

Birds SA



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Birds SA is the operating name of The South Australian Ornithological Association Inc.
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The Aims of the Association are:

- To promote the conservation of Australian birds and their habitats.
- To encourage interest in, and develop knowledge of the birds of South Australia.
- To record the results of research in regard to all aspects of bird life.
- To maintain a public fund called the "Birds SA Conservation Fund" for the specific purpose of supporting the Association's environmental objects.

Young Night Herons

**Photographed by
Les Peters**



**At White's Road
on 19/1/2012**



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DIARY

Following is a list of Birds SA activities for the next few months. Further details of all these activities are given later in the newsletter.

Feb 26	Sunday	Excursion to Barker Inlet Wetlands	*****	
Mar 17	Saturday	Excursion to Dry Creek Salt Fields		
Mar 22	Thursday	Hindmarsh River — Victor Harbor		
Mar 30	Friday	General Meeting	*****	
April 1	Sunday	Excursion to Reedy Creek		
April 5	Thursday	Excursion to Dry Creek Salt Fields		
April 5 – 10: Easter Campout, Calperum				
April 14	Saturday	Excursion to Montacute CP		
April 19	Thursday	Excursion to Brown's Rd., Monarto		
April 27	Thursday	AGM and General Meeting		
April 29	Sunday	Excursion to Rocky Gully		
May 12	Saturday	Excursion to Anstey Hill		
May 17	Thursday	Excursion to Narrinyeri Hills		
May 25	Friday	General meeting		
May 27	Sunday	Excursion to Milang and Nurragi CP		

Cover photo: Willie Wagtail chicks in the nest. Photographed by Teresa Jack at Salt Creek on 4th February 2012.

General meetings are held in the Hawker Centre at the Waite Institute, Waite Road, Urrbrae at 7.45pm. Doors open at 7.00pm.

Committee meetings are held at the above venue on the second Monday of each month, starting at 7.30pm.

Donations to the Birds SA Conservation Fund are tax-deductible

New Members

We welcome 22 new members who have recently joined the Association. Their names are listed on p9.

FURTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

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Single membership	\$50
Family/household membership	\$60
Single concession*	\$45
Family/household concession*	\$55

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*Pensioners and people experiencing financial hardship can obtain concessions. Apply in writing to the Treasurer, Birds SA.

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COPY DEADLINE

Copy for the May Newsletter is due by the April General Meeting (April 27). Contributions, 'Word' format preferred, can be made on CD, emailed to either of my email addresses, or typed/handwritten neatly.

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Birds SA Notes & News

SOUND RECORDINGS — HAL CROUCH

The Australian Wildlife Sound Recording Group is eager to locate original recordings and field notes of the late Hal Crouch.

Apparently these items were held by the Australian Wildlife Sound Recording Group at one stage, but returned to Hal's son Andrew in order to be passed on to the South Australian "bird people". Early enquiries have failed to shed any light, but would ask anyone who may have any knowledge of these items please contact Brian Walker (email: membership@birdssa.asn.au or phone: 8263 3433) as a matter of urgency.

Brian Walker

2011 MARKETING AND PROMOTION

Some enthusiastic members of the Birds SA committee participated at the 'Water Wise At Wittunga Community Day' held in October at the Wittunga Botanic Garden.

The weather was perfect, the company stimulating and divine food thanks to the Huxley family kitchen! As a bonus, many of the people attending the event genuinely wished to know about Birds SA.

The committee's aim in having a stall at the event was to present a public profile to the community and to promote membership. Thanks to the great efforts of Merinda Hyland, Birds SA presented a very professional, informative and aesthetically impressive stand.

We are really keen for members to be involved in our marketing and promotion efforts during 2012. If you

would like to volunteer for such events please let our committee know.

Lou Bartley-Clements

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Our AGM will be held before the April General Meeting and the Association is seeking some new committee members. If you would like to contribute to the activities and future directions of Birds SA, please consider putting your name forward. You must be a financial member of Birds SA and two other financial members must support your nomination. You can download a nomination form from the e-Newsletter and give or send it to our secretary, Brian Blaylock.

Cynthia Pyle



Committee Members (left right) Merinda Hyland, Brian Blaylock, Lou Bartley-Clements, and Lynton Huxley Promoting Birds SA at the "Water-Wise at Wittunga" Community Day

Birdlife Australia Atlas Project

PROGRESS REPORT

The survey coverage map below shows where the recent survey effort has been concentrated around the state. As expected, most surveys are concentrated close to areas of high population density, but Atlasers have been trying to get into the more remote areas to improve coverage. While surveying sites on a regular basis provides us with good data for monitoring bird population trends, surveying under-reported areas provides valuable information on bird distributional changes. All the

data collected is used for a multitude of purposes, so please keep your surveys rolling in, or if you'd like to start Atlassing, please contact us.

