

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.

A Page of Raptors



Osprey

Photographed by John Spiers at Caloundra, Queensland on 6/9/2010



Kestrel

Photographed by Margie Tiller at Black Point on Yorke Peninsula on 4/05/2012



Black-shouldered Kite

Photographed by Barbara Bansaemer at Rockleigh on 23.07/2012



Hobby

Photographed by John Spiers on Hindmarsh Island on 10/07/2012

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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.

Sep 2	Sunday	Excursion to Morgan CP
Sept 15	Saturday	Excursion to Scott CP
Sept 20	Thursday	Excursion to Altona Reserve
Sept 21	Friday	General Meeting
Sept 23	Sunday	Excursion to Kaiser Stuhl CP

Sept 27 to Oct 2	Campout in Burra Creek CP	
Oct 13	Saturday	Excursion to Moorundie Wildlife Park
Oct 19	Thursday	Excursion to Aldinga Scrub
Oct 26	Friday	General Meeting
Oct 28	Sunday	Excursion to Cox Scrub CP

Nov 10	Saturday	Excursion to Bakara CP
Nov 15	Thursday	Excursion to Newland Head CP
Nov 30	Friday	General Meeting

Dec 2	Sunday	Excursion to Dry Creek Salt Fields
Dec 15	Saturday	Excursion to Laratinga Wetlands
Dec 20	Thursday	Excursion to Altona Reserve

Cover photo: Double-banded Plovers — some in advanced breeding plumage, looking ready to depart. Photographed by Margie Tiller at Black Point on Yorke Peninsula.

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 14 new members who have recently joined the Association. Their names are listed on p15.

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Copy for the November Newsletter is due by the October General Meeting (October 26). Contributions, 'Word' format preferred, can be recorded on a CD, emailed to either of my email addresses, or typed/handwritten neatly.

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Birds SA Notes & News

CONGRATULATIONS

BARBARA

In this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List, Association member Barbara Wheaton, was awarded a Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division. Her award was for service to the community, particularly through the Friends of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide. Her many contributions to that organisation include:

- Member, Friends since 1984
- Life Member, since 1991
- Member, Growing Group, 2007-2012
- Member, Strategic Plan Group, 2006-2010
- Member, Tours Committee, 1999-2001
- Member, Publications Committee, 1991-2000
- Guide Publicity Officer, since 2010; Guide Booking Officer, 2008-2010
- Garden Guide Leader, 1995-1998
- Garden Guide, 1985-2012
- Convener, Book and Craft Shop, 1984-1995
- Member, Friends Shop Committee, 1984-1995;

In addition to her contributions to the Friends of the Botanic Garden, Barbara is a Member of Birds SA, the Royal Zoological Society of South Australia, the Australian Plant Society SA Region, Bush Heritage Australia and the Australian Conservation Foundation.

All members of Birds SA congratulate Barbara on achieving a well-deserved honour.

Cynthia Pyle

HANZAB — EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

A library has donated volumes 1 to 6 of the Handbook of Australian, New Zealand and Antarctic Birds (HANZAB) to Birds SA. This is an incomplete set as volume 7 is missing.

As Birds SA already has two complete sets of HANZAB, the Committee is pleased to invite members to submit expressions of interest for the purchase of the incomplete set.

If you are interested in submitting an expression of interest please send an email to Brian Walker



**Barbara Wheaton with her Daughter,
Committee Member Merinda Hyland**

(membership@birdssa.asn.) including details of the price that you would be willing to pay. The Committee will consider selling the set to the highest bidder, but if no reasonable offers are received other means of sale will be considered.

Brian Walker

CONSTITUTION

As advised in the May Newsletter, the Committee has proposed the replacement of the current Rules of the Association with a new Constitution.

Following the receipt of comments from members, the Committee resolved to form a sub-committee to consider some changes to the draft Constitution and for that sub-committee to report back to the Committee in January 2013. The sub-committee is chaired by Brian Walker and also includes Andrew Black, Rodney Attwood and John Spiers.

The reason for the protracted period of consideration by the sub-committee is to allow time for the new Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Act and its regulations to be finalised by the Federal Government and for the receipt of any further comments from members.

The Committee encourages members to submit any comments on the original draft.

Brian Walker

CHANGING THE RULES: AN APOLOGY

I know that many were surprised at the intensity of feeling I displayed at the June General Meeting when changes to our Rules were raised for the first time. I deeply regretted my conduct immediately afterwards and phoned the Chairman John Hatch next day to apologise. I now do so to everyone that was present on that occasion.

Without attempting to condone my action that evening I provide some background to my intense frustration at what I felt to have been a flawed process.

When the committee first discussed the question of changing the Rules over a year ago some members felt the existing Rules should be amended only as needed to overcome any perceived deficiency. This is my own position and the one argued by Bob Brown in June, not, as some appear to have inferred, that no change should be made. Brian Walker believed differently and felt that a completely new set of rules was necessary. The Committee asked him to prepare a draft without first resolving the question, "what needs fixing?" He chose as a model the Constitution of the RAA of SA but it was not an easy fit and Committee members (and I also) referred to many problems with it. I suggested a subcommittee should be formed to

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deal with the process and Brian Walker asked me to take part but nothing happened. Another draft was presented and again Committee members had many questions. I was aghast because there were still almost as many matters needing amendment as before. I raised the idea of a subcommittee again but time went by and then a formal draft was posted on the web two months ago.

To me it was infuriating to see how little had changed. Submissions were invited and I spent one full day and several other periods identifying all that I felt was inappropriate, ambiguous or inconsistent. Two other members have made similar comprehensive submissions and each has found the RAA model to be inappropriate but immense effort has now gone into trying to make it suitable and some, including myself, will feel it harsh on Brian Walker, whose input has been huge, if it were to be rejected now. Nevertheless the Committee has provided that option for the subcommittee now formed. I encourage members to participate in the proposal to change our Rules

Andrew Black

BIRDS SA CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Two additional members have recently joined the Conservation Subcommittee, which is now composed of eight active members: Rodney Attwood, William Brooker, Nigel Gammon, David Hansman, John Spiers, Greg Kerr, Simon Brearly and Jeff Groves. Nigel Gammon is absent for six months. Greg Kerr is convening the subcommittee.

The subcommittee has been involved in a range of activities over the last month. A letter has been drafted by the subcommittee and sent by the President to the Premier, the Honourable Jay Weatherill, with a courtesy copy to the Honourable Paul Caica as Minister responsible for the Environment, raising our concerns about the impact of joy flights along the Kangaroo Island coastline on the endangered White-bellied Sea Eagle and Eastern Osprey. Our concerns relate to the involvement of the South Australian Tourism Commission in developing the proposal, the need for private

organisations to contest the proposal through the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) process in order for restrictions to be imposed on the operations, the potential for future expansion now that a precedent has been set, and the failure of the South Australian government to provide adequate protection for species of conservation significance.

