

EAST GIPPSLAND BIRD OBSERVERS CLUB

WEEKLY REPORT - 2008

4th February 2008

Site 1. Nyerimilang. G.P.S. 37 52 578 South 147 55 612 East.

Species 44 (Total birds 119) Weather. Fine

Leader Ken Sherring Attendance 20

Ken SHERRING, Chris and Felicity HEALEY, Pat McPHERSON, June SOUTTER, Margaret HALLETT, Claire BEECHER, Max and Jill MARKEY, Ron MACKENZIE, Alan SEARL, Sue WELTE, Camilla MANVELL, Bob WHITE, Norma EARNEY, Dot OWEN, Peter and Rosemary EDWARDS and Harvey and Margaret RODDA.

On the road for another year. We did not meet until the afternoon, very little birding done, but a committee meeting held, and then a very enjoyable barbeque for those that stayed. One significant recording for the day was that Ian Faulkner picked up the call of the Common Koel, which was not known to most of those with him.

The local Ranger Joe Stephens came for a short while, to discuss the placement of the tree, to be planted at Nyerimilang by the club, in memory of Joy Johnstone.

Camilla Manvell reports the Channel-billed Cuckoo is still about Metung. She last heard it calling at her home yesterday.

11th February 2008

Site 2. Hollands Landing. G.P.S. 38 02 901 South 147 27 560 East.

Species 54 (Total birds 4203) Weather Fine

Leader. Harvey RODDA Attendance 12

Harvey RODDA, Ron MACKENZIE, Sue WELTE, Pat McPHERSON, June SOUTTER, Joan GRAVES, Roger NEWMAN, Alister MAILER (BOCA member and part time resident of Newlands Arm) Geoff PROUDFOOT (BOCA member from Traralgon) Ken SHERRING, Ian FAULKNER and Max MARKEY.

A great day out with many birds. Silver Gulls, Pelicans and Swans in good numbers. Also good numbers of Stilts and Red-capped Plover. Good sighting of a pair of Great-crested Grebe with a juvenile bird with them, also 11 Little Egrets in breeding plumage. Raptors in good numbers with a particularly good sighting of a Brown Falcon on a roadside post. Greenshank seen at two sites, very actively feeding. Chats in very big numbers, several moving from near our feet, with the injured bird act. One nest with eggs seen.

Four Dusky Woodswallow seen perched very close together. Ken tried to get a photo of this, but unable to do so. A great day out.

On Friday the 8th February 2008 17 Noisy Friarbirds seen in the Grevillia and Gums at Markey's home at Wiseleigh. Have also been seen each day since.

Saturday the 9th. 53 White-throated Needletails seen this morning at Markeys at Wiseleigh. A further 26 seen in the afternoon.

Just after dark Max and Jill heard the call of a Nankeen Night Heron from their home at Wiseleigh.

Sunday the 10th February 2008. 30 Pied Oystercatchers seen at Lake Tyers Beach by Ian Faulkner.

Later that day 2 immature White-bellied Sea-Eagles seen at Lake Bunga by Ian Faulkner.

18th February 2008

Site 3. Ramrod / Monkey Creek. G.P.S. 37 39 534 South 147 52 691 East.

Species 37 (Total birds 174) Weather Fine

Leader Max MARKEY Attendance 17

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The early arrivals at the rendezvous point at Bruthen near the bakery, were treated to a great sighting of two very vocal Australian Hobby. A beautiful sunny morning at Ramrod enjoyed by all that attended.

25th February 2007

Site 4. Eastern Beach, Lakes Entrance G.P.S. 37 52 539 South 148 00 900 East

Species 48 (Total birds 399) Weather Fine

Leader Max MARKEY Attendance 16.

Max and Jill MARKEY, Ian FAULKNER, Carole ANDREW, Sue WELTE, Ron MACKENZIE, Jose HICKLING, Camilla MANVELL, Bob WHITE, Marj. ANDERSON, Pat McPHERSON, Len AXEN, Geoff PROUDFOOT, Norma EARNEY and Harvey RODDA.

