



# TOOWOOMBA BIRD OBSERVERS

To encourage the observation and study of the birds of the Toowoomba area.

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## Editorial Sandy Robertson

Hi all,

Welcome to the April edition. I hope you are all enjoying the milder weather.

Lots and lots of photos this edition including a photo diary of Kev And Kay Williams recent travels down south, photos of the January outing by newcomer, Ram Lama as well as archive photos from Al Young of more of the birds seen on the January outing.

Al has also provided photos of some waterbirds he recorded out at Cooby Dam, and Mike has provided some bird notes on some interesting sightings he made during a recent trip through three states.

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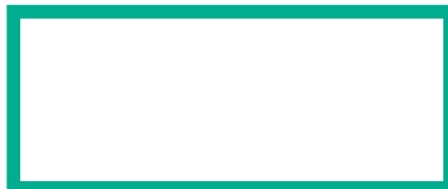
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All known sources/photographers of photos will be acknowledged.

Happy birding



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May– Highfields Fall Park

June – Raptor Census  
Weekend

July – Rogers Reserve/  
Charmaine Court Reserve

August Myall Park Botanic  
Gardens (weekend Campout)

September – Kingsthorpe –  
private property

October – Species census  
weekend

November – Christmas breakup  
– venue TBA

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# January Outing Report

The first 2018 outing was to **Nielsen Park** and **Duggan Park**. We met at 6.30 and were delighted that Ram, who found us through Facebook, came along as a visitor. Barbara and Rob; Penny and Helen made long journeys to join us. The fifteen of us set off through the south side of Nielsen Park on a cloudy and cool morning.

Many of our birds decided it was too dry to show their faces after 2-3 three weeks without any decent rain. Even the Tawny Frogmouths, who just two days before, were such a delight, remained hidden.

Ram and a few others snapped away while Rob Brodribb (the Coordinator) was able to share what "The Friends of Nielsen Park" had achieved over the years, in encouraging natural regeneration.

We inspected Satin Bowerbird bowers (a first for some) and active Brush Turkey's mounds.

After this we headed off to Duggan Park where Michael showed us the pathway through the bushland and up to Multuggerah's Lookout where we had excellent views of Tabletop Mountain. Some enjoyed the views while others found a few more birds.

The highlight of the outing was sighting a Pacific Baza and Brown Goshawk both soaring over the trees at the same time and also catching a glimpse of two Yellow-tailed Black-cockatoos flying over.



## ***January Outing Report - cont'***



Our birds: (h is heard only).

