW: - One was seen at dusk at a farm near the Plains-wanderer site when out with Phil Maher on 4th August.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

VIC: - One was seen just outside (and to the N) of Dunkeld on 1st August.

Nankeen Kestrel *Falco cenchroides*

NSW: - Seven were seen between Echuca & Deniliquin and around Deniliquin on 3rd August. Four were seen the next day while out with Phil Maher and another four were seen between Deniliquin & Echuca on 5th.

VIC: - Two were on Phillip Island on 29th July with six at Werribee SF the next day. Like Brown Falcon, many were seen whilst driving between localities. Three were along the Great Ocean Rd on 31st. 14 were noted on the drive between Port Fairy & Rainbow on 1st August, four between Wyperfeld NP & Boort on 2nd, eight between Boort & Echuca on 3rd and five between Echuca & Kyneton on 5th.

QLD: - Four were between Canungra & Beaudesert on 9th August, with four more between Cairns & Innisfail the next day. Another 14 were seen whilst driving between localities.

Sarus Crane *Grus antigone*

QLD: - Tens (probably under 30) were seen at the evening flight into roost at Broomfield Crater on 12th with a single there the next morning. Five were in the Granite Creek/Chettle Rd area on 13th with 20 going over Tinaroo Creek Rd that evening.

Brolga *Grus rubicunda*

VIC: - Two were between Durham Ox & Echuca (by the roadside giving excellent views) on 3rd August.

QLD: - 30 were at Townsville Common on 11th August and hundreds came into roost at Broomfield Crater on the evening of 12th. 50+ were still there the next morning. Two also flew over the Yungaburra Platypus Lookout at Peterson Creek on 13th.

Buff-banded Rail *Gallirallus philippensis*

VIC: - One was running around in the open on short tuft at Peterborough on 31st July!

QLD: - One was seen between the Crater and Hasties Swamp Rd on 13th with two at the Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton on 16th.

Lewin's Rail *Rallus pectoralis*

VIC: - One was seen briefly at Werribee SF on 30th July.

Australian Spotted Crake *Porzana fluminea*

NSW: - Two were seen on the day out around Deniliquin with Phil Maher on 4th August.

VIC: - Two were at Werribee SF on 30th July with a single on one of the reserves at Port Fairy on 1st August.

Spotless Crake *Porzana tabuensis*

NSW: - c Four were heard and one seen at two localities in the Deniliquin area while out with Phil Maher on 4th August.

White-browed Crane *Porzana cinerea*

QLD: - Two were at the Cairns Croc farm at Edmonton on 16th August.

Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio melanotus*

NSW: - 70 were seen in the Deniliquin area on 4th August.

VIC: - 30 were at Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July with 24 on Phillip Island the next day and was present but not counted at Werribee SF on 30th. Six were on Airey's Inlet pond on 31st and birds were again noted as present but not counted at the freshwater Lake in the southern Grampians on 1st August. Ten+ were on the ponds at Boort on 3rd.

QLD: - On 9th August a single was between Canungra & Beaudesert and 20 were at Sherwood Park (Brisbane). On 12th, three were at Eubenangee Swamp with 20 at Broomfield Crater in the evening. Six were at Hasties Swamp on 13th and birds were noted as present but not counted at Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton on 16th.

Dusky Moorhen *Gallinula tenebrosa*

NSW: - 30 were noted along the river in the Royal National Park on 26th July.

VIC: - Singles were at the pond at Airey's Inlet on 31st July and at the freshwater lake in the southern Grampians the next day. 30+ were on Boort ponds on 3rd August and three were on a small pond by the Murray River at Echuca the same day.

QLD: - 20 were noted at the Brisbane Botanical Gardens on 6th August with three at the Canungra Valley Winery on 9th and seven between Ingram & Townsville on 10th. Finally ten were at Hasties Swamp on 13th.

Black-tailed Native-hen *Gallinula ventralis*

NSW: - 220+ were seen on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin on 4th August, including a flock of 180 roosting on a pond on the way out to the Plains-wanderer site.

VIC: - 18 were at Werribee SF on 30th July. Inland six were at Tchum Lake South on 2nd August with ten at Boort ponds and seven between Durham Ox & Echuca on 3rd.

Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*

NSW: - Four were on the river along Lady Carrington's Drive, Royal National Park on 26th July.

VIC: - 500+ were at Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July with two between there and Phillip Island the same day. 74 were on Swan Lake on Phillip Island next day and c100 were on the lake at Peterborough on 31st. Present, but not counted, on the freshwater lake in the southern Grampians on 1st August and 200+ were on Boort ponds on 3rd.

QLD: - Present, but not counted, at Sherwood Park (Brisbane) on 9th August, 40 were at Eubenangee Swamp on 12th with five at Hasties Swamp the next day. Also on 13th 100's were at Nardellos Lagoon with birds present but not counted at West Barron Storage Fauna Reserve. 165+ were at Mt. Carbine Lake on 14th.

Australian Bustard *Ardeotis australis*

QLD: - One was seen from the tower hide at Townsville Common on 11th August.

Painted Button-quail *Turnix varia*

VIC: - Two were seen along the walk to Rhyll Inlet on Phillip Island on 29th July.

Plains-wanderer *Pedionomus torquatus*

NSW: - Five males and one female were seen whilst out spotlighting with Phil Maher near Deniliquin on 4th August.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica baueri*

QLD: - 16 were seen at the southern end of the Esplanade at Cairns on 16th August with two at the northern end the next morning.

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus variegatus*

QLD: - On 16th August two-three were at Yule Point with two at the southern end of the Esplanade at Cairns at high tide. A single was along the Esplanade the next morning.

Eastern Curlew *Numenius madagascariensis*

NSW: - Seven were at Towra Point NR on 26th July.

VIC: - c20 were at Rhyll Inlet on Phillip Island on 29th July.

QLD: - On 16th, one was at Yule Point with four at Newell Beach and three along the Esplanade at Cairns. A single was also along the Esplanade the next morning.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

QLD: - Two were seen from the Lake Mitchell Causeway on 15th August.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

VIC: - One was at Werribee SF on 30th July.

QLD: - Two were at Mt. Carbine Lake on 14th August.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

QLD: - One was seen at Centenary Lakes, Cairns on 18th August.

Grey-tailed Tattler *Heteroscelus brevipes*

QLD: - 11 were along the northern end of the Esplanade at Cairns on 17th August.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

QLD: - One was on Michaelmas Cay on 17th August,

Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*

QLD: - Seven were roosting at the southern end of the Esplanade at Cairns on 16th August with 59 noted at the northern end of the Esplanade the following morning.

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

VIC: - 67 were at the mouth of the Little River at Werribee SF on 30th July.

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*

VIC: - c100 were at the mouth of the Little River at Werribee SF on 30th July with two on the beach at Peterborough the next day.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata*

QLD: - Four were by the Causeway at Lake Mitchell on 15th August and 11 were along the Esplanade at Cairns on 16th.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

VIC: - 56+ were at Werribee SF on 30th July.

Comb-crested Jacana *Irediparra gallinacea*

QLD: - Ten were at Eubenangee Swamp on 12th August with 20+ at Lake Mitchell and c ten on the lake at Mt. Carbine on 14th and 20 by the causeway at Lake Mitchell on 15th.

Bush Stone-curlew *Burhinus grallarius*

QLD: - Three-four were heard on the night walk at Kingfisher Park on 14th August. Next day eight were seen between Kingfisher Park & Mt. Lewis. 30 were at Cairns Cemetery on the evening of 16th with 41 there the next morning.

Beach Stone-curlew *Esacus neglectus*

QLD: - One was seen well at Yule Point on 16th August.

Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris*

NSW: - Two were at both Towra Point NR & at Silver Beach (Botany Bay NP) on 26th July.

VIC: - Two were at Rhyll Inlet on Phillip Island on 29th July with seven+ at Werribee SF the next day. Two were at Port Fairy on 1st August.

QLD: - One was along the 'Spit' at Doug Jennings & Phillip Parks (Surfer's Paradise) on 6th August. Two were at Newell Beach on 16th with another two in the harbour at Cairns on 17th.

Sooty Oystercatcher *Haematopus fuliginosus fuliginosus*

NSW: - Two were at Wollongong Harbour on 27th July.

VIC: - Singles were at Cat Bay & the Nobbies on Phillip Island on 29th July with two between Airey's Inlet & Cape Otway and at Peterborough on 31st. One was at Port Fairy on 1st August.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

NSW: - 22 were seen on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin on 4th August.

VIC: - 20 were at Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July. 40+ were at Werribee SF on 30th with ten at Port Fairy on 31st July-1st August. Inland five were at Jeparit Lake (N of Jeparit) on 1st August.

QLD: - 12 were at Townsville Common on 11th August with 25 at Hasties Swamp on 13th. Noted as present at lake Mitchell on 14th with 30 at the Causeway there the next day. A single was at the lake at Mt. Carbine on 14th. C40 were at the Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton on 16th with ten along the Esplanade at Cairns later that afternoon.

Banded Stilt *Cladorhynchus leucocephalus*

VIC: - c30 were at Werribee SF on 30th July.

Red-necked Avocet *Recurvirostra novaehollandiae*

VIC: - c70 were at Werribee SF on 30th July.

Red-capped Plover *Charadrius ruficapillus*

VIC: - c113 were at Werribee SF (including c100 along the spit) on 30th July. Four were on the beach at Peterborough the next day.

Double-banded Plover *Charadrius bicinctus*

VIC: - Ten were at the mouth of the Little River at Werribee SF on 30th July with a single in summer plumage on the beach at Peterborough the next day.

Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii*

QLD: - Two were at Yule Point on 16th August.

Inland Dotterel *Charadrius australis*

NSW: - Three were spotlighted (in the Plains-wanderer paddock) near Deniliquin whilst out with Phil Maher on 4th August.

Black-fronted Dotterel *Elseyornis melanops*

VIC: - Ten were at Swan Lake on Phillip Island on 29th July.

QLD: - One was at Townsville Common on 11th August with four at Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton on 16th and two were along the Esplanade at Cairns the next day.

Hooded Plover *Thinornis rubricollis*

VIC: - Three were on Berry's Beach (Phillip Island) on 29th July and two were found on the beach at Peterborough on 31st.

Red-kneed Dotterel *Erythrogonys cinctus*

NSW: - 13 were seen whilst out with Phil Maher around the Deniliquin area on 4th August.

VIC: - 30+ were at Werribee SF on 30th July with one on the freshwater lake in the southern Grampians on 1st August.

QLD: - Ten were along the causeway at Lake Mitchell on 15th August.

Banded Lapwing *Vanellus tricolor*

NSW: - 27 were seen in the evening of 4th August near the Plains-wanderer area N of Deniliquin.

Masked Lapwing *Vanellus miles*

NSW: - Race *V. m. novaehollandiae*: Three were seen between Sydney Airport & Les's house on 26th July.

VIC: - Race *V. m. novaehollandiae*: Two were seen between Edithvale & Phillip Island on 28th July with 13+ (including a pair with a very small chick) on Phillip Island the next day. Present, but not counted at Werribee SF on 30th and only two-three were seen along the Great Ocean Rd between Nirranda & Port Fairy on 31st. Inland four were seen at the freshwater lake in the southern Grampians on 1st August with 1 between Wycheproof & Boort on 2nd and six between Durham Ox & Echuca on 3rd.

QLD: - Race *V. m. novaehollandiae*: On 6th August, one was seen between Brisbane Airport & Mt. Coottha with three along the Spit (Surfer's Paradise) at Doug Jennings & Phillip Parks. The next day five were in the Mt. Nathan Fish Farm & ford area with two at Clagiraba Park and a single between Canungra & O'Reilly's. Two were along Duck Creek Rd at O'Reilly's on 9th.

