



TOOWOOMBA BIRD CLUB NEWSLETTER

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"TO ENCOURAGE THE OBSERVATION AND STUDY OF THE BIRDS OF THE TOOWOOMBA AREA"

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January Outing - Hood's Lagoon and Redwood Park, 24/1/1988

Eleven members were present at Bridge Street for the first outing for the year. After learning that Cotton Pygmy geese were at Hood's, it was decided to go down to see if we could find them.

All the usual birds were at Hood's - Black, Wood and Plumed Ducks; Egrets and a pair of Pygmy Geese. The Pygmy geese were a first sighting for some members. My new bird that day was a Hoary-headed Grebe which Alison and I saw at Hood's and again at the Spa Park later in the day.

Brown Goshawk, Yellow-rumped Thornbills, Wrens and Finches were some of the other birds seen.

A stop at Redwood and a walk up to creek on the way home rounded off the day.

Members Present: Lesley, Jane, Kent, Kevin, Joe, Nancy, Frank, Alison, the Treschman family and Angela.

Angela Kilmartin

March Outing - Silver Ridge, 27/3/1988

Being merely an alternative outing on a rather grey morning, we did not gather much support. This was sad as once again we had a splendid morning's birding with a count of 68 species.

Four of us checked out the Waterbird Habitat between 6.45 and 8.00 am but the cool wind did not tempt one to stand around. A Great Cormorant was our best sighting. The Flagstone Creek Road produced a female Satin Bowerbird at the top, and numerous active Friarbirds at the bottom. A Pheasant Coucal, and three Sulphur-crested Cockatoos flying above were also seen.

Silver Pinch Road was fairly quiet but turning off we found plenty to interest us on Audrey Sorensen's property, "Lingalonga". As always, Audrey proved a mine of information, concerning not only the bird inhabitants of her peaceful patch of vine scrub, their varieties, habits and nests; but

also many fascinating details about the trees, creepers, flowers and fruits which grow on this southern slope of the ridge.

A quiet walk along the track rewarded us with good sightings of Black-faced Monarch, Rufous Fantail, Red-browed Firetails and an immature Fan-tailed Cuckoo among others, before a pleasant morning tea-break in the garden.

On the homeward run via Helidon, we stopped to look in at the Spa. In the main lagoon the water is still too deep for many waders, though a number of ducks were active - "up tails all".

Members Present: Nancy and Frank Belcher, Audrey Sorensen, and John and Ann Shore.

Ann Shore

The Excitement of Birding

Recently Ann Shore received a letter from an old friend and Bird Club member - Lisa Maloney. On relating some of the information to me it sounds like Lisa sure does enjoy her birding. But like all of us at one time or another, has no-one to share the exciting news with - I know the feeling.

Lisa does a lot of birding down the range and is in the process of building a hide above a little gully of water. Here she sees thornbills, finches, robins and honeyeaters at close quarters, bathing and drinking.

She has also seen Leaden and Satin Flycatchers, Sacred Kingfishers, Mistletoe Birds, Scarlet Honeyeaters and White-browed Scrubwrens.

Pat McConnell

Members' Bird Notes

White-bellied Sea-eagle	7/2/88	Hood's Lagoon	PM
Pheasant Coucal (3)	Feb 1988	Gilmour Court	FB, NB
Collared Sparrowhawk (chasing Pied Currawongs)	4/2/88	"Brandywire" Sylvan Court	MJ, SP
Emerald Dove	31/3/88	Redwood Park	AHS
Red-rumped Parrot (14)	31/3/88	"Shorelands" Withcott	AHS

AHS - Ann Shore; FB & NB - Frank and Nancy Belcher; MJ - Marilyn Jacobs; SP - Sandy Pottinger, PM - Pat McConnell.

New Member

We are very pleased to welcome back Audrey Sorensen, "Lingalonga", MS 464, Helidon, Q., 4344, after a years interval.

BUSINESS

April Outing

Outing to north-west Toowoomba. Leader - Angela Kilmartin.

The meeting place is the main entrance to the Old Cemetery (Anzac Avenue and South Street) on 24 April at 7.15 am to leave at 7.30 am sharp. Visitors are most welcome. For more information ring Angela on 382404.

May Outing

This outing is to the Pittsworth area and the leader is Marilyn Jacobs.

World Environment Day

This year World Environment Day is on 5 June. As usual the Bird Club will be running a stall. Any donations (cakes, books, anything) will be gratefully accepted.

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*   Executive Members Needed
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*   This is an early reminder. This year a lot of the Clubs' Executive
*   will be retiring. The positions which will definitely be vacated are
*   President, Treasurer (for which Lesley Beaton is filling in) and
*   Editor. Nominations for the other positions are also welcome.
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S.S.S. Month

Oops a bit late! April is an S.S.S. month, so fill up those checklists.

"Australian Bird Calendars" For Sale

There are three "Australian Bird Calendars" left for sale. The photos in the calendar are truly beautiful and they are selling at cost price - \$7.50. For information ring Lesley on 326262.

Sponsoring of Black-shouldered Kite Page

As agreed to in 1986 the Toowoomba Bird Club is sponsoring the Black-shouldered Kite Page in the National Photographic Indexes book on "Raptors, Gamebirds and Ratites". The time has now come and the money has been sent.