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Outing report

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The Brisbane Ranges seem to have recovered well from the fires and floods that have affected our previous visits. We had a reasonable day for weather and 18 people - including 3 newcomers - assembled at the Anakie Gorge for a quick stroll around the picnic area followed by morning tea. We had already got the bird list off to a good start with a mixed flock of Diamond Firetails and Red-browed Finches on the road in, along with some rather late-staying Tree Martins.

We then set off for the 3 km walk up the gorge - apart from two volunteers who drove their cars to the top car park so we would not have to walk back. The walk was fairly quiet although we all had good views of Yellow-tufted Honeyeaters. At the top we paused to admire a koala, then shuffled the cars (and met up with Liz who was running rather late!) around before heading off to the Bert Broadman reserve for lunch, where we were pleased to see several Scarlet Robins and also a small flock of Buff-rumped Thornbills.

An after lunch walk around Stieglitz was not very product for birds - although we did see another koala.

We then drove to the Durdidwarrah Reservoirs where we saw a few water birds - many too distant to identify easily and had the bird call - 51 species and Pat was the winner!

Attached is the full bird list of 51 species that was the "official" list. I am sure Shirley would welcome any photos for the newsletter.

After the birdcall we also saw Red Wattlebird and Pied Cormorant, and those of us who took the long way round home (made even longer by a navigation failure) also saw Purple Swamphen, Great Egret, Maned Duck, Grey Teal and Common Starling

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Black Swan (*Cygnus atratus*)
Australian Shelduck (*Tadorna tadornoides*)
Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*)
Chestnut Teal (*Anas castanea*)
Musk Duck (*Biziura lobata*)
Hoary-headed Grebe (*Polyocephalus polyocephalus*)
Great Crested Grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*)
White-necked Heron (*Ardea pacifica*)
White-faced Heron (*Egretta novaehollandiae*)
Australian Pelican (*Pelecanus conspicillatus*)
Little Pied Cormorant (*Microcarbo melanoleucos*)
Wedge-tailed Eagle (*Aquila audax*)
Brown Falcon (*Falco berigora*)
Eurasian Coot (*Fulica atra*)
Masked Lapwing (*Vanellus miles novaehollandiae*)
Galah (*Eolophus roseicapilla*)
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (*Cacatua galerita*)
Crimson Rosella (*Platycercus elegans*)
Red-rumped Parrot (*Psephotus haematonotus*)
Laughing Kookaburra (*Dacelo novaeguineae*)
White-throated Treecreeper (*Cormobates leucophaea*)
Superb Fairywren (*Malurus cyaneus*)
Eastern Spinebill (*Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*)
New Holland Honeyeater (*Phylidonyris novaehollandiae*)
Black-chinned Honeyeater (*Melithreptus gularis*)
White-naped Honeyeater (*Melithreptus lunatus*)
White-eared Honeyeater (*Nesoptilotis leucotis*)
Yellow-faced Honeyeater (*Caligavis chrysops*)
Yellow-tufted Honeyeater (*Lichenostomus melanops*)
Spotted Pardalote (*Pardalotus punctatus*)
White-browed Scrubwren (*Sericornis frontalis*)
Brown Thornbill (*Acanthiza pusilla*)
Buff-rumped Thornbill (*Acanthiza reguloides*)
Yellow-rumped Thornbill (*Acanthiza chrysorrhoa*)
Striated Thornbill (*Acanthiza lineata*)
Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*)
Black-faced Cuckooshrike (*Coracina novaehollandiae*)
Australian Golden Whistler (*Pachycephala pectoralis*)
Grey Shrikethrush (*Colluricincla harmonica*)

Willie Wagtail (*Rhipidura leucophrys*)
Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura albiscapa*)
Little Raven (*Corvus mellori*)
White-winged Chough (*Corcorax melanoramphos*)
Eastern Yellow Robin (*Eopsaltria australis*)
Jacky Winter (*Microeca fascinans*)
Scarlet Robin (*Petroica boodang*)
Tree Martin (*Petrochelidon nigricans*)
Mistletoebird (*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*)
House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)
Diamond Firetail (*Stagonopleura guttata*)
Red-browed Finch (*Neochmia temporalis*)