

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

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Owing to personal problems our President, Ron Hopkinson, regrets that he will be unable to take an active part in Club affairs for a while. We shall miss him greatly but it is good to know that his advice and knowledge of birds will be available if needed. In the meantime your other officers will be carrying on as usual with the assistance of Ron Colpus whom we welcome on the editorial side.

We would like to apologise to those members who received their last news-sheet belatedly and to thank those who have already paid their subscriptions so promptly, thus giving us their much valued support. Please note that the renewal slips are again included with this issue for other members convenience.

In view of the above it would be helpful if the monthly checklists and bird notes could be sent direct to Michael Atzeni at 2 Memory St. and articles or any other contributions, however small, to Ron Colpus at 117 Alderley St. Toowoomba, or to myself.

Since the last News-Sheet went to press we learnt that John Gregor was moving to Brisbane rather than Mackay and so, being nearer at hand, we hope he will keep in touch and send us news of his bird-watching from time to time. All good wishes to him and Shirley for the future.

Ann Shore.
Secretary/Treasurer.

Field Day Report -Cooby Dam, 25-1-81.

A visit to any large body of water such as Cooby Dam conjures up an air of anticipation of good birding ahead:- The small party who made the trip were not to be disappointed. Most obtained at least one "newie". En route to the water's edge Blue-faced and Yellow-faced Honeyeaters were seen in the tree tops while Red-backed and Superb Fairy-wrens caught our admiring eyes as they worked their way through the lower storey. Chestnut-breasted Mannikins regularly put in an appearance, perching on vantage points above the long grass. However the highlights were on and around the dam. On scanning the water we located Musk Ducks, Great Crested Grebes, a very large avian fleet of mainly immature Hoary-headed Grebes. The question arose as to why they congregated in large groups but at this stage I have no satisfactory answer. Around the edge, Sharp-tailed Sandpipers, two Red-Necked Stints and one Red-capped Plover were identified after some consultation. Unfortunately, no White-bellied Sea-Eagle graced the scene

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but even birdwatchers have to ^{do} without sometimes. A successful morning to say the least and we look forward to visiting Cooby Dam again in the not so distant future. It would be interesting to see if the recent rains have any significant effect on the numbers of birds there.

Species List- Cooby Dam 25-1-81.

Great Crested Grebe.	Eurasian Coot.	Clamorous Reed Warbler.
Hoary-Headed Grebe.	Masked Lapwing.	Golden-headed Cisticola.
Australian Grebe.	Red-kneed Dotterel.	Superb Fairy-Wren.
Australian Pelican.	Red-Capped Plover.	Red-backed Fairy-Wren.
Darter.	Black-Fronted " .	Varied Sitella.
Great Cormorant.	Black-winged Stilt.	Noisy Friarbird.
Little black cormorant.	Latham's Snipe.	Blue-faced Honeyeater.
Little Pied " .	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper.	Noisy Miner.
Little Egret.	Red-necked Stint.	Yellow-faced Honeyeater.
Glossy Ibis.	Bar-shouldered Dove.	Scarlet " .
Straw-necked Ibis.	Galah.	Silvereye.
Royal Spoonbill.	Scaly-breasted Lorrikeet.	Red browed Firetail.
Black Swan.	Pale-headed Rosella.	Double-barred Finch.
Pacific Black Duck.	Pheasant Coucal.	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin.
Grev Teal.	Laughing Kookaburra.	Common Mynah.
Hardhead.	Sacred Kingfisher.	White-winged Chough.
Maned Duck.	Dollarbird.	Australian Magpie-lark.
Musk Duck.	Rufous Whistler.	Pied Butcherbird.
Wedge-tailed Eagle.	Grey-crowned Babbler.	

Members' Bird Notes.