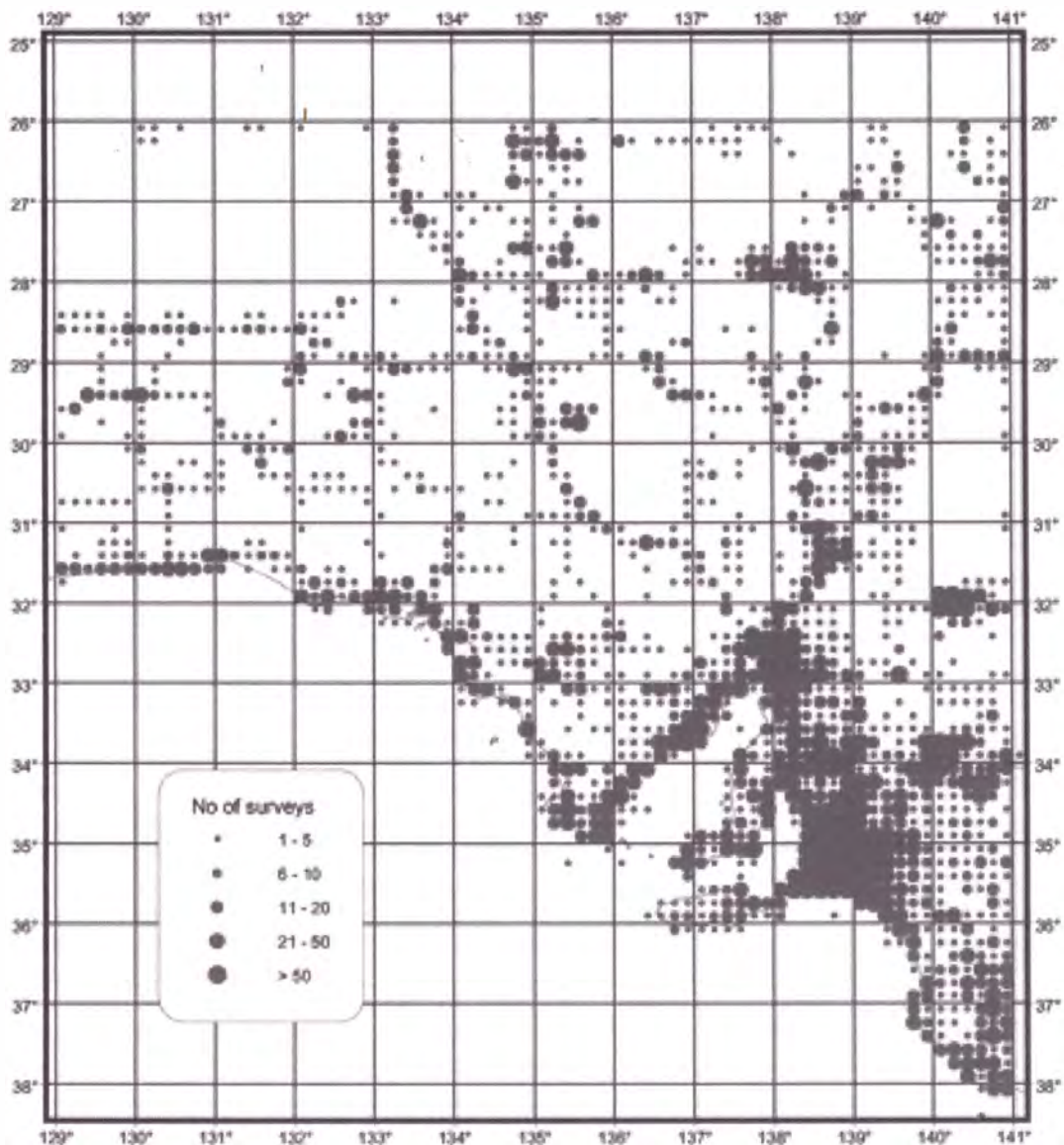
There are several ways for your surveys to enter the Atlas. We still accept data on our Atlas Record Forms, as well as via our website Birdata, while records can also come to us via Birdpedia and Eremaea Birds. Remember when submitting a survey to these online databases to tick the box, which allows the survey to be passed onto the Atlas. Alternatively, BirdLife Australia and

the Department of Environment and Natural Resources SA exchange data every few years, so surveys submitted to either organization do get passed on for the benefit of conservation in South Australia.

Anyone wanting to get involved with the Atlas should contact Andrew Silcocks, Suite 2-05 60 Leicester Street, Carlton, Vic 3052. Tel: 03 9347 0757. Email: atlas@birdlife.org.au

Pat Bowie

Atlas surveys between 2005 and 2012 - 10-min grids



Past and Future Meetings (cont) | Past Excursions

6. Appointment of an auditor
7. Any other business of which notice in writing has been given by two members at a preceding meeting

Friday May 25 — TBA

PAST EXCURSIONS

Scott Creek CP: November 12

It was a warm day on which just 18 members were present and numerous Koalas were moving around the area. Our count for the day was 41 species. Of note were 4 Brush Bronzewing Pigeons, as well as 4 Fan-tailed and 6 Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoos. We enjoyed what seems to be the usual fly over of Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos but there were only 15 this time. Sacred Kingfishers entertained us during lunch and we enjoyed the company of Mistletoebirds, Varied Sittellas, Golden and Rufous Whistlers together with many other colourful visitors during our walk around their domain.

Trevor Cowie

Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens: November 17

15 members were present. A locked gate greeted early arrivals, so we must remember that the gate opens at 8:30 a.m. Splitting into several smaller groups we explored the gardens, in particular looking for the elusive Bassian Thrush. Normally we can view this species in Fern Gully but due to tidying up, much of the understory has been cleared. The birds may now be found a couple of gullies away in Rhododendron Gully. Most members enjoyed good views of at least two birds. Other highlights included Australian Wood Ducks with several families, Hardheads, Australian and Hoary-headed Grebes, a White-necked Heron, Dusky Moorhens with a family, several pairs of Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos, Fan-tailed

and Horsfield's Bronze-cuckoos. Red-browed Finches were observed nest building in Fern Gully. During lunch we were joined by a Grey Currawong that had just taken its lunch—a nestling—from a nearby blackbirds' nest. In all it was a good day out in which 48 species were recorded.

Martyn Price

Onkapinga: November 27

With all the construction going on there I was very surprised to find that we recorded 81 species between us. We moved to the top of the hill to view the inlet where 2 Hooded Plovers



Little Egret photographed by Kay Parkin at Price Saltfields in January 2012

had been provided with a fenced off area and it was great to look down and not see a single footprint in the sand. As we left there was an Osprey flying south out at sea. We worked our way towards the east stopping at the toilet/fishing area and covered the ground from there. Some species seen were: 6 x Royal Spoonbill, Buff-banded Rail, Baillon's and Aust Spotted Crakes, 4 x Painted Snipe, Eastern Rosella and Golden-headed Cisticola nest building and 200 x Black-tailed Native Hen. It was a wonderful day out for 33 members.