Race *V. m. miles*: First seen in Centenary Lakes (Cairns) on 10th August 52 were seen on the drive down to Townsville that afternoon. Next day 18 were noted between Townsville Common & Cardwell. On 12th six were noted between Mission Beach & Bramston Rd with 200+ coming into roost at Broomfield Crater that evening. Six were at Hasties Swamp on 13th with birds noted between Mareeba & Tinaroo Creek Rd and at Abattoir Swamp on 14th. Nine were at Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton on 16th and 24 were in Cairns harbour on 17th. Elsewhere birds were noted at Lake Mitchell, Cairns Esplanade, between Daintree to Mossman and Yule Point to Cairns.

Great (Brown) Skua *Catharacta skua lonnbergii*

NSW: - One (or possibly three) were seen on the pelagic from Wollongong on 27th July.

Pacific Gull *Larus pacificus*

VIC: - The first was an adult at Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July, with another 21 seen between there and Phillip Island that afternoon (mainly at San Remo). 38+ were on Phillip Island (mainly at Newhaven) the next day with only a single bird noted at Werribee SF on 30th and three between Airey's Inlet & Cape Otway on 31st.

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

NSW: - Two adults were in Wollongong Harbour on 27th July.

VIC: - Two adults were at the Nobbies on Phillip Island on 29th July.

Silver Gull *Larus novaehollandiae*

NSW: - Ten were seen along the river in the Royal National Park on 26th July and they were common on the pelagic off Wollongong the next day.

VIC: - On 28th July 30 were counted between Melbourne Airport & Edithvale, with ten at the Edithvale Wetlands that afternoon. 70+ were noted on Phillip Island on 29th and they were present but not counted at Werribee SF on 30th. Ten were at the Lookout at Port Campbell on 31st. Inland 100+ were at the ponds at Boort on 2nd August.

QLD: - Only noted on the coast, with 30 at Cape Pallarenda on 11th August. Present but not counted at Surfer's Paradise, the Spit (Doug Jennings & Phillip Parks), Burleigh Heads NP, Townsville, Cairns & Yule Point.

Gull-billed Tern *Sterna nilotica macrotarsa*

QLD: - On 16th August, three were at Yule Point with one at Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton and two roosting at the southern end of the Esplanade at Cairns. Ten were along the Esplanade the next day with a single in the marina at Cairns.

Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia*

VIC: - One was seen at a roadside stop between Phillip Island and Melbourne on 29th July.

QLD: - One was at the causeway at Lake Mitchell on 15th August with ten at Yule Point and a single along the Esplanade at Cairns on 16th. Seven were again along the Esplanade the next morning.

Crested Tern *Sterna bergii*

NSW: - Three were at the Silver Beach area of Botany Bay on 26th July. Several were seen from the pelagic off Wollongong the next day, with three also in Wollongong harbour.

VIC: - Four were at Newhaven on Phillip Island on 29th July with another four at Werribee SF the next day. On 31st five were at Peterborough and 70+ were at Port Fairy that evening.

QLD: - c ten were along the Spit (Doug Jennings & Phillip Parks) on 6th August with 40-50 at Yule Point on 16th. Small numbers were seen on both journeys to Michaelmas Cay and 40+ birds (including juvs) were on the Cay itself.

White-fronted Tern *Sterna striata*

NSW: - Two were seen on the inbound journey on the pelagic off Wollongong on 27th July.

Little Tern *Sterna albifrons (prob. sinensis)*

QLD: - Five were at Hastings Reef (on the Great Barrier Reef) on 17th August.

Fairy Tern *Sterna nereis*

VIC: - One was at Werribee SF (at the mouth of the Little River) on 30th July.

Sooty Tern *Sterna fuscata*

QLD: - Two were seen on the outward journey to Michaelmas Cay with 400+ on the Cay itself on 17th August.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*

VIC: - One was with the White-winged Black Terns at Werribee SF on 30th July.

QLD: - c five were near the causeway at Lake Mitchell on 15th August.

White-winged Black Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*

VIC: - Eight were at Werribee SF on 30th July.

Common Noddy *Anous stolidus*

QLD: - c20 were on Michaelmas Cay on 17th August.

Black Noddy *Anous minutus*

QLD: - One was on Michaelmas Cay on 17th August.

Rock Dove *Columba livia*

Occasionally seen but not counted and usually ignored!

White-headed Pigeon *Columba leucomela*

QLD: - One was heard along the Border Track to Elabana Falls area of the Lamington NP at O'Reilly's on 8th August.

Spotted Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*

NSW: - On 26th July singles were seen in the Sydney area (also one on 28th) and at Cronuella Swamp with two in the Silver Beach area of Botany Bay.

VIC: - On 28th July four were noted between Melbourne Airport & Edithvale Wetlands with 20+ at the Wetlands itself. Next day ten were counted on Phillip Island.

QLD: - 14 were between Licuala SF & Bramston Rd on 12th August with nine between Innisfail; & Cardwell on 10th. Smaller numbers were also seen at Mt. Coot-tha, Mt. Nathan Fish Farm, Burleigh Heads, Mareeba, Cairns area, Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton, the Esplanade and at Centenary Lakes with others seen on various journeys.

Brown Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia amboinensis*

QLD: - One was along the Border Track at O'Reilly's on 7th August with seven noted there early the next morning. Singles were also at Licuala SF park (along the walking trail) on 12th, between Broomfield Crater & the Crater NP on 13th and in Mt. Lewis State Forest on 15th. Also on 15th two were seen between Kingfisher Park & Mt. Lewis and between Newell Beach & Daintree.

Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica chrysochlora*

QLD: - Six were seen along the Walking trail at the Licuala State Forest on 12th August with one-two in the grounds at Kingfisher Park on 14th-15th. Also on 15th one was seen between Kingfisher Park & Mt. Lewis State Forest.

Bronzewing sp *Phaps sp*

VIC: - Two were flushed from the roadside between Dimboola & Jeparit on 1st August and a single was seen between Wycheproof & Boort the next day.

Crested Pigeon *Ocyphaps lophotes*

NSW: - One was seen in the Silver Beach area of Botany Bay on 26th July. Six were seen around Deniliquin town on 3rd August and they were present but not counted near Gulpa State Forest on 5th.

VIC: - Many were counted inland whilst driving between sites. 30 were noted between Dimboola & Rainbow on 1st August with 27 between Wyperfeld & Boort the next day. 19 were at Boort ponds on 3rd with 50 seen between there and Echuca later that day.

QLD: - Mainly seen in the southern part of the state. 20 were noted between 6th-10th August, with ten+ between Mt. Coot-tha & Surfer's Paradise on 6th. Three between Mareeba & Mt. Molloy on 14th was the only sighting in the northern part of the state.

Peaceful Dove *Geopelia striata*

VIC: - Eight were seen around the Wonga Campsite and two around the Eastern Lookout Drive in the Wyperfeld NP on 2nd August.

QLD: - 18+ were at Townsville Common on 11th August with 20 between Mareeba & Tinaroo Creek Rd on 14th and 20 at Centenary Lakes (Cairns) on 18th. One to three were noted at another eight widespread localities.

Bar-shouldered Dove *Geopelia humeralis*

QLD: - c ten were around the campsite at Bramston Beach on 12th August. One was at Daintree on 15th with four there the next day when five were at the Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton.

Wonga Pigeon *Leucosarcia melanoleuca*

QLD: - Only seen at O'Reilly's in the Lamington NP. Four were seen along the Border Track & Tree top walk on 7th with four+ seen around the guesthouse the next morning and two were around Mikes Tower area that afternoon.

Wompoo Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus magnificus*

QLD: - Birds were heard in the Mt. Lewis State Forest area on 15th August.

Superb Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus superbus*

QLD: - Birds were heard in the Mt. Lewis State Forest area on 15th August.

Pied Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula bicolor*

QLD: - Two were along the Esplanade at Cairns on 16th August. One was seen flying south on the way out to Michaelmas Cay the next day.

Topknot Pigeon *Lopholaimus antarcticus*

NSW: - Three were along Lady Carrington's Drive in the Royal National Park on 26th July.

QLD: - 20 flew over Tutt's Gully along Duck Creek Rd at O'Reilly's on 9th August. On 11th two were seen on the way to Paluma from Townsville with another two at Birthday Creek Falls.

Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo *Calyptorhynchus banksii*

QLD: - On 10th August pairs were seen between Cardwell & Ingham and between Ingham & Townsville. Three were seen between Paluma & Cardwell the next day.

Glossy Black-Cockatoo *Calyptorhynchus lathami*

QLD: - A pair were seen well along Duck Creek Rd near O'Reilly's in the Lamington NP on 9th August. Although known about, they were tracked down by following the noise of crunching sounds in the Casuarinas!

Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo *Calyptorhynchus funereus*

QLD: - Three were seen at Tutt's Gully along Duck Creek Rd near O'Reilly's in the Lamington NP on 9th August.

Galah *Cacatua roseicapilla* (*prob. all roseicapilla*)

NSW: - Two were seen in the Sydney area on 26th July and they were plentiful around the Deniliquin area between 3rd-5th August.

VIC: - One to eight were seen at several localities around the coastal strip between 28th-31st July with c100 at Port Fairy on 1st August. Inland 70 were between Port Fairy & Peshurst and hundreds between Dimboola & Jeparit also on 1st. 50 were also between Wyperfeld & Hopetoun on 2nd with much smaller numbers seen whilst driving between localities.

QLD: - c ten were seen between Mt. Coot-tha & Surfer's Paradise on 6th August with a similar number around the ford near Mt. Nathan Fish Farm on the way to O'Reilly's the next day. Four were at the Canungra Valley Winery on 9th with 50+ seen between there and Beaudesert later that afternoon.

Long-billed Corella *Cacatua tenuirostris*

NSW: - 70+ were near Echuca on the way to Deniliquin on 3rd August. C50 were seen on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin on 4th with 50 at Moama and four-five were noted on the return journey to Echuca on 5th.

VIC: - On 1st August, the drive from the freshwater lake in the southern Grampians to Jeparit saw flocks of hundreds by the roadside, especially near the Halls Gap area. Next day much lower numbers were seen on the drive to Boort. Five were between Wyperfeld & Hopetoun with a single between Wycheproof & Boort. However 100+ were in a small park at Echuca on 3rd.

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo *Cacatua galerita*

NSW: - Small numbers were seen around Sydney with 35+ around the Royal National Park on 26th July. 172+ were seen between Echuca to and in and around Deniliquin on 3rd August with 145+ seen on the return journey to Echuca on 5th.

VIC: - 30 were seen along the Great Ocean Rd on 31st July with 52 between Port Fairy and Halls Gap the next day. c60 were seen between Wyperfeld NP & Hopetoun on 2nd August with 70 between Boort & Durham Ox on 3rd. 90 were noted between Echuca & Kyneton with 25+ in the Brisbane Ranges NP around the Stony Creek campsite on 5th.

QLD: - 170 were between Mareeba and Tinaroo Creek on 14th August with 50+ between Canungra & Beaudesert on 9th. Smaller numbers were noted at Brisbane Botanical Gardens, O'Reilly's and between Cairns & Townsville.

Cockatiel *Nymphicus hollandicus*

NSW: - One was seen in the Deniliquin area with Phil Maher on 4th August.

Rainbow Lorikeet *Trichoglossus haematodus moluccanus*

NSW: - Three were in the Royal National Park with 15 in the Silver Beach area of Botany Bay on 26th July. Six were around Wollongong Harbour the next morning.

