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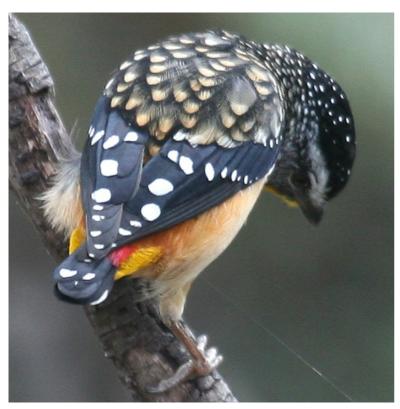
It was an outing with some 'firsts'- both at Newport Lakes and at the mouth of the Kororoit Creek Sixteen birders turned out with Len as our leader.

A local birder, Mary, who had befriended Len during his reconnaissance trips, has seen 113 species at the Newport Lakes. Today Mary, secretary of 'Friends of Newport Lakes' was able to add Blue-billed Duck - a female. Also a Red-capped Robin, an immature female was active near the shelter.

We were able to observe about 39 species on an overcast cool day. We began our outing at the lookout for South Lake where we recorded Welcome Swallow, Australasian Grebe, Purple Swamp Hen and Eurasian Coot. As we followed the paths through the trees we saw Wattle Birds, Spotted Dove, Fairy Wren, Rainbow Lorikeet and a Brown Goshawk, our only raptor for the day. We enjoyed good views of a pair of Spotted Pardalotes.

After morning tea we crossed over between the lakes where Dubious Ducks were amongst Pacific Black Ducks. Near the flowering Ironbarks two immature Golden Whistlers were spotted and a Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater was heard. The other 'first' for many of us was an Artic Jaeger, a rapacious seabird that pursues weaker birds to make them drop their prey. It was chasing Silver Gulls around the area where the Kororoit Creek flows into the bay.

We went there after lunch and had a quick search before the rain dispersed us. Around the sandbar we saw about 17 species including Common Greenshank, Red-kneed Dotterel, Great & Little Egret, Blackwinged Stilts, White-faced Heron and Masked Lapwing. Thanks to Len for an enjoyable outing and won the chocolates with a guess of 55 species. THANKS TO Susan for the report and Peter O'C for the great PHOTO



Black Swan
Chestnut Teal
Pacific Black Duck
Blue -billed duck
Australasian Grebe
Hoary-headed Grebe
Rock dove(feral pigeon)
Spotted Dove
Crested pigeon
Australasian Darter
Little Pied Cormorant
Great Cormorant
Little Black Cormorant

Australian Pelican
Eastern Great Egret
White Faced Heron
Little Egret
Straw-necked Ibis
Brown Goshawk
Purple Swamphen
Dusky Moorhen
Eurasian Coot
Australian Pied Oystercatcher
Black-winged stilt
Red-kneed dotterel

Common Greenshank
Red-necked Stint
Arctic Jaeger
Musk Lorikeet
Little Lorikeet
Superb Fairywren
Spotted Pardalote
White plumed honeyeater
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater
Little Wattle bird
Red Wattle bird
New Holland Honeyeater

Golden whistler
Australian Magpie
Grey fantail
Willie Wagtail
Little Raven
Magpie-lark
Red-capped Robin
Flame Robin
Silvereye
Welcome Swallow
Common Blackbird
Common Starling
House Sparrow

