



## *Werribee Birdwatchers.*

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We were pleased to welcome Doug Blood to our group.

At last we were able to enjoy our long awaited visit to Anakie Gorge, a most delightful spot just 40km from Werribee. Although rain had been forecast it did not eventuate. We did not make it all the way through to Stony Creek as the birds were very elusive and it took patience to find them. Bush birds are not cooperative, they sing to let you know they are about then quickly flit away. We had excellent viewing of the Yellow-tufted honeyeater and as always the superb wrens were there in numbers. While doing our 'bird-call' we were entertained by two soaring wedge-tailed eagles. Our bird count was 35 so we all went home satisfied. The many koalas sat patiently in their tress and were easy to see.

We meet some people from Geelong Field Naturalists, we told them where to find the koalas, when they returned to the car-park they were delighted to report the sighting of a Powerful Owl very close to the koalas. We were very envious.

**June 9<sup>th</sup>.** *Note: not the first Tuesday in the month.* **Newport Lakes Park**  
Melways 55 F,G,&H 2&3 or UBD 281 F,G &H 4,5,&6 From Millers Road turn into Mason St., go along two blocks +, past the letter box, turn into Margaret St. There is a sign in the centre median strip indicating the park. We will meet there at 9.30am. Phone me if you want a lift. We will return home via Altona beach along the Esplanade. There are many gulls and terns usually on the beach.

**July 7<sup>th</sup>.** Flight Aviary, Melbourne Zoo. Train? \$2.10 + entry cost.

**August 4<sup>th</sup>.** Werribee River, Bunge's Hole and Island.

**Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.** Cherry Lake and mouth of Koroit Creek

**Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>.** Salt Works at Point Cook to greet the waders

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>. or 10<sup>th</sup>.** Belmont Common, Hospital swamp and Barwon Heads. Would you like me to inquire about hiring a mini-bus?

Birds seen at Anakie Gorge and on transit to & from Werribee.  
May 5<sup>th</sup> '98.

Chestnut Teal	Red-rumped parrot	Grey Shrike Thrush
White Faced Heron	White-throated Treecreeper	Magpie-lark
Cattle Egret	Superb Fairy wren	Grey fantail
Wedge-tailed Eagle	Spotted Pardalote	Willie Wagtail
Brown Falcon	White-browed Scrubwren	Australian Magpie
Kestrel	Brown thornbill	Grey currawong
Silver Gull	Red wattle bird	Little Raven
Galah	Little Wattle bird	Richards Pipit
Corella	White plumed Honeyeater	Welcome Swallow
Sulphur-crested	New Holland Honey-eater	Gold Finch
Cockatoo	Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	Common Starling
Crimson Rosella	Jacky Winter	
Eastern rosella	Flame Robin	

You Yangs April 7<sup>th</sup> 98..

Pacific Black Duck

Eastern Rosella

Red-rumped Parrot

**Owlet-nightjar**

Laughing Kookaburra

Superb Fairy-wren

Spotted Pardalote

Striated Pardalote

Yellow-faced Honeyeater

White plumed Honeyeater

Red Wattlebird

Jacky Winter

Scarlet Robin

Flame Robin

Grey Fantail

Willie Wagtail

Crested Shrike Tit

Golden Whistler

Welcome Swallow

Tree martin

Dusky Wood swallow

White-winged Chough

Australian Magpie