QLD: - Two to ten were noted at Brisbane Botanical Gardens, Burleigh Heads, Canungra, Nathan Fish farm & ford area and Canungra Valley Winery between 6th-10th August. More were seen in the northern part of the state with peak counts of 20 at Cape Pallarenda with 22 between Townsville & Paluma on 11th, 25 at Kingfisher park on 14th with 'lots' along the Esplanade at Cairns on 16th. Smaller numbers were seen at another seven localities.

Scaly-breasted Lorikeet *Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus*

QLD: - Four were between Mt. Coot-tha & Surfer's Paradise on 6th August with four more between Canungra & O'Reilly's the next day. 20 were at Kingfisher Park on 14th.

Musk Lorikeet *Glossopsitta concinna*

NSW: - 15+ were flying around the Silver Beach area of Botany Bay at dusk on 26th July. Ten flew over the Peppin Motor Lodge on 5th August.

Lorikeet sp

VIC: - c ten were flying around the Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July.

Double-eyed Fig-Parrot *Cyclopsitta diophthalma macleayana*

QLD: - Four were up Mt. Lewis on 15th August. An unknown number were heard on the Daintree River Cruise on 16th whilst on 18th four were present at Centenary Lakes with two over the road at the Flecker Botanical Gardens.

Australian King Parrot *Alisterus scapularis*

QLD: - Seven were in the Burleigh Heads NP on the morning of 7th August, whilst up at O'Reilly's in the Lamington NP they were extremely common around the feeding area between 7th-9th.

Superb Parrot *Polytelis swainsonii*

NSW: - A pair flew over the road opposite the entrance to the Gulpa State Forest on 5th August.

Crimson Rosella *Platycercus elegans elegans*

NSW: - Seven were along Lady Carrington's Drive in the Royal National Park on 26th July, with four in the Silver Beach area of Botany Bay that evening.

VIC: - 19 were noted along the Great Ocean Rd on 31st July. Inland ten+ were at the Bellfield Picnic Site with one between Port Fairy & Peshurst on 1st August. One was also at the Brisbane Ranges National Park on 5th.

QLD: - Only seen at O'Reilly's where they are extremely common at the feeding area.

Yellow Rosella *Platycercus elegans flaveolus*

NSW: - Ten were seen between Gulpa State Forest to in and around Deniliquin on 3rd August. Next day three were seen whilst out with Phil Maher and on 5th 15 were by the roadside near the Gulpa State Forest.

VIC: - One was in the small park by the Murray River at Echuca on 3rd August.

Eastern Rosella *Platycercus eximius*

NSW: - Five were in the Royal National Park around Lady Carrington's Drive with c ten in the park by the Silver Beach area of Botany Bay on 26th July. Two were between Echuca & Gulpa State Forest on 3rd August with three seen on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin area on 4th. Six were seen between Deniliquin and Echuca on 5th.

VIC: - Two were on the beach at Rhyll Inlet on Phillip Island on 29th July. Inland eight were seen between Dimboola & Jeparit on 1st August with two at Tchum Lake South and five between Wycheproof & Boort on 2nd. Six were at Boort ponds the next morning with five seen between there and Echuca later that day. Finally two were at Crosbie State Forest on 5th.

QLD: - One appeared to be paired to a Pale-headed Rosella at Burleigh Heads NP on 7th August. They were watched inspecting a nesting (?) hole in a tree.

Pale-headed Rosella *Platycercus adsciyus palliceps*

QLD: - One appeared to be paired with an Eastern Rosella at Burleigh Heads National Park on 7th August. Two were at Canungra Valley Winery on 9th with two more at Tinaroo Creek on 13th and at Kingfisher Park on 14th.

Australian Ringneck *Barnardius zonarius barnardi*

VIC: - One was seen around the Eastern Lookout Drive in the Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August.

Blue Bonnet *Northiella haematogaster haematogaster*

NSW: - Six were seen on the day out around Deniliquin with Phil Maher on 4th August.

VIC: - Three were between Jeparit Lake & Rainbow on 1st August.

Red-rumped Parrot *Psephotus haematonotus*

NSW: - One gave close views on the deck at Lady Carrington's Drive in the Royal National Park on 26th July. 30 were seen in the Deniliquin area on 4th August, with 14 by the roadside at Gulpa State Forest the next day.

VIC: - 64 were counted between Port Fairy & Rainbow on 1st August. The next day they were fairly common at Wyperfeld National Park with 31 noted between Birchip & Boort. Six were at the Boort ponds on the morning of 3rd with only three seen between Boort & Echuca.

Mulga Parrot *Psephotus varius*

VIC: - Eight were seen around the Eastern Lookout Drive and along the Malleefowl walk at Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August.

Budgerigar *Melopsittacus undulatus*

NSW: - c30 were seen on the day out with Phil Maher around the Deniliquin area on 4th August.

Blue-winged Parrot *Neophema chrysostoma*

VIC: - Five were by the edge of Austin Rd Lagoon at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th July.

Pallid Cuckoo *Cuculus pallidus*

NSW: - Two were seen on the day out with Phil Maher in the Deniliquin area on 4th August.

QLD: - One was seen between the Malanda Motel and Broomfield Crater on 13th August.

Fan-tailed Cuckoo *Cacomantis flabelliformis*

NSW: - One was seen on the way to the lookout by the visitors center at the Royal National Park on 26th July.

QLD: - Singles were at The Spit (Doug Jennings and Phillip Parks), Surfer's Paradise, on 6th August and at Townsville Common on 11th.

Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx basalis*

VIC: - Six were seen around Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th July.

QLD: - One was by the ford along Pickford's Rd (2km from the main Rd) on 14th August.

Pheasant Coucal *Centropus phasianinus*

QLD: - Singles were at Townsville Common on 11th August, a juv along Granite Gorge Rd on 13th and between Mareeba & Mt. Molloy on 14th.

Southern Boobook *Ninox novaeseelandiae boobook*

QLD: - A single was present around the chalets at O'Reilly's (spotlighted at night) on 7th & 8th August.

Lesser Sooty Owl *Tyto multipunctata*

QLD: - Two juveniles were seen in the nest hole at Kingfisher Park on the night walk on 14th August.

Barn Owl *Tyto alba*

NSW: - One was flushed from a tree, by a passer by, behind the Peppin Motor Inn on 3rd August.

QLD: - c ten were seen and heard on the night walk at Kingfisher Park on the night of 14th August.

Tawny Frogmouth *Podargus strigoides strigoides*

NSW: - Two were seen (and spotlighted by Phil Maher) at the farm near the Plains-wanderer site N of Deniliquin on 4th August.

Papuan Frogmouth *Podargus papuensis baileyi*

QLD: - Three were found by one of the guides roosting at Kingfisher Park on 15th August and five were seen (2 + 3) on the Daintree River Cruise on 16th.

Australian Owlet-nightjar *Aegotheles cristatus*

NSW: - One was heard at the farm near the Plains-wanderer site to the N of Deniliquin on 4th August.

QLD: - One was seen roosting at the top of a dead tree along the Border Track at O'Reilly's in the Lamington National Park on 8th & 9th August.

White-rumped Swiftlet *Collocalia spodiopygius*

QLD: - Four were at Centenary Lakes on 10th August with 20 between Cardwell & Ingham later that afternoon. 50+ were noted between Townsville & Cardwell the next day with 153+ seen between Licuala State Forest & Broomfield Crater on 12th. 50 were along the Mt. Carbine Rd on 14th with 100 between Newell & Daintree the following day. On 16th 100 were seen from the Daintree River Cruise, 30 were at Newell Beach and later that evening hundreds were flying S at the Esplanade at Cairns. The last were two over the Flecker Botanical gardens at Cairns on 18th.

Azure Kingfisher *Alcedo azurea*

NSW: - One flew along the river just before the car park at Lady Carrington's Drive in the Royal National Park on 26th July.

Little Kingfisher *Alcedo pusilla*

QLD: - One was at Centenary Lakes on 10th August.

Laughing Kookaburra *Dacelo novaeguineae*

NSW: - Seven were around the car parks at Lady Carrington's Drive in the Royal National Park on 26th July. Nine were seen between Echuca & in and around Deniliquin between 3rd-5th August.

VIC: - 34 were noted mainly whilst driving around between localities. Max count was seven between Echuca & Tooleen on 5th August.

QLD: - 29 were seen whilst driving between localities, mainly singles, the maximum count was four at Centenary lakes on 18th August.

Blue-winged Kookaburra *Dacelo leachii leachii*

QLD: - Two were at Townsville Common with a single at Cape Pallarenda on 11th August. Three were in the granite Creek/Chettle Road area on 13th with singles at Pickford Rd, between Mareeba to Mt. Molloy & at Mt. Carbine Lake the next day. The last was one along the river at Daintree on 15th.

Forest Kingfisher *Todirhamphus macleayii incincta*

QLD: - Ten at Townsville Common on 11th August, 24 between Licuala State Forest & Bramston on 12th and 11 between Daintree & Mossman on 16th were the highest counts. One to five were seen at another 11 localities.

Red-backed Kingfisher *Todirhamphus pyrrhopygia*

QLD: - One was seen perched on wires along the Mt. Carbine Rd at Mary Creek on 14th August.

Sacred Kingfisher *Todirhamphus sanctus*

QLD: - One was at the lake at Mt. Carbine on 14th August. On 16th two were seen on the Daintree River Cruise, four at the Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton and a single along the Esplanade at Cairns. Three were along the Mangrove boardwalk near Cairns Airport on 18th.

Collared Kingfisher *Todirhamphus chloris*

QLD: - One was seen sitting on the sand at Yule Point on 16th August.

Rainbow Bee-eater *Merops ornatus*

QLD: - The first were two at Townsville Common and five at cape Pallarenda on 11th August. Two were at Eubenangee Swamp on 12th with three along Hasties Swamp Rd and one-two in the Granite Gorge Rd area next day. On 14th two were along Pickford Rd & at Mareeba with six+ at Kingfisher Park later in the afternoon. The last was a single at the Flecker Botanical Garden on 18th.

Noisy Pitta *Pitta versicolor versicolor*

QLD: - Three were eventually seen at Burleigh Heads National Park on 7th August, after being told by virtually everybody who walks through there, that we should have been here yesterday! Two were seen in heavy rain along the walking trail at the Licuala State Forest on 12th and a single was at Centenary Lakes on the morning of 18th.

Albert's Lyrebird *Menura alberti*

QLD: - Three were glimpsed and two others heard along the Border Track at O'Reilly's on 8th August, where three were heard and one gave point blank views down to c12 feet the following morning.

Superb Lyrebird *Menura novaehollandiae*

NSW: - Birds were heard around the car park & trail to the lookout at the Royal National Park on 26th July.

White-throated Treecreeper *Cormobates leucophaeus (prob. leucophaeus)*

NSW: - One was along Lady Carrington's Drive in the Royal National Park on 26th July. Three were in Gulpa State Forest on 3rd August and a single was seen in the Deniliquin area the next day.

VIC: - One was seen in the southern Grampians (near the freshwater lake) on 1st August. On 5th four were at both Mt. Ida and in the Brisbane Ranges National Park (at Stony Creek campsite).

QLD: - Singles were seen along the road to O'Reilly's (near Cainbale) on 7th August and at the Curtain Fig Tree on 13th. Two were at The Crater (Mt. Hypipamee National Park) on 13th with five of the mountain race *C. l. minor* known as 'Little Treecreeper' up Mt. Lewis on 15th.

Red-browed Treecreeper *Climacteris erythroptera*

QLD: - On 9th August three were seen around the Duck Creek Rd area of O'Reilly's in the Lamington National Park. Two were just past the edge of where the rainforest meets the Eucalypt forest.

Brown Treecreeper *Climacteris picumnus picumnus*

NSW: - Seven were in the Gulpa State Forest on 3rd August and five were along the road opposite there on 5th.

