



Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary
Support Group Inc

Bird Observers outing Sunday 15th February 2015 at 7am.

Retention Ponds, Lefoes Road, Bli Bli.

It was a pleasant early morning gathering for a stroll around this area. There were many more species present than when I had done a check a week earlier. Alterations to the area meant that many of the waterbird species were absent, nevertheless the Latham's snipe is still there and was seen by several people this morning. We were disappointed to see the Common Myna in a suburban yard.



Birds:

Pacific Black Duck, Little Pied Cormorant, Cattle Egret, Dusky Moorhen, Latham's Snipe, Masked Lapwing, Spotted Turtle-Dove, Bar-shouldered Dove, [H], Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Rainbow Lorikeet, Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, Pale-headed Rosella, Common Koel, [H], White-throated Needletail, Laughing Kookaburra, Forest Kingfisher, Sacred Kingfisher, White-throated Treecreeper, [H], Red-backed Fairy-wren, Brown Thornbill, Little Wattlebird, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Lewin's Honeyeater, Brown Honeyeater, Eastern Yellow Robin, [H], Eastern Whipbird, Golden Whistler, Rufous Whistler, [H], Leaden Flycatcher, Magpie Lark, Grey Fantail, Willie Wagtail, Cicadabird, [H], Olive-backed Oriole, White-breasted Woodswallow, Pied Butcherbird, Australian Magpie, Pied Currawong, Torresian Crow, Red-browed Finch, Welcome Swallow, Fairy Martin, Common Myna.

Butterflies:

Common Crow, Blue Triangle, Monarch, Varied Eggfly.

Bees:

Trigona carbonaria.

Harris property, Lefoes Road, Bli Bli.

Next we moved down the road to visit Wilf and Peter. Peter took us for a walk around the property.



As anticipated, the mosquitoes were pleased to see us. Undaunted, we pressed on and were rewarded with excellent views of Rose-crowned Fruit-Doves.

Birds:

Australian Brush Turkey, Masked Lapwing, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Crested Pigeon, Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Rainbow Lorikeet, White-throated Needle-tail, Laughing Kookaburra, White-throated Tree-creeper, Variegated Fairy-wren, White-browed Scrubwren, Brown Thornbill, Little Wattlebird, [H], Blue-faced Honeyeater, Noisy Miner, Lewin's Honeyeater, Brown Honeyeater, Eastern Yellow Robin, Eastern Whipbird, [H], Golden Whistler, Grey Shrike-thrush, Spectacled Monarch, Magpie Lark, Grey Fantail, Spangled Drongo, White-breasted Woodswallow, Grey Butcherbird, Australian Magpie, Torresian Crow, Red-browed Finch, Mistletoebird.

Butterflies:

Monarch, Wanderer, Blue Triangle, Common Crow, Lesser Wanderer, Blue Tiger, Small Grass Yellow, Large Grass Yellow, Brown Ringlet, Varied Dusky Blue, Greenish Grass Dart.

Bees:

Trigona carbonaria, European Bee.

Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary, Sports Road, Bli Bli.

We then moved on to the Wetlands Sanctuary to conclude the morning. As expected the mosquitoes were present. The late morning is often not an ideal time for bird observing, and this morning was no exception. We were entertained by several Golden Whistlers while we had morning tea. Following our walk to the pontoon and back we joined the Sunday volunteers for lunch on the deck.



Birds:

Bar-shouldered Dove, Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Rainbow Lorikeet, White-throated Tree-creeper, White-browed Scrubwren, Mangrove Gerygone, Lewin's Honeyeater, Brown Honeyeater Eastern Yellow Robin, Golden Whistler, Rufous Fantail, Grey Fantail, Spangled Drongo, Varied Triller, Figbird, [H], Silvereye.

Butterflies:

Pale Triangle, Greenish Grass Dart, Common Pencil Blue.

Skink:

Martins Skink.

Thank you to all who attended and made this morning outing enjoyable.

Judy