Concern has been raised about a development proposal on Eyre Peninsula near Lipson Island. We are investigating Centrex Minerals proposal for a deep-water port to the north of Lipson Island and whether it potentially threatens the bird rookeries on the island.

Following on from our development and implementation of a recreational hunting policy at Birds SA, we have received a letter from Allan Holmes the Chief Executive of The Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) seeking collaboration between DEWNR, Birds SA and hunting organisations to ensure that hunting provides net conservation benefits to the broader community. The invitation to engage more purposefully with DEWNR is a positive step forward in bird conservation.

We are presently involved in discussions with Greg Leaman, Director of National Parks and Wildlife regarding the potential to conserve Buckland Park Lake, and a number of members have been providing advice on a possible extension to the Laratinga wetlands.

The next meeting of the Conservation Subcommittee is scheduled for Tuesday 4th September. If you have any issues of conservation significance please approach any of the members and raise your concerns.

Greg Kerr

BIRDS SA SCIENTIFIC ASSESSMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

The Scientific Assessment subcommittee of Birds SA was reformed in July. Greg Kerr has convened the subcommittee with Peter Bird, Philippa Horton and Hilary Thompson.

The role of the subcommittee is to review and assess the scientific merit of applications for research grants from the Birds SA Conservation Fund, and to increase the public profile of the Fund.

Two applications for funding have been received since the subcommittee formed.

Greg Kerr

THIRD BIRD ATLAS OF THE ADELAIDE REGION

The third Bird Atlas of the Adelaide region commenced on 1 July 2012 and will continue for the next two years. Over 50 people have collected sets of data cards and instructions and already over a 100 sets of data have been submitted. Anyone with a keen eye for birds can assist in documenting the current distributions of birds within a region that spans from north of Pt Wakefield to east of north-east of Morgan and from Cape Jervis to Salt Creek, as well as Kangaroo Island. The intention is to compare current distributions of birds within this region to similar data collecting in 1974-5 and 1984-5. If you wish to be involved please contact me at (david.paton@adelaide.edu.au) or collect some cards and instructions at the Birds SA general meetings. Members living in rural areas are particularly welcome as locations away from the peri-urban areas are usually poorly covered.

David Paton

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

All Association members are invited to contribute their thoughts, bird experiences, poetry and photographs to their Newsletter. As explained at the bottom of page 2, contributions for each Newsletter are due by the General Meeting of the previous month. Articles, preferably in 'Word' format, can be made on a CD, emailed to either of my email addresses, or typed/handwritten neatly.

Photographs can also be sent on a CD, or emailed to me as attachments. All photographs must have identification of the bird as well as the date and location where they were taken.

Cynthia Pyle

Miscellaneous Items

JAIL BIRDS

Mount Gambier Prison is situated about 10km south west of the city on the Carpenters Rock road. Rich grazing land and scattered majestic Red Gums surround the prison grounds and within the wire perimeter fence (there are no walls) there are several large trees and smaller trees and shrubs. One could be forgiven for mistaking or guessing that it is a hospital or country club except for the razor wire topping the fences. A private company, G4S Custodial Services, runs the complex. The large gums provide roosting sites for the Little and Long-billed Corellas and the locally endangered Red-tailed Black Cockatoos.

Among the inmates there is a wide range of skills including some who are connoisseurs of fine music, literature and poetry. Inside the grounds are several families of Superb Fairy-wrens. Recently we sent a postcard featuring Superb Fairy-wrens to a friend in MGP. John* who shares a cell with our friend saw the postcard pinned up on the wall and was inspired to write the following poem-

BLUE WRENS

Breathes there a man with a soul so
dead
who doesn't smile when up ahead
a little wren goes bounding past
his feet, into a garden bed

Little feathered balls of fun
Always active, on the run
jauntily, tails up like a mast
Shining blue caught in the sun

I'm not a poet, deep like some,
No shining metaphors become
I'm thankful nature makes me smile
For smiles give hope of things to
come.

*John has given me permission to use his name and print his poem.

Bill Matheson.

AN INTERESTING SIGHTING

On at least three occasions I have seen black magpies in the Langhorne Creek area. My most recent sighting

was on June 2nd in the actual township of Langhorne Creek; but I have seen them more frequently near the Metala winery on Lake Plains road.

The bird/birds is completely black but the crown has a very dark grey area that would normally be light grey or white. The bill is the normal magpie colour.

I strongly suspect that there is more than one such bird, as my last sighting was about 5km from where I had previously seen one. I have a hazy memory of my father seeing a similar bird in the same area in the seventies.

John Peek

AUSTRALASIAN SHOREBIRD CONFERENCE, ADELAIDE

The **8th Australasian Shorebird Conference** in Adelaide will be held on 29-30 September, with the theme of the 'Role of Science in the Conservation of Shorebirds'.

Australasian Shorebird Conferences focus on local issues and provide opportunities for attendees to see shorebirds at key sites with local experts, and hear about the latest research and developments. This year's Conference will be held in the Napier Building at the University of Adelaide.

Contact **Paul Wainwright** (asc.adelaide2012@gmail.com or 0429678475) for information and a Registration Form.

CROSS BORDER BIRDLIFE CAMPOUT

Bob Green Convenor BirdLife South East SA shriketit@bigpond.com
The first Cross Border BirdLife Campout is now officially on the agenda.

It will run from **Friday 26 October 2012 till Monday 29 October 2012** inclusive.

It will be hosted by BirdLife South East SA, will be held in Mt. Gambier and we hope a good number of members from all five branches will attend. There are outings planned for all four days, so if you want to arrive on Thursday night and get started on Friday morning that would be great; alternatively you can join in for as

much of the weekend as you can, even if it's only a one-day excursion. To make our job easier in knowing how many people we will have to allow for when we organise outings, could people intending to take part let us know what days they will be attending and which group they are with. We will organise outings to local bush sites, wader hotspots, other coastal sites, wetlands etc. so there will be something for everyone. If anyone has specific birds they would like to chase, let us know and we will try to put you onto a good spot for them. Below are the contact details for the **Blue Lake Holiday Park**, which is where we will be based for the campout. There is a range of accommodation options available, from tenting right through to very nice, spacious and warm cabins. Have a look on their website. **When booking let them know you are a part of the BirdLife Campout!** Phone: 0887259856 Email; info@bluelake.com.au Website: <http://www.bluelake.com.au/>. We look forward to being your hosts for the first of what we hope will be a long running tradition of cooperative camps between our groups.

PORT AUGUSTA GROUP BIRD-WATCHING FIELD TRIPS

The Port Augusta Group of Birdlife Australia welcomes visitors to 'The Babbler' Bird Watching Field Trips.

If you are passing through or just want to head north for the weekend why not plan to attend one of this spring's outings listed below.

9 Sept, Telowie Gorge, meet at Telowie Gorge car park at 8.00am

29 Sept, 3 day campout at South Gap Station. Meet at start of the Stuart Highway at 7.00am.

4 Nov, Blanche Harbour, meet at Shack's Road turn-off at 7.30am.

7 Dec, Arid Lands Botanic Garden (Christmas lunch in café), meet in car park at 7.30am.

Please bring sturdy footwear, hat, sun protection, morning tea, lunch if staying longer and binoculars.