Trevor Cowie

Altona CSR Landcare Reserve: December 10

It was a pleasant day with a mild temperature for our walk. Two members who had never been here before were quite surprised at its diversity, which provided a species count of 51 for the day. Two Brown Falcons, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo and 3 Tawny Frogmouths all added to our previous walk results, making 85 species recorded on field trips. Some of the other species seen on the day were Striated Pardalote and Sacred Kingfisher, both with dependant young on the same branch less than 2m apart, a few Rainbow Bee-eaters, White-winged Triller, Red-rumped Parrot, Diamond Firetail, Red-browed Finch, a single Goldfinch, Golden and Rufous Whistlers and of course Mistletoebirds at the entrance before and after the walk where lunch was enjoyed.

Trevor Cowie

Laratinga (Mt. Barker) Wetlands: December 15

Laratinga again proved how popular it is with birds and birdwatchers. Twentyeight members saw 65 species. The weather was sunny with a very light breeze and by lunch time the temperature was in the low 20s C. Before

we had walked anywhere, one Freckled Duck was seen from the car park on the island of Pond 11, while a Little Wattlebird amongst some blossoms next to the cars, clucked away like a hen in a farmyard. Low water levels in many ponds allowed views of 22 Spotted Crakes, 3 Baillon's Crakes and a Spotless Crake. There were also good views of a couple of Latham's Snipes and several sharp-eyed observers found two Buff-banded Rails. A group of Pink-eared Ducks were on the sewerage ponds, making a total of eight duck species seen. Two immature Nankeen Night-Herons provided another bonus.

Peter Gower

Past Excursions (cont)

Paiwalla Wetlands: January 14

Everyone enjoyed another day of walking around these ponds with 47 in attendance, and seeing 86 bird species enjoying the good life at this site. Water levels were higher than normal, with flooding keeping the subsoils wet. People went in both directions, 'strung out like Brown's Cows'. When we met there was 'Udder' confusion, but all made it back (eventually) for lunch under the trees to the north. Lunch and bird count was disturbed on numerous occasions. Some of the species seen were Brown Quail, Blue-billed Duck, Little and Great Egrets, both spoonbills, 9 Raptor species including, Black-shouldered Kite, Spotted Harrier, Peregrine Falcon, Baillon's and Australian Spotted Crane, 4 Sacred Kingfishers, 3 Rainbow Bee-eaters and 1 Crested Shrike-tit. The group slowly disappeared from the area after a very good day out. Our thanks to Peter, who is almost always there with us to answer our questions.

Trevor Cowie

Whites Road Wetlands: January 19

Even though excavations were still under way, access was not restricted. After spending time viewing activity on the pond nearest the entrance, 40 members continued along the south and eastern boundary up to where the Little Para River enters the wetlands. On returning we continued into the wetland and headed to the western boundary. Ducks were plentiful including 4 Freckled Ducks, 2 Pink-eared Ducks, 8 Australian Shovellers and 40 or so Hardheads. Australasian Grebes were observed nest building and with dependent young. Other highlights were Royal Spoonbills and 4 Nankeen Night Herons. Water in the pond with the island was so deep that the island was all but submerged. Here we saw 2 and perhaps a third Intermediate Egret. Some members continued further west to observe the most remote ponds where they saw Red-necked Avocets, White-winged Fairy-wrens and Red-kneed Dotterels. In all 40 members were

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members, who have joined the Association in the past few months:

Daniel Mantle	QUEANBEYAN
Martin Breed & Maria Marklund	NORTH ADELAIDE
Gabriel Neve	BELLEVUE HEIGHTS
Greg Blackman	INGLE FARM
John Harris & Dan Wei	TOORAK GARDENS
David Gregory Hartland	GAWLER EAST
John Michael Balkwill	MYRTLE BANK
Sally & Andrew Smith	ALDGATE
Charles Bensen	KADINA
Ann & Les Houghton	WILLUNGA
Tony Read & Nancy Bombardieri	BELAIR
Alison Derry	ASCOT PARK
Gordon Pateman	VALLEY VIEW
Barb & Lance Leopold	NAIRNE
James & Susan Sneddon	MOUNT GRAVATT

If your name has inadvertently been omitted from this list, please contact our treasurer. His phone number is on p2.

present and a total of 76 species were observed. Lack of shelter created a dilemma for lunch, but after a little searching by several members we settled into a cosy area in the car-parking shed of the Bolivar Race track. We had the owners' approval of course.

Martyn Price

Dry Creek Salt Fields: January 29

With our early start this morning 25 made it into the salt fields as the sun rose. We made our way up the eastern roadway where some waders were coming into the area. The numbers seem to be down but hopefully they are inland having a feast. We recorded 76 species but most were low in numbers only 4 species made the 'At Least' Figure of 1000. These were Grey Teal, Banded Stilt and Silver Gull, with Red-necked Stint being 1500 and in 5th

place Hoary-headed Grebe at 850. There were 8 species of Ducks, 23 Eastern Curlews, 9 Grey Plovers, 30 Curlew Sandpipers and about 300 of each of Red-necked Avocets and Black-winged Stilts. We did however see at least 15 Fairy Terns along the centre track. We lunched beside Buckland Park lake, completed the bird count and drifted out along the western track.

Trevor Cowie

Future Excursions

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SALT FIELDS EXCURSIONS

Each Individual must be authorised by Cheetham Salt Ltd. and must carry a valid card of authority, before entering the Dry Creek Salt Fields. If you do not have authority, ask Trevor Cowie how you can become authorised. All members require the latest Induction Renewal to be carried out prior to entering the Salt Fields.

