

SOUTH COAST BIRDWATCH. APRIL, 1995

Meetings held at The Old Police Station, Goolwa, on alternate months at 8.00pm. ✓

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Last Meeting.

There were 14 members present at our meeting on March 10th. The date of the May outing will be changed to May 20th to avoid a clash with a SAOA meeting. The Treasurer reported that we now have 15 paid-up members of our club.

We had two letters: (1) Greg Lundstrom from the Riverine Environment Group noted our interest in the workshops on Sundays May 7th and June 18th, and is reserving a place for us. Anna Markey has agreed to be our representative, and we'll look forward to her report on this exciting project, and (2) Hazel Munslow presented some ideas for logos for our club, and your comments, or further suggestions would be welcomed. Denzel Murfet and John Eckert showed slides of birds we might expect to find on our outing to Tolderol, and John gave a short history of this remarkable wetland area, from its beginning in about 1970, through its problems with water-weeds, to its present successful habitat status.

Report on Outings.

Barrage to Beacon 19 (25 Feb) Twenty-four people attended, including 5 visitors. It was a very hot and windy day - not the best for birding! However, Denzel made sure we could all recognise Red-necked Stints, Sharp-tailed Sandpipers and Curlew-Sandpipers. This was a good introduction to our next outing to Tolderol.

Field Outing to Tolderol Game Reserve (March 12th) The day was very cold and windy, which probably prevented more people from attending. Denzel teased us by seeing a Bittern before we arrived, but we soon made up for that by the numbers and variety of the birds that we saw. Among the 43 species that we identified were a Black Falcon that we watched catching a Starling, Whistling Kite, Marsh Harrier, White-winged Black Tern, Double-banded Plover and Black-tailed Godwit. John Eckert joined us for the bird-call, pointed out areas of interest, and told us about some of the birds which had been seen in the area.

Diary Dates

April 7th Friday (Outing) Hindmarsh Island. Leader: Kit Smith. Meet at Hindmarsh Island causeway immediately after crossing.

April 27th Thursday (Outing) Currency Creek, Winery Road. Leaders: B. and J. Dyer. Meet at Old Canoe Tree.

May 12th Friday (Meeting) Rosalie Sharpe will talk and show slides on those "Little Brown Birds" which can be such puzzles!

20th Saturday (Outing) Lion's Park, Currency Creek. Leader: Anna Markey.

June 15th Thursday (Outing) Scott Conservation Park, South Boundary. Leader: Rosalie Sharpe.

July 14th Friday (Meeting) Anna will talk about her Wetlands meetings. A video of Pelicans will be shown.

16th (Outing) Goolwa area (Wetlands, sewerage ponds, scrub - dependent on the weather). Meet outside New Police Station.

*Outings begin at 8.30 am. Bring chairs and lunch.*

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