Visitor, Rita BEECK from Wy Yung.

Good weather prevailed at Lakes after a great deal of very strong wind. Highlights of the day were the sighting of a Buff-banded Rail, which flew over the water just above the Eastern Beach Road, landed on the opposite bank for about two seconds, and then flew back. Possibly the same bird was seen flying over the water again about an hour later. Three Little Egrets in breeding plumage, and 3 Royal Spoonbills, and adult Sea-Eagle and a juvenile bird. 6 Pied Oystercatchers. Len AXEN and Harvey RODDA were the last to leave after the lunchtime barbeque. As they were moving to the vehicles, they heard, and then had an excellent sighting of a pair of Satin Flycatchers.

Len Axen reports that on the 15th of Feb. a party of 9 White-headed Pigeons were observed flying over our house this evening. This is the largest single sighting since they were first recorded in Marlo during 2002

23rd Feb Duncan Fraser and Peter Ware report the sighting of a pair of Satin Flycatchers near the riverside track between Moroka Horseyards and Morgans Gully. This is about 48 kilometres north of Maffra.

24th February Harvey RODDA reports 16 Yellow-billed Spoonbill and 1 Great Egret on Bosses Swamp at Nicholson of the past four days.

Norma EARNEY reports that over the past couple of days she has a pair of Black-shouldered Kite at the silt jetties. This is the first sighting of that species at this location for several years.

Max MARKEY reports that last Friday the 22nd Feb, as a storm was approaching he sighted 73 White-throated Needletails at Wiseleigh.

On Sunday 24th Feb Max and Jill MARKEY saw a bird land on a post in their garden in Wiseleigh. They were unable to identify the bird but then with the benefit of binoculars could see that it was a female Common Koel. Photos taken.

3rd March 2008

Site 5. Glenaladale Pumping Station. G.P.S. 37 44 862 South 147 22 064 East.

Species. 34 (Total birds 224) Weather. Fine and sunny.

Leader. Alan SEARL Attendance. 10.

Alan SEARL, Ken SHERRING, Chris and Felicity HEALEY, Margaret HALLET, Ron MACKENZIE, Sue WELTE, Norma EARNEY, Harvey RODDA and Alan DENNIS a BOCA member who lives at Paynesville, on his first outing with EGBOC.

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The Satin Bowerbirds feasting on the fruit trees at the house just above the car park, also the House sparrows at the same location. A fairly quiet day for birds with the highlights being the White-throated Needletails and Noisy Friarbirds.

When returning home today Ken Sherring, Alan Dennis and Harvey Rodda had a good sighting of a Brown Falcon at Hillside.

Harvey RODDA reports 16 Little Corella flying over Nicholson about 11.30am on 26th March 2008. and the following day 2 very vocal Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos also flew over Nicholson. The Yellow-billed Spoonbills are still on Bosse's Swamp.

Ron Mackenzie sighted four recently fledged Spotted Pardalotes, at the late nesting site he has had under observation on Raymond Island.

10th March 2008

Site 6. Nyerimilang. G.P.S. 37 52 578 South 147 55 612 East.

Species 70 (total birds 581) Weather. Hot, with no wind

Leader Ken SHERRING. Attendance. 11.

Ken SHERRING, Jill and Max MARKEY, Freda and John HARVEY, Ian FAULKNER, June SOUTTER, Claire BEECHER, Pat McPHERSON, Len AXEN and Ron MACKENZIE.

It is not normal for the Club to have an outing on a Public Holiday weekend, but the BOCA organised weekend unfortunately was cancelled, so our club decided to have an outing at Nyerimilang, and a successful day was enjoyed by all those that attended, with the highlight being the sighting of a very perturbed and then quizzical Australian Owlet Nightjar flushed from a dense stand of Lightwood trees, and a Collared Sparrowhawk circling above the homestead.

