



Biodiversity Solutions

biodiversity planning - strategy – surveys - monitoring – evaluation

Bird surveys, Dog Rocks Flora and Fauna Sanctuary and Honey Woodland, Batesford. 29 May 2020

As part of the Batesford, Fyansford, Stonehaven Landcare Group's **Lower Moorabool Bio-link Project Biodiversity Grant**, expert bird observers and volunteers will perform regular bird surveys, collecting data to monitor the responses of woodland birds to the establishment of the bio-link and its interaction with remnant bush.

A late autumn survey was undertaken on 29 May 2020. Compared to the previous survey in November 2019, there was a much larger number of a variety of honeyeaters feeding in the flowering Yellow Gums. These included Yellow-faced and White-naped Honeyeaters which are probably winter emigrants from the Otways. The Red Gum woodland had many fewer birds.

Numbers of each species counted on various legs of the survey are given below:

Bird species	Number recorded (individuals heard or seen)							
	Route 1	Route 2	Route 3	Route 4	Route 5	Route 6	Route 1 (return)	Incidental
Australian Wood Duck			14					
Pacific Black Duck			2					
Grey Teal			3					
Australasian Grebe			2					
Crested Pigeon			3					
Eurasian Coot			4					
Masked Lapwing			2					
Little Eagle								1
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	33							
Long-billed Corella					2			
Purple-crowned Lorikeet		2		6	2			
Rainbow Lorikeet	30				4		4	
Crimson Rosella				5				
Eastern Rosella		2		1				
Red-rumped Parrot	1	2	4					
Superb Fairywren	3	7						

Yellow-faced Honeyeater	3	7	1	1	1		3	
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater		9	1	1			1	
Red Wattlebird	12	15	8	4	16		8	
White-plumed Honeyeater			2					
New Holland Honeyeater	3	13	7	5	7		6	
Brown-headed Honeyeater				2				
White-naped Honeyeater		2	40*	10	2			
Spotted Pardalote		1		1				
Striated Pardalote		1						
White-browed Scrubwren				4				
Brown Thornbill		1					2	
Yellow-rumped Thornbill				5				
Weebill		1					1	
Black-faced Cuckooshrike		8						
Australian Magpie	3		2	2	1			
Willie Wagtail			2					
Grey Fantail				1				
Magpie-lark	1							
Little Raven		12	1				2	
Silvereye				10				
Common Starling	3	1	4					
Red-browed Finch	2				1		15	
House Sparrow							11	

*flying overhead towards flowering Yellow Gums, hardly using Red Gums