

Birds of Lake Bullrush Lake Reserve 1960-2015

Compiled from records of Rod Bird, Jane Hayes and HFNC

No.	SPECIES	Status	No.	SPECIES	Status
Brolga, Coots Grebes & Swan			Gulls & Terns		
1	Black Swan	c	33	Silver Gull	c
2	Brolga	mc	34	Whiskered Tern	mc
3	Eurasian Coot	c	Grassbird, Cisticola & Reed-warblers		
4	Hoary-headed Grebe	u	35	Golden-headed Cisticola	mc
Ducks & Geese			36	Little Grassbird	u
5	Australasian Shoveler	u	Raptors		
6	Australian Shelduck	c	37	Australian Hobby	u
7	Australian Wood Duck	u	38	Black Falcon	r
8	Blue-billed Duck	r	39	Black-shouldered Kite	mc
9	Chestnut Teal	u	40	Brown Falcon	c
10	Freckled Duck	u	41	Nankeen Kestrel	mc
11	Grey Teal	c	42	Spotted Harrier	r
12	Hardhead	r	43	Swamp Harrier	mc
13	Musk Duck	r	44	Wedge-tailed Eagle	mc
14	Pacific Black Duck	mc	45	White-bellied Sea-eagle	r
15	Pink-eared Duck	mc	46	Whistling Kite	mc
Moorhen, Native-hen & Swampen			Other Native Species		
Cormorants & Darter			47	Australian Magpie	c
16	Little Pied Cormorant	r	48	Australasian Pipit	c, s
Hérons, Egrets, Ibis, Pelican & Spoonbills			49	Blue-winged Parrot	u
17	Australian Pelican	r	50	Brown Songlark	u, s
18	Australian White Ibis	mc	51	Crested Pigeon	r
19	Royal Spoonbill	mc	52	Little Raven	mc
20	Straw-necked Ibis	mc	53	Long-billed Corella	u
21	White-faced Heron	mc	54	Magpie-lark	mc
22	White-necked Heron	u	55	Stubble Quail	u, s
23	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	mc	56	Tree Martin	mc
Shorebirds/Waders			57	Welcome Swallow	c
24	Banded Stilt	u	58	White-fronted Chat	mc
25	Black-winged Stilt	mc	59	White-plumed Honeyeater	mc
26	Double-banded Plover	u, s	60	Willie Wagtail	mc
27	Masked Lapwing	c	61	Yellow-rumped Thornbill	u
28	Red-capped Plover	mc	Introduced Species		
29	Red-kneed Dotterel	u	62	Eurasian Skylark	mc
30	Red-necked Avocet	u	63	European Goldfinch	c
31	Red-necked Stint	mc, s	64	House Sparrow	r
32	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	mc, s			

Status (the likelihood of a visitor to this wetland seeing a listed species here):

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| r, rare (mostly only 1 or a few birds); | u, uncommon: (mostly in low numbers) |
| mc, moderately common (often in low numbers); | c, common (perhaps in low numbers); |
| s, seasonal migrants (cuckoos, plovers, sandpipers, snipe, song-larks, stints, quail). | |

This shallow wetland of 155 ha is less saline than that of Lake Linlithgow and therefore is often host to a different set of waterbirds. Its catchment is from overflow from Krause Swamp to the east.

The lake is a favoured nesting place for Black Swan and feeding ground when drying for lapwings, plovers, sandpipers, stilts and stints. Recently it has also become a place where Brolga flock to in summer & autumn.

Tree planting on the southern bare fringe of the lake was begun by John Harris (Parks Victoria) in 2002. The east side of the lake is unfenced and grazing over many years has eliminated the Bullrush. This may account for the absence of Swampens and Moorhens. *Shoenopectus pungens* (Sharp Club-sedge) is the main littoral plant.

The lack of records for birds other than waterbirds is due mostly to the lack of trees and other vegetation around the lake prior to 2002. Non-waterbirds were not noted at all before 1980 and often not reported since then.