

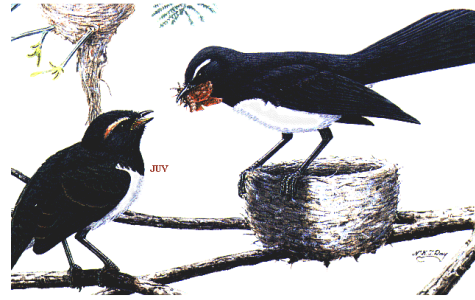
# Werribee Wag-tales

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**Bird Lists.** Since our group began I have kept a list of the birds we have seen, this now number 143. After our outing to Barwon Heads- Queenscliff we added four new birds: Horsefields Cuckoo, Brush Cuckoo, Brown Goshawk and Grey Butcherbird. Considering the weather our outing was quite satisfactory with excellent birding at Belmont Common. At Barwon Heads we had interesting viewing at The Sheep Wash and Mrs Hay's Corner. It was very hot by the time we got to Queenscliff. Under the shady trees on the foreshore was an ideal spot for lunch.

## Birds Seen at Barwon Heads/Queenscliff February 5<sup>th</sup> 1999

Black Swan	Royal spoonbill	Masked Lapwing	New Holland
Mallard-Hybrid	Black -shouldered	Pacific Gull	honeyeater
Pacific Black Duck	kite	Silver Gull	White fronted chat
Grey Teal	Whistling kite	Crested Tern	Magpie-lark
Chestnut Teal	Marsh Harrier	Feral pigeon	Willie Wagtail
Little Pied	<b>Brown Goshawk</b>	Spotted Turtle Dove	<b>Grey Butcherbird</b>
Cormorant	Grey Goshawk	Galah	Australian Magpie
Pied Cormorant	Little Eagle	Sulphur-crested	Australian Raven
Little Black	Australian Hobby	cockatoo	Little Raven
Cormorant	Purple Swamphen	<b>Horsefield's</b>	Richards Pipit
Black Cormorant	Dusky Moorhen	<b>Cuckoo</b>	House Sparrow
Pelican	Eurasian Coot	<b>Brush Cuckoo</b>	Welcome Swallow
White Faced Heron	Bar-tailed Godwit	Superb Fairy wren	Reed Warbler
Little Egret	Eastern Curlew	Red wattle bird	Gold Finch
Straw-necked Ibis	Greenshank	White plumed	Common Starling
Sacred Ibis	Pied Oyster Catcher	honeyeater	Common Myna

### Birds seen at Avalon & Kirk's Point March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Australian Shelduck  
Pacific Black Duck  
Grey Teal  
Chestnut Teal  
Little Pied  
Cormorant  
Pied Cormorant  
Little Black  
Cormorant  
Pelican  
White Faced Heron  
Intermediate Egret  
Little Egret  
Cattle Egret

Straw-necked Ibis  
Sacred Ibis  
Royal spoonbill  
Yellow-billed spoonbill  
Black -shouldered kite  
Whistling kite  
Brown Falcon  
**Black-tailed Godwit?**  
**Terek Sandpiper ?**  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Red-necked Stint  
Curlew Sandpiper  
Sharp-tailed sandpiper  
Golden Plover

Masked Lapwing  
Pacific Gull  
Silver Gull  
Common Tern  
Crested Tern  
Feral pigeon  
Spotted Turtle Dove  
Musk Lorikeet  
Red wattle bird  
White fronted chat  
Magpie-lark  
Willie Wagtail  
Australian Magpie  
Australian Raven

Little Raven  
Skylark  
Richards Pipit  
House Sparrow  
Welcome Swallow  
Tree martin  
H. Little Grassbird  
**Diamond Firetail**  
Gold Finch  
Common Blackbird  
Common Starling