Hoary-Headed Grebe. 10.1.81. Helidon Spa. MA.SB.
Rufous Night Heron. 2.11.80. Gittings Rd. Withcott. AHS.LM.
Peregrine Falcon. 22.1.81. Harlaxton Railway Bridge. GC.
Comb-crested Jacana. 10.1.81 Hood's Lagoon. MA.SB.
Red-necked Stint. 25.1.81. Cooby Dam. AHS.
Curlew Sandpiper. 22.11.80. " " MA.SB.
Silver Gull. 16.1.81. Lake Annand. JEC.
Wompoo Fruit-Dove. 29.12.80. Mary Cairncross Rd. MA.SA.LA.
Glossy Black Cockatoo. 15.11.80. Echo Valley. MA.SB.
Sulphur-Crested " . 15.1.81. Kearney St. (South.). SA.
Pallid Cuckoo. 9.11.80. "Shorelands" Withcott. AHS.
Channel-billed Cuckoo. 2.11.80. Gittings Rd. Withcott. AHS.
White-winged Triller. " (Off Jones Rd). " AHS.LM.
Tawny Grassbird. 16.1.81. Euston Rd. (Spring Ck.) MA.
Red Wattlebird. 31.1.81. Ocean St. GC.
New Holland Honeyeater. Girraween Nat. Park. SB.

LA. Laurie Atzeni. SB. Shane Brady. AHS Ann Shore.
MA. Michael " . GC. Graham Corbin. JAS John Shore.
SA. Simon " . JEC. Jim Corbin. LM. Lachlan McDonald.

Field Day for February.

Date. 22nd. Feb. Postman's Ridge Helidon area.

Assembly Point. Pigott's Car Park. Time. 7-15 a.m. for departure 7-30 a.m.

TOOWOOMBA BIRD CLUB.

ANNUAL BIRD SUMMARY. 1980.

This is the Club's fifth annual summary and it covers the period 1st. January to December 31st, 1980. Monthly checklists submitted by members during the year are the source of the summary and a fundamental tool in the pooling of our knowledge of the species of birds in our area and their movements.

The Summary is a composite of the uprange and down-range blocks for which separate records are kept by the Records Officer for the R.A.O.U. Atlas and for any need to compare the areas.

The boundaries of the local study area are defined in News-Sheets 24 & 45. At the end of 1980, the Club list stood at 215 species and 192 of these species were sighted during the period under review. No doubt, the drought during 1980 played a significant role in whether or not a number of the nomadic and migratory species showed up.

The 23 species which were not seen are: Little Bittern, Black Bittern, Black Necked Stork, Australian Shoveller, Mallard, Grey Goshawk, Red Goshawk, Black Falcon, Red-chested Button-Quail, Buff-Banded Rail, Comb-crested Jacana, Latham's Snipe, Sharp tailed Sandpiper, Silver Gull, Sooty Tern, Rose Crowned Fruit dove, Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Oriental Cuckoo, Powerful Owl, Barking Owl, Spotted Quail, Thrush, Plum-headed Finch, White-breasted Woodswallow and Black-faced Woodswallow.

8 new species were added to the list under the conditions that two or more members reliably identified the species. Six of the species, viz. Red-kneed Dotterel, Turquoise Parrot, White's Thrush, Scarlet Robin, Brown Gerygone and the Fuscous Honeyeater were confirmed during 1980. The Mallard and Buff-Banded Rail were confirmed outside the Club's original area in past years at places that now lie within the Club's new boundaries. They therefore were added to the list. 1981 has already seen ~~two~~ new species. Let us hope some of those "Seen but unconfirmed." species change upon 2 or more of our members during the year. Among these are the Peregrine Falcon, Swamp Harrier, Squatter Pigeon, Buff-rumped Thornbill, Little Wattlebird, Brown-headed Honeyeater and Black-chinned Honeyeater. Finally, a word of thanks to those members who submit monthly checklists. I hope you continue the good work and I appeal to other members to put their sightings to a worthy cause by doing likewise.

Michael Atzeni.

RECORDS OFFICER.

Nomenclature: R.A.O.U. "English names for Australian Birds", supplement to "Emu" Vol. 77- May 1978.
(Slater's Guides usage in brackets.)

Details next N/L of the two new species.

Amendment to the above report.

I have failed to consider the Little Button-Quail added to the list on 16-12-80 bringing the Club list to 216 species at that stage. For this reason increase the number of species seen to 193 and the number of new species seen in this period to 7.