For further information contact: Peter 8642 5723, Greg 8648 6882 or Shirley 8642 4013

Past General Meetings

Friday May 25

John Hatch introduced the speaker for the evening, Greg Dare, who showed a film that he and his wife Alana had made on a trip to Norfolk Island in November 2011. Before showing the DVD, Greg gave a brief history and outline of the island.

Norfolk Island is 1600km northeast of Sydney and on the same latitude as Byron Bay with a similar sub tropical climate. The flight from Sydney takes just over two hours.

The Island is eight kilometers long and five kilometers wide, with a coastline of high cliffs, thanks to its origins in a volcanic eruption three million years ago. The original habitat was rainforest, dominated by the Norfolk Island Pines. Today, most of the island has been cleared for pasture, but 460 hectares of rainforest remain in the northern section of the island, protected as National Park and easily accessible via several well-marked walking tracks.

Six kilometres south of Norfolk Island is the small, uninhabited Phillip Island. During colonial times, pigs, goats and rabbits were introduced here, for the officers to hunt. Because of this, the three-kilometre long island was totally denuded of habitat. The feral animals were finally eradicated in 1988 and an extensive voluntary rehabilitation program means the island is now recovering, with its sea bird rookeries re-established.

Norfolk Island was settled first by Europeans as a convict outpost of Australia in 1788. After a supply ship was wrecked off its coast, its survivors quadrupled the total island population overnight and starvation loomed. Fortunately for these people but unfortunately for the birds, hundreds of thousands of petrels appeared, returning to their nesting burrows on Mt Pitt. The settlers slaughtered two to three thousand of these each night for food, until the Providence Petrel was wiped out entirely on Norfolk Island in less than a decade.

The whole colony was abandoned as unsustainable by 1813 but the English made a second attempt to

colonise the island in 1825, as a place of banishment for convicts who had committed further crimes in Australia. This second attempt also ended in abandonment, but did leave behind the beautiful Georgian sandstone buildings, which you can see today in the island's main town of Kingston.

Beginning in 1856, descendants of the Bounty mutineers, who had outgrown the resources of Pitcairn Island, began to settle on Norfolk Island. These settlers, who were part European and part Tahitian, made use of the buildings left by the convict settlements and managed to build a successful community in this remote outpost of Australia. Their Creole language, which is a mixture of English, Tahitian and Cornish, is still spoken today by many Norfolk islanders, along with English.

Bird watchers can usually see about 45-50 bird species during a week here, and Greg and Alana managed to photograph 22 of them for Association members to see. The documentary movie of their trip, narrated by Alana Dare, provides bird-watchers' with views of what they are likely to see if they visit this wonderful birding destination.

The film showed the following birds: Song Thrush, Grey Fantail, Californian Quail, Silvereye, Red-tailed Tropicbird, Golden Whistler, White Tern, Grey Ternlet, Black Noddy, Sooty Tern, Masked Booby, Lesser Frigatebird, Black-winged Petrel, Crimson Rosella, Slender-billed White-eye, Pacific Robin, Sacred Kingfisher, Blackbird, Norfolk Island Gerygone, Norfolk Island Red-crowned Parakeet.

Friday June 29

John Hatch introduced the speaker for the evening Greg Kerr. Greg's talk was entitled "Australian Wader Study Group: 2012 North West Australia Wader and Tern Expedition — 18th February to 11th March — 30 Years of Netting and Banding"

The northwest coast of Australia is a shallow sloping coast, with soft sediments and the big tides that are necessary for large exposed mudflats to exist. There are surprisingly few

places in the world that provide these large mud flats. Either the coasts are too steep (e.g. north eastern pacific) or the tides are too small (e.g. embayments in south eastern Australia) or the environmental conditions too harsh (e.g. northern parts of the Atlantic). Roebuck Bay is 75km long with an intertidal zone of 160km². Roebuck Bay and Mandora Marsh form a Ramsar Site with an area of about 175,000 hectares. Eighty Mile Beach is 220km long with an intertidal zone of 600km². Both Roebuck Bay and Eighty Mile Beach are at the receiving end of the most species rich of all shorebird flyways — the east Asian-Australasian flyway. It is one of 10 major flyways in the world. Roebuck Bay and Eighty Mile Beach are amongst the highest recorded areas of biodiversity of marine organisms. Roebuck Bay supports more than 1% of the flyway population of 18 waders species (13 coastal migrants, 2 grassland migrants, 3 resident) with over 150,000 birds roosting there at high tide between late October and early December.

Greg explained how canon netting is carried out along Eighty Mile Beach. The whole operation is under the control of Clive Minton. Bird-in-the-hand photographs were shown of Great Knot, Crested Tern, Lesser Crested Tern, Gull-billed Tern, Greater Sand Plover, Lesser Sand Plover, Grey Plover, Oriental Plover, Sanderling, Red-necked Stint, Broad-billed Sandpiper, Terek Sandpiper, Broad-billed Sandpiper, Curlew Sandpiper, Marsh Sandpiper, Greenshank, Grey-tailed Tattler, Bar-tailed Godwit, Asian Dowitcher, Australian Painted Snipe and Bush Stone Curlew. Other birds photographed were Australian Pratincole and White-breasted Sea Eagle.

Every bird netted is quickly removed from the net and taken under cover for protection from the sun. It is weighed, banded, blood samples and cloacal swabs taken to analyse for disease and then released as soon as possible.

Past General Meetings (cont)

A record number of overseas-banded birds was caught during the expedition (14 Great Knot and one Bar-tailed Godwit – all from China). Great Knot (1369) topped the list of birds caught, with Greater Sand Plover (544) again second. The number of Grey-tailed Tattlers (285) and Terek Sandpipers (225) caught were well above the previous year's total whereas Red-necked Stints (90 versus 232) were well down. It is not clear why there was such a dearth of Red-necked Stints this year at both Roebuck Bay and at 80 Mile Beach. Perhaps there were still attractive inland locations to which they had adjourned. They had also struggled to catch Red Knot (77 vs. 210 the previous year). In contrast, they did better than usual on Ruddy Turnstone (58 compared with 4) and again did well for Broad-billed Sandpipers (46 compared with 29).

Of the large number of banded birds recaptured during NWA 2012 there were, as usual, a number of old birds. It is pleasing that several of these were at 80 Mile Beach, even though the banding intensity/retrap rates there are much lower than in Roebuck Bay. The two oldest birds were Bar-tailed Godwits, which were a minimum of 24 and 21 years old respectively. One Greater Sand Plover was also at least 18 years old. It is immediately apparent that almost all species bred less successfully in the 2011 Northern Hemisphere breeding season than in the preceding year. Only Red-necked Stint showed a significant increase in the proportion of juveniles compared with the previous year. When measured against the long-term average of percentage juveniles the assessment of the 2011 breeding success was average for two species, below average for two species, poor for one species and very poor for three species. We had predicted that 2011 was likely to be a poor breeding year as the two preceding breeding seasons had both been good, or even very good – only one year in three is normally above average.