### Avalon Beach and Point Lillias. March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Yes, the weather forecast was 31C so the trip was not really on. I went down to Centenary Hall, as did 4 others so we set out to do a brief outing .I have to say it was terrific birding and would recommend that if you have a spare afternoon or morning you take the trip. Proceed down the Highway and turn off at the Avalon Beach, it is the one after the Avalon turn off. On your left are some ponds, we saw many spoonbills both Royal and Yellow billed, many different egrets, Diamond Firetails and many others. Continue along to the bay and drive as far left as possible. There is a walk along the edge of more ponds. It was here that we saw either a Terek Sandpiper or a Black tailed Godwit. It had an upturned beak but as the sun was in the wrong place it was impossible to pick any colour and the bird wanted to sit with its head tucked under its wing. By size it was a Godwit, by colour it was a Terek! Return to Dandos Rd, turn right, along the back of Avalon Airfield, turn right, cross the Point Wilson Rd and go along to Kirk's Point. We saw many Ruddy Turnstones, Golden Plover and our usual waders. We saw 50 species, and arrived back in Werribee just as the heat was becoming uncomfortable. Thank you, Marian for being such an excellent chauffeur.

April 6.Eynsbury. Before we go to 'Eynsbury' you may wish to look up some of the birds we expect to see, eg Southern White face and the Speckled Warbler. On my recent visit with Bellboc we saw 55 different species.



## The birds Seen by Werribee Birdwatcher to March'99

Blue -billed duck	Marsh Sandpiper	Brown thornbill
Musk Duck	Greenshank	Yellow-rumped thornbill
Black Swan	Terek Sandpiper	Red wattle bird
Australian Shelduck	Ruddy Turnstone	Little Wattle bird
Australian Wood Duck	Red-necked Stint	Noisy miner
Mallard	Curlew Sandpiper	Yellow-faced Honeyeater
Pacific Black Duck	Sharp-tailed sandpiper	Singing Honeyeater
Shovler	Black-fronted dotterel	White plumed honeyeater
Grey Teal	Red-kneed dotterel	New Holland Honey-eater
Chestnut Teal	Pied Oyster Catcher	Yellow-tufted Honeyeater
Pink eared Duck	Sooty Oyster Catcher	Eastern Spinebill
Hardhead	Black-winged stilt	White fronted chat
Australasian Grebe	Red-necked avocet	Jacky Winter
Hoary-headed Grebe	Golden Plover	Scarlet Robin
Darter	Double-banded Plover	Flame Robin
Little Pied Cormorant	Red-capped Plover	Eastern yellow robin
Pied Cormorant	Masked Lapwing	Crested Shrike Tit
Little Black Cormorant	Pacific Gull	Golden whistler
Black Cormorant	Silver Gull	Rufous whistler
Pelican	Common Tern	Grey Shrike Thrush
White Faced Heron	Crested Tern	Magpie-lark
Great Egret	Fairy Tern	Rufous Fantail
Intermediate Egret	Whiskered Tern	Grey fantail
Little Egret	Feral pigeon	Willie Wagtail
Cattle Egret	Spotted Turtle Dove	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
Night Heron	Galah	Dusky Woodswallow
Glossy Ibis	Corella	Grey Butcherbird
Straw-necked Ibis	Sulphur-crested cockatoo	Australian Magpie
Sacred Ibis	Musk Lorikeet	Grey currawong
Royal spoonbill	Purple-crowned Lorikeet	Australian Raven
Yellow-billed spoonbill	Rainbow lorikeet	Little Raven
Black -shouldered kite	Crimson Rosella	White-winged Chough
Whistling kite	Eastern rosella	Skylark
Marsh Harrier	Blue winged parrot	Richards Pipit
Brown Goshawk	Orange Bellied Parrot	House Sparrow
Grey Goshawk	Swift Parrot	Red-browed finch
Wedge-tailed Eagle	Red-rumped parrot	Welcome Swallow
Little Eagle	Horsefield's Cuckoo	Tree martin
Australian Hobby	Brush Cuckoo	Reed Warbler
Brown Falcon	Owlet Nightjar	Little Grassbird
Kestrel	Azure Kingfisher	Diamond Firetail
Spotless Crake	Kookaburra	Gold Finch
Purple Swamphen	White-throated Treecreeper	Green Finch
Dusky Moorhen	Red-browed Treecreeper	Golden-headed Cisticola
Black-tailed Native hen	Superb Fairy wren	Silvereye
Eurasian Coot	Spotted Pardalote	Common Blackbird
Black-tailed Godwit	Striated Pardalote	Common Starling
Bar-tailed Godwit	White-browed Scrubwren	Common Myna
Eastern Curlew	Striated Fieldwren	