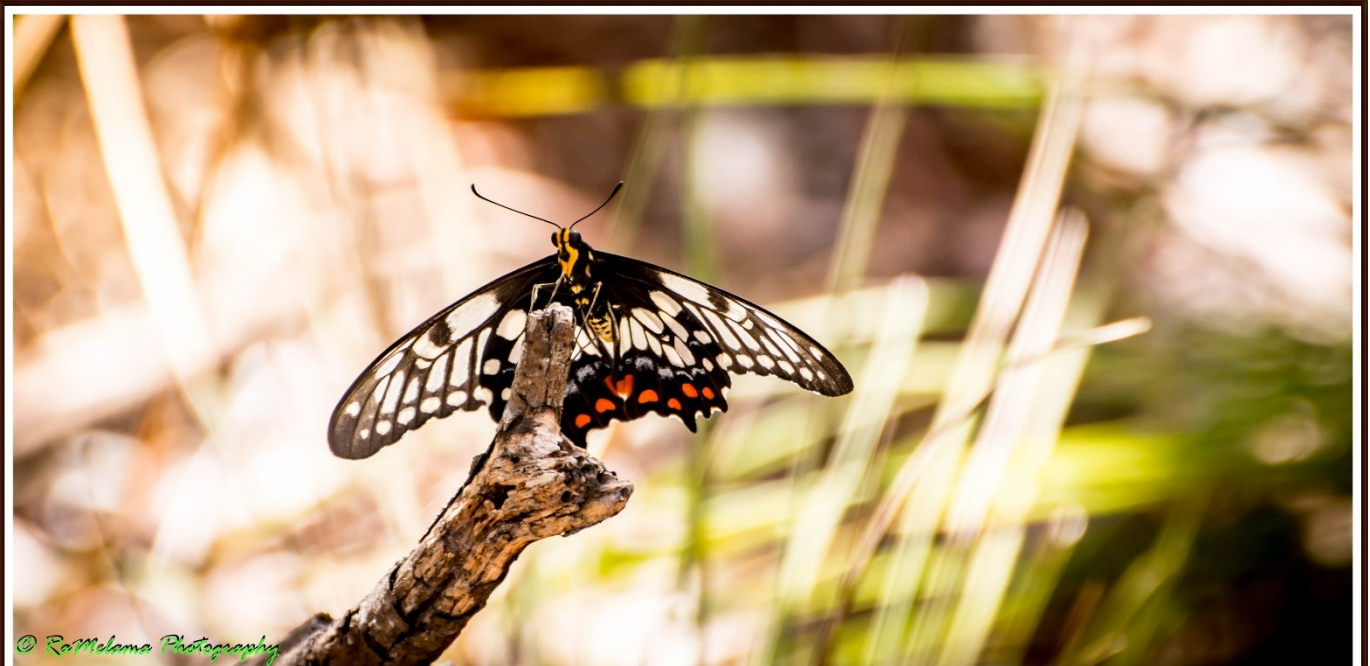
**Neilsen Park:** Pale-headed Rosella. Eastern Yellow Robin (h), Rainbow Lorikeet; Noisy Minor; Common Myna; Torresian Crow; Laughing Kookaburra; Scaly-breasted Lorikeet; Magpie-lark; Australian Magpie; Galah; Australian Brushturkey; Channel-billed Cuckoo; Sulphur-crested Cockatoo; Crested Pigeon; Little Corella, Welcome Swallow, Straw-necked Ibis; Australian King Parrot (h), Oriental Dollarbird (h)

**Duggan Park:** Pale-headed Rosella, Noisy Minor, Laughing Kookaburra, Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Cattle Egret, Pied Currawong, Little Lorikeet, White-browed Scrubwren, Lewin's Honeyeater, Grey Shrikethrush (h); White-throated Treecreeper (h), Spotted Pardalote, Pied Butcherbird, Silveryeye, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Brown Goshawk, Grey Fantail, Brown Thornbill, Pacific Baza, Oriental Dollarbird,

We also had a wonderful viewing of a Dainty Swallowtail Butterfly, who posed for us.

Incidentals included the Superb Fairywren,

Marie Gittins.



# MEMBERS PHOTO PAGE

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Photo diary of Kev and Kay Williams travels late last year...



Australian Pipit  
Hamilton Vic.  
K. Williams 10/01/2018



Black-headed Curlew  
Lowrey Cove  
Cocky Bay  
K. Williams 08/08/18



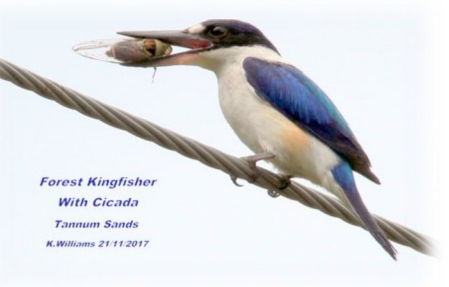
Black-tailed Native-hen  
Hamilton Vic.  
K. Williams 06/01/2018



Blue-billed Duck  
Hamilton vic.  
K. Williams 08/01/2018



BROWN FALCON  
HAMILTON VIC.  
K. Williams 14/01/2018



Forest Kingfisher  
With Cicada  
Tannum Sands  
K. Williams 21/11/2017



Freckled Duck Mum with eight Ducklings  
Lake Hamilton Vic.  
K. Williams 17/01/2018



