



## Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group Inc.

### Bird Observers.

It was a beautiful clear morning for our second outing for this year. Several members were still away so it was a small group that gathered at Bill Kear Waterway, Maroochy River Conservation Park, on Ocean Drive at Maroola. Many small birds chose to keep to themselves this morning which was a disappointment. We did walk nearly to the Cottonwood Street end of the walkway before retracing our steps. Following morning tea we drove to the farm dam area along Finland Road, an old favourite, that never fails to surprise with its diversity of birdlife. One highlight that we had was brilliant views of the Azure Kingfisher skimming the water. We then travelled to Muller Park at Bli Bli. There is usually a surprise at the Fishing Park, on this occasion for me it was the combined group of Red-kneed and Black-fronted Dotterels.

### **Birds: Bill Kear Waterway.**

Australian Brush-turkey, Pacific Black Duck, Bar-shouldered Dove, Eastern Great Egret, Australian White Ibis, Little Eagle, Rainbow Lorikeet, Shining Bronze Cuckoo,[H], Fan-tailed Cuckoo, White-throated Treecreeper, [H], White-browed Scrubwren, [H], Brown Thornbill, Striated Pardalote, Lewin's Honeyeater, Little Wattlebird, Scarlet Honeyeater,[H], White-throated Honeyeater, Eastern Whipbird, [H], Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Golden Whistler,[H], Rufous Whistler, [H], Little Shrike-thrush, White-breasted Woodswallow, Grey Butcherbird, [H], Pied Currawong, Spangled Drongo, Grey Fantail, Willie Wagtail, Torresian Crow, Magpie-lark, Eastern Yellow Robin, Silvereye, Mistletoebird, [H].

### **Butterflies: Bill Kear Waterway.**

Monarch, Varied Dusky-blue, Small Green-banded Blue, Large Grass-yellow, Common Crow.

### **Birds: Finland Road.**

Plumed Whistling Duck, Wandering Whistling Duck, Grey Teal, Pacific Black Duck, Hardhead, Australasian Grebe, Australasian Darter, Little Pied Cormorant, Eastern Great Egret, Intermediate Egret, Little Egret, Australian White Ibis, Purple Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Masked Lapwing, Azure Kingfisher, Laughing Kookaburra, Forest Kingfisher, Sacred Kingfisher, White-throated Gerygone, Lewin's Honeyeater, Noisy Miner, White-throated Honeyeater, Noisy Friarbird, Rufous Whistler, Grey Shrike-thrush, Australian Magpie, Spangled Drongo,[H], Grey Fantail, Willie Wagtail, Magpie-lark, Welcome Swallow, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin.

### **Butterflies: Finland Road.**

Orchard Swallowtail, Varied Eggfly, Black Jezabel, Northern Jezabel, Glasswing, Swamp Tiger, Monarch.

### **Birds: Muller Park.**

Black Swan, Australian Wood duck, Chestnut Teal, Pacific Black Duck, Crested Pigeon, Little Pied Cormorant, Great Cormorant, Australian Pelican, Intermediate Egret, White-faced Heron, Little Egret, Nankeen Night-heron, Australian White Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, Purple Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Black-winged Stilt, Black-fronted Dotterel, Red-kneed Dotterel, Masked Lapwing, Rainbow Lorikeet, Red-backed Fairy-wren, [H], Noisy Miner, Brown Honeyeater, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Rufous Whistler, [H], Pied Butcherbird, Magpie-lark, Welcome Swallow, Mistletoebird.

### **Butterflies: Muller Park.**

Large Grass-yellow, Lemon Migrant, Monarch.

Our next outing is the mini extended outing to Crow's Nest on 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June. Please make your own bookings at the Crow's Nest Tourist Park [or the Motel]. This is a self catering outing.

The Caravan Park will have a free sausage sizzle and salads on Friday night. Should you require any further information please contact me, 5441 2838.

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