



Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary
Support Group Inc

Bird Observers outing to 99A Beerburum Road Donnybrook.



A brisk winter morning which turned into a very pleasant day saw the group at Donnybrook. This property has several habitats. We commenced with observations around the house then proceeded through pasture to an open forest area with small dams. It was much drier than when we visited last year and the species number in this area was also somewhat reduced from previously. Despite this, many birds were checking the hollows in the large trees. We walked back through the pasture to catch a glimpse of Australasian Pipits on our way to enjoy a yummy morning tea provided by our host.

After morning tea, we walked down to the along the large dam wall and returned. There were so many Comb-crested Jacanas on the lily pads, they seem to have had a productive breeding season.

Some of us departed following lunch, others stayed and explored the area around the cattle yards and the now disused farm buildings. The Bush Stone Curlews remained hidden despite our best efforts.

Despite the overall numbers being reduced we still saw a large number species, including some that we had not seen here previously.

All in all, another enjoyable day at a favourite place.

Thanks to Shirley for sharing her special place with us.



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Birds:

Wandering Whistling Duck, Black Swan, Australian Wood Duck, Grey Teal, Pacific Black Duck, Hardhead, Australasian Grebe, Rock Dove, Crested Pigeon, Peaceful Dove, Bar-shouldered Dove, Australasian Darter, Little Pied Cormorant, Great Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, Pied Cormorant, Australian Pelican, Eastern Great Egret, Intermediate Egret, Cattle Egret, White-faced Heron, Little Egret, Australian White Ibis, Straw-necked Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, Black-shouldered Kite, Pacific Baza, White-bellied Sea-eagle, Whistling Kite, Collared Sparrowhawk, Little Eagle, Brolga, Purple Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Eurasian Coot, Black-winged Stilt, Masked Lapwing, Comb-crested Jacana, Galah, Little Corella, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Rainbow Lorikeet, Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, Australian King-Parrot, Pale-headed Rosella, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Little Bronze-Cuckoo, Fantailed Cuckoo, Laughing Kookaburra, Forest Kingfisher, Rainbow Bee-eater, White-throated Treecreeper, Superb Fairy-wren, Red-backed Fairy-wren, Variegated Fairy-wren, White-browed Scrubwren, Mangrove Gerygone, White-throated Gerygone, Brown Thornbill, Striated Pardalote, Lewin's Honeyeater, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Noisy Miner, Little Wattlebird, Scarlet Honeyeater, Brown Honeyeater, White-throated Honeyeater, Blue-faced honeyeater, Little Friarbird, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike, Golden Whistler, Rufous Whistler, Grey Shrike-thrush, Australasian Figbird, Olive-backed Oriole, White-breasted Woods wallow, Grey Butcherbird, Pied Butcherbird, Australian Magpie, Pied Currawong, Spangled Drongo, Rufous Fantail, Grey Fantail, Willie Wagtail, Torresian Crow, Leaden Flycatcher, Restless Flycatcher, Magpie-lark, Eastern Yellow robin, Tawny Grassbird, Welcome Swallow, Fairy martin, Australasian Pipit, Common Myna

Butterflies:

Common Crow, Glasswing, Monarch, Black Jezebel, Scarlet Jezebel.
Clearwing Swallowtail, Large Grass Yellow, Common Grass Blue.

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