



NEWS-SHEET No. 3 - DECEMBER, 1975.

Some people have asked how we make a black-shouldered kite out of the above artwork - we don't. Watch for the next News-sheet! At present we only have a ghost.

Members of the Chinchilla Field Nats. Club at their last meeting congratulated the Toowoomba Bird Club on its formation and wished us all good birding - many thanks Chinchilla. Club members are also invited to their next meeting which will be held at 'Rockwood', Chinchilla, on Saturday, 13th December. This will be an outing during the day followed by a barbecue, then talk and slides from Peter Slater. Why not bring your tent and return to Toowoomba on Sunday? 'Rockwood' is on the left past the Chinchilla-Tara crossroads on the Condamine Highway. Don't forget to vote before you leave Toowoomba.

Thanks also to the Q.O.S. for their kind wishes for the success of the club.

Our Secretary has been busy checking on the whereabouts of papers dealing with the subject of torpidity in birds and as soon as he has received these we hope to be able to consider an appropriate method for our own work on the white-backed swallow.

Our Toowoomba bird list has been forwarded to Peter Slater in accordance with his request in his Field Guide for information relevant to his distribution maps. It would be nice to see his next edition right up to date regarding bird-distribution in our area.

Our November meeting was a great success. Mr. Bob Dorricott entertained members with some of his first-class bird slides. Some of the birds he had captured in unusual positions and in a couple of instances he had us guessing as to what bird we had in front of us, the little wattlebird being one of these. No-one was in doubt however about the black-shouldered kite, which is now our emblem. Thank you very much Bob.

Two specimens were brought to the meeting - the first a rainbow bee-eater, the second a common bronzewing showing in this instance the white forehead (it can be buff) which is a fieldmark. The brush bronzewing has rufous on the nape and on the sides of his neck.

Editor.

NEW TOOWOOMBA BIRDS.

- 136 White-browed wood-swallow (*Artamus superciliosus*). 21.11.75. Swenson Street.
Eileen & Bill Jolly.

At least 100 birds crossing the range in small parties, showing no white in the tail, but displaying their rufous underparts and occasionally revealing the distinctive white eye-stripe. Also seen in South Toowoomba on 23.11.75. by Rod & Kerrie Hobson.

- 137 Channel-billed cuckoo (*Scythrops novaehollandias*). 23.11.75. South Toowoomba.
Rod & Kerrie Hobson.

- 138 White-winged triller (*Lalage sueurii*). 23.11.75. Redwood Park.
Chris Bianchi, Alan & Sylvia Graham, Eileen & Bill Jolly.

Well seen by a number of members on the outing. Separated from the varied triller by the absence of an eye-stripe and uniformly white underparts.

MEMBERS' BIRD NOTES.

Spangled drongo. 30.10.75. Eileen Jolly. (In the garden).

- x Whiskered tern. 11.11.75. Naden. Steve Temple Water. Watched for 15 minutes in which time he continually dived into the water, rising from one to two metres and diving again, obtaining food from just below the surface of the water. He worked up-wind all the time and on coming to the bank would fly straight down-wind and work his way back up-wind in his same diving pattern.

MEMBERS' BIRD NOTES (cont/d.)

- Wedge-tailed eagle. 15.11.75. Prince Henry Drive. Eileen & Bill Jolly. (2 birds).
- Yellow-tailed black cockatoc. 18/19.11.75. Haden. Steve Temple Watts.
- White-gullied plover ~~goose.~~ 22.11.75. Dyers Lagoon. Rod Hobson.
- xx Striped honeyeater. 22.11.75. Withcott. Bill Jolly.
- Rufous songlark. Oakey. Betty Temple Watts. (One bird at the bird bath, making this the second species to use this amenity since it was put up four months ago. It will be interesting to see what comes as the shrubs grow on our grassy paddock).
- Spine-tailed swift. 27.11.75. Withcott. Alan & Sylvia Graham. (20 birds hawking).
- xx Barking owl. 25.11.75. Redwood Park. Alan Graham. (Perched at ten feet!).
(Editor's note: Remember the paper-talk about braying donkeys and screaming girls in Redwood? Could this be the answer?).
- xx Collared sparrowhawk. 29.11.75. Redwood Park. Bill Jolly.

x Confronted recently at Lake Clarendon with the problem of identifying some marsh terns I found Slater's indication of size (13") to rule out the whiskered tern, leaving only the somewhat unlikely white-winged black tern which at 9" is much the same size as the black and little terns with which I am familiar. The consensus of opinion however is that the whiskered and white-winged black terns are much the same size and are virtually indistinguishable in the field in their non-breeding plumages. Members are strongly recommended to avail themselves of the updating news-sheets available at no charge from Peter Slater, c/o Rigby Ltd., P.O. Box 104, Nerwood, South Australia, 5067. Bill Jolly.

xx Birds new to our list, but still to be verified by more than one member.