ATTIRE WITHIN CHEETHAM SALT FIELDS

The following **MUST** be worn at **ALL TIMES**:

Safety Hi-visibility jacket/vest.

Long-sleeved shirt.

Long Trousers.

Enclosed Footwear.

Prescription or Safety Glasses.

Non Compliance = No Entry.

Drivers please ensure all your passengers are equipped as above prior to leaving home(s).

Sitting outside the salt fields whilst awaiting a lift home can be BORING!

Trevor Cowie

Saturday March 17: Dry Creek Salt Fields (AP) (26km)

MORNING TRIP — REVISED INFO)

This is an early start due to the time of high tide. Meet by the gate at **6.10 am**. (high tide is at **7.40 am**). Turn west onto St Kilda Road, from Port Wakefield Road follow the road turning right onto Radar Road (dirt and Barrier) actually called Samphire Road. As per normal request please bring your two-way Radios if you have them.

Thursday March 22: Hindmarsh River, Victor Harbor (MLR) (104km)

Enter Victor Harbor from the North on the Victor Harbor Road. At the roundabout on the T-junction to Port Elliott go straight on into Victor on the Hindmarsh Rd. At about 850m on the right prior to the Alexander Bridge there is a turning into Wattle Drive. (9th road on the right from the roundabout) Drive 200m to the meeting place. Start 8.30am.

Sunday April 1: Reedy Creek (Waterfall Reserve) (MM) (85km)

Meet at 8 a.m. in the reserve's car park, the access/entrance road being on the Mannum side of the bridge

over Reedy Creek approx 7km south of Mannum or 22km north of Murray Bridge. **Some back roads to the west are still blocked off.**

Thursday April 5: Dry Creek Salt Fields (AP) (26km)

Totally revised afternoon trip. The original date was April 7.

This is a later start due to high tide being late in the day. Meet by the gate at **2.30 PM** (high tide is at **4.40 PM**). We need to leave before dark. Turn west onto St Kilda Road, from Port Wakefield Road follow the road turning right onto Radar Road (dirt and barrier) actually called Samphire Road. As per normal request please bring your two-way Radios if you have them.

The above change is due to the Easter Campout now organised by new Camp-out leader — Graham Bate.

Apr 5–10: Easter Camp-out — Calperum Station (315km)

The Easter camp-out will be at Oak Bore on Calperum Station (part of the Riverland Biosphere Reserve, previously known as 'Bookmark'). We last camped here in Easter 1998. During that campout, 95 species

were seen at Calperum and 64 at Dangalli. There were good sightings of Black-eared Miners, Mallee Fowl, many Striated Grasswrens and four different whistlers. Scarlet-chested Parrots may be found in the area, but none were seen in 1989.

Top up your fuel tank before you leave Renmark.

To enter Calperum, head NW out of Renmark, on Ral Ral Av. Then turn right, onto the Old Wentworth Road heading northwards. (If you pass Cooltong Av you have gone too far along Ral Ral Av.) After approximately 7km, turn left off the road on to a dirt track and through the boom gate.

Stonehenge is on the left hand side just short of 1km after the grid. This gate will be unlocked from noon on Thursday until dusk on Friday. Please close the gate after you and secure it **without actually snapping the lock shut**. If you require entry after Friday, please contact me. A spare key will be left near the gate. Please keep left on all dunes. Oak Bore is 42.5km from the boom gate along the main track. This track has been upgraded recently and Park staff have told me that it is fine for caravans etc unless there is heavy rain. (See map on page 18).

Future Excursions (cont)

There are 2 flush toilets and showers at Oak Bore. Water is available but it is best to bring your own drinking water. For those who don't wish to camp, there is dormitory accommodation with bunk beds and a kitchen. The seven rooms can sleep up to 24 people. Dorm beds cost \$15 per night. You need to contact me if you want to book dormitory accommodation. Otherwise the park fee for camping is \$6 per night per person.

Graham Bate
ph 08 8270 3041
email
etabtrah@bigpond.com

Saturday 14 April: Montacute CP (MLR) (20km) (Hills & Valleys)

Meet at the entrance to the park at 8am. From the City take the Gorge or Montacute Road, turn into Corkscrew Road, then turn east into Valley Road. The end of this road is the start of the park.

Thursday 19 April: Browns Road, Monarto (MLR) (60km)

Meet at 8.30am at Browns Road, Monarto, just off the old Murray Bridge Road. Leave the SE Freeway at the Callington exit. Drive through Callington and turn right onto the old Murray Bridge road. The junction is on the left at the top of the hill.

Sunday 29 April: Rocky Gully (Forestry SA) (mm) (72km)

Leave the SE Freeway at the Monarto exit heading north for 2km then turn right at the cross road onto the old Princes Highway. Drive approx 5km turning left into Maurice

Rd, travel 2km to a rail crossing on the left. We meet here at 8.30am.

Saturday 12 May: Anstey Hill RP/CP (MLR) (18km).

Anstey Hill is a park of hills & gullies. It is close to the city so we can make an early start at 8am. We meet at Gate 3 on Perseverance Road, Tea Tree Gully (0.8km from the North East Road end).



Hobby, photographed by Teresa Jack at Aldinga in November 2011

Thursday 17 May: Narrinyeri Hills (MLR) (72km)

This site is part of the Monarto Forest old growth area. Birds SA have been given access to record sighting on their behalf as well as for ourselves. We will meet at 8.30am pulling off as much as possible along the road side, as no actual car park exists. Starting from the South Monarto crossroads on the (old) Princes Highway, travel towards Murray Bridge for approx 5km. Turn left into Maurice Rd. Less than 2km along this road you will note that you

are beside a railway line. The site starts approximately 2km further from here on the right. If you miss the entry point you will see a lot of commercial buildings on your left. The entrance is not obvious unless you are on foot.