Several members of our club had a trip with Jenny EDWARDS leaving on the 24th of February and visiting Buchan where they saw King Parrot and a Lyrebird that put on a beautiful display for them. They then moved on to Gelantipy where they stayed the night. On the 25th to Wulgulmerang where they saw Emu and Gang Gangs, on to the Little River Falls where they had a great sighting of the Wedge Tailed Eagle, Choughs, and a pair of Sacred Kingfishers with young. They stayed at Deddick the next three nights, and at Deddick saw the Wedge-tailed Eagle, Kestrel, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Gang Gangs, Brown Treecreepers, Spotted Pardalotes, Noisy Friarbirds everywhere, Fuscous Honeyeaters, Scarlet Robins, Dusky Woodswallows, Choughs, Red-browed Finches, Diamond Firetails, Sacred Kingfishers and Mistletoebirds. At McKillops Bridge they saw Emu, Brown Treecreepers, Peaceful Dove, Speckled Warblers, Fuscous Honeyeaters, Dusky Woodswallows, Choughs, Azure Kingfisher and Clamorous Reed Warbler. Returning home on the 28th they stopped in at the Canni Creek Racecourse and there saw a pair of Hooded Robin, Red-browed Finches, Dusky Woodswallows and a pair of Flame Robins. These are only a few of the highlights of birds seen, Jenny will supply the club with the full bird list for the trip.

Other reports are from Duncan Fraser and Peter Ware who also sighted the Hooded Robin at Canni Creek Racecourse on the 3rd of March. (Photos of same)

On the 9th of March Duncan Fraser visited the Providence Ponds Reserve with the Heyfield Bird Club. There they recorded Jacky Winters, several Eastern Yellow Robins, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, a flock of Varied Sitella, Eastern Spinebill, White-eared Honeyeaters and a flock of White-throated Needletails overhead. Another interesting sighting was the rather black coloured Sacred Kingfishers. Duncan was puzzled but then realised the area had been badly burnt in the previous 12 months or so and obviously this pair had a rather badly burnt nesting hole and had become rather black during the nesting season. The group then visited Bellbird corner at Maffra on their way home. There they saw an immature Fan-tailed Cuckoo and a White-plumed Honeyeater, the first record of that species at Bellbird Corner. It is only an occasional visitor to the Maffra district.

Harvey Rodda reports that on 10th March he sighted a Spotted Quail Thrush off Trevaskis Road Wairewa. Later that day in Cunninghame Arm at Lakes Entrance he saw a Sooty Oystercatcher, 2 Little Egret and a Great Egret. On arriving home he rang Ian Faulkner about the Sooty Oystercatcher as it was sighted near Ian's home. That evening Ian returned the call and confirmed the sighting of the Oystercatcher.

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17th March 2008

Site 7. Lake Bunga. G.P.S. 37 52 000 South 148 02 000 East.

Species 61 (Total birds 624) Weather Fine

Leader Ian FAULKNER Attendance. 15

Ian FAULKNER, Camilla MANVELL, Bob WHITE, Ken SHERRING, Margaret HALLETT, Sue WELTE, Roger NEWMAN, Dot OWEN, Max and Jill MARKEY, Chris and Felicity HEALEY and Len AXEN.

Visitors. Richard HUNTER (BOCA CEO) and Annette COOK (BOCA Education Officer) who spoke of arrangements being made by BOCA to have a weekend at Bairnsdale on the 10th of October 2008 with EGBOC to support them.

Ian Faulkner reports seeing a Sooty Oystercatcher at Eastern Beach which according to his records is his first sighting of that species there. Last Friday when Tony Mitchell (DSE Orbest) and Len AXEN were dismantling the fence that surrounded the Little Tern colony at Marlo, they observed a flock of 19 White-headed Pigeons flying westwards in a tightly knit group over the estuary, and later on that same morning, a group of 4 White-fronted Terns were sighted just east of the Snowy River entrance. The latter sighting is a most infrequent record for that locality. Final figures for the nesting shorebirds at Marlo include, 6 possibly 8 Hooded Plovers, 30 -35 Little Terns, at least 12 and probably more Pied Oystercatcher fledglings. No Double-banded Plovers have arrived yet at Marlo although Tony Mitchell (DSE Orbest) observed a lone juvenile a week or so ago at the mouth of the Mueller River. Again a very early arrival this year from New Zealand.

