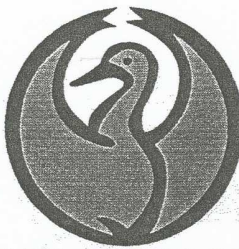


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WERRIBEE OLDER ADULT BIRDWATCHERS

Thank you, Mary and Phillip Richmond for sharing your piece of paradise with us. 12 eager bird watchers set out from Werribee in the Community bus on a beautiful spring day for an excursion to Linton. Mary and Philip have often spoken of this incredible place, created from the dream of Gordon Clarke. After morning tea at the Cottage we walked through the bird Paddock and were amazed by the number of birds we could hear, as we tuned our eyes we were able to catch sight of many. Some, like the elusive Pallid cuckoo were heard but not seen. We could appreciate the planting of the grevilleas, hakeas and eucalypts done over many years by Gordon and his helpers. Mary delights in getting rid of the gorse. The magic of the bush was all around us. Again, we thank Mary and Philip.

NOVEMBER 12TH SALT WORKS, AVIATION RD., AND BIRD HIDE PT. COOK.
(Contact Bernie McCarrick (9395 1132))

- We will meet at the gate into the Saltworks at 9-30am. Go along Synedes Rd., turn left and travel 0.45km towards Laverton. The Saltworks are on 500 hectares of land formerly used for salt production. More than 201 species have been recorded, 34 of which are covered by international migratory agreements
- Bring your lunch, if the weather is pleasant we will lunch down on the coast. If you have a bird book do bring it as the wading birds are hard to correctly identify.
- After lunch we will visit Spectale Lake in the Pt. Cook coastal park.

DECEMBER 3rd. WESTERN TREATMENT PLANT (formerly M.M.B.W.)

I have applied for a personal permit, this should mean I am able to bring in a bus! We then do not have to have an Earth Encounter Guide at a minimum cost of \$100 for 2hrs. A 28 seater bus with driver from Westrans costs of \$85, so if we have 20 people then the cost would be \$4.50 p/p. Your comments about this idea will be welcomed on the Nov. trip.

WHAT FOR 1996?

- Do you have any ideas?
- Would you be able to organise an outing?
- Do you wish to continue coming on the monthly outings?

BIRDS SEEN ON OCTOBER 8TH.

Between Werribee and Linton

Birds in *italics* were seen at Linton.

Australian Wood Duck	<i>New holland Honeyeater</i>
Pacific Black Duck	<i>Eastern Spinebill</i>
Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Jacky Winter</i>
<i>White-faced Heron</i>	<i>Pink Robin</i>
Cattle egret	<i>Eastern Yellow Robin</i>
Straw-necked Ibis	<i>Rufous Whistler</i>
Sacred Ibis	<i>Grey Shrike-Thrush</i>
Black -shouldered kite	<i>Satin Flycatcher</i>
Whistling kite	<i>Restless Flycatcher</i>
Marsh Harrier	Magpie-lark
Masked Lapwing	<i>Grey Fantail</i>
Spotted Turtle-dove	Willie Wagtail
<i>Galah</i>	<i>Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike</i>
<i>Long-billed Corella</i>	<i>Olive-backed Oriole</i>
<i>Sulphur-crested Cockatoo</i>	<i>Dusky Woodswallow</i>
<i>Crimson Rosella</i>	<i>Australian Magpie</i>
<i>Pallid Cuckoo</i>	<i>Grey Currawong</i>
<i>Fan-tailed Cuckoo</i>	<i>Australian Raven</i>
<i>Kookaburra</i>	Little Raven
<i>White-throated Treecreeper</i>	<i>House Sparrow</i>
<i>Superb Fairy-wren</i>	<i>Red-browed Finch</i>
<i>Spotted Pardalote</i>	<i>Welcome Swallow</i>
<i>Striated Pardalote</i>	Silvereye
<i>Red Wattlebird</i>	Common Blackbird
<i>Yellow-faced Honeyeater</i>	Common Starling.
<i>White-naped Honeyeater</i>	Common Myna.