Sunday 27 May: Milang & Nurragi CP (MM) (80km)

Meet at 8.30am at the western end of the waterfront park in Milang. We will bird at Milang until 9am move onto Nurragi, then return to look for additional birds around Milang and have lunch.

PORT AUGUSTA BIRD OBSERVERS

You are welcome to attend the field trips of the Port Augusta Bird Observers. The trips for the next few months are listed below.

Sunday 25th March Chinaman's Creek.

Meet at 7.30 a.m. at the turn-off on Highway One

Sunday 29th April Partacoona Station

Meet at 7.30 a.m. at Quorn Swimming Pool

Sunday 20th May Whyalla Conservation Park

Meet at 7.30 a.m. at tanks near Iron Knob turn-off

For further information, contact Peter 86425723 or Greg 86486882 or Shirley 86424013

Bird Records

Malleefowl

12/11/2011. Innes NP, YP.
11 active mounds located during formal survey of park.

Jack, T.

Brown Quail

Ongoing reports with more evidence of breeding, including:

2, 17/11/2011. Tennyson Beach, AP.
2 groups, 12/1/2012. Thompson Beach, AP.

2, 11/2011. 7 km S Angaston, MLR.
1, 22/11/2011. Wirrina Cove, MLR.

1, 3/1/2012. Tanunda, St Hallett winery, MLR.
2, 7/1/2012. Basham Beach, MLR.

1 + young, 22/11/2011. Berri Marina, MM.
8, 23/11/2011. Calperum Stn, Long Dam, MM.

2, 24/11/2011. Milang, 1km E, MM.
6, 12/1/2012. Maize Island CP, MM.

4, 24/10/2011. Olary, Mingary Dam, LN.
Several, 27/10/2011. Gregory Creek, NW.

2, 19/10/2011. Salt Creek Coorong, SE.
Several, 21/1/2012. Pick Swamp, Piccaninnie Ponds, SE.

Several, 6/11/2011. Carapee Hill CP, EP.
Several, 21/1/2012. Pick Swamp, Piccaninnie Ponds, SE.

Several, 21/1/2012. Pick Swamp, Piccaninnie Ponds, SE.
1, 25/11/2011. Renmark oval, MM.

1, 25/11/2011. Renmark oval, MM.
In breeding plumage.

In breeding plumage.
1, 4/10 to 15/11/2011 and 2, 21/11 to 20/12/2011. Globe Derby Park, White Rd Wetland, AP.

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1, 4/10 to 15/11/2011 and 2, 21/11 to 20/12/2011. Globe Derby Park, White Rd Wetland, AP.

Barkla, J. & Street, A.
6, 15/1/2012. Port Augusta Botanic Gardens, NW.

10, 15/11/2011. Lake Watherston, FR.
1, 10/10/2011. Orroroo, Pekina Reservoir, LN.

3, 1/12/2011. Lucky Bay, EP.
3, 18/12/2011. Keith Sewage Ponds, SE.

20, 15/11/2011. Lake Watherston, FR.
Several recent reports of low numbers from southern regions.

6, 6/11/2011. Kingscote Sewage Works, KI.
1, 20/11/2011. Onkaparinga Wetlands, South Rd, MLR.

3, 18/12/2011. Keith Sewage Ponds, SE.
20, 15/11/2011. Lake Watherston, FR.

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Australian Shelduck

3000, 8/1/2012. Rush Lagoon, KI.
Baxter, C.

Great Crested Grebe

1, 1/11/2011. Hahndorf, Jones Rd, MLR.
Williams, K. & Snell, B.

4, 11/11/2011. Pick Swamp, Piccaninnie Ponds, SE.
Campbell, J.

200, 28/11/2011. Coward Springs, NW.
Rogers, C. & Koch, P.

200, 29/11/2011. Algebruckina WH, NW.
Rogers, C. & Koch, P.

400, 12/2011. Perculiar Knob, NW.
Bebbington, L.

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Bird Records (cont)

White-necked Heron

1, 24/10/2011. Cowell, 32km NE. EP.

Carpenter, G.

1, 5/10/2011. Birchmore Lagoon, KI.
Baxter, C.

Nankeen Night Heron

2, 25/10/2011. Cummins Sewage Works, EP.

Carpenter, G.

1, 2/11/2011. Para Hills, The Paddocks, AP.

Eaton, J. & Stevens, P.

Glossy Ibis

25, 1/11/2011. St Kilda Saltfields, AP.

Hatch, J.

1, 6/11/2011. Hayborough, MLR.

Syson, W.

1, 14/11/2011. Partacoona Stn, Hookina Bore, FR.

Langdon, P.

2, 22/11/2011. Tumby Bay, EP.

Murfet, D.

1, 4/12/2011. Nelshaby Reservoir, FR.

Jamieson, A. & White, J.

4, 21/1/2012. Maize Island Lagoon CP, MM.

Jacobs, P.

2, 15/11/2011. Witchelina Stn, Teatree Swamp, FR.

Black, A. et al.

Australian White Ibis

48, 28/12/2011. Oakden, Regent Gardens, AP. Nesting on an island in the reserve.

Wood, M.

The species has become a common scavenger and nesting species in parks in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

Straw-necked Ibis

10, 27/12/2011. Rockleigh, MLR.

Bensemer, B. & P.

Letter-winged Kite

1, 2/12/2011. Beresford, NW.

Rogers, C. & Koch, P.

Surprisingly few records of this species given the good conditions in the north-east of South Australia and the abundance of its favoured food, the Long-haired Rat.

1, 14/11/2011. Tanunda, St Hallett winery, MLR.