On the 12th March Harvey Rodda sighted at least 150 Little Corellas in the Botanic Gardens on Lake Guthridge at Sale.

31st March 2008

Site 8. Stephenson's, Ellasville Lane, Nicholson G.P.S. 37 50 651 South 147 44 443 East.

Species 58 (Total birds 537) Weather. Fine, Strong westerly breeze.

Leader Harvey RODDA Attendance. 19.

Harvey RODDA, Max and Jill MARKEY, Claire BEECHER, Dot OWEN, Marj. ANDERSON, Freda HARVEY, Mandy EVANS, Catherine BAINBRIDGE, Len AXEN, Camilla MANVELL, Bob WHITE, Ken SHERRING, Alan DENNIS, Margaret HALLETT, Ron and Barbara MACKENZIE, Joan GRAVES and Sue WELTE.

A great morning out marred slightly by the westerly wind. Jim Stephenson informed us that bird numbers on the Lakes system in that area in recent times have been very few. He believes it has been caused by the green algae problem. This morning the only birds actually sighted in the lakes were three or four small groups of Swans and 3 Pelicans. There were the Gulls, Terns and Cormorants in the area but were also in very small numbers.

Jim Stephenson informed us that over the past week he has had in the vicinity of 20 Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos in the area.

Harvey Rodda reports that over Easter and since there have been up to 9 Royal Spoonbills and 16 Yellow-billed Spoonbills on Bosse's Swamp at Nicholson.

Max Markey reports that a week ago he saw 2 Cattle Egret on the flats in the front of his home. Two days later 5 birds, and this morning there were ten, along with three Jacky Winter.

Len Axen reports he had a call from one of his ex students (Luke DWYER) to report a pair of Cape Barren Geese on the Orbest Golf Course at the weekend.

Joan Graves had to leave Stephenson's prior to lunch today. After driving through the gate at the property and into Ellasville Lane, she noticed Magpies in a paddock on the left, more and more. It caused her to stop and count these birds. Joan counted 88 magpies in the one paddock.

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7th April 2008

Site 9. Macleod Morass G.P.S. 37 50 189 South 147 37 362 East.

Species 68 (Total birds 528)

Weather Fine with little wind.

Leader Ken Sherring

Attendance 19

Ken SHERRING, Max and Jill MARKEY, June SOUTTER, Sue WELTE, Claire BEECHER, Chris and Felicity HEALEY, Ron and Barbara MACKENZIE, Peter and Rosemary EDWARDS, Joan GRAVES, Carole ANDREW, Pat McPHERSON, Marj ANDERSON, Dot OWEN, Norma EARNEY and Ian FAULKNER.

Birdline Report, on 29th March, Steve Davidson and Andrew Hurnard flushed a Ground Parrot then observed it on the ground on the vehicle track that runs up the hill, parallel to the river walk at Yerrung River Costal Park at Cape Conran. Four Southern Emu-wren also sited in that area.

Also on the 29th of March Andrew Hurnard sighted a Black-tailed Native hen on a freshwater swamp adjacent to the Princes Highway at Swan Reach.

31st March report of 1 White-throated Needletail seen flying over the Princes Highway 2km east of the Wingan River in East Gippsland. Birdline report from Steve Davidson and Andrew Hurnard.

14th April Rohan Bilney reports the sighting of a Blue-winged Parrot, calling while flying high over the farmland near his home at Wy Yung. (Birdline).

Harvey Rodda reports the sighting of 16 Cattle Egret in a paddock opposite the Bruthen Oval on the afternoon of 17th March.

21st April 2008

Site 10. Canni Creek. G.P.S. 37 35 586 South 148 07 881 East.