It is clear that the worst breeding conditions in 2011 must have occurred in the Arctic regions of

Siberia with all but one of the species (Red-necked Stint) breeding at high latitudes having poor breeding success. Those species nesting at lower latitudes, such as Grey-tailed Tattler, Greater Sand Plover and Broad-billed Sandpiper, had a relatively better breeding performance.

For the second consecutive year satellite transmitters were attached to Red Knots by the Global Flyway Network team, this year under the guidance of Dr Theunis Piersma from NIOZ (Netherlands Institute for Sea Research) / University of Groningen. This year 15 units, each weighing five grams, were deployed. Forty two geolocators were put onto Red Knots and seven onto Great Knots. Twenty seven of the Red Knots and five of the Great Knots had been re-sighted up to 28 April. One of the Great Knots had already been seen at Yalu Jiang at the north end of the Yellow Sea, in mid-April. During the expedition a further geocator, which was deployed in March 2011, was retrieved from a Greater Sand Plover. This now brings to seven the number of geolocators retrieved from Greater Sand Plovers this season. Most units retrieved this year have given good tracks to/from breeding grounds in the Gobi Desert, spanning the China/Mongolia border.

Greg explained the use of colour bands. The position of the metal band is not required to determine the flagging location, and may vary from that shown. For two-colour flag combinations the flag position sometimes varies as follows:

- On large waders, the flags are usually both placed on the tibia.
- On smaller waders one flag is placed on the tibia and one on the tarsus. All reports of flag sightings will be replied to, even if you see the same flag colour many times. Please report all sightings to mintons@ozemail.com.au.

All participants stay on Anna Plains Station, which is 250 kilometres south of Broome. The next Expedition will take place from Saturday, 23 February 2013 to

Saturday, 16 March 2013. Participants pay:

- a) a charge of \$32 per day to cover the cost of food, gas, laundry, other consumable items
- b) a charge of \$270 per week for local transport costs if you don't use your own vehicle
- c) camping or accommodation costs at Broome Bird Observatory
- d) a "use" charge at Anna Plains of \$10 per person per night

On 29-30 September 2012 the AWSG Conference will be held in Adelaide. A range of interesting speakers from around Australia and from the East-Asian Australasian Flyway will participate. Conference registration will be very reasonable either as a one-day fee (\$70) or for the full two days (Full Reg \$120, student \$100).

The conference organisers would be very grateful of any Birds SA members who would be willing to host a flyway shorebird researcher during their stay in Adelaide. (3-4 nights), whether or not they are able to personally attend the conference. A number of the speakers are students from developing countries in the flyway who undertake important research. Greg said he was sure they would like to meet some Australian shorebird enthusiasts. Members can contact Paul Wainwright if they are interested in this (0429 678 475 or asc.adelaide2012@gmail.com)

ERRATUM

The edition number on the front of the May Newsletter was incorrect. The correct number of that edition is 222.

Future General Meetings/Past Excursions

FUTURE GENERAL MEETINGS

General meetings are held in the Charles Hawker building of the Waite Institute on Waite Road Urrbrae on the last Friday of every month except December, public holidays or prior to a long weekend. The doors are opened at 7pm

Friday September 21. (Note the date change)

John Hatch: photos by Colin Rogers.
A Chilean Odyssey.

Friday October 26.

James Smith.
Hollow Habitats.

Friday November 30. Members' Night.

John Hatch would be pleased to receive offers of short (10-20 minutes) talks for inclusion in this programme. As members will know this is a traditional event and variety is the very essence of it. Photos, short talks, audio items or anything pertaining to birds and bird-watching will be gratefully received. Don't be shy, this is your chance!

PAST EXCURSIONS

Nurragi CP: 27 May

It was little cool this morning with 15 people arriving for the railway walk. As is usual at this location, we spread out across the width of the vegetation picking up 48 species to record — not bad for an old railway line. An early surprise was a pair of Banded Lapwings, also Purple-crowned Lorikeets, Red-rumped Parrots, Fan-tailed Cuckoos, Spotted and Striated Pardalote, 8 species of honeyeater, Red-capped and Hooded Robins, Mistletoebirds and Red-browed Finches made for a good number of species recorded. We returned to Milang Caravan Park for lunch, bird count and relaxation.

Trevor Cowie

Talbot Res & Rockleigh Bushland Res: 9 June

A very cold morning greeted eleven visitors to the Talbot Reserve, although it was not as cold as the northern Adelaide suburbs, which

recorded minus temperatures. Most birds were staying in bed during the cold and overcast morning. A highlight was the sighting of an Australian Owlet-nightjar flying low over several observers' heads. Amongst some of the more common birds were a pair of Southern Whitefaces, two Mistletoebirds and a couple of Kookaburras. Before we moved up the road to the Rockleigh Reserve the list of birds totalled 30. Two hours of bird watching at Rockleigh resulted in 34 species being seen. Black-shouldered Kite, Wedge-tailed Eagle and Brown Falcon were the total of raptors sighted. A couple of Variegated Fairy Wrens were seen along with the usual Superb Fairy Wrens and several immature Golden Whistlers. There was too much water in the creek to allow it to be crossed easily, which restricted the area covered. While the weather brightened a little the birds remained quiet. With such good seasons recently, the food choice is much more spread out. Total species count for the day was 42. Our thanks to Bill Matheson for sharing Rockleigh Reserve with us.

Peter Gower

Charleston CP: 21 June

Cancelled due to rain. *Just one Martyr called Martyn turned up. He did a short walk, recording 16 species*

Trevor Cowie.

This Birds SA field trip was abandoned due to very poor weather. There had been continuous rain from the preceding day — non-stop throughout the night and morning. The trip was abandoned (*because no one turned up!*). However, so as not to waste the morning the leader performed a short survey along the western and northern edges. The ground was waterlogged and the creek was flooded, preventing easy access along the northern boundary. Birds were scarce but several species were present in abundance including Crimson Rosella, Buff-rumped and Striated Thornbill, Australian Magpie. A single male Golden Whistler was observed near the entrance. As the rain got heavier it was decided to stop the survey and

have an early lunch. And did that coffee go down well! In all 16 species were observed.

Martyn Price

Muntiri Scrub: 1 July

An overcast and cold morning greeted members at the Milang car park in front of the caravan park. From there everyone drove west on the Clayton Rd to Muntiri, the property of Andrew and Margaret Black. The 29 people divided into two groups to explore the timbered area of the property, which has remained untouched for many years. Several Hooded Robins were immediately sighted. Although there was no rain on the morning, there had been a lot in previous weeks, leaving water in surrounding areas resulting in the sighting of Black Swans, Australian Shelduck and a Whiskered Tern. Three Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoos were added to the list during the morning. Both Red and Little Wattlebirds and a further five species of honeyeaters were also seen. A total of 43 species were listed altogether. Thanks to Andrew and Margaret for allowing us onto their property.