Steeles, C.

1, 21/11/2011. Victor Harbour, Inman River, MLR.

Cutten, D.

1, 16/12/2011. Mount Bold Reservoir, Thomas Gully, MLR.

Lawrence, R.

1, 31/1/2012. Forrester, 5km NE, MLR.

Slade, R.

Eastern Osprey

1, 10/2011. Port Augusta, NW.

Morgan, A.

Black Falcon

1, 3/12/2011. Kingscote, Bluff boat ramp, KI.

Baxter, C.

Few previous reports from the region.

Buff-banded Rail

Ongoing reports during spring-early summer including:

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2, 13/10/2011. near Penneshaw

Baxter, C.

3, 29/11/2011. Penneshaw.

Baxter, C.

1, 8/12/2011. Kingscote, 2km W.

Baxter, C.

1, 8/12/2011 and 26/1/2012. American River.

Renwick, J. & Williams, L.

2, 3/1/2012. Kohinoor Hill.

Baxter, C.

AP

4, 8/11/2011. Globe Derby Park, White Rd Wetland.

Carter, D.

pr+4 young, 14/11/2011. Kensington Gardens Reserve

Beer, P. & A.

1, 11/2011. Rosslyn Park, Taylor Tee.

Jenssen, C-B.



Glossy Ibis photographed by Brian Haywood near Ceduna on 31/10/2011

White-bellied Sea-eagle

1 + immature, 28/1/2012. Waitpinga Cliffs, MLR.

Steele-Collins, E.

Whistling Kite

1 immature, 9/1/2012. Charlton Gully, EP.

Bebbington, L.

This species has become very rare in the region, with only one or two breeding pairs near Port Lincoln.

Square-tailed Kite

One pair is believed to have bred successfully in the Mount Crawford district again this year. Another bird has been reported from the Kuitpo area.

1, 13/11/2011. Kaiser Stuhl CP, MLR.

Smith, E. & Lloyd, R.

Bird Records (cont)

1, 28/12/2011. Northgate, Folland Rd wetland.

Wood, M.

1, 28/12/2011. Oakden, Regent Gardens.

Wood, M.

SE

1, 7/11/2011. Mt Gambier, Lindsay St.

Campbell, J.

FR

1, 15/11/2011. Lake Watherston, FR. Flushed from flooded Swamp Canegrass.

Carpenter, G.

Lewin's Rail

1+2 young, 11/12/2011. Picaninnie Ponds CP, SE.

de Beer, M.

Baillon's Crake

4, 26/10/2011. Globe Derby Park, White Rd Wetland, AP.

Carter, D.

2, 4/12/2011. Nelshaby Reservoir, FR.

Jamieson, A. & White, J.

2, 14/1/2012. Freeling Sewage Works, MLR.

Steeles, C.

Spotless Crake

1, 16/10/2011. Naracoorte airport, SE.

Moorhouse, R.

Few records in this region despite relative abundance of wetlands.

2, 12/1/2012. Freeling Sewage Works, MLR.

Pacific Golden Plover

1, 13/1/2012. Cape Rouge, KI.

Baxter, C.

4, 11 & 12/1/2012. Black Point, YP.

Tiller, M.

Australian Painted Snipe

An influx of this species occurred during October-November.

Up to 7, 4/10/2011 to 13/12/2011. Globe Derby Park, White Rd Wetland, AP.

Carter, D.

11, 13/11/2011. Globe Derby Park, White Rd Wetland, AP.

Smith, E. & Lloyd, R.

5, 20/11/2011. Greenfields Wetlands, AP.

Hatch, J.

1, 20/11/2011. Cambelltown, Lochiel Park wetland, AP.

Hyland, M.

10, 12/11/2011. Bool Lagoon Game Reserve, SE.

4, 29/11/2011. Parachilna Gorge, Glass Gorge Rd, FR.

Bailey, N.

Latham's Snipe

1, 30/12/2011 & 20/1/2012. Netley, Brownhill Creek, AP.

Jack, T.

Terek Sandpiper

2, 17/1/2012. Murray Mouth, MM.

Candido, P.

Red-chested Button-quail

Several, 27/10/2011. Gregory Creek, NW. Identified from calls given overnight, plus a brief view of a bird flushed from dense grass.

Rogers, C. & Koch, P. 1, 9/11/2011. St Marys, South Rd, AP. Found freshly dead and forwarded to the South Australian Museum.

Fennell, J.

The status of this species in South Australia is very poorly known.

Painted Button-quail

1 + 3 young, 16/11/2011. Crafer's West, Sedum Place, MLR.

Hayes, J. & Naglis, G. 2, 31/12/2011. Clayton Bay, MM.

Doecke, N. & G.

pr +5 young, 18/1/2012. Charlton



Fairy Tern photographed by Kay Parkin at Price Saltfields, Jan 2012

Steeles, C.

Barrand, P & R; C Connelly 10, 13/11/2011. Bool Lagoon boardwalk, SE.

Green, B.

5, 20/12/2011. Earl's Lane, Wandilo, SE.

Jones, K.

4, 16/11/2011. Onkaparinga Wetlands, MLR.

Smith, Edward.

2, 3/1/2012. Aldinga Scrub CP, Hart Rd, MLR.

Crocker, J.

Gully, EP.

Bebbington, L.

1+ 4 young, 9/1/2012. Flinders Chase NP, 3km E Rocky River, KI.

Baxter, C.

Fairy Tern

Very low numbers counted during a state-wide survey.

8, 12/11/2011. Price Saltfields, YP.

Jack, T.

Nesting, 1 & 9/1/2012. Robe, SE.

Haywood, B.

Bird Records (cont)

Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo

Several reports from Adelaide suburbs again from October - early January, plus extending its range into the eastern part of the hills.