Hooded Plover  
Portland Vic.  
K. Williams 08/01/2018



Little Egret  
Pretty in Pink  
Hindmarsh  
K. Williams 24/08/17



Nutmeg Magnin  
Tannum Sands  
K. Williams 20/11/2017



Pacific Baza  
Little Friarbird  
Tannum Sands  
K. Williams 29/11/2017



Rainbow Bee-eater  
Tannum Sands  
K. Williams 20/11/2017



Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove  
Tannum Sands  
K. Williams 20/11/2017



Wedge-tailed Eagle  
Hamilton Vic.  
K. Williams 07/01/2018



White Australian Magpie  
Hamilton Vic.  
K. Williams 04/01/2018

# **MEMBERS PHOTO PAGE**



**Blue-winged Kookaburra**  
Photo: Wes & Norma Sturdee



**Red-necked Avocet**  
Photo: Wes & Norma Sturdee

**Some more photos of the birds seen at the January outing....**



**Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo**  
Photo Al Young



**Spotted Pardalote**  
Photo Al Young



**Grey Butcherbird**  
Photo Al Young



**Laughing Kookaburra**  
Photo Al Young

# ***MEMBERS BIRD NOTES***

Red-necked Avocet	01/03/18	Cooby Dam (Loveday Cove)	AY
Plumed Whistling Duck	01/03/18	Cooby Dam (Loveday Cove)	AY
Sharpe-tailed Sandpiper	01/03/18	Cooby Dam (Loveday Cove)	AY

## **MEMBERS' BIRD NOTES:**

AY, Al Young;



**Sharpe-tailed Sandpipers and  
White-headed (Black-winged) Stilts.  
Cooby Dam (Loveday Cove)  
01/03/18.  
Photo: Al Young**

**Red-necked Avocet. Cooby Dam  
(Loveday Cove) - 01/03/18.  
Photo: by Al Young**



# **BITS AND PIECES**

Some interesting bird notes from Mike McGoldrick during his recent travels through 3 states:

09.3.2018	Brown Treecreeper	Bushy Bend, Hay NSW
14.3.2018	White-browed Babbler	Youngusband, Murray R. SA
	Adelaide Rosella	Youngusband, Murray R. SA
17.3.2018	Mallee Ringneck	Hattah Lakes, Vic
18.3.2018	Eastern Rosella	Torrumbarry Weir, Gunbower NP, Murray R. Vic
20.3.2018	Red-capped Robin(M)	Round Hill Nature Reserve, Mt.Hope NSW
20.3.2018	Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Bourke NSW
	Red-rumped Parrot	Bourke NSW
21.3.2018	Black-faced Woodswallow	Bourke-Cunnamulla Rd.
21.3.2018	Major Mitchell's Cockatoo	Paddabilla Bore, Cunnamulla-Eulo Rd.
	Spotted Bowerbird	Paddabilla Bore, Cunnamulla-Eulo Rd.
22.3.2018	Red-capped Robin (M & F)	Cunnamulla-Bollon Rd. Qld.
23.3.2018	Little Corella 500+	Whetstone, Macintyre Brook Qld.



**Major Mitchell's Cockatoo**  
**Photo: K&K Williams 2010**

## **TBO Online**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Toowoomba-Bird-Observers/175472075881350>

## **TBO Library**

Don't forget the TBO library is now housed at the Landcare Discovery Centre located at 127b Campbell Street. This is on the western side of the railway line opposite the Mill Street Tavern. Not only is the TBO library there and available for borrowing, but so is a whole range of other books and resources on all sorts of environment and natural resource management related topics. The library can usually be accessed between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:15pm.