Species 37 (Total birds 332)

Weather Fine and sunny

Leader Harvey RODDA

Attendance 13

Harvey RODDA, Jose HICKLING, Freda HARVEY, Mandy EVANS, Marj ANDERSON, Dot OWEN, Max and Jill MARKEY, Ian FAULKNER, Sue WELTE, Ron MACKENZIE and Ken SHERRING.

Visitor. Marlene MURRAY (Jose HICKLING'S daughter.)

A beautiful sunny autumn day. Good numbers of Swallows, Wattlebirds, Bellbirds, Thornbills, Jacky Winters and White-eared Honeyeaters, who were very vocal all morning. The highlights of the morning were the good sightings of the Scarlet Robins, and most getting a good look at the pair of Restless Flycatchers.

Harvey RODDA reports the sighting of 3 Cattle Egret off Sarsfield Road Nicholson on Sunday the 20th of April.

Ken Sheering and Harvey Rodda when leaving Sherrings this morning sighted 2 Cattle Egret on Ken Sherrings property. This is only the second occasion Ken has sighted Egrets on the property. When returning from Canni Creek today Ken and Harvey had a good sighting of a Spotted Quail Thrush on Bruce's Track in the Colquhoun Forest.

28th April 2008

Site 11. Lonely Bay, Lake Tyers Lake Park. G.P.S. 37 49 802 South 148 05 148 East.

Species. 35 (Total birds 169)

Weather. Strong westerly. Rain threatening at times. Cold.

Leaders

Max and Jill MARKEY

Attendance 10.

Max and Jill MARKEY, Marj. ANDERSON, Dot OWEN, Pat McPHERSON, Ken SHERRING, Ian FAULKNER, Chris HEALEY, Sue WELTE and Harvey RODDA.

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The weather on Sunday had been very cold and wet. Although there was some improvement for our Monday outing, the weather kept many away. The wind did not help with sighting birds. Very little activity on Lake Tyers. Good sightings of the Sea-Eagles on several occasions, a pair and a juvenile bird nearing maturity. Wattlebirds and Tree-creepers most vocal most of the morning. Interesting sightings of a Red-bowed Treecreeper in the company of Sitellas at the picnic area, Brown Gerygones and Wonga Pigeons on the walking track and Thornbills were in good numbers and Honeyeaters. Report from Ken SHERRING and Chris HEALEY that when returning home from the Mallacoota camp on Thursday 17/4 they sighted a Scarlet Robin at Genoa. Report from Max and Jill MARKEY that when they were returning home from the Mallacoots camp on Friday 18/4 they sighted a Restless Flycatcher at Genoa. Max and Jill also report the sighting of a pair of Crescent Honeyeaters at their home at Wiseleigh on 23/4. First sighting of that species at their home. Kevin BROOME of Nicholson informed Ken SHERRING that he sighted a pair of Beautiful Firetails at his bush block at O'Meara Track which is off the Old Coast Road, 20 kilometres from the Bemm River Road at Bemm River.

5th May 2008

Site 12A Trestle Bridge, Nowa Nowa. G.P.S. 37 44 599 South 148 02 647 East.
Site 12B Nowa Nowa. G.P.S. 37 43 896 South 148 05 570 East.

Species. 44 (Total birds 183) Weather. Fine but overcast.
Leaders Max and Jill MARKEY Attendance 10.

Max and Jill MARKEY, Ken SHERRING, Pat McPHERSON, Norma EARNEY, June SOUTTER, Margaret HALLETT, Joan GRAVES, Bob GRAY and Harvey RODDA.