VIC: - Eight were seen in various localities in Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August. Six were at Boort ponds on 3rd with two at Crosbie State Forest and four-five in the Stony Creek campsite area of the Brisbane Ranges National Park on 5th.

Superb Fairy-wren *Malurus cyaneus*

The commonest Fairy-wren. Very few adult males were seen.

NSW: - Five were in the car park at the Royal National park on 26th July when a single was also at Cronuella Swamp. Two were at Gulpa State Forest on 3rd August and birds were present but not counted on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin the next day.

VIC: - c20 were at Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July. Next day birds were noted at Rhyll Inlet (c20) & at Swan Lake (present) on Phillip Island with a single bird noted at a roadside stop on the way back to Melbourne. Small numbers were at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th with eight noted between Airey's Inlet & Cape Otway on 31st. On 1st August six were at Hall's Gap and five were in Zumstien car park in the Grampians. Six were at Boort ponds on 3rd with birds present at Stony Creek campsite in the Brisbane Ranges National Park on 5th.

QLD: - Five were along the Spit (Doug Jennings & Phillip Parks) at Surfers paradise on 6th August. Three were in the Mt. Nathan Fish Farm & ford area on 7th with four on the walk from Mick's Tower to Red Rd via the Wishing Tree at O'Reilly's in the Lamington National Park on 8th.

Splendid Fairy-wren *Malurus splendens melanotus*

VIC: - Eight female types were seen in Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August, with four along the Malleefowl walk and another four along the Discovery walk.

Variegated Fairy-wren *Malurus lamberti (prob. lamberti)*

QLD: - Five female types were seen along a private rd, off Duck Creek Rd near O'Reilly's in the Lamington National Park on 9th August.

Lovely Fairy-wren *Malurus amabilis*

QLD: - Birds were heard along the Mt. Lewis Rd on 15th August.

White-winged Fairy-wren *Malurus leucopterus leuconotus*

NSW: - About ten, including a stunning male, were seen on the day out with Phil Maher near Deniliquin on 4th August.

Red-backed Fairy-wren *Malurus melanocephalus melanocephalus*

QLD: - Two female types were at Tutt's Gully (along Duck Creek Rd) near O'Reilly's on 9th August. Ten (one male) were seen at Townsville Common on 11th with five (one male) at the Malanda Motel pool during early morning and two female types along the Hasties Swamp Rd on 13th. Finally six were near the ford along Pickford Rd (two km from main rd) on 14th.

Spotted Pardalote *Pardalotus punctatus punctatus*

NSW: - Seven-eight were in the Royal National Park area on 26th July.

VIC: - One was seen on the walk to Rhyll Inlet on Phillip Island on 29th July. Two of the race *P. p. xanthopygus* known as 'Yellow-rumped Pardalote' were seen on the Malleefowl walk in the Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August.

QLD: - One was seen at the Bell Miner colony (15km from O'Reilly's) on 9th August.

Red-browed Pardalote *Pardalotus rubricatus*

QLD: - One was at the ford along Pickford Creek Rd (two km from main rd) on 14th August.

Striated Pardalote *Pardalotus striatus*

NSW: - Two were seen on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin on 4th August.

VIC: - Three were seen between the freshwater lake in the southern Grampians and Bellfield Picnic site on 1st August. One was also at Boort ponds on 3rd.

QLD: - Two were noted at JC Slaughter Falls at Mt. Coot-tha on 6th August with one 15km down the road from O'Reilly's Guesthouse at the Bell Miner colony on 9th.

Rufous Bristlebird *Dasyornis broadbenti*

VIC: - On 31st July two were seen well at Point Addis car park at first light and two were heard singing at Airey's Inlet near to the lighthouse.

Fernwren *Oreoscopus gutturalis*

QLD: - A pair were seen and others heard up Mt. Lewis on 15th August.

Yellow-throated Scrubwren *Sericornis citreogularis*

NSW: - One was seen along Lady Carrington's Drive in the Royal National Park on 26th July.

QLD: - Very common along the trails around O'Reilly's, in the Lamington National Park, between 6th-9th August. Three were also seen at the Crater (Mt. Hypipamee National Park) on 13th with a single up Mt. Lewis State Forest on 15th.

White-browed Scrubwren *Sericornis frontalis*

NSW: - Race *S. f. frontalis*: Five were around the Royal National Park on 26th July and four were at Gulpa State Forest on 3rd August.

VIC: - Race *S. f. frontalis*: Four were on Phillip Island on 29th July with a single at Werribee Sewage Farm the next day. On 1st August six were noted at Hall's Gap with three more in Zumstien car park, both in the Grampian National Park. Two-three were at the Stony Creek Campsite in the Brisbane Ranges National Park on 5th.

QLD: - Race *S. f. laevigaster*: Four were in the Mt. Nathan Fish Farm & ford area on 7th August. Present in small numbers around O'Reilly's Guesthouse between 7th-9th. Also on 9th, two were at Canungra Valley Winery and two were at the Malanda Motel pool on 13th.

Atherton Scrubwren *Sericornis keri*

QLD: - Four were at the Crater (Mt. Hypipamee National Park) on 13th August with five seen up Mt. Lewis on 15th.

Large-billed Scrubwren *Sericornis magnirostris*

QLD: - One was at Burleigh Heads National Park on 7th August. Nine + were noted around O'Reilly's on 8th with three-four along the walking trail at the Licuala State Forest and a single at Eubenangee Swamp on 12th. Next day, 15 were at the Crater (Mt. Hypipamee National Park) with three at the Curtain Fig Tree and two at Lake Eacham.

Shy Heathwren *Hylacola cauta*

VIC: - Two were noted along the Malleefowl walk at Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August.

Striated Fieldwren *Calamanthus fuliginosus*

VIC: - Five were around Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th July.

Speckled Warbler *Chthonicola sagittata*

VIC: - One was noted on the way down Mt. Ida at a roadside stop on 5th August.

Brown Gerygone *Gerygone mouki*

NSW: - Race *G. m. mouki*: Five were seen along Lady Carrington's Drive in the Royal National Park on 26th July.

QLD: - Race *G. m. mouki*: Five were in the O'Reilly's area on 8th-9th August. Race *G. m. richmondi*: On 13th, a single was noted at the Yungaburra Platypus lookout and five were at the Curtain Fig Tree. Birds were heard up Mt. Lewis on 15th with three around the grounds at Kingfisher Park.

Large-billed Gerygone *Gerygone magnirostris*

QLD: - One was at Eubenangee Swamp on 12th August with, on 18th, two at Centenary Lakes and three along the mangrove boardwalk near the airport at Cairns.

Fairy Gerygone *Gerygone palpebrosa personata*

QLD: - Two was seen at the Yungaburra Platypus lookout on 13th August.

Mountain Thornbill *Acanthiza katherina*

QLD: - On 13th August, two were at the Malanda Motel pool, three at the Crater (Mt. Hypipamee National Park) and a single at the Curtain Fig Tree.

Brown Thornbill *Acanthiza pusilla*

NSW: - Six were noted around the Royal National Park on 26th July.

VIC: - One was at Rhyll Inlet on Phillip Island on 29th July. Inland one was at the freshwater lake in the southern Grampians, two-three were at Bellfield Picnic site and eight were in the Dimboola rest area on 1st August.

Inland Thornbill *Acanthiza albiventris*

VIC: - Two were along the Malleefowl walk in the Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August.

Chestnut-rumped Thornbill *Acanthiza uropygialis*

VIC: - Two were seen along the Malleefowl walk in the Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August.

Buff-rumped Thornbill *Acanthiza reguloides reguloides*

NSW: - Four were in the Gulpa State Forest on 3rd August.

VIC: - Eight were along the Malleefowl walk and one along Lowan track in the Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August. On 5th, four were noted in Crosbie State Forest and two+ up Mt. Ida.

Slender-billed Thornbill *Acanthiza iredalei*

VIC: - Two were along the Malleefowl Walk in the Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August.

Yellow-rumped Thornbill *Acanthiza chrysorrhoa*

NSW: - Noted as present in the Deniliquin area on 4th August with 12 along the road opposite the entrance to Gulpa State Forest on 5th.

VIC: - Three were at Rhyll Inlet on Phillip Island on 29th July with four at Werribee Sewage Farm the next day. Inland four were at the freshwater lake in the southern Grampians and two at the Bellfield Picnic site on 1st August. Two were noted along the Eastern Lookout Drive in the Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd.

Yellow Thornbill *Acanthiza nana*

NSW: - Five were at Gulpa State Forest on 3rd August with ten+ seen on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin the next day. One was along the rd opposite the entrance to Gulpa State Forest on 5th.

VIC: - Four-six were along the Malleefowl walk in the Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August with three at Crosbie State Forest on 5th.

Striated Thornbill *Acanthiza lineata*

NSW: - Four were seen in the Deniliquin town area on the day out with Phil Maher on 4th August.

VIC: - On 5th August, one-two were in Crosbie State Forest, two up Mt. Ida and two at the Stony Creek Campsite in the Brisbane Ranges National Park.

QLD: - On 7th August, five were at Burleigh Heads NP with two at Mt. Nathan Fish Farm. Ten were along the tracks around O'Reilly's Guesthouse on 8th-9th and a single was at Canungra Valley Winery on 9th.

Red Wattlebird *Anthochaera carunculata*

NSW: - Six were noted in the silver Beach area of Botany Bay on 26th July.

VIC: - Three were at Edithvale wetlands on 28th July with several noted on Phillip Island the next day. Small numbers were noted at Airey's Inlet pond on 31st. Inland two were noted along the Discovery walk at Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August with four at the Stony Creek campsite in the Brisbane Ranges National Park on 5th.

Little Wattlebird *Anthochaera chrysoptera chrysoptera*

NSW: - One was in the Silver Beach area of Botany Bay on 26th July.

VIC: - One was at Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July with 14+ seen on Phillip Island on 28th-29th.

Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater *Acanthagenys rufogularis*

NSW: - Four were seen on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin on 4th August.

Striped Honeyeater *Plectorhyncha lanceolata*

NSW: - Three were seen on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin on 4th August.

Helmeted Friarbird *Philemon buceroides*

QLD: - Seven were at Cape Pallarenda on 11th August with two at the lake up Mt. Carbine on 14th. Four were around Daintree on 15th with five+ on the Daintree River Cruise the next morning and two along the Esplanade at Cairns later that afternoon. Three were in the Flecker Botanical Gardens on 18th.

Noisy Friarbird *Philemon corniculatus*

QLD: - Two were at Canungra on 7th August with a single at Mareeba on 14th.

Little Friarbird *Philemon citreogularis*

NSW: - Four were seen on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin on 4th August with a single the next day between Gulpa State Forest and Echuca.

Blue-faced Honeyeater *Entomyzon cyanotis*

NSW: - Eight were seen in the Deniliquin area between 3rd-4th August.

QLD: - Three were at the Brisbane Botanical Gardens with one between Mt. Coot-tha and Surfers Paradise on 6th August. One was in Townsville on 11th with singles at Pickford Rd and around the lake up Mt. Carbine and two at Kingfisher Park on 14th (with one there on 15th).

Bell Miner *Manorina melanophrys*

QLD: - Lots were along the road 15km from O'Reilly's Guesthouse to Canungra. There is a colony of birds here. They can be readily heard, but seeing them is another matter!

Noisy Miner *Manorina melanocephala*

NSW: - Ten were in the Silver Beach area of Botany Bay on 26th July. Two were in the Deniliquin area on 4th August with birds around Gulpa State Forest the next day.

VIC: - One was between Melbourne Airport and Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July with six between Port Fairy and Penshurst on 1st August. On 3rd, 20 were around Boort Ponds with about ten in the park at Echuca.