Peter Gower

Sandy Creek CP: 14 July

Given the weather forecast, it was a pleasant surprise to see 19 optimistic souls arriving at Sandy Creek early on Saturday morning. Apart from one brief shower the weather was fine although a little cool. Part of the group was waylaid by a fruitless search for a Tawny Frogmouth, following the discovery of a scribbled message on the track. The rest of the group denied all knowledge of the message and so we were probably the victims of a local hoaxer. The group found a total of 43 species, with a surprising number of Eastern Spinebills. New Holland and Yellow-faced were the most common honeyeaters for the day. There was evidence of nesting activity by the resident White-winged Choughs. Everyone enjoyed a pleasant morning.

Brian Walker

Past Excursions (cont) / Future Excursions

Jenkins Scrub & Mt Crawford Forest: 20 July

Sixteen hardy souls gathered for a cold winter walk. We were lucky in that the rain held off but it was quite cold with a slight breeze. Apart from considerable activity near the car park it was a rather quiet day with little bird activity although a couple of hot spots were encountered. Highlights included two Emus walking along the track ahead of us, together with Buff-rumped, Striated, Brown and Yellow Thornbills. Crescent Honeyeaters were abundant and could be easily seen and heard calling everywhere. Eastern Spinebills and Yellow-faced Honeyeaters were also numerous but surprisingly no New Holland Honeyeaters were seen. Several pairs of Scarlet Robins, a group of Varied Sittellas and two Golden Whistlers were a treat in the dull light. Perhaps the biggest surprise was a flock of 100+ European Goldfinches resting in and flying between the young pine trees bordering the road. During lunch we were surprised to see six Australian Pelicans flying overhead. In all 34 species were counted.

Martyn Price

Whites Road Wetlands: 29 July

It turned out to be a wonderful day even though we did have some dark cloud moments. Twenty-five people attended, which may have helped to increase the number of species seen. The total was 70 of which 9 were not on my list. To mention a few, there were Long-billed Corellas, Fan-tailed Cuckoos, Golden Whistlers, Dusky Woodswallows and a single Barbary Dove, which many were pleased to see and tick off. Members dispersed as usual, chasing birds in different directions; but everyone made it back for lunch. It was a noisy walk for about the first couple of hours as the Rainbow and Musk Lorikeets were screaming non-stop. They even blocked out the noise of traffic along the nearby road. Crimson Rosellas, Galahs, Sulphur-crested Cockatoos, Red-rumped Parrots and many other species were checking out tree hollows in this fantastic spot with old large trunk trees forming prime nesting for so many. If you have not been here before it's a great place to go and see.

Trevor Cowie

FUTURE EXCURSIONS

Convener: Trevor Cowie

Email: fieldtrips@birdssa.asn.au

Tel: 08 8263 2531

Note: Lists of species recorded at the locations visited can be reviewed at www.birdpedia.com

Sunday 2 Sep: Morgan CP (MM) (162km)

Meet at 8.45am on the northwest (town) side of the Morgan ferry crossing.

Saturday 15 Sep: Scott CP (MLR) (79km)

Meet at 8.15am at the right-hand turn-off into Gould Road (NOT Deep Creek Road). This is off the Strathalbyn /Ashbourne Road to Goolwa. If you reach the Canoe tree/railway crossing, you would have missed the turn-off by about 1.5km.

Thursday 20 Sep: Altona CSR Landcare Reserve (MLR) (55km)

Travel through Lyndoch towards Tanunda. As you leave Lyndoch town centre take the first turning left into Altona Road. This turning is just past the 100km speed limit sign. We meet at 8.30am at the Reserve entrance at the top of this road.

Sunday 23 Sep: Kaiser Stuhl CP & Tanunda Ponds (MLR) (72km)

Early walk date due to October long weekend Campout.

As you head in to Tanunda turn right onto Bethany Road. Meet at a new location approximately 3km along Bethany Road, heading east. We meet at the recreational area on the right at 8.15am. We will spend the morning in the park, and look into the ponds after lunch.

OCTOBER 2012 CAMPOUT, BURRA CREEK CP. (NEW) (152KM)

The long weekend campout is situated approximately 29km S.E of Burra. Travel east from Burra onto the Goyder Highway, which leads to Morgan. Continue 8.3km past the Worlds End Hwy turn-off before turning right into **Government Dam**

Road, which is also called Eagle Hawke Road further down. Gordon Lagoon will soon be on your right if you missed Government Dam Road turn-off and continued towards Morgan. Signs will be displayed at the turn-off. The Park boundary is 6.3km from the Goyder Hwy. If you have suitable maps, you can also drive up via Kapunda and Robertstown to the southern end of Burra Creek CP.

See map on p16.

We can arrive at any time from Thursday 27 Sep and will leave on Tuesday 2 Oct.

This CP is near a few other parks such as Red Banks, Mokota a grassland park that has Quail in residence and is a possible site for Plains Wanderer and the Burra Gorge, which may well be full of campers.

The actual camp site area has not yet been advised.

Campout coordinator: Graham Bate, 8270 3041.

Saturday 13 Oct: Moorundie Wildlife Park (MM) (97km)

We meet at Sedan in the car park by the general store at 8.30am. This Wombat reserve of the National History Society is off the beaten track and has excellent bird life.

Thursday 19 Oct: Aldinga Scrub CP

Meet at 8.15am at the reserve entrance on Cox Road, opposite Aldinga Holiday Park.

Sunday 28 Oct: Cox Scrub CP (MLR) (66km)

The park is situated on the Ashbourne to Goolwa road, about 6km south of Ashbourne. Meet at the northern end car park at 8am.

Saturday 10 Nov: Bakara CP (MM) (155km)

Meet at 8.15am. To get there travel approximately 31km east on the Loxton Road from Swan Reach. This should bring you to a crossroad (left/north is to Waikerie) where we will meet. We will go approximately 3km right/south from here.

Future Excursions (cont)

Thursday 15 Nov: Newland Head CP (MLR) (120km)

Meet at 8.30am in the car park/camping area by the old house. Travel to Victor Harbor and then head west towards Waitpinga, Two km beyond Waitpinga, turn left to Waitpinga Beach. As you descend to the beach the park is on the left-hand side.

Sunday 2 Dec: Dry Creek Salt Fields (AP) (26km)

This is an early start due to an early high tide of 2.53m. Meet at the gate at 6.30am, (high tide 7am). Turn west onto St Kilda Road, from Port Wakefield Road. Follow the road turning right onto Radar Road (dirt and barrier), which is actually called Samphire Road. As per the normal request please bring your two-way Radios if you have them.

Saturday 15 Dec: Laratinga Wetlands (Mt. Barker) (MLR) (34km)

Meet at 8.15am in the car park on Bald Hills Rd, Mt. Barker.