An over cast day with no sign of the sun until lunchtime. Bird numbers were low, particularly at Trestle Bridge. At Trestle Bridge the Lyrebird very vocal and good sightings of the Yellow-tufted Honeyeater. Some members had a good sighting of two Whipbirds feeding quietly in a gully. Nowa Nowa had good raptor sightings. A pair of Sea-Eagles cavorting and a juvenile bird also sighted. Two very dark coloured Wedge-tailed Eagles seen and a Little Eagle feeding on prey by the water. Another highlight was the sighting of the Azure Kingfisher. The first recording this year on our Monday outings of the Kingfisher and the Lyrebird. A female Scarlet Robin also sighted. June SOUTTER reports that last week a White-bellied Sea-Eagle was sighted at Bindi, where the road splits to go to Bindi Station and to Simon Turner's. Max and Jill MARKEY sighted Cattle Egrets on the flats below their home, each day last week. Up to ten birds. Max and Jill MARKEY also report the sighting at their home last Saturday the 3rd May, of 1 Little Eagle and two Wedge-tailed Eagles.

12th May 2008

Site 13A. Old Eagle Point Road, Eagle Point. G.P.S. 37 53 265 South 147 40 031 East.
Site 13B. Silt Jetties, Eagle Point. G.P.S. 37 53 010 South 147 41 080 East.

Species 67 (Total birds 639) Weather. Fine and sunny.
Leader. Norma EARNEY. Attendance. 15.

Norma EARNEY, Ian FAULKNER, Ken SHERRING, Camilla MANVELL, Bob WHITE, Dot OWEN, Marj. ANDERSON, Max and Jill MARKEY, Ron MACKENZIE, Pat McPHERSON, Sue WELTE, Claire BEECHER, Chris HEALEY and Harvey RODDA.

A beautiful sunny morning. Good sighting of an immature Sea-Eagle, also a pair of Whistling Kites taking material to a nest near the boat ramp on the silt jetties. Hoary-headed Grebe in Lake King adjacent to the silt jetties, and the Darters perched in a dead tree on the river bank. The Royal Spoonbills were also not far from the boat ramp. There were large numbers of Wattlebirds and Yellow-

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faced Honeyeaters in sizable groups, on the move along the silt jetties. The most noticeable thing was the absence of birds on the lakes and in the Mitchell River. Very hard to find a Swan, and only one coot seen. The only sizable group of birds seen, were Little Black Cormorants coming from the direction of Metung, and landing on a spit out from the mouth of the Mitchell.

Returning home from Eagle Point, 9 Cattle Egret were seen on the flats, just before the speed restriction signs at Bairnsdale.

Camilla Manvell reports that this week she sighted 50 King Parrots in the grass on a cleared section of the path from Adsal Court to Beach Road in Metung. Has never seen King Parrots in these numbers at Metung before.

Ken Sherring reports that at the weekend, he checked out the sight for our outing next week, at the Mississippi Creek on Oil Bore track. He sighted an Azure Kingfisher there. Yesterday he sighted a pair of Restless Flycatchers at his home at Swan Reach.

Chris HEALEY reports, that at his home at Fairhope last night, he heard a Powerful Owl calling.

19th May 2008

Site 14A. Mississippi Creek, Oil Bore Road. Colquhoun Forest. No G.P.S..

Site 14B. Log Crossing Colquhoun Forest. G.P.S. 37 49 614 South 147 56 502 East.

Species	31 (Total birds 192)	Weather.	Cloudy with some sun, cold Sth west wind at times.
Leader	Ken SHERRING	Attendance.	20

Ken SHERRING, Max MARKEY, Peter and Rosemary EDWARDS, Chris and Felicity HEALEY, Alan SEARL, Jose HICKLING, Pat McPHERSON, Ron MACKENZIE, June SOUTTER, Joan GRAVES, Sue WELTE, Margaret HALLETT, Camilla MANVELL, Bob WHITE, Dot OWEN, Marj ANDERSON and Harvey RODDA

Visitor. Lawrence ARNOLD, friend of Pat McPherson from Melbourne.

A reasonable morning, except for the few occasions when the sun went in and the wind got up. Not a great many birds on the move, but the Lyrebirds were very vocal, along with the Bell Miners.

Margaret Hallett reports that about two weeks ago she had a Rufous Fantail visit her home for 2 or 3 days.