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Species Name.	J.	F.	M.	A.	M.	J.	J.	A.	S.	O.	N.	D.
Hoary-headed Grebe.			3									
Aust. Grebe (Little)		2	3	4	5			8	8		11	12
Aust. Pelican.										10		
Darter.		2										
Gt. Cormorant (Black.)		2	3									
Pied Cormorant.				4							11	
Little B. Cormorant.												12
Little P. Cormorant.	1	2		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pacific Heron (Wh. Necked.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
White-Faced Heron.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cattle Egret.	1					6	7		9	10	11	
Great Egret (White)											11	
Intermediate Egret (Plumed)				4								
Ruf. Night Heron (Nank)										10	11	
Little Bittern. N.S.												
Black Bittern. N.S.												
Black-necked Stork (Jabiru) N.S.												
Glossy Ibis. <i>straw necked</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sacred Ibis (White) <i>Ibis</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Royal Spoonbill.	1	2		4					9	10	11	12
Yellow-b Spoonbill.	1		3	4		6		8	9		11	12
Plumed Whist. Duck (Grass.)											11	
Black Swan					5						11	12
Pacific Black Duck.		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Mallard. N.S.												
Grey Teal.									9		11	12
Australasian Shoveler. Blue-w					5				9		11	12
Hardhead (Wh. eyed Duck)					5				9		11	12
Maned Duck. (Wood.)	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Bl.-Sh. Kite.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pacific Baza (Crest Hawk.)									9	10	11	
Black Kite				4								
Squared-tailed Kite			3									
Whistling Kite			3	4								
Brown Goshawk			3			6			9			
Collared Sparrowhawk		2					7	8				
Grey Goshawk N.S.												
Red Goshawk N.S.												
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Little Eagle							7					
Spotted Harrier					5				9			
Black Falcon N.S.												
Aust. Hobby (Lit. Falcon)	1	2	3			6						
Brown Falcon	1		3	4	5	6	7	8			11	
Aust. Kestrel (Nankeen.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aust Brush Turkey		2		4					9	10		
Stubble Quail	1											
Brown Quail					5		7	8	9			
Red-Ch Button Quail N.S.												
Buff Banded Rail N.S.												
Dusky Moorhen	1	2	3	4	5		7	8	9	10	11	12
Purple Swamphen				4	5				9		11	12
Eurasian Coot					5						11	12
Comb-cr. Jacana (Lous-bird) N.S.												
Masked Lapwing (Plover)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Banded Lapwing (Plover)	1	2	3		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

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Species Name.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Red-kneed Dotterel												12
Bl.Fr.Plover (Dott.)											11	12
Bl.Winged Stilt.											11	12
Latham's Snipe (Jap) NS												
Silver Gull. NS												
Sooty Tern. NS												
Rose-Cr.Fr.Dove. NS												
Topknot Pigeon											11	
White-headed Pigeon.								8	9		11	
Feral Pigeon (Domestic)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Spotted Turtle-Dove	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Br.Cuckoo-Dove (Pigeon)					5		7		9	10	11	12
Peaceful Dove	1	2		4	5				9	10	11	12
Bar-Shouldered Dove	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Emerald Dove(Gr.-W.Pigeon	1						7		9		11	
Common Bronzewing									9			
Crested Pigeon	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Wonga Pigeon.	1	2	3					8	9		11	12
Red-tailed Black Coackatoo. NS												
Glossy Black Cockatoo											11	
Galah.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sulphur Credted Cockatoo.										10	11	12
Rainbow Lorrikeet.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Musk Lorikeet					5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Little Lorikeet	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Australian King Parrot.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cockatiel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Crimson Rosella.					5			8			11	
Eastern Rosella	1				5							
Pale Headed Rosella	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Red-rumped Parrot.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Turquoise Parrot				4								
Oriental Cuckoo. NS												
Pallid Cuckoo.										10	11	12
Brush Cuckoo			3									
Fan-tailed Cuckoo			3		5				9	10	11	12
Horsefield's Bronze Cuckoo										10	11	
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo		2										
Common Koel	1	2	3						9	10	11	12
Channel-billed Cuckoo.										10	11	12
Pheasant Coucal	1	2	3			6		8	9	10	11	12
Powerful Owl. NS												
Southern Boobook (Owl)	1	2			5		7	8	9	10	11	
Barking Owl. NS												
Barn Owl				4					9			
Tawny Frogmouth.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Australian Owlet-nightjar			3	4								
White-throated nightjar NS												
Wh.-thro.Needletail(Sp.t.Swift	1	2	3							10	11	12
Fork-tailed Swift	1											
Azure Kingfisher	1	2		4					9		11	
Laughing Kookaburra	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sacred Kingfisher	1	2	3		5			8	9	10	11	12
Rainbow Bee-eater	1	2	3	4				8	9	10	11	12
Dollarbird	1	2	3	4				8	9	10	11	12