QLD: - Ten were in the Brisbane Botanical Gardens on 6th August with a pair feeding young (still in nest) at J.C. Slaughter Falls in Mt. Coot-tha the same day. One was at the Mt. Nathan Fish Farm on 7th with two along Duck Creek Rd near O'Reilly's on 9th.

Yellow-throated Miner *Manorina flavigula flavigula*

VIC: - Six were between Jeparit Lake and Rainbow on 1st August.

Macleay's Honeyeater *Xanthotis macleayana*

QLD: - Four or five were seen at close range at the Ivy Cottage Tea Rooms in Paluma on 11th August. Two were at the Curtain Fig Tree on 13th with up to six at Kingfisher Park on 14th-15th.

Lewin's Honeyeater *Meliphaga lewinii*

NSW: - Five+ were in the Royal National Park on 26th July.

QLD: - Five were present at Hasties Swamp Rd and Kingfisher Park on 13th & 14th August respectively with four at J.C. Slaughter Falls (Mt. Coot-tha) on 6th and at O'Reilly's Guesthouse from 7th-9th. One to two were at another six widespread localities.

Yellow-spotted Honeyeater *Meliphaga notata*

QLD: - Singles were along the walking trail in Licuala State Forest on 12th August with another at the Crater (Mt. Hypipamee National Park) the next day. Three+ were present in the grounds of Kingfisher Park on 14th-15th and four were on the River Cruise at Daintree on 16th.

Graceful Honeyeater *Meliphaga gracilis*

QLD: - Six+ were in the grounds at Kingfisher Park on 14th-15th August. One to two were seen in the Daintree area on 15th-16th and a single was at Centenary Lakes on 18th.

Bridled Honeyeater *Lichenostomus frenatus*

QLD: - Four were seen in a garden along Hasties Swamp Rd on 13th August. Three were at Kingfisher Park on 14th with another three noted in Mt. Lewis State Park the next day.

Yellow-faced Honeyeater *Lichenostomus chrysops*

NSW: - Five+ were in the Royal National Park on 26th July.

VIC: - One was at the Stony Creek campsite in the Brisbane Ranges National Park on 5th August.

QLD: - 20+ were in the J.C. Slaughter Falls area of Mt. Coot-tha National Park on 6th August with four at the end of the Spit (Doug Jennings & Phillip Park's). Three were at Clagiraba Park (on the way to

O'Reilly's) the next day. Two were at the Bell Miner colony (15km from O'Reilly's) and one at the Canungra Valley Winery on 9th. Four were at Hasties Swamp on 13th.

Singing Honeyeater *Lichenostomus virescens*

NSW: - Eight were in the Deniliquin area on 4th August.

VIC: - On 31st July, one was at the Twelve Apostles with two or three at Peterborough and three at the Bay of Islands Coastal Park. One was at Port Fairy (Russell Clark Reserve) on 1st August.

Varied Honeyeater *Lichenostomus versicolor*

QLD: - On 16th August, four were in the mangroves at Yule Point with one along the Esplanade at Cairns.

Yellow Honeyeater *Lichenostomus flavus*

QLD: - Singles were at Townsville Common on 11th August and along Granite Gorge Rd on 13th. Five were by the creek 2km along Pickford Rd on 14th with two in Cairns Cemetery on 17th. Two were in Centenary Lakes on 18th.

White-eared Honeyeater *Lichenostomus leucotis*

VIC: - Three were on Phillip Island on 29th July. On 31st, singles were at Airey's Inlet pond and at the Bay of Islands Coastal Park with another at Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August. Two were at the Stony Creek campsite in the Brisbane Ranges National Park on 5th.

Yellow-tufted Honeyeater *Lichenostomus melanops melanops*

VIC: - On 5th August, three were in Crosbie State Forest and two were at Stony Creek campsite in the Brisbane Ranges National Park.

Yellow-plumed Honeyeater *Lichenostomus ornatus*

VIC: - Two were noted along the Malleefowl walk (around the Eastern Lookout Drive) in Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August.

Fuscous Honeyeater *Lichenostomus fuscus*

VIC: - One was in Crosbie State Forest on 5th August.

White-plumed Honeyeater *Lichenostomus penicillatus*

NSW: - Five to six were in Gulpa State Forest on 3rd August with birds noted on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin the next day. Two were along the Gulpa roadside on 5th.

VIC: - Ten were around Boort Ponds on 3rd August with six+ in the Dimboola Rest area on 1st and four in Crosbie State Forest on 5th. One to three were also seen at Edithvale Wetlands, Phillip Island, at the freshwater lake in the southern Grampians and at Wyperfeld National Park.

Brown-headed Honeyeater *Melithreptus brevirostris brevirostris*

VIC: - Eight+ were in Crosbie State Forest on 5th August.

White-throated Honeyeater *Melithreptus albogularis*

QLD: - Singles were at Mt. Nathan Fish Farm on 6th August and at the lake at Mt. Carbine on 14th. Three were at the entrance to Townsville Common on 11th.

White-naped Honeyeater *Melithreptus lunatus lunatus*

NSW: - One was by the visitor's center at the Royal National Park on 26th July.

VIC: - One was at the Bellfield Picnic site (nr Halls Gap) on 1st August with four or five at the Stony Creek campsite in the Brisbane Ranges National Park on 5th.

Brown Honeyeater *Lichmera indistincta*

QLD: - 20+ were at the end of the Spit (Doug Jennings & Phillip Parks) on 6th August with lots noted in Sherwood Park (Brisbane) on 9th. Six were at Townsville Common on 11th and at Centenary Lakes on 18th with five along the Hasties Swamp Rd on 13th and four at Mt. Carbine Lake on 14th. One to three were noted at another six localities.

Crescent Honeyeater *Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera*

VIC: - One was seen at the Bay of Islands Coastal Park on 31st July.

New Holland Honeyeater *Phylidonyris novaehollandiae*

VIC: - 13+ were on Phillip Island on 29th July with 26 noted along the Great Ocean Rd on 31st (with six+ at the Bay of Islands Coastal Park). Six+ were noted on the drive between Port Fairy and Rainbow on 1st August.

White-cheeked Honeyeater *Phylidonyris nigra nigra*

QLD: - Six or seven were at the Ivy Cottage Tea Rooms at Paluma on 11th August. Two were along the Hasties Swamp Rd on 13th with four noted in Mt. Lewis State Forest on 15th.

White-fronted Honeyeater *Phylidonyris albifrons*

NSW: - Two were seen on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin on 4th August.

Tawny-crowned Honeyeater *Phylidonyris melanops*

VIC: - Four or five were seen in the Bay of Islands Coastal Park on 31st July.

Brown-backed Honeyeater *Ramsayornis modestus*

QLD: - Seven+ were at Townsville Common on 11th August with three at Daintree on 15th and three more at Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton the next day.

Rufous-throated Honeyeater *Conopophila rufogularis*

QLD: - One was at the entrance to Townsville Common on 11th August.

Eastern Spinebill *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*

NSW: - Three were by the visitor's center at Royal National Park on 26th July.

VIC: - Singles were at the Bay of Islands Coastal Park on 31st July and up Mt. Ida on 5th August.

QLD: - Up to two were around the Guesthouse at O'Reilly's on 7th-9th August with a single at the Ivy Cottage Tea Rooms at Paluma on 11th and noted as present up Mt. Lewis on 15th.

Dusky Honeyeater *Myzomela obscura*

QLD: - Singles were noted at Cape Pallarenda on 11th August, along Hasties Swamp Rd on 13th, Mt. Lewis State Forest on 15th, Daintree on 16th and at Centenary Lakes on 18th. Two were at Kingfisher Park on 14th and Daintree (+ river cruise) on 15th-16th.

Scarlet Honeyeater *Myzomela sanguinolenta*

QLD: - Males were seen at J.C. Slaughter Falls (Mt. Coot-tha) on 6th August with two at Kingfisher Park on 14th. Heard only up Mt. Lewis State Forest on 15th.

White-fronted Chat *Ephthianura albifrons*

NSW: - Three were seen on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin on 4th August.

VIC: - Two were at Swan Lake on Phillip Island on 29th July with a minimum of 18 at Werribee Sewage Farm the next day. Inland four were at Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August with three between Durham Ox and Echuca.

Jacky Winter *Microeca fascinans*

NSW: - Six to eight were in Gulpa State Forest on 3rd August.

VIC: - Seven were seen along the Malleefowl walk in Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August with another between there and Hopetoun later that afternoon.

Lemon-bellied Flycatcher *Microeca flavigaster terrareginae*

QLD: - One was seen in the grounds of Kingfisher Park on 14th August.

Scarlet Robin *Petroica boodang*

VIC: - A male was seen from the roadside near the freshwater lake in the southern Grampians on 1st August.

Red-capped Robin *Petroica goodenovii*

NSW: - Two males were in Gulpa State Forest on 3rd August with another male and a female/imm male seen on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin the next day.

Flame Robin *Petroica phoenicea*

VIC: - Two males were near Rhyll Inlet and an imm male was at Swan Lake, both on Phillip Island on 29th July.

Rose Robin *Petroica rosea*

NSW: - A male was along Lady Carrington Drive in the Royal National Park on 26th July.

QLD: - A male was seen where the Rainforest meets the Eucalypt forest along Duck Creek Rd near O'Reilly's on 9th August.

Hooded Robin *Melanodryas cucullata*

VIC: - One male and three females were noted along the Malleefowl Walk in Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August.

Pale-yellow Robin *Tregellasia capito nana*

QLD: - Six were seen along the walking trail in Licuala State Forest on 12th August. Three were in the grounds of Kingfisher Park on 14th with another three+ seen up Mt. Lewis the next day.

Eastern Yellow Robin *Eopsaltria australis*

NSW: - Race *E. a. australis*: Six were in the Royal National Park on 26th July.

VIC: - Race *E. a. australis*: Two were along the walk to Rhyll Inlet on Phillip Island on 29th July with three at Stony Creek campsite in the Brisbane Ranges National Park on 5th August.

QLD: - Race *E. a. chrysorrhoea*: 15+ were seen around O'Reilly's between 7th – 9th August.

Mangrove Robin *Peneoenanthe pulverulenta*

QLD: - Two were in the mangroves at the northern end of the Esplanade at Cairns on 17th August. They can be attracted by imitating their two-note whistle! Another was attracted the same way along the mangrove boardwalk near to Cairns Airport the next day

White-browed Robin *Poecilodryas superciliosa superciliosa*

QLD: - Two were seen along Big Mitchell Creek (as per T & T) on 14th August.

Grey-headed Robin *Heteromyias albispecularis*

QLD: - Singles were at Birthday Creek Falls (near Paluma) on 11th August and at the Curtain Fig Tree on 13th. Four were around the Crater in Mt. Hypipamee National Park also on 13th with five at Kingfisher Park on 14th and another three up Mt. Lewis the next day.

Logrunner *Orthonyx temminckii*

QLD: - c12 were seen whilst walking the tracks around O'Reilly's from 7th - 9th August.

Chowchilla *Orthonyx spaldingii*

QLD: - Three were seen from the car park at Birthday Creek Falls on 11th August and birds were heard between Kingfisher Park and Mt. Lewis on 15th.

Grey-crowned Babbler *Pomatostomus temporalis temporalis*

NSW: - Three were seen in the Deniliquin area along the road towards Hay on 4th August.

QLD: - Two were around the lake at Mt. Carbine on 14th August.

White-browed Babbler *Pomatostomus superciliosus*

NSW: - 14 were in Gulpa State Forest on 3rd August.

VIC: - Two were in the Dimboola Rest Area on 1st August with 14 along the Malleefowl walk in Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd and four around the ponds at Boort the next morning.

Eastern Whipbird *Psophodes olivaceus*

NSW: - Race *P. o. olivaceus*: Three+ were in the Royal National Park on 26th July.

