

BIRD OUTING 18th DECEMBER at 7am.

Park Lakes 2 area, Yandina - Bli Bli Road, BLI BLI.

The morning was quite overcast with a gentle breeze which made conditions quite pleasant. This progressed to a very warm 30degrees later in the morning. We walked around the first three lakes and only observed the fourth. The birdlife was scant but all things considered better than I had expected. This development features floating wetlands made from 100% recycled and eco-friendly materials that cleans the water keeping the lakes healthy. The surrounding areas are planted with Australian native plant species. We then travelled over the hill to Park Lakes one. An area that in the past was what could be considered a birding hot spot, but now due to lack of rain and perhaps maintenance is not so prolific. Following morning tea and a chat I felt that it was time to conclude the day considering the heat and humidity.

Park Lakes 1:

Brown Quail, Plumed Whistling Duck, Australian Wood Duck, including young, Chestnut Teal, Pacific Black duck, Eastern Great Egret, Cattle Egret, Australian White Ibis, Black-fronted Dotterel, Masked Lapwing, Galah, Rainbow Lorikeet, Pheasant Coucal, [H], Eastern Whipbird, [H], Cicadabird, [H], Grey Butcherbird, [H], Pied Butcherbird, [H], Australian Magpie, Pied Currawong, [H], Willie Wagtail, Torresian Crow, Magpie-lark, Welcome Swallow, Fairy Martin, Australasian Pipit.



Chestnut Teal resting on the floating wetland treatment system.

Park Lakes 2:

Australian Brush-turkey, Pacific Black Duck, Spotted Dove, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Crested Pigeon, Bar-shouldered Dove, Australasian Darter, Little Black Cormorant, Intermediate Egret, Australian White Ibis, Dusky Moorhen, Eurasian Coot, Black-fronted Dotterel, Masked Lapwing, Latham's Snipe, Galah, Rainbow Lorikeet, Pheasant Coucal, [H], Eastern Koel, [H], Laughing Kookaburra, Red-backed Fairy-wren, White-browed Scrubwren, [H], Brown Thornbill, Lewin's Honeyeater, Little Wattlebird, Brown Honeyeater, White-cheeked Honeyeater, White-throated Honeyeater, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Noisy Friarbird, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Cicadabird, Varied Triller, Golden Whistler, Little Shrike-thrush, Grey Shrike-thrush, Australian Figbird, Olive-backed Oriole, Australian Magpie, Pied Currawong, [H], Spangled Drongo, Rufous Fantail, [H], Willie Wagtail, Torresian Crow, Eastern Yellow Robin, Silvereye, Fairy Martin, Mistletoebird, Double-barred finch, Red-browed Finch.



Willy Wagtail trying the nest out for comfort.
Both photographs courtesy of Allan Sonerson.

Butterflies:

Orchard Swallowtail, Evening Brown, Lemon Migrant, Clearwing Swallowtail.

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Another year draws to an end. Thank you to all who helped with the year and all who could come along and share the birding with us. We hope to see you all next year.

Happy and safe holidays and Festive Season.

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