22, 10/1/2012. Black Forest, Gordon Rd, AP.

Kemper, C.

2, 1/2012. Mount Barker, Laratinga Wetlands, MLR.

Williams, K. & L.

4, 12/1/2012. Charleston CP, MLR.

Carpenter, G.

Blue-winged Parrot

1, 11/10/2011. Dashwood Bay, KI.

Pedler, L. & Baxter, C.

First record from KI.

Regent Parrot

12, 20/12/2011. Ngarkat CP, Comet Bore, MM.

Sando, D.

Rainbow Lorikeet

2, 13/11/2011. Hawker, FR. In flowering ornamental eucalypts.

Schmidt, L.

2, 4/1/2012. Quorn, FR.

Langdon, P.

These reports are north of a resident population that occurs in the southern Flinders Ranges.

Eastern Koel

1, 13/11/2011. Reynella, Sarah Close and Sandgate St

(S. Harris)

(C. Hankel).

Previously reported this locality in November 2010 and from Magill in January 2002.

Red-backed Kingfisher

1, 21/11/2011. Belvidere, Angas River, MM.

Doecke, N.

Another southerly record.

Superb, Splendid, Variegated and White-winged Fairy-wrens

Groups of each of these species were seen within about 100 m on the edge of the Chowilla Floodplain at Coombool Swamp (MM) on 12-14/10/2011

(G. Carpenter & J. Allan).

Is this the only place in Australia where 4 species of fairy-wren occur at the same site?

Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater

1, 9/1/2012. Waitpinga Cliffs, MLR.

Steele-Collins, E.

Few records from the Mount Lofty Ranges area, mostly in summer.

Pied Honeyeater

1 female, 3 & 10/1/2012. Wallaroo, YP. At garden bird bath.

Jack, T.

Blue-faced Honeyeater

4, 24/12/2011. Keith, SE.

Sando, D.

Chestnut-crowned Babbler

It is not generally known that a small population of this species occurs west of the Flinders Ranges near Lake Torrens.

1 group, 17/11/2011. Partacoona Stn, Anderson Yards, FR.

Langdon, P.

Several groups, 15/11/2011. Witchelina Stn, Ediacara Ruins, NW. In dunes with scattered Mulga and Sandhill Wattle over Sandhill Canegrass.

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Olive-backed Oriole

1, 12/11/2011. Glenroy CP, SE. and

1, 12/11/2011. Telford Scrub CP, SE.

Barrand, P. & R.; C. Connelly

Dusky Woodswallow

1, 27/1/2012. Felixstow, AP.

Hyland, M.

Satin Flycatcher

1, 12/12/2011. Clarendon, MLR.

Kerry Williams

Horsfield's Bushlark

6, 12/11/2011. North Cape, Boxing Bay, KI.

Baxter, C.

Not previously recorded from the region.

Australian Reed-warbler

pair + young, 9/1/2012. Charlton Gully, EP.

Bebbington, L.

Small numbers breed in patches of reeds around dams in this district, otherwise there are few reports from EP.

Little Grassbird

1, 2/1/2012. Frewville, AP.

Found dead in supermarket carpark.

Keene, T.

White-backed Swallow

1, 15/1/2012. Sandy Creek CP, MLR.

Wood, M.

Few records near Adelaide in recent years.

Common Mynah

Heard, 29/12/2011. Adelaide Airport, AP.

Carter, D.

Members are encouraged to confirm the presence of Mynahs here.

Diamond Firetail

20+, 2/2/2012. Moculta, 8km E, MLR.

Carpenter, G.

This species remains in good numbers in the eastern foothills but has declined elsewhere in the region. Low numbers still occur at Sandy Creek CP and Altona Scrub, although nesting is impacted by increasing numbers of Grey Currawongs.

News From the Library



598.2994 CAY rev.ed

Cayley, Neville W.

What bird is That?: [a completely revised and updated edition of the classic Australian ornithological work] / Neville W. Cayley; revised by Terence R. Lindsey, Sydney, N.S.W.: Australia's Heritage Publishing, 2011
ISBN 9780987070104

What Bird is That? is the lifelong work of author and illustrator Neville W. Cayley, with invaluable updates by noted ornithologist, Terence R. Lindsey. One of the special features of What Bird is That? is the arrangement of birds by where they live rather than the traditional arrangement by species, making it easier to find the birds you are looking for. This distinctive feature has been preserved in this edition, together with the concise notes on each species' distribution, habitat, life history, nesting and food, and the derivation of its scientific name.



598.07234 KIL

Kilham, Lawrence

On watching Birds / Lawrence Kilham ; foreword by John K. Terres ; illustrations by Joan Waltermire. College Station : Texas A&M University Press, c1997.
ISBN 0890967636

This is an autobiographical account of the renowned naturalist's love affair with birds



581.99423 KRA

Kraehenbuehl, Darrell

Pre-European Vegetation of Adelaide: a survey from the Gawler River to Hallett Cove / by Darrell N. Kraehenbuehl. Adelaide : Nature Conservation Society of South Australia, 1996.
ISBN 0949751243

Kraehenbuehl has presented a detailed account of the vegetation that existed in the various regions around the city of Adelaide before European settlement and the loss of many species. He comments on the challenges facing the remaining species and the need to conserve what remains.



598.07234 OBM

Obmascik, Mark

The Big Year: a tale of man, nature and fowl obsession / Mark Obmascik— London : Bantam Book, 2005
ISBN 9780553815511

An entertaining and informative account of the race between three birders to beat the Big Year record in 1998. The Big Year is a competition to see the most species on the United States and Canada in a single calendar year. Mark Obmascik's book uses the diaries of the three twitchers as well as recollections from fellow birders as they pile on the air miles, criss-crossing the continent to hopefully see reported rarity and vagrant species.

