



# Werribee Wag-Tales • Volume 12 2013



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## Werribee Wag-tales December 2014

During 2013 the Werribee Wagtails and visiting birders have enjoyed many field trips and a camp under the guidance of Dave Torr. Thanks Dave for your leadership, knowledge, guidance and friendship.

Our final outing on 3 December was to Point Cook led by Andre and Len. A group of 28 people attended. It was great to see Ceri with her new knee and other members returned from travels.

We started at the Point Cook Homestead with a walk along the shore. The Pied Oystercatcher was a favourite for viewing because of its striking appearance- black and white offset with a long red bill, red eyes and red legs. We also saw Ducks, Grebes, Masked Lapwing, Cormorants and Straw-necked Ibis. Migratory waders were not present probably due to the shoreline being deep even though it was low tide. In the toilet block a Welcome Swallow had built a nest on the loo handle. The nest was still in use. Amazing considering the amount of disturbance the bird would encounter.

On a short walk along the path to the Cheetham Wetlands an immature Brown Falcon sat on a tree trunk not far from the path allowing us extensive viewing. It still had downy plumage on the chest and its colouring was a warm brown.

We had morning tea and later lunch at the Point Cook Coastal Park beach car park. Andre led us around the Park looking for Brown Quail which we heard but did not see. We did see Red and Little Wattle Birds, Willie Wagtails, Magpie, Yellow Thornbills, Silvereye, Grey Fantail and Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike. Shirley told us about her first sighting of the Crested Pigeon in Werribee as their habitat has expanded as human settlement has produced more grazing land. Previously they were only found in WA and inland Australia. Now they are frequently seen on sports grounds, parks and watercourses.

After lunch we stopped at the first lake and observed Black Swan and a Swamp Harrier. As the weather was deteriorating we made a quick stop at the second lake where a European Goldfinch flew by during the bird call. We had observed 55 bird species and Geraldine won the chocolates.

*Thank you Susan for the excellent report.*



Thanks to Susan Myers for the photos above.



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Australasian Pipit  
Australian Magpie  
Australian Pelican  
Australian Pied Cormorant  
Australian Pied Oystercatcher  
Australian White Ibis  
Black Swan  
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike  
Brown Falcon  
Brown Quail  
Brown Thornbill  
Chestnut Teal  
Common Blackbird  
Common Myna  
Common Starling  
Crested Pigeon  
Eurasian Skylark  
European Goldfinch  
Golden-headed Cisticola  
Galah  
Glossy Ibis?  
Great Cormorant  
Grey Fantail  
Grey Teal  
Hoary-headed Grebe  
House Sparrow  
Little Pied Cormorant  
Little Raven  
Little Wattlebird  
Magpie-lark  
Masked Lapwing  
New Holland Honeyeater  
Pacific Gull  
Pacific Black Duck  
Pied Oystercatcher  
Red Wattlebird  
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper  
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo  
Silver Gull  
Silvereye  
Singing Honeyeater  
Spotted Dove  
Straw-necked Ibis  
Superb Fairy-wren  
Swamp Harrier  
Tree Martin  
Welcome Swallow  
Whiskered Tern  
Whistling Kite  
White-browed Scrubwren  
White-browed Woodswallow  
White-faced Heron  
White-fronted Chat  
White-plumed Honeyeater  
White-winged Triller  
Willie Wagtail  
Yellow Thornbill  
Yellow-rumped Thornbill