QLD: - Race *P. o. olivaceus*: Common at O'Reilly's from 7th - 9th August. Race *P. o. lateralis*: Two were noted at Broomfield Crater on 12th, and on 13th birds were noted at the motel at Malanda, the Curtain Fig Tree and at the Crater in Mt. Hypipamee National Park. Birds were also heard in the grounds of Kingfisher Park on 15th.

Chestnut Quail-thrush *Cinlosoma castanotus*

VIC: - Three were seen along the Malleefowl walk in Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August.

Varied Sittella *Daphoenositta chrysoptera*

NSW: - Nominate race *D. c. chrysoptera*: Three were along Lady Carrington's Drive in the Royal National Park on 26th July.

VIC: - Race *D. c. pileata*: Eight were seen along the Malleefowl walk in Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August.

QLD: - Race *D. c. leucocephala*: Two were along a private road off Duck Creek Rd near O'Reilly's on 9th August.

Crested Shrike-tit *Fanculculus frontatus*

VIC: - Birds were heard opposite the entrance to Crosbie State Forest on 5th August.

QLD: - Birds (thought to be this species) were heard opposite Lake Mitchell and around the lake up Mt. Carbine on 14th August.

Olive Whistler *Pachycephala olivacea*

QLD: - One was seen at Burleigh Heads National Park on 7th August.

Gilbert's Whistler *Pachycephala inornata*

VIC: - A female was along the Malleefowl walk in Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August.

Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis*

NSW: - Five were in the Royal National Park on 26th July with a single in Gulpa State Forest on 3rd August.

VIC: - One was along the Malleefowl walk in Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August.

QLD: - Two females/immatures were at JC Slaughter Falls on 6th August. Next day nine were in Burleigh Heads National Park with two by the ford near Mt. Nathan Fish farm. Single males were along a private road off Duck Creek Rd (near O'Reilly's) on 9th with another up Mt. Lewis on 15th.

Grey Whistler *Pachycephala simplex peninsulae*

QLD: - Two were along the walking trail in Licuala State Forest on 12th August with one heard up Mt. Lewis on 15th and another from the Daintree River Cruise on 16th.

Rufous Whistler *Pachycephala rufiventris*

QLD: - Single males were at JC Slaughter Falls on 6th August, Clagiraba Park (near Mt. Nathan Fish farm) on 7th and at Granite Gorge Rd on 13th.

Little Shrike-thrush *Colluricincla megarhyncha*

QLD: - Singles were noted at the ford near Mt. Nathan Fish Farm on 7th August with another at the Tearooms at Ivy Cottage (Paluma) on 11th. Three were present at Kingfisher Park on 14th, Mt. Lewis on 15th and on the Daintree River Cruise on 16th. Six birds probably of this species were seen along the walking trail in Licuala State Forest on 12th.

Bower's Shrike-thrush *Colluricincla boweri*

QLD: - Two were at the Crater (Mt. Hypipamee National Park) on 13th August and birds were heard singing up Mt. Lewis on 15th.

Grey Shrike-thrush *Colluricincla harmonica harmonica*

NSW: - Four were at Gulpa State Forest on 3rd August with a single in the Deniliquin area the next day.

VIC: - Singles were at Rhyll Inlet (Phillip Island) on 29th July, between Zumstien and Horsham on 1st August and on 5th at Mt. Ida and between there and Kyneton. Two were at Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd (around the Eastern Lookout Drive) with three at Stony Creek campsite in the Brisbane Ranges National Park on 5th and five were noted along the Great Ocean Rd on 31st July.

QLD: - One was on the early morning walk at O'Reilly's on 8th August.

Spectacled Monarch *Monarcha trivirgatus (prob. albiventris)*

QLD: - Eight were seen along the walking trail in Licuala State Forest on 12th August. Singles were at Kingfisher Park on 14th and on 18th at Centenary Lakes and along the mangrove boardwalk near the Airport at Cairns. Two were seen from the Daintree River Cruise on 16th.

Leaden Flycatcher *Myiagra rubecula*

QLD: - Two were at Townsville Common on 11th with singles at Eubenangee Swamp on 12th, Daintree on 15th and along the Mangrove Boardwalk near Cairns Airport on 18th. Three female/imm were at Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton on 15th.

Birds either this species or Satin Flycatcher *Myiagra cyanoleuca* were at Townsville Common and at Cape Pallarenda on 11th August.

Satin Flycatcher *Myiagra cyanoleuca*

QLD: - Singles were at Cape Pallarenda on 11th August and at the ford along Pickford Creek Rd on 14th.

Shining Flycatcher *Myiagra alecto*

QLD: - Five were seen from the boat on the Daintree River Cruise on 16th August.

Restless Flycatcher *Myiagra inquieta inquieta*

NSW: - One was along the road opposite the entrance to Gulpa State Forest on 5th August.

VIC: - Four or five were around the freshwater lake in the southern Grampians on 1st August with a single at Mt. Ida on 5th.

Magpie-lark *Grallina cyanoleuca*

NSW: - Four were in the car park area at Lady Carrington's Drive in the Royal National Park on 26th July with birds noted on the way to Sydney airport on 28th.

VIC: - 12 were noted between Edithvale Wetlands and Phillip Island on 28th July with seven at Cape Otway on 31st. Smaller numbers were seen between Melbourne Airport and Edithvale, Phillip Island to Melbourne and Werribee Sewage farm.

QLD: - Birds were seen (but not counted) at Brisbane Botanical Gardens, Centenary Lakes, Mt. Nathan Fish Farm and Townsville and between Innisfail and Cardwell and Mareeba and Tinaroo Creek.

Rufous Fantail *Rhipidura rufifrons*

QLD: - 12+ were noted along the walking trail in the Licuala State Forest with a single at Eubenangee Swamp on 12th August. Singles were at Kingfisher Park on 14th, Mt. Lewis State Forest and Daintree on 15th and at the latter place next day. Also on 16th two were seen with others heard on the Daintree River Cruise.

Grey Fantail *Rhipidura albiscapa*

NSW: - Four were in the Royal National Park on 26th July with three in Gulpa State Forest on 3rd August and singles in the Deniliquin area on 4th and again at Gulpa on 5th.

VIC: - Three were on Phillip Island on 29th July with singles at Port Campbell lookout on 31st and at Crosbie State Forest on 5th August.

QLD: - Eight were along Pickford Creek Rd ford area on 14th August with seven at Mt. Hypipamee National Park (The Crater) on 13th with five at O'Reilly's on 8th. Smaller numbers were noted at another 13 localities including three of the race *R. a.* up Mt. Lewis on 15th.

Northern Fantail *Rhipidura rufiventris*

QLD: - Two were at Abattoir Swamp on 15th August.

Willie Wagtail *Rhipidura leucophrys*

NSW: - Only two seen in the Royal National Park with two in the Silver Beach area of Botany Bay on 26th July.

VIC: - Two were on Phillip Island on 29th July with birds present at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th and at Peterborough on 31st. Inland, one was at the Dimboola Rest area on 1st August and three between Wyperfeld National Park and Hopetoun the next day.

QLD: - Birds were noted but not counted at seven widespread localities.

Spangled Drongo *Dicrurus bracteatus*

QLD: - Four were at Townsville Common on 11th August with three at Centenary Lakes on 10th. One to two were noted at another 15 widespread localities.

Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina novaehollandiae*

NSW: - Singles were at the Royal National Park and in the Silver Beach area of Botany Bay with four at Towra Point Nature Reserve on 26th July. Four were in the Deniliquin area on 4th August.

VIC: - Four were at Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July with a single on Phillip Island the next day.

QLD: - Five+ were along Cairns Esplanade on 16th August with four being seen between Mt. Coot-tha & Surfer's Paradise on 6th, at Burleigh Heads NP on 7th, Townsville Common on 11th, between Eubenangee Swamp and Broomfield Crater next day and along Granite Gorge Road on 13th. One to two were seen at another five localities.

Barred Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina lineata*

QLD: - One was seen up the entrance track to Mt. Lewis State Forest on 15th August.

White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina papuensis*

VIC: - One was along the road between Penshurst and Dunkeld on 1st August.

QLD: - Five were in the Townsville Common area on 11th August with four along Granite Gorge Road on 13th. Two were at Eubenangee Swamp on 12th and at Centenary Lakes on 18th. Singles were also seen between Sear's Lookout and Granite Creek, Yungabura to Nardellos Lagoon, Pickford Road and at Mossman.

White-winged Triller *Lalage sueurii*

QLD: - Two 1st yr birds were at Townsville Common on 11th August.

Varied Triller *Lalage leucomela*

QLD: - Three were at Townsville Common on 11th August and at Kingfisher Park on 14th with a single at the latter local the next day. Two were at Cape Pallarenda on 11th, Daintree River Cruise and at Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton on 16th and at Centenary Lakes on 18th. Singles were noted at Burleigh Heads National Park on 7th and up Mt. Lewis on 15th.

Yellow Oriole *Oriolus flavocinctus*

QLD: - Two were seen on the Daintree River Cruise on 16th August with four in Centenary Lakes and three more at the Flecker Botanical Gardens in Cairns on 18th.

Olive-backed Oriole *Oriolus sagittatus*

QLD: - Singles were at Brisbane Botanical Gardens on 6th August and at Townsville Common on 11th.

Figbird *Sphecotheres viridis*

QLD: - Birds of the "Green" race *vieilloti* were at Doug Jennings & Phillip Parks (2) on 6th August with a single at Burleigh Heads National Park and two at Clagiraba Park the next day. Two were also at Sear's Lookout on 13th. Birds of the "Yellow" race *flaviventris* included two at Cape Pallarenda on 11th, ten at Kingfisher Park on 14th with the next day four up Mt. Lewis State Forest, five at Mossman and nine at Daintree. Unraced birds were seen at Centenary Lakes (a F on 10th and eight on 18th) and on 16th two along the Esplanade at Cairns with singles on the Daintree River Cruise and between Daintree and Mossman. All the unraced birds were probably of the *flaviventris* race.

White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorhynchus*

QLD: - The first was a single at Sherwood Park on the outskirts of Brisbane on 9th August. The next day 213+ was noted on the drive between Cairns and Townsville. The next day five were noted in the Townsville Common area, and they were noted as common between Paluma and Cardwell. Birds were noted on the drives between Licuala State Forest and Bramston Road on 12th, Newell Beach and Daintree on 15th and between Daintree and Mossman on 16th. Also on 15th ten were between Mt. Malloy and Abattoir Swamp, 30 from Abattoir Swamp to Mossman and 20 at Daintree. Four were between Cairns and the Croc Farm at Edmonton and a single was in Centenary Lakes on 18th.

Dusky Woodswallow *Artamus cyanopterus*

VIC: - Two were at the Dimboola Rest Area on 1st August.

Black Butcherbird *Cracticus quoyi*

QLD: - On 15th August singles were seen between Kingfisher Park and Mt. Lewis State Forest and at Daintree. Two were on the Daintree River Cruise on 16th with a single in Centenary Lakes on 18th.

Grey Butcherbird *Cracticus torquatus*

NSW: - One was seen at a roadside stop somewhere along the road to Hay, near Deniliquin on 4th August.

QLD: - Two were at JC Slaughter Falls in the Mt. Coot-tha National Park on 6th August with two seen at O'Reilly's (around the reception building on the early morning walk) on 8th and a single there (by the Stockyard area along Duck Creek Road) on 9th. Also on 9th one was between Canunga and Beaudesert.

Pied Butcherbird *Cracticus nigrogularis*

NSW: - On 3rd August, three were between Gulpa State Forest and Deniliquin with three around Deniliquin itself. Five were seen the next day whilst out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin. Six were noted between Gulpa State Forest and Echuca on 5th.