News From the Library (cont)



598.2993 ROB
Robertson, Hugh
The Hand Guide to the Birds of New Zealand / Hugh A. Robertson & Barrie D. Heather; illustrated by Derek J. Onley. Rev.ed, Auckland, N.Z.: Penguin Books, 2005
ISBN 014028835X

This book provides a comprehensive and easy to use guide to help you identify the birds of New Zealand. It includes distribution maps of those species that breed in N.Z. Plumage and behavioural details are also provided to assist in indentifying the species.



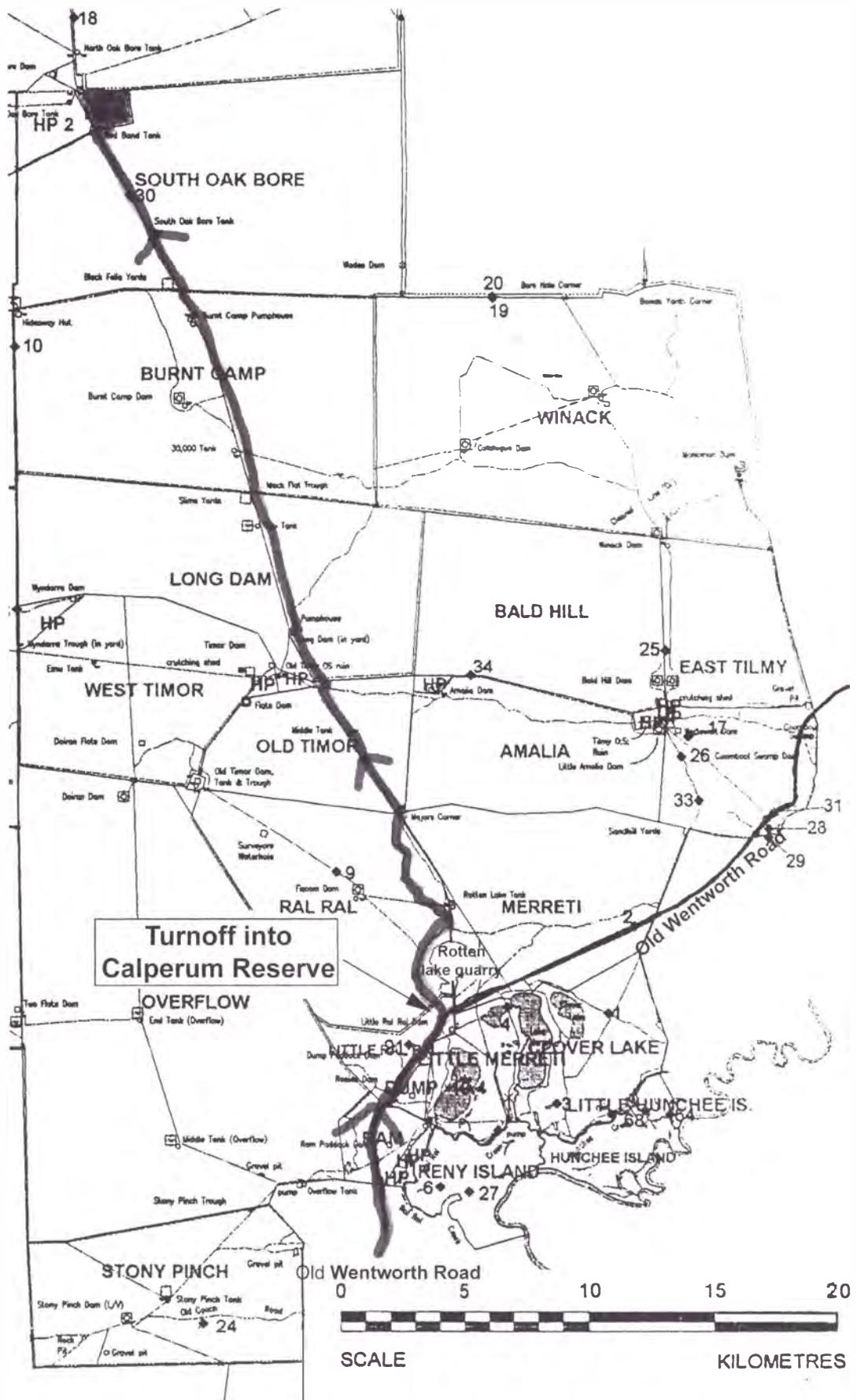
598.29696 SKE
Skerrett, Adrian
Beautiful Birds of the Seychelles / Adrian Skerrett – Nairobi : Camerapix Publishers International, 1994
ISBN 1874041709

This photographic guide covers nearly all the breeding bird species of the Seychelles, together with some of the more common migrants likely to be seen.

Details of Members' Coloured Photographs

NO:	SPECIES	PHOTOGRAPHER	LOCATION	DATE
1	Whiskered Tern	Kay Parkin	Magazine Rd, Dry Creek	Jan 2012
2	Juvenile Buff-banded Rail	Teresa Jack	Wallaroo	Dec 2011
3	Painted Snipe	Teresa Jack	Onkaparinga Wetlands	Nov 2011
4	Banded Stilt	Kay Parkin	Price Saltfields	Jan 2012
5	Red-capped Plover with young	Les Peters	Salt Fields	29 Jan 2012
6	Stubble Quail	Kay Parkin	Werribee (Western Treatment Plant)	Dec 2011
7	Crimson Rosella	Kay Parkin	Dandenong Ranges	Dec 2011
8	Eastern Yellow Robin	Kay Parkin	Dandenong Ranges	Dec 2011
9	Red-browed Firetail	Rodney Attwood	Lower Hermitage	13 Jan 2012

Calperum Map



Members' Water Bird Photographs



Some Bushland Birds

