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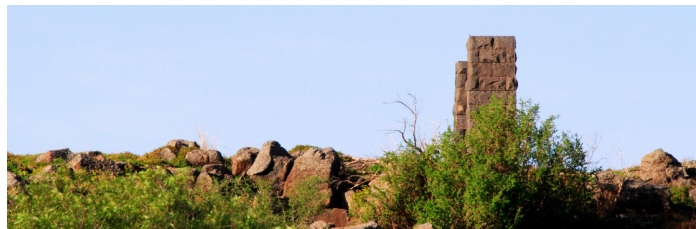
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### **A RETURN TO COBBLE-DICKS FORD AND A VISIT TO EYNESBURY**



On the way there were Cape Barren Geese, Red Rumped Parrots, Australian Pipit, dozens of Wood Duck and both Ravens amongst the 19 species to that point. On the walk we saw nesting Long-Bill Corellas arguing with Sulphur Crested Cockatoos over the hollow. Good clear sightings were the rule.

It would seem that the last time the Wagtails visited Cobbledicks was in 1999. Soon after the area was closed, trail bikes and speed cars had damaged the area beyond belief.

Congratulations to the City of Wyndham in returning this magic place to us.

We came down the steep escarpment to enter this fascinating amphitheatre once used to quarantine cattle prior to them fording the Werribee River on the way to or from the Western District.

Bird life has returned and our walk was rewarding.

We drove on to Eynesbury Estate where the Grey Box forest remains an important habitat for many bird species as the dry woodland areas of Victoria become more fragmented. However the housing developer has not maintained the required weed control and Boxthorn is rampant (please complain to the DSE). We had a successful hours birding after morning tea with waterbirds; Chestnut Teal, Australasian Grebe and Eurasian Coot and dry forest birds; Spotted Pardalotes, Brown Treecreeper, a vibrant red Flame Robin near the shearer's quarters and the beautiful Diamond Firetails. After lunch we looked for the Speckled Warbler, a threatened species. Some watchers had good views of its streaked plumage. This attractive small Scrubwren is no longer evident in the You Yangs. What can we do? Thanks Dave for organising this outing with 57 species observed.

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- Cape Barren Goose
- Black Swan
- Australian Wood Duck
- Pink-eared Duck
- Chestnut Teal
- Pacific Black Duck
- Hardhead
- Australasian Grebe
- Rock dove(feral pigeon)
- Spotted Dove
- Crested pigeon
- Black -shouldered kite
- Whistling kite
- Brown Goshawk
- Wedge-tailed Eagle
- Nankeen Kestrel
- Brown Falcon
- Purple Swamphen
- Eurasian Coot
- Masked Lapwing
- Long-billed Corella
- Sulphur-crested cockatoo
- Rainbow lorikeet
- Purple-crowned Lorikeet
- Crimson Rosella
- Eastern rosella
- Red-rumped parrot
- Kookaburra
- Brown Treecreeper
- Speckled Warbler
- Yellow Thornbill
- Yellow-rumped thornbill
- Brown thornbill
- Spotted Pardalote
- Striated Pardalote
- White plumed honeyeater
- Red Wattle bird
- Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
- Golden whistler
- Australian Magpie
- Grey fantail
- Willie Wagtail
- Australian Raven
- Little Raven
- Restless Flycatcher
- Magpie-lark
- Jacky Winter
- Flame Robin
- Silvereye
- Welcome Swallow
- Common Blackbird
- Common Starling
- Common Myna
- Red-browed Finch
- Diamond Firetail
- House Sparrow
- Australasian Pipit

