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An Interesting Trip

Werribee Wagtails - YouYangs, 03.09.13

It was always going to have it's hazards... Early in the year I offered to plan this trip, Ginny said she would help but all went awry... Jim Gunn came to the rescue. Jim and Surong went up and down the You Yangs finding places we had not been too.

Came the day of our trip, my phone rang at 6-30am.. A plaintive voice said "Its Jim here, I have an attack of gastro! I can read out all the odometer readings!" I wished Jim well and came to Watton St.,

I have never been so pleased to see Iian Denham, immediately all was under control.

Here are the Odometer Readings from Jim...

Set Odometer from start of gravel on "Great Circle Drive"

At 1.1 km. walk along LHS OF road from dam to creek. 100 metres

3.6 km. park at sharp LH uphill bend. Walk along flat gravel Maintenance Road on RHS for 200 metres. Mistletoe birds nesting at 50 metres.

At 7.4 km. park on side of road. Walk back on LHS along Maintenance Road for 800 metres. Walk around sand quarry and then back to cars. (we went on to the Eastern area and added many more birds to the list.)

I would have to say it was the best trip I have had to the You Yangs in years.

I asked members to send me their Highlights.

"My favourite place, tho I love all the You Yangs, was the last site at the eastern end. Thought the Shining Bronze Cuckoo was my highlight although the Restless Flycatcher was a close second, the view from the road where we, Liz and Anita, stopped, also lovely, apart from the Bone seed," **Ginny**

"Was discussing with Andre – the question of 'bird sighting of the day', believe we came to the conclusion it was the Mistletoebird – sighted on the eastern side of the You Yangs. Have looked up Morcombe & Photographic Field Guide-Birds of Australia and neither book appears do justice to my recollection of the brilliant scarlet colour of this male specimen. We were also impressed with the 'Blue Shade' on the head of the Restless Flycatcher – as the ones previously sighted in Eynesbury were not as distinctive, maybe a 'breeding' attribute." Cheers Len & Andre,

Sincere thanks to Iian for leading us so well. To Mike for the great photos and to Mark for processing the Bird List. (am saving up to buy an Ipad....)
I think Jim has recovered, as has Peter O'C

Shirley C



Red-rumped Parrot
Australian Magpie
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Willie Wagtail
New Holland Honeyeater
Superb Fairy-wren
Purple-crowned Lorikeet
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo
Red Wattlebird
Little Raven
Common Blackbird
White-naped Honeyeater
Yellow-faced Honeyeater
Eastern Yellow Robin
Grey Shrike-thrush
Australian Wood Duck
Dusky Woodswallow
Musk Lorikeet
White-plumed Honeyeater
Laughing Kookaburra
Whistling Kite
Spotted Pardalote
Striated Pardalote
Welcome Swallow
Flame Robin
Scarlet Robin
Eastern Rosella
Black-chinned Honeyeater
Galah
Grey Fantail
White-winged Chough
Fan-tailed Cuckoo
Red-browed Finch
Yellow-rumped Thornbill
Weebill
Silvereye
Mistletoebird
Common Bronzewing
Wedge-tailed Eagle
Brown Thornbill
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
Straw-necked Ibis
Masked Lapwing
Magpie-lark
Common Starling
Restless Flycatcher
Chestnut Teal
Jacky Winter
Crested Shrike-tit