Thursday 20 Dec: Altona CSR Landcare Reserve (MLR) (55km)

Directions: Travel through Lyndoch towards Tanunda, as you leave Lyndoch town centre take the first left into Altona Road. (Just past the 100km speed limit sign). We meet at **7.30am** at the Reserve entrance at the top of this road.

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Saturday 12 Jan: Goolwa, Hindmarsh Island & Goolwa Ponds (MLR) (90km)

Meet to the west of Goolwa Yacht Club at 8.15am. The intent is to cover the area up to and around the southern boat ramp from the Yacht Club then onto Hindmarsh Island to the Murray Mouth. Later in the day we will make a quick visit to Goolwa Ponds.

Thursday 17 Jan: Dry Creek Salt Fields (AP) (26km)

This is an early start due to high tide being early that day. Meet by the gate at 6.45am, (high tide 7.50am). Turn west onto St Kilda Road, from Port Wakefield Road. Follow the road turning right onto Radar Road (dirt and barrier), which is actually called Samphire Road. As per the normal request please bring your two-way Radios if you have them.

NOTE FOR ALL SALTFIELDS 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 this authority, ask Trevor Cowie (8263 2531) how you can become authorised.

Sunday 27 Jan: Whites Road Wetlands (AP) (16km)

Take the Port Wakefield Road. At 1.5km after passing under the Salisbury Highway Bridge, turn left into Globe Derby Drive. Follow this road to its end, turn right into Whites road and continue to the end. The park entrance is on the left. Note that the main highway has been altered.

Saturday 2 Feb: Dry Creek Salt Fields (AP) (26km)

Meet by the gate at 7.15am (high tide 8.18am). Turn west onto St Kilda Road, from Port Wakefield Road. Follow the road turning right onto Radar Road (dirt and barrier), which is actually called Samphire Road. As per the normal request please bring your two-way Radios if you have them.

Saturday 9 Feb: Paiwalla Wetlands (MM) (88km)

Meet at Sunnyside Lookout at 9.00am. Take the Murray Bridge to Mannum Road, on the eastern side of the river, from Murray Bridge. Stay on this road till just past the turn-off to Bowhill on the right. Take the next

turn left to Sunnyside lookout car park.

Thursday 14 Feb: Browns Road, Monarto (MLR) (60km)

Meet at 7.30am 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 24 Feb: Barker Inlet & Magazine Road Wetlands (AP) (20km)

The high tide is at 7.20am, so we will meet at Magazine Road car parking area at 7.30am. From there we will walk the Barker Inlet, where we are currently carrying out surveys for Port Adelaide Council. We may have to climb over the gate. We will return to walk the Magazine Road wetland before lunch.

Saturday 9 Mar: Onkaparinga Wetlands (MLR) (32km)

Meet at 7.45am at Port Noarlunga Oval Car Park off Britain Drive.

Thursday 21 Mar: Dry Creek Salt Fields (AP) (26km)

Since high tide will be at 8.50am we can meet by the gate at 7.30am. Turn west onto St Kilda Road, from Port Wakefield Road. Follow the road turning right onto Radar Road (dirt and barrier), which is actually called Samphire Road. As per the normal request please bring your two-way Radios if you have them.

Sunday 31 Mar: Dry Creek Salt Fields (AP) (26km)

Meet by the gate at 6.30am (high tide 7.22am). Turn west onto St Kilda Road, from Port Wakefield Road. Follow the road turning right onto Radar Road (dirt and barrier), which is actually called Samphire Road. As per the normal request please bring your two-way Radios if you have them.

Bird Records

Collated by Graham Carpenter

Records included here are of species listed as rarely observed or unrecorded in the regions listed in the *Field List of the Birds of South Australia*. Also included are interesting breeding or ecological notes, new records for a well-known locality or first of the season reports of migratory species.

Please send all reports to the Bird Records Secretary at birdrecords@birdssa.asn.au or phone 8297 5463.

Note that the list includes reports of rare or vagrant species to South Australia that may yet to have been submitted or formally accepted by the Birds SA Rarities Committee (SARC). Members are encouraged to submit records of rare and vagrant species in SA to the Committee (refer to list of species and information on the website).

Brown Quail

2, 14/6/2012. Onkaparinga Wetlands, MLR.

Williams, D.

4, 24/7/2012. Murray Bridge Army Range wetland, MM.

Doecke, N.

Numbers are now apparently declining in SA after influxes in late 2001 and again in 2010.

Freckled Duck

4, 24/6/2012. Near Tolderol Game Reserve, MM.

Peek, J.

Great Crested Grebe

150, 13/6/2012. Leigh Creek Retention Dam, FR.

Jack, T.

Large flocks such as this are normally associated with the Coorong & Lakes area and the St Kilda salt fields although there are very few nesting records, mostly on reservoirs in the MLR.

Common Bronzewing

1, 15/6/2012. Cambelltown, Lochiel Park, AP.

Hyland, M.

Spotted Dove

10, 19/6/2012. Lucky Bay, EP.

Carpenter G.

This species appears to be colonising Eyre Peninsula from the east.

Cattle Egret

19, 28/6/2012. 1km E Milang, MM.

Snell, B.

Yellow-billed Spoonbill

1, 2/7/2012. Porters Lagoon, LN.

Hartland, D.

Swamp Harrier

1, 5/5/2012. Flying over Black Forest, AP.

Carpenter G.

Grey Goshawk

1 white phase, 19-20/5/2012. Cudlee Creek, near Gorge CP, MLR.

Appeared to be a female, photographed with prey (Ring-tailed Possum on 19/5 and young rabbit on 20/5).

Moore, G. et al.

A male Grey Goshawk (white phase) had apparently escaped from the Gorge Wildlife Park in 2011. Small numbers are seen regularly in the lower SE, but occurs as a vagrant to the MLR region.

Letter-winged Kite

7+2 nests, 3/7/2012. Innamincka Reserve, NE.

Park, J.

White-bellied Sea-eagle

1 sub-adult, 24/4/2012. Coongie Lake, NE.

Reid, J.

1, 17/4/2012. Cooper Creek, 20km W Innamincka, NE

Tomlinson, G.

1, 24/6/2012. Cape Jervis, MLR.

Whatmough, B.

Grey Falcon

2, 11/7/2012. Lake Cadabarrawirracanna, 89km E Coober Pedy, NW.

Eichler, J. et al

Lewin's Rail

1, 12/4/2012. Kangaroo Flat Native Forest Reserve, SE.

Haywood, B.

Double-banded Plover

23, 4/7/2012. Coorong, Woods Well, MM.

Sparks, K. & Fahey-Sparks, S.

Black-tailed Godwit

15, 21/4/2012. Lake Mundooroounie, NE.

Reid, J.

White-winged Black Tern

2, 21/4/2012. Lake Mundooroounie, NE.

Reid, J.

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo

25, 30/6/2012. Belair National Park, Playford Lake, MLR.

Monceaux, D. & E.