## **Club Checklist**

If you would like the excel file to use for recording birds for club records please contact the Secretary Col Hughes

# ***Myall Park—Planned August Outing***

## **August Campout, 18th and 19th at Myall Park Botanic Garden**

MPBG is Queensland Heritage listed and is also a member of the Queensland Botanic Trail. The garden was originally part of the Myall Park grazing property before being gifted to the people of Qld by Mr David Gordon, AM, owner of this property. It is presently run by a trust and looked after by many volunteers.

David (preferred Dave) Gordon was passionate about Australian Native plants and sourced them from many areas of Australia, particularly arid and semi-arid areas. The most popular grevillea is the Robyn Gordon developed perchance here at MPBG and found by David Gordon, giving Australia a hardy and much loved native plant. It is named in honour of his daughter, Robyn, who died tragically at such a young age,16. The Grevilleas, Sandra, Merinda (daughters) and Dorothy (wife) were also developed perchance here at MPBG. It is principally a garden for native plants but luckily for all of us this attracts many birds, in fact over 200 species have been sighted here at MPBG.



**Dorothy Gordon, Myall Park  
Photo: Sandy Robertson**



**White-eared Honeyeater, Myall Park  
Photo: Ross and Margie Easton**

There are waterbirds on the lagoon at the entrance to the park, a number of raptors, many honeyeaters, some night birds (heard by us), parrots, many woodland birds throughout (thornbills, fairywrens, weebills, whistlers, jacky winters, grey shrike thrushes, mistletoe birds, robins, flycatchers, brown quails and if we strike lucky there is a little painted button quail sometimes camped just off one of the tracks!) along with the usual black and whites, choughs, apostles and babblers, it is just such good birding here.



**Red-capped Robin, Myall Park  
Photo: Ross and Margie Easton**



# **BITS AND PIECES**

The park is well set out, a loop road allows vehicles to access all areas, including the walks and the bird hide. There is a gallery displaying Dorothy Gordons' artworks, giftshop and historical notes about the garden.

Accommodation is basic but quite adequate, a cottage with one double bed bedroom and two twin bedrooms. The 'quarters', once for the workmen, has 8 single beds and one double bed. There are 5 powered sites available, no water, amenities are a short walk away. Accommodation needs to be booked individually and directly with the park office.

Phone 07 4665 6705 (leave message if necessary)  
email [myallparkbotanic@gmail.com](mailto:myallparkbotanic@gmail.com)

There is also The Bottle Tree Inn at Glenmorgan, 10 minutes away. If you have time coming in or going home there is a pretty lunch and birding spot at the Tara Lagoon.

August should have beautiful days but nights will still be quite cold so come prepared, as always water bottles, sunscreen, insect repellent, hats, good walking shoes, binoculars and cameras and your TUCKER for the weekend.

We are looking forward to seeing all who can make it.

Ross and Margie



**Brown-headed Honeyeater, Myall Park  
Photo: Ross and Margie Easton**



**Sculptures, Myall Park  
Photo: Sandy Robertson**



**Goanna, Myall Park  
Photo: Sandy Robertson**



## COMING EVENTS

### April Outing: Sat 28th

#### Glen Lomond Park

Meet at the Burraway Court entrance to the park (take care turning into Burraway Court from Flagstone Ck. Rd.) at **7am for a 7.15am start**.

**What to bring:** wear closed footwear, a hat and bring morning tea and a folding chair.

After the walk, we will move onto Duggan Park at the corner of Leslie and Collier Sts. for morning tea.

Following bird call, participants are warmly invited to stay on for the launch of the new book "Plants of Duggan Park" by its author Greg Spearritt followed by a plant walk and other activities of the Duggan Park Open Day organized by Friends of Escarpment Parks.

Contact the leader Mike McGoldrick Ph. 46357371 or email at [michael.mcgoldrick@westnet.com.au](mailto:michael.mcgoldrick@westnet.com.au)

**For all club outings, please advise the Outing Leader if you will be attending so that car pooling can be arranged where possible and Leaders can start the outing when all attendees have safely arrived, (or advise every one of any last minute cancellations due to inclement weather).**

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