QLD: - On 13th five were in the Sear's Lookout/Granite Creek/Chettle Road area with a single between the West Barron Storage Fauna Reserve and Tinaroo Creek Road. On 14th three were between Mareeba and Tinaroo Creek Road, a single between Mareeba and Mt. Malloy and three up Mt. Carbine around the lake.

Australian Magpie *Gymnorhina tibicen*

NSW: - Small numbers of the 'black-backed' race *tibicen* were seen around Sydney, the Royal National Park and at Towra Point Nature Reserve on 26th July.

VIC: - Birds of the 'white-backed' race *hypoleuca* were seen around Melbourne (eight on 28th July), with 16 between Edithvale and Phillip Island the same day. Small numbers were seen on Phillip Island, Werribee Sewage Farm and along the Great Ocean Road as far as Cape Otway between 29th-31st and a single at Anakie on 5th August. In the north however, we were back in the realm of the 'black-backed' race *tibicen*. Small numbers were noted between Hopetoun and Echuca from 2nd-3rd August.

QLD: - Very few were noted, all of the 'black-backed' race *tibicen*. Birds were seen between Brisbane Airport and Mt. Coot-tha on 6th August. A pair and a young bird were present at O'Reilly's from 7th-9th and on 13th singles were between the motel at Malandra and Broomfield Crater, Broomfield Crater and Mt. Hypipimee National Park with two between Yungabura and Nardellos Lagoon.

Pied Currawong *Strepera graculina*

NSW: - Small numbers were present in the Royal National Park on 26th July with six in the Silver Beach area of Botany Bay that evening. One was at the Peppin Motor Lodge in Deniliquin on 5th August.

VIC: - Three were at Cape Otway on 31st August with nine in the Halls Gap/Zumstien Car Park area on 1st August. One was seen along the Eastern Lookout Drive at Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd.

QLD: - On 6th August two were at JC Slaughter Falls (Mt. Coot-tha) with a single at the Spit (Doug Jennings & Phillip Parks). Six were at Burleigh Heads National Park the next day and small numbers were present at O'Reilly's between 7th-9th. One was also at the Canungra Valley Winery also on 9th with three at the Paluma Tea Rooms on 11th and two between the Crater and Hasties Swamp on 13th.

Grey Currawong *Strepera versicolor*

VIC: - Birds of the (presumed) nominate race *versicolor* were three along Rhyll Inlet (Phillip Island) on 29th July. One was between Pt. Addis and Airey's Inlet on 31st with 31 in the Bellfield Picnic Site/Hall's Gap/Zumstien Car Park area on 1st August and a single up Mt. Ida on 5th August. Six at Cape Otway on 31st July were of the race *melanoptera*.

Paradise Riflebird *Ptiloris paradiseus*

QLD: - Up to five were heard at O'Reilly's 8th August (along the Border Track) with another heard along there the next morning and a F seen along a track off Duck Creek Road also on 9th.

Victoria's Riflebird *Ptiloris victoriae*

QLD: - A M and two F were seen at close quarters at the Tea Rooms at Paluma on 11th August. On 13th birds were heard at the Crater (Mt. Hypipimee National Park - two-three birds) and at the Curtain Fig Tree (one - two birds). Two M were seen and others heard up Mt. Lewis on 15th.

Australian Raven *Corvus coronoides*

NSW: - Small numbers were present around Sydney and at the Royal National Park on 26th July with a single between Echuca and Gulpa State Forest on 3rd August.

VIC: - Two were seen between Melbourne Airport and Edithvale on 28th July with birds present along the Malleefowl Walk in the Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd August and three between Boort and Echuca the next day.

QLD: - Two were at the Brisbane Botanical Garden on 6th August with small numbers between Mareeba and Tinaroo Creek on 14th.

Little Raven *Corvus mellori*

NSW: - One was at the roadside at Gulpa State Forest on 5th August.

VIC: - Small numbers were seen around Phillip Island with a flock of c20 near Rhyll on 29th July. Many were around Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th with ten between Pt. Addis and Airey's Inlet the next day. 60 were between Port Fairy and Penshurst on 1st August.

Torresian Crow *Corvus orru*

QLD: - Small numbers were seen at many sites around Queensland and were not always recorded. The peak recorded counts were six at Broomfield Crater on 12th August and between Mareeba and Tinaroo Creek on 14th.

White-winged Chough *Corcorax melanorhamphos*

NSW: - Eight were in Gulpa State Forest on 3rd August with five seen at a roadside stop on the way to Hay next day and 16 between Gulpa State Forest and Echuca on 5th.

VIC: - Five were near Bryon's Swamp (Southern Grampians) on 1st August with seven between Boort and Durham Ox on 3rd. On 5th ten were at Tooleen, 25 in Crosbie State Forest and 20 up Mt. Ida.

Spotted Catbird *Ailuroedus melanotis*

QLD: - Singles were at the Ivy Cottage Tea Rooms (Paluma) and at the near by Birthday Creek Falls on 11th August. Two-three were along the walking trail in the Licuala State Forest next day with singles at the Crater (Mt. Hypipamee National Park) and the Curtain Fig Tree on 13th. On 15th one was heard on the way to Mt. Lewis from Kingfisher Park with another five at Mt. Lewis.

Green Catbird *Ailuroedus crassirostris*

QLD: - Up to three were at O'Reilly's from 7th-9th August.

Tooth-billed Bowerbird *Scenopoeetes dentirostris*

QLD: - One was seen and another heard singing up Mt. Lewis National Park on 15th August.

Golden Bowerbird *Prionodura newtoniana*

QLD: - The owner of the Paluma Tea Rooms (Ivy Cottage) told us of the location of a bower at Birthday Creek Falls, which we visited, but no birds were present (we were really at the wrong time of year for the bird to be attending the bower). Two immatures were seen around the car park at the Crater (Mt. Hypipamee National Park) on 13th August and three+ were seen up Mt. Lewis on 15th.

Regent Bowerbird *Sericulus chrysocephalus*

QLD: - Up to 20+ were seen around O'Reilly's Rainforest Guesthouse between 7th-9th August. Birds could be fed with raisins outside the reception.

Satin Bowerbird *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*

NSW: - Two M and four F were along Lady Carrington's Drive in the Royal National Park on 26th July.

QLD: - Up to 15 were around O'Reilly's Rainforest Guesthouse between 7th-9th August, including a complete bower and a 1st yr M building a bower outside of our room as we were leaving!

Great Bowerbird *Chlamydera nuchalis*

QLD: - Two were at Cape Pallarenda (Townsville Common area) on 11th August and a single at the lake up Mt. Carbine on 14th.

Skylark *Alauda arvensis*

VIC: - Eight were on Phillip Island (with six along Rhyll Inlet) on 29th July, 20+ were noted at Werribee Sewage Farm the next day and birds were present at Cape Otway on 31st.

Australian (Richard's) Pipit *Anthus novaeseelandiae*

NSW: - Ten were seen on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin on 4th August.

VIC: - Two were at the Wonga Campsite (Wyperfeld National Park) on 2nd August with seven between Durham Ox and Echuca on 3rd.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

NSW: - Two+ were in the Silver Beach area of Botany Bay on 26th July.

VIC: - 50+ were at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th July with six at the Dimboola Rest area on 1st August and 60 between Hopetoun and Birchip the next day.

QLD: - A single was noted between the motel at Malanda and Broomfield Crater on 13th with two at Mossman on 15th. Birds were also present at Cairns Esplanade on 16th and at Centenary Lakes on 18th.

Zebra Finch *Taeniopygia guttata*

NSW: - 32 were seen on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin on 4th August.

Double-barred Finch *Taeniopygia bichenovii*

QLD: - One was seen in the ford area near Mt. Nathan Fish farm on the way to O'Reilly's on 7th August. Six were along Pickford Road (2km from the main rd) on 14th and c20 were on the Lake Mitchell Causeway the next day.

Crimson Finch *Neochmia phaeton*

QLD: - One was at Eubenangee Swamp on 12th August and four were at the Cairns Croc Farm at Edmonton on 16th.

Red-browed Finch *Neochmia temporalis*

NSW: - Ten+ were in the Royal National Park on 26th July.

VIC: - 18 were on Phillip Island on 29th July. Birds were present (although not counted) at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th with six at Dunkeld and ten around the lake at Bellfield Picnic Site (near Hall's Gap) on 1st August. Birds were also present around Mt. Ida on 5th.

QLD: - Ten+ were seen in the ford area near Mt. Nathan Fish farm on the way to O'Reilly's on 7th August. On 13th one was by the pool at the motel in Malanda and two were at Lake Echam. Up to 40 were around the feeders at Kingfisher Park on 14th-15th.

Diamond Firetail *Stagonopleura guttata*

VIC: - Three were at the Dimboola Rest Area on 1st August.

Nutmeg Mannikin *Lonchura punctulata*

QLD: - On 10th August, nine were at Centenary Lakes (Cairns), 40 were between Cairns and Innisfail and 50 were between Cardwell and Ingham. 14 were at Townsville Common the next morning and three were along the Esplanade at Cairns on 18th.

Chestnut-breasted Mannikin *Lonchura castaneothorax*

QLD: - One was in the ford area near Mt. Nathan Fish farm on the way to O'Reilly's on 7th August. Four were at Eubenangee Swamp on 12th with 30 by the ford 2km from the main road along Pickford Road on 14th.

European Greenfinch *Carduelis chloris*

VIC: - Two+ were at Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July.

European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*

VIC: - Four were at Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July. Birds were noted at Werribee Sewage Farm but were not counted on 30th. 20 were between Port Fairy and Peshurst on 1st August.

Yellow-bellied Sunbird *Nectarinia jugularis*

QLD: - Two were at Centenary Lakes (Cairns) on 10th August with four there on 18th. 'Lots' were noted at Townsville Common and three - four at Cape Pallarenda on 11th. Singles were also seen at Kingfisher Park on 14th, a F at Mossman on 15th and on the Daintree River Cruise on 16th.

Mistletoebird *Dicaeum hirundinaceum*

VIC: - A M flew over Jeparit Lake on 1st August.

QLD: - Single M's were along the walking trail at Licuala State Forest on 12th August and up Mt. Lewis on 15th with others on the Daintree River Cruise and along the Esplanade at Cairns on 16th. Two were between Kingfisher Park and Mt. Lewis on 15th.

Welcome Swallow *Hirundo neoxena*

NSW: - Ten were at Towra Point Nature Reserve on 26th July and two were between Echuca and Gulpa State Forest on 3rd August.

VIC: - Ten were at Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July with ten+ on Phillip Island the next day. Birds were also present at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th. On 31st 15 were seen between Airey's Inlet and Cape Otway. Inland two were at the Dimboola Rest Area with ten at Rainbow on 1st August. Birds were present in the Wonga Campsite area of Wyperfeld National Park and six were seen between Hopetoun and Birchip on 2nd.

QLD: - Up to ten were present daily at O'Reilly's between 7th-9th August. Small numbers were also seen, but not counted at, Burleigh Heads National Park, Clagiraba Park, Mt. Nathan Fish Farm, Sherwood Park and Centenary Lakes.

Tree Martin *Hirundo nigricans*

VIC: - One was at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th July. Four were at the Dimboola Rest Area on 1st August with 13 at Wyperfeld National Park on 2nd.

QLD: - Two were at Brisbane Airport with 16 between Innisfail and Cardwell on 10th August. 20 were at Eubenangee Swamp on 12th, whilst on 15th four were between Abattoir Swamp and Mossman with 40 between Mossman and Newell Beach. Ten were seen from the Daintree River Cruise on 16th.

Fairy Martin *Hirundo ariel*

QLD: - On 7th August, two were at Clagiraba Park with four at Canungra. 40+ were around Townsville Common on 11th.

Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*

NSW: - Two were at Towra Point Nature Reserve on 26th July.

Australian (Clamorous) Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus stentoreus*

VIC: - One was at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th July.

QLD: - Singles were at the pond in the grounds of the motel at Malanda and at Hasties Swamp on 13th August and by the ford 2km from the main road along Pickford Road the next day. Eight were around the lake up Mt. Carbine also on 14th.

Tawny Grassbird *Megalurus timoriensis*

QLD: - Two were at Townsville Common on 11th August with singles at Eubenangee Swamp on 12th and at the motel pond at Malanda and between Hasties Swamp and the Curtain Fig Tree on 13th. Five were 2km from the main road, by the ford along Pickford Road on 14th.

Little Grassbird *Megalurus gramineus*

NSW: - Three+ were seen on the day out with Phil Maher around Deniliquin on 4th August.

VIC: - Birds were present at several site around Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th July.

Brown Songlark *Cinclorhamphus cruralis*

NSW: - A M was present by the farm pond 16km west of Deniliquin on 4th August.

Golden-headed Cisticola *Cisticola exilis*

VIC: - One was at Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July with several present at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th. Two were at the Bay of Islands Coastal Park on 31st with a single between Durham Ox and Echuca on 3rd August.

QLD: - Ten were 2km from the main road by the ford along Pickford Road on 14th August.

Silvereye *Zosterops lateralis*

NSW: - Six were in the Royal National Park with 36+ at Towra Point Nature Reserve on 26th July.

VIC: - Six were at Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th July with 15 at the Bay of Islands Coastal Park the next day and one or two at Crosbie State Forest on 5th August.

QLD: - On 6th August, five were at JC Slaughter Falls (Mt. Coot-tha) and five at Doug Jennings and Phillip Parks (the Spit, Surfers Paradise) with nine at Burleigh Heads National Park the next day. Six were at Townsville Common on 11th and on 13th in the flowering bush in a garden along Hasties Swamp road, when three were seen at the pond in the grounds of the motel at Malanda. Five were at Kingfisher Park on 14th with two between there and Mt. Lewis the next day when ten were in Mt. Lewis State Forest. On 16th two were seen on the Daintree River Cruise with three passing through the garden at Red Mill House.

Bassian Thrush *Zoothera lunulata*

QLD: - Two were seen on the approach road to O'Reilly's on 7th August. At O'Reilly's eight were seen along the various trails between 7th-8th and on 9th a bird was seen with a pale (but not white) wedge in the outer tail feathers along Duck Creek Road (near the paddock overview).

Common Blackbird *Turdus merula*

VIC: - Ten were at Edithvale Wetlands on 28th July with four + on Phillip Island the next day. Eight were between Airey's Inlet and Cape Otway on 31st and birds were present at Rainbow on 1st August.

Metallic Starling *Aplonis metallica*

QLD: - 40 were seen along the walking trail in the Licuala State Forest on 12th August with four between there and Bramston Road and 20 along Bramston Road the same day. Ten were seen on the Daintree River Cruise with six at Newell Beach on 16th. One was at Centenary Lakes on 18th.

Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*

NSW: - Ten were in the Silver Beach area of Botany Bay on 26th July.

VIC: - 40 were seen between Melbourne Airport and Edithvale with birds present at the Wetlands on 28th July.

QLD: - Birds were present at Sherwood Park on the evening of 9th August.

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*

NSW: - Small numbers were seen around Sydney and Wollongong on 26th-28th July.

VIC: - 50+ were at Edithvale wetlands on 28th July with birds present on Phillip Island the next day. Three were at Anakie Gorge on 5th August.

QLD: - Two were between Canungra and Beaudesert and at Sherwood Park on 9th August. Birds were present, but not always counted, at many sites around the Cairns leg of the trip.

Escapes:

Greylag Goose *Anser anser*

VIC: - Four were on Swan lake on Phillip Island on 29th July.

Critters and Things.

The following Critters were identified on our travels. Many were seen on the organized night walks at Deniliquin (Plains-wanderer trip), O'Reilly's and Kingfisher Park.

Ulysses Butterfly *Papilio ulysses*

QLD: - One was at Mt. Lewis State Forest on 15th August.

Monarch *Danaus plexippus*

QLD: - One 7th August one was at the ford area before Mt. Nathan Fish Farm with three at the farm itself and four were between Canungra and O'Reilly's. Six were at Tutt's Gully (along Duck Creek Road – O'Reilly's) on 9th and one was at Lake Echam on 13th.

Estuarine Crocodile *Crocodylus porosus*

QLD: - One was seen on the Daintree River Cruise on 16th August. Many hundreds can be found at the Cairns Crocodile Farm at Edmonton.

Kreff's River Turtle *Emydura krefftii*

QLD: - Three turtles, thought to be this species were seen in Brisbane Botanical Gardens on 6th August.

White-lipped Tree Frog *Litoria infrafrenata*

QLD: - One was living in the ladies showers at Kingfisher Park, seen on the night walk on 14th August.

Striped Marsh Frog *Limnodynastes peroni*

QLD: - One was heard on the night walk around O'Reilly's on 8th August.

Cane Toad *Bufo marinus*

QLD: - One was found on the night walk with Carol and Andrew Iles around Kingfisher park on the night of 14th August.

Brown Huntsman *Heteropoda jugulans*

QLD: - One was seen on the night walk around Kingfisher Park on 14th August.

Shield Huntsman *Neosparassus pictus*

QLD: - One was seen on the night walk around Kingfisher Park on 14th August.

Fox *Vulpes vulpes*

VIC: - Four were seen around Werribee Sewage Farm on 30th July.

European Hare *Lepus capensis*

NSW: - One was seen in the Deniliquin area on 4th August.

Fat-tailed Dunnart *Sminthopsis crassicaudata*

NSW: - Three were seen in the Plains-wanderer paddock on the night of 4th August.

Koala *Phascolarctos cinereus*

VIC: - One was found along Anakie Gorge trail in the Brisbane Ranges National Park on 5th August.

Duck-billed Platypus *Ornithorhynchus anatinus*

QLD: - One was seen at close quarters at the Canungra Valley Winery Platypus viewing platform on 9th August.

Bush Rat *Rattus fuscipes*

QLD: - One was seen on the night walk around Kingfisher Park on 14th August.

White-tailed Rat *Uromys caudimaculatus*

QLD: - One was heard gnawing at Coconuts in the gardens of Red Mill House on the night of 15th August.

Long-nosed Bandicoot *Perameles nasuta*

QLD: - One or two were seen on the night walk around Kingfisher Park on 14th August.

Yellow-footed Antechinus *Antechinus flavipes*

QLD: - One was seen up Mt. Lewis on 15th August.

Eastern Grey Kangaroo *Macropus giganteus*

NSW: - Ten were around Gulpa State Forest on 3rd August with others seen on the day out with Phil Maher on 4th.

VIC: - There is a captive flock of c40 at Edithvale Wetlands, which we saw on 28th July. On 1st August 38 were seen in the area of the Grampians National Park (including 1 dead by the roadside). Three were also seen at Crosbie State Forest with another three on the drive to Melbourne on 5th.

QLD: - Ten were seen between Canungra and Beaudesert on 9th August.

Western Grey Kangaroo *Macropus fuliginosus*

VIC: - On 2nd August one was seen between Rainbow and Wyperfeld National Park and they were present in the park itself (although not counted).

Red Kangaroo *Macropus rufus*

NSW: - Three were seen at the turn off for the Plains-wanderer site with others in the Plains-wanderer paddock itself on 4th August.

Musky Rat Kangaroo *Hypsiprymnodon moschatus*

QLD: - One was found dead on the road between Mareeba and Tinaroo Creek on 14th August. Two were seen in Mt. Lewis State Forest the next day.

Swamp Wallaby *Wallabia bicolor*

NSW: - One was along Lady Carrington's Drive in the Royal National park on 26th July.

VIC: - Two were along the walk to Rhyll Inlet on Phillip Island on 29th July.

Red-necked Wallaby *Macropus rufogriseus*

QLD: - Three were seen between Canungra and O'Reilly's on 7th August.

Red-necked Pademelon *Thylogale thetis*

QLD: - Common around the Guesthouse at O'Reilly's at night from 7th-9th August. Small numbers (two-three) were seen whilst walking the trails during the day.

Agile Wallaby *Macropus agilis*

QLD: - Six were around Townsville Common on 11th August with seven in the Granite Gorge/Chettle Creek area on 13th and on 14th two were at Pickford Road and by the lake at Mt. Carbine.

Common Ringtail Possum *Pseudocheirus peregrinus*

VIC: - One was seen crossing the road early in the morning near Point Addis on 31st July.

QLD: - One of the mountain sub-species known as Mountain Ring-tailed Possum was seen on the night walk around O'Reilly's on 8th August.

Common Brushtail Possum *Trichosurus vulpecula*

NSW: - Two were seen at the farm near the Plains-wanderer site just after dusk on 4th August.

VIC: - Two (including an adult with young) were seen around Boort Ponds on the night of 2nd August.

Mountain Brushtail Possum *Trichosurus caninus*

QLD: - Up to five were seen at the feeding stations and on the night walks around O'Reilly's on 7th-8th August.

Greater Glider *Petauroides volans*

QLD: - One was seen along Duck Creek Road (where the Rainforest meets the Eucalypt Forest) near O'Reilly's, on the night walk on 7th August.

Sugar Glider *Petaurus breviceps*

QLD: - One was seen along Duck Creek Road (where the Rainforest meets the Eucalypt Forest) near O'Reilly's, on the night walk on 7th August.

Spectacled Flying Fox *Pteropus conspicillatus*

QLD: - Three were seen and heard on the night walk at Kingfisher Park on 14th August. Odd bats were seen hanging dead on power lines at Newell Beach and in Daintree.

Bat sp

NSW: - Two were seen at dusk at the farm near the Plains-wanderer site N of Deniliquin on 4th August.

Eastern Water Dragon *Physignathus lesueurii*

QLD: - Two were in the Brisbane Botanical Gardens on 6th August with one seen on the Daintree River Cruise on 16th.

Lace Monitor *Varanus varius*

QLD: - One (about 2.5m long) was seen by the start of Mick's Tower track at O'Reilly's on 8th August.

Northern Leaf-tailed Gecko *Phyllurus cornutus*

QLD: - Two were seen on the night walk around Kingfisher Park on 14th August.

Lashtail sp (skink)

QLD: - One was seen in the grounds of Kingfisher Park on 15th August.

Green Tree Snake *Dendrelaphis punctulata*

QLD: - Two were seen from the boat on the Daintree River Cruise on 16th August.

Soldier Crab

NSW: - Thousands were seen at the mudflats of Towra Point Nature Reserve on 26th July.

Australian Fur Seal *Arctocephalus pusillus*

NSW: - One was seen on the pelagic from Wollongong on 27th July.

VIC: - Hundreds were on the Nobbies on Phillip Island on 29th July.

Humpback Whale *Megaptera novaeangliae*

NSW: - Six were seen out on the pelagic off Wollongong on 27th July.

QLD: - One was seen on the way out to Michaelmas Cay on 17th August.

Short-beaked Common Dolphin *Delphinus delphis*

NSW: - c20 were on the pelagic out off Wollongong on 27th July.

Striped Marlin *Tetrapturus audax*

NSW: - Three were seen under the boat on the pelagic from Wollongong on 27th July.

Yellow-finned Tuna *Thunnus albacares*

NSW: - Three were seen under the boat on the pelagic from Wollongong on 27th July.

Fiddler Crab sp

QLD: - Four were seen in Centenary Lakes on 10th August.

Mudskipper

QLD: - Few were seen in Centenary Lakes on 10th August.