Long-billed Corella

40, 30/6/2012. Belair NP, Playford Lake, MLR/

Monceaux, D. & E.

Numbers of both of these species are increasing in the region, thought to be the result of deliberately releases.

Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo

200, 8/7/2012. Cherry Gardens, MLR.

Westcott, R.

Blue Bonnet

1, 11/6/2012. Woodcroft, MLR

Brooker, W.

Uncertain if an aviary escapee. Nearest reports from the plains north of Adelaide and along the eastern margin of the MLR.

Elegant Parrot

2, 27/4 and 12/5/2012. Pick Swamp, SE.

Green, B. et al.

Several reports from the lower SE in recent years with local breeding suspected.

Fan-tailed Cuckoo

1, 27/7/2012. Gilberton, AP.

Paton, P. & D.

Few reports from Adelaide suburbs in recent years, formerly a regular visitor in July.

Bird Records (cont)

Black-eared Cuckoo

1, 21/4/2012. Coongie Lakes NP, Kudriemitchie Outstation, NE.

Reid, J.

1, 17/5/2012. Dulkaninna Stn, Lake Tankamarinna, NE.

Carpenter G.

Few reports in the far NE region.

Eyrean Grasswren

2, 15/5/2012. Etadunna Stn, Lake Boolcaltaninna, NE.

Carpenter G.

Superb Fairy-wren

1 uncoloured, 12/5/2012. Richmond, AP.

per Hyland, M.

White-naped Honeyeater

5, 19/5/2012. 3.5 km W Leasingham, LN.

Carpenter G.

Regularly reported from the Clare Hills in autumn-winter, but unknown if any breed locally.

Striped Honeyeater

2, 6/7/2012. Kinchina, Maurice Rd, MM.

Hampel T.

Rarely reported from the western mallee in recent years.

Yellow Chat

1 coloured male + 2 uncoloured, 22/4/2012. Cooper Floodplain, 2km S Embarka Swamp, NE.

In lignum with green herbage from rains in March. Distinctive 'tweet-tweet' call and black breast band noted on male.

Reid J.

Rarely reported away from Pandiburra Bore in the NE.

Crested Shrike-tit

1, 8/5/2012 and 2, 26/3/2012. 2km W Forest Range, MLR.

Wallace R.

Olive Whistler

3, 22/4/2012. Pick Swamp, SE.

Green B.

Dusky Woodswallow

200, 11/7/2012. Linwood, Pine Creek, LN.

Large flock feeding among flowering Peppermint Gums *Eucalyptus odorata*.

Smyth J.

This species flocks in autumn-winter with groups of 200-300 previously reported from Athelstone in June-July 1985 and Greenhill in May 1984. In earlier years large groups also congregated near Adelaide, with the largest reported of about 1000 at Upper Kensington in June 1922.

Grey Currawong

1 white bird, 20/7/2012. Stirling, MLR.

Sumis C.

A similar bird was reported from Aldgate in July 2011 and Cleland National Park in September 2006.

Restless Flycatcher

1, 2/7/2012. Rockleigh, MLR.

Bansemer B.

1, 17/5/2012. Dulkaninna Stn, Lake Tankamarinna, NE.

Carpenter G.

An autumn-winter visitor to the NE.

Grey Fantail

1, 7/7/2012. Felixstow, AP.

Hyland M.

3, 23/6/2012. Sheidow Park, Field River, MLR

Burns A.

Scarlet Robin

1, 3/7/2012.

Coffin Bay lookout, EP.

Pfeiffer P.

A small population of this species occurs on southern EP, with most reports from the Koppio Hills.

Flame Robin

2, 20/5 to 3/6/2012. Near Lobethal, MLR.

Evans M.

Male, 17/5/2012. Point Sturt peninsula, MM.

Doecke M. & G.

Pink Robin

1 uncoloured, 14/5/2012. Belair National Park, Cherry Plantation, MLR.

Seen in cherry trees. Field notes include tan wing-bars and lack of white on sides of tail, buff ring behind eye, wings drooped alternatively.

Williams D.

Bassian Thrush

1, 16/7/2012. Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens, Fern Gully, MLR.

Kowalick D.

European Greenfinch

1, 25/6/2012. Felixstow, AP.

Hyland M.

Few reports of this introduced species from the Adelaide district in recent years.

Books for Sale

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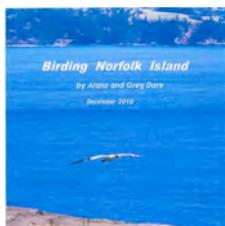
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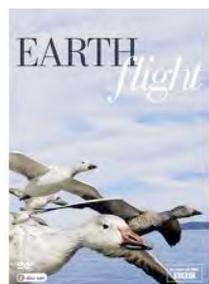
DVD 41

Dare, Greg

Birding Norfolk Island

[Adelaide]: Double Dare Productions, 2012

Greg and Alana Dare take us on their bird watching adventure to Norfolk Island. Featured in this DVD is their successful search for the endangered Norfolk Island green parrot.

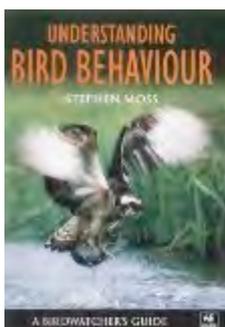


DVD 42

Earth Flight

Pyrmont, NSW: Roadshow Entertainment, 2012

Spectacular BBC One natural history series capturing some of the world's greatest wildlife phenomena and natural wonders through the eyes of birds. Using cutting edge new filming techniques to show everything in exquisite detail, viewers have a uniquely privileged perspective flying with cranes high over the waterways of Venice or skimming with the bald eagle over the edge of the spectacular Grand Canyon



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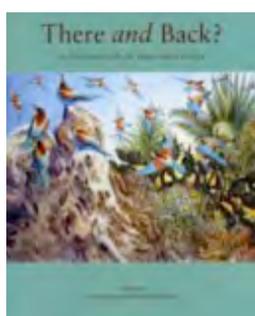
Moss, Stephen

Understanding bird behaviour: a birdwatcher's guide

London: New Holland, 2003.

ISBN 1843301512

Recognising how individual bird species behave can give vital clues to accurate identification. This book will help readers to do just that, and also understand why birds behave in a particular way. Readers will gain valuable insight into bird psychology and survival tactics, into feeding patterns, mating displays and breeding, and into movement and migration.



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Brown, Andy

There and back? a celebration of bird migration

Peterborough: Langford Press 2011

ISBN: 978-1904078371

This book is a celebration of the phenomenon of migration, through the words and pictures of artists, regular migration-observers, and scientists who use satellite tags to follow migrants and of those who attempt to protect migrants during their often lengthy journeys. A series of essays looks at migration in a diversity of animals with a deserved emphasis on birds. Examples are drawn from across the world's great migration flyways but as the book progresses, the focus narrows, first towards southern Europe and the problems faced by migrants on some of the Mediterranean islands and then to the UK where migration-watching seems to fascinate so many.