NOVEMBER OUTING TO REDWOOD PARK.

Our outing of 25th November happened to coincide with the hottest day of the year (35°) but although most members were flagging a little towards the end of the day we all had the fortification of having enjoyed good views of a variety of Redwood regulars such as scarlet honeyeaters, spangled drongos and Regent bowerbirds, together with a Toowoomba 'first', for our club at any rate, in the white-winged triller (see above).

Bird List - Redwood Park. 23.11.75.

Straw-necked ibis	Rufous fantail	Scarlet honeyeater
P.-headed rosella	Willie wagtail	Lewin honeyeater
Pheasant coucal	Golden whistler	Noisy miner
L. kookaburra	Rufous whistler	Red-browed finch
Dollar bird	Grey shrike-thrush	Olive-backed oriole
Bl.-f. cuckoo-shrike	Eastern whipbird	Spangled drongo
Wh.-winged triller	Wh.-headed sittella	Maggie-lark
Striated thornbill	Wh.-thr. tree-creeper	Pied currawong
Brown thornbill	Spotted pardalote	Regent bowerbird
South. yellow robin	Black-h. pardalote	Aust. crow
Grey fantail	Brown honeyeater	

(N.B. Collared sparrowhawk, brown pigeon and green-winged pigeon in Redwood on 29.11.75)
Bill Jolly.

OUTING FOR DECEMBER 1975.

Christmas outing - Sunday 21st December 1975. Oakey.

For those who aren't holidaying, proceed along the Oakey Road approx. 12 miles until you see a 4AK sign on the right, turn left 50 yards before the sign onto a black dirt track, follow this to lane before quarry. Aim to move off at 9.30a.m. from here. Those who are early may view white-backed swallows etc. while we wait. Steve Temple Watts.

OUTING FOR JANUARY 1976. Jubilee Park. Details to be advised in January News-sheet.

NEW MEMBERS.

The club is pleased to welcome the following new members:-

- ✓ Betty Temple Watts, M.S. 919, Toowoomba (91.1616)
- ✓ John & Ruth Walter, 9, Mill Street, Pittsworth (93.1487)

CLUB OFFICERS:-

- President - Bill Jolly, 1, Swanson Street, Toowoomba. (329421)
- Secretary/Treasurer - Alan Graham, "Naliandrah", Stanley Park, Withcott, M.S. 224, Helidon, 4344. (30.3138)
- Editor - Steve Temple Watts, M.S. 919, Toowoomba. (91.1616)
- Records Officer/Librarian - Rod Hobson, c/o 67, Rowbotham Street, Toowoomba.

TOOWOOMBA-BASED CHECKLIST.

Date..... 1975
 Location: A).....
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	OCT 4	NOV 8	C
Aust. pelican			
Darter			
Black cormorant			
Little bl. cormorant		X	
Pied cormorant			
Little p. cormorant	X	X	
Little grebe	X	X	
Hoary-headed grebe			
Great crested grebe			
White-necked heron	X	X	
White-faced heron	X	X	
Cattle egret			
White egret			
Little egret			
Plumed egret			
Mankeon night heron			
Little bittern			
Jabiru			
White ibis	X	X	
Straw-necked ibis	X	X	
Glossy ibis			
Royal spoonbill			
Yellow-billed sp'bill	X		
Grass whist. duck			
Black swan			
Black duck	X	X	
Grey teal		X	
Chestnut teal			
Pink-eared duck			
White-eyed duck			
Wood duck	X	X	
Black-sh. kite	X	X	
Crested hawk			
Whistling eagle			
Grey goshawk			
Aust. goshawk			
Coll. sparrow-hawk		X	
Wedge-tailed eagle		X	
White-br. sea-eagle			
Spotted harrier			
Swamp harrier			
Osprey			
Black falcon			
Peregrine falcon			
Little falcon			
Mankeon kestrel	X	X	
Brown hawk			
Brush turkey			
Stubble quail			
Brown quail		X	
King quail			
Painted quail			
Little quail			
Trogon			
Landed landrail			
Dusky moorhen	X	X	
Swarphen	X		
Coot			