Ken Sherring reports that over the past week he has had King Parrots at his home every day. Up to twenty birds.

Len Axen reports that on the 12th May he observed 4 Striated Fieldwren sunning themselves among a clump of coastal wattles growing on the primary dunes between French's Narrows and Motts Beach at Marlo.

26th May 2008

Site 15A. Sale Common G.P.S. 38 07 515 South 147 04 253 East.

Site 15B. Lake Guyatt, Sale. No G.P.S. 1km north of Sale Common.

Species	67 (Total birds 840)	Weather	Fine and sunny.
Leader	Pat McPHERSON	Attendance	14

Pat McPHERSON, Alan SEARL, Chris and Felicity HEALEY, Camilla Manvell, Bob WHITE, June SOUTTER, Max and Jill MARKEY, Marj ANDERSON, Roger NEWMAN, Dot OWEN, Sue WELTE and Harvey RODDA.

A lovely day that had most removing their coats or pullovers. Water levels are down in these wetlands, as in most areas, but still sufficient water to support the birdlife. Most interesting sightings were the Cape Barren Geese and the Freckled Duck at Lake Guyatt. The Little Grassbird and Cisticola calls, and their movements, created a great deal of interest at Sale Common along with great views of two White-necked Heron and later a Wedge-tailed Eagle flying fairly low, and then pursued by two Whistling Kites. Large numbers of Superb Fairy Wren with many males showing off their brilliant plumage.

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1st June 2008

Site 16. Nyerimilang G.P.S. 37 52 578 South 147 55 612 East.

Species 45 (Total birds 360) Weather Fine.

Leader Ken SHERRING Attendance 27

Ken SHERRING, Chris and Felicity HEALEY, Max and Jill MARKEY, Peter and Rosemary EDWARDS, Freda and John HARVEY, Joan GRAVES, June SOUTTER, Claire BEECHER, Ron MACKENZIE, Ian FAULKNER, Camilla MANVELL, Bob WHITE, Margaret HALLETT, Sue WELTE, Norma EARNEY, Alan SEARL, Dot OWEN and Harvey RODDA.

Visitors. Robyn DAVIS with sons Henry and Samuel from Nungurner, Jenny MEADOWS from Metung (friend of Sue Welte) and Bill SCHNIEDER from Paynesville.

Today's Sunday outing was designed to attract the interest of people outside our club membership, and resulted with the highest attendance for the year. Hopefully it will result in new members joining. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon. A variety of raptors sighted along with rafts of Grebe on the lake. 31.5.2008, fifteen Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo sighted by Ron Mackenzie flying over Raymond Island.

During the morning of 31st May 2008 Harvey Rodda and Max and Jill Markey sighted 3 Yellow-tailed Cockatoo flying east over the boat ramp area on the Silt Jetties at Eagle Point.

Max and Jill Markey report, that on three days over the past week, they have had a Tawny Frogmouth in a tree in their garden at Wiseleigh

9th June 2008

Site 17. Healey's, Bellbird Road, Fairhope. G.P.S. 37 43 868 South 147 41 316 East.

Species. 45 (Total birds 307) Weather Fine, mainly cloud cover.

Leader. Chris HEALEY Attendance 15.

Chris and Felicity HEALEY, Ken SHERRING, Max and Jill MARKEY, June SOUTTER, Joan GRAVES, Roger NEWMAN, Alan SEARL, Claire BEECHER, Bob WHITE, Camilla MANVELL, Dot OWEN and Harvey RODDA

Visitor. Myrtle HODGSON of Bairnsdale. A friend of Claire BEECHER and Felicity HEALEY.

A fine day with the sun peeping through the clouds on odd occasions. A good sighting of the Brown Goshawk at 2 different locations. Many Bellbirds along the river.

A Tawny Frogmouth was perched in the open eating area, immediately behind the Nicholson Store. Storekeeper Jim Ffrench invited Harvey and Margaret Rodda in to see the bird.