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Carter, Derek,

Rambling Babblers in the South East 2011

[Adelaide]: Derek Carter, 2012

This journal documents the observations and exploits in 2011 of the Rambling Babblers' (Kevin Simmons, Derek Carter and Win Syson) trip to the south east of South Australia. Along with comprehensive details of the birds observed at the various locations visited. Photographs and a route map accompany this journal.



DVD 43

On a wing and a prayer: the story of a Carnaby's Cockatoo family.

[Australia]: ABC, 2011.

On a Wing and a Prayer follows the incredible life cycle of the Carnaby's Cockatoo through the engaging story of one small cockatoo family. Capturing a remarkable never filmed before journey of life and hope for one of Australia's most loved, but critically, endangered birds.

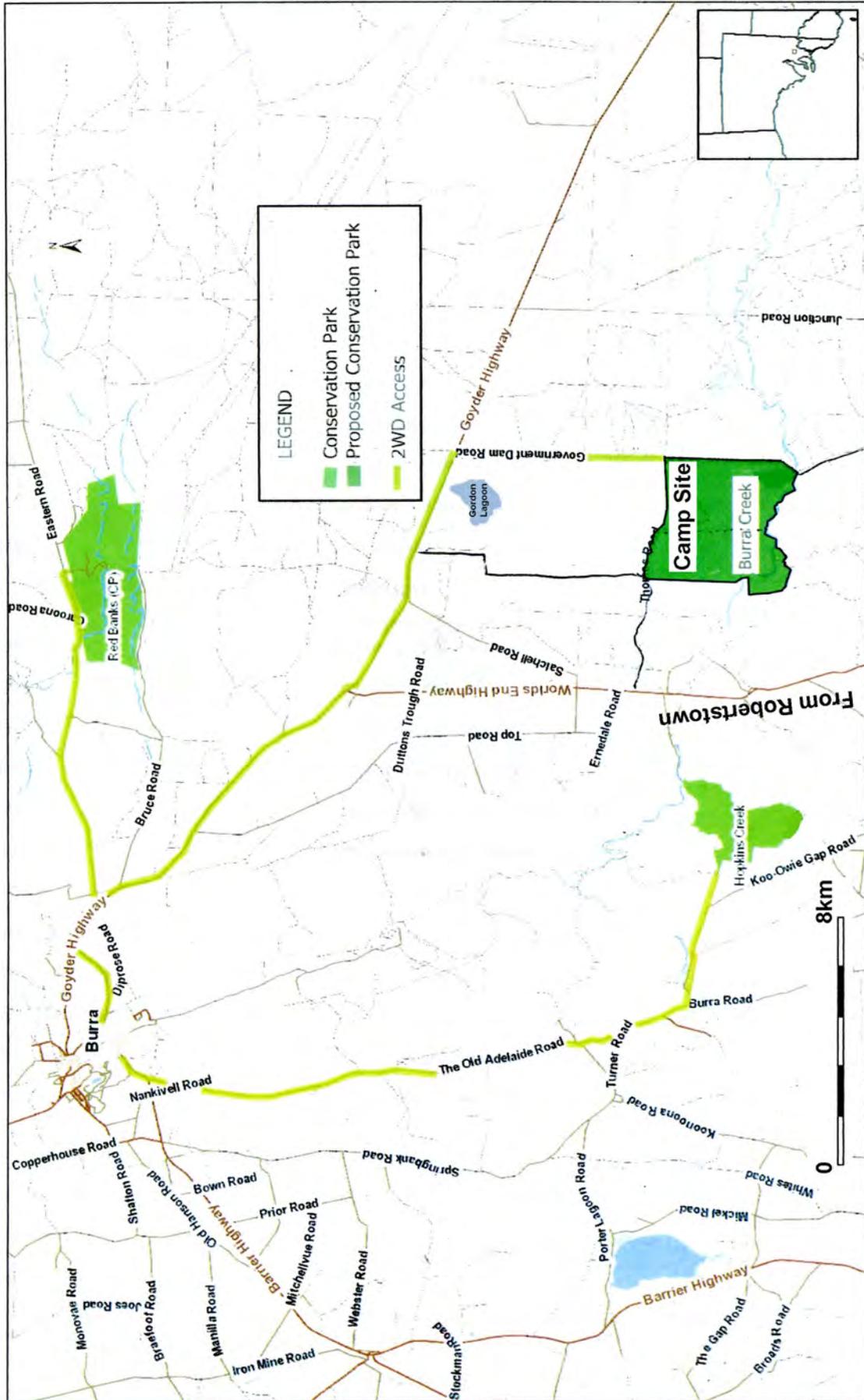
NEW MEMBERS

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

Tate Grivell	HAHNDORF
Heather Connolly	HAWTHORNDENE
Peter Bardy	MALVERN
Philip James Cole	SUMMERTOWN
Jody O'Connor	GREENHILL
James Cornwell	NORTH HAVEN
Charles David & Linda Margaret Moore	BURNSIDE
Adrian & Sarah James	BURNSIDE
Deirdre & Graham Warnes	KINGSWOOD
Rebecca Jane Zanker	WILLIAMSTOWN
Matthew Pearson	IRON KNOB

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

LOCATION OF THE OCTOBER CAMPOUT





Major Mitchell's Cockatoo threatening an Australian Raven
 Photographed by Margie Tiller at the Eyre Bird Observatory in WA on 28/06/2012

Details of Photographs on Pages 18 to 20

No:	Species	Photographer	Location	Date
1	Sooty Albatross	Helga Kieshamp	Pt. McDonnell	20-05-2012
2	Darter & Little Pied Cormorant	Margie Tiller	Yorke Peninsula	30-01-2012
3	Shy Albatross	Helga Kieshamp	Pt. McDonnell	20-05-2012
4	Chestnut-crowned Babbler	Helga Kieshamp	Cooltong CP	17-06-2012
5	White-throated Treecreeper	Wendy Hudson	Jenkins Scrub	20-0702912
6	Red-browed Finch	John Spiers	Waitpinga cliffs	07-06-2012
7	Flock Bronzewings	Helga Kieshamp	Birdsville Track	28-06-2012
8	Chirruping Wedgebill	Helga Kieshamp	Arid Lands BG	28-06-2012
9	Gibberbird	Helga Kieshamp	Birdsville Track	28-06-2012
10	Major Mitchell's Cockatoo	Beverley Harman	Curtin Springs NT	03-07-2012
11	Red-rumped Parrots	Wendy Hudson	Mawson Lakes	20/07/2012
12	Crimson Rosella	John Spiers	Waitpinga	07-06-2012
13	Princess Parrots	Kay Parkinf	Newhaven NT	May 2012
14	Scarlet-chested Parrot	Greg Dale	Gluepot	14-08-2011

Seen on the Sea

Details of these photographs are given on page 17.



A Miscellany of Birds

Details of these photographs are given on page 17.



Parrots — A Riot of Colour

Details of these photographs are given on page 17.