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Lotus bird		
Spur-w. plover	X	X
Banded plover	X	X
Red-kneed dotterel		
Red-capped dotterel		
Bl. fr. dotterel		
White-headed stilt		
Wormpoo pigeon		
Topknot pigeon		
White-headed pigeon		
Domestic pigeon	X	X
Brown pigeon	X	X
Spotted turtle-dove	X	X
Bar-sh. dove	X	X
Peaceful dove	X	X
Green-winged pigeon		X
Common bronzewing		X
Crested pigeon	X	X
Rainbow lorikeet		X
Scaly-br. lorikeet	X	X
Musk lorikeet		
Little lorikeet	X	X
Y.-t. black cockatoo		
Glossy bl. cockatoo		
R.-t. black cockatoo		
Sulph. cr. cockatoo		
Galah	X	X
Cockatiel	X	X
King parrot		
Crimson rosella		
Eastern rosella		
Pale-h. rosella	X	X
Red-r. parrot	X	X
Oriental cuckoo		
Pallid cuckoo		
Brush cuckoo		
Fan-tailed cuckoo	X	
Hors. bronze cuckoo		
Gold. bronze cuckoo		
Koel	X	X
Ch. billed cuckoo		X
Pheasant coucal	X	X
Powerful owl		
Barking owl		X
Boobook owl	X	X
Barn owl	X	X
Tawny frogmouth	X	X
Owlet nightjar		
Wh. throat. nightjar		
Sp.-tailed swift		X
Fork-tailed swift		
Azure kingfisher		
L. koobaburra	X	X
Forest kingfisher		
Sacred kingfisher	X	X
Rainbow bee-eater	X	X
Dollar bird	X	X

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Noisy pitta		
Singing bushlark		
Wh.-backed swallow		
Welcome swallow	X	X
Tree martin		
Fairy martin	X	X
Aust. pipit	X	X
Gr. cuckoo-shrike		
Bl.-f. cuckoo-sh.	X	X
Lit. cuckoo-shrike		
Cicada bird		
Wh.-winged triller		X
Varied triller		
Aust. ground thrush		
Grey-cr. babbler	X	X
G.-h. fan. warbler		X
Tawny grassbird		
Reed warbler		
Brown songlark	X	X
Rufous songlark		
Superb blue wren	X	X
Variegated wren	X	X
Red-backed wren		X
Wh. thr. warbler	X	X
Brown warbler		
Weebill		
Striated thornbill	X	X
Little thornbill		
Brown thornbill	X	X
Buff-r. thornbill	X	X
Yellow-r. thornbill	X	X
Wh.-br. scrub-wren	X	X
Yellow-th. scrub-wren		
Large-b. scrub-wren		
Speckled warbler	X	
Jacky winter		X
Rose robin		
S. yellow robin	X	X
Grey fantail	X	X
Rufous fantail		X
Willie wagtail	X	X
Leaden flycatcher	X	
Satin flycatcher	X	
Restless flycatcher		
Bl.-faced flycatcher	X	X
Spec. flycatcher	X	
Golden whistler	X	X
Rufous whistler		X
Grey shrike-thrush	X	X
Shrike-tit		
Eastern whistbird	X	X

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Wh.-headed sittella		X
Brown tree-creeper		
Wh.-thr. tree-creeper		X
Red-br. tree-creeper		
Histletoe bird		X
Spotted pardalote	X	X
Black-h. pardalote	X	X
Gr.-br. silvereye	X	X
Brown honeyeater	X	X
Scarlet honeyeater	X	X
Levin honeyeater	X	X
Y.-faced honeyeater	X	
Wh.-eared honeyeater		
Y.-tufted honeyeater		
Wh.-naped honeyeater		
Blue-f. honeyeater		
Little friarbird		X
Noisy friarbird	X	X
Striped honeyeater		
Eastern spinebill		
Noisy miner	X	X
Spiny-ch. honeyeater	X	
Little wattle-bird		
Red wattle-bird		
Red-browed finch	X	X
Banded finch	X	X
Zebra finch		
Plum-headed finch		
Chestnut-br. finch		
House sparrow	X	X
Starling	X	X
Indian mynah	X	X
Olive-backed oriole	X	X
Southern figbird	X	
Spangled drongo	X	X
Magpie lark	X	X
Wh.-breasted wood-sw.		
Masked wood-swallow		
White-browed wood-sw.		X
Black-faced wood-sw.		
Dusky wood-swallow		
Pied currawong	X	X
Pied butcher-bird	X	X
Grey butcher-bird	X	X
Black-backed magpie	X	X
Regent bower-bird	X	X
Satin bower-bird		
Australian raven		
Australian crow	X	X