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Species Name.	M O N T H											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Noisy Pitta												11
Singing Bushlark		2	3		5	6	7					11
White-Backed Swallow	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Welcome Swallow	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Tree Martin	1	2						8		10	11	
Fairy Martin	1	2	3	4	5		7		9		11	12
Richard's Pipit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Black-Faced Cuckoo-Shrike	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
White-Bellied Cuckoo-Shrike					5			8				
Yellow-Eved Cuckoo-Shrike	1	2									11	12
Cicadabird		2	3								11	12
Ground Cuckoo-Shrike						6	7					
White-Winged Triller									9	10	11	12
Varied Triller		2	3		5	6		8	9	10	11	
White's Thrush											11	
Rose Robin				4	5	6	7	8	9			
Scarlet Robin				4								
Red-Capped Robin.					5	6	7	8				
Eastern Yellow Robin	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Jacky Winter				4	5	6	7	8				
Crested Shrike-tit		2						8				
Golden Whistler		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Rufous Whistler	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Grey Shrike-Thrush	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Black-faced Monarch	1	2	3							10	11	12
Spectacled Monarch		2	3	4					9	10	11	
Laeden Flycatcher	1	2	3						9	10	11	12
Satin Flycatcher	1								10	11		
Restless Flycatcher				4	5	6	7		9		11	
Rufous Fantail	1	2	3	4	5			8	9	10	11	12
Grey Fantail	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Willie Wagtail	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Eastern Whipbird		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Spotted Quail-Thrush												
Grey-Crowned Babbler					5	6	7		9		11	12
Clamorous Reed Warbler											11	12
Tawny Grassbird					5							
Golden-Headed Cisticola	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				11	12
Rufous Songlark									9	10	11	12
Brown Songlark											11	12
Superb Fairy-Wren	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Variegated Fairy-Wren	1	2	3	4	5	6		8	9	10	11	12
Red-Backed Fairy Wren	1	2	3						9	10	11	
Large-Billed Scrubwren		2		4	5	6		8	9	10	11	
White-Browed Scrubwren	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Soeckled Warbler		2	3		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Weebill	1	2	3		5	6		8				12
Brown Gerygone							7	8	9	10	11	
White-Throated Gerygone	1	2	3	4	5			8	9	10	11	12
Brown Thornbill	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

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Species name.	J	F	M	A	J	J	J	A	S	O	N	D.
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Yellow Thornbill	1			4	5	6					11	
Striated Thornbill.		2	3		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Varied Sitella	1	2	3	4	5	6		8	9	10	11	12
White-throated Treecreeper	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Red Wattlebird			3	4	5	6	7			10	11	
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater						6						
Striped Honeyeater		2		4	5		7	8	9	10	11	
Noisy Friarbird	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Little Friarbird	1	2	3	4		6		8	9	10	11	12
Blue-faced Honeyeater	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Noisy Miner	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Lewin's Honeyeater	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Yellow-Faced Honeyeater	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Fuscous Honeyeater					5	6	7	8				
White-Throated Honeyeater								8	9			
White-Naped Honeyeater	1	2			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Brown Honeyeater	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Eastern Spinebill			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Scarlet Honeyeater			3		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Mistletoebird	1	2	3	4	5	6		8	9	10	11	
Spotted Pardalote	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Striated Pardalote		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Silvereye	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
House Sparrow	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Red-Browed Firetail	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Zebra Finch		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Double-Barred Finch	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Plum-Headed Finch					5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Chestnut-Breasted Mannikin								8			11	
Common Starling	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Common Myna	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Olive-Backed Oriole		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Figbird	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Spangled Drongo	1	2						8	9	10	11	12
Satin Bowerbird					5			8				
Regent Bowerbird	1	2		4	5			8	9	10	11	
White-Winged Chough										11	11	12
Australian Magpie-Lark	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
White-breasted Woodswallow									9			
Masked Woodswallow									9			
White-browed Woodswallow												
Black-faced Woodswallow												
Dusky Woodswallow		2						8			11	
Grey Butcherbird	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pied Butcherbird	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Australian Magpie	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pied Currawong	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Australian Raven	1			4	5	6	7	8	9			
Torresian Crow	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12