

HFNC Bird Surveys of Lake Condah, shore & forest fringe, 2008-2012

No.	Species	Observation Date							
		04/12/08	02/08/09	09/08/09	14/10/10	27/07/11	10/11/11	12/11/11	16/03/12
	Waterbirds								
1	Australasian Darter						1*	7*	
2	Australasian Grebe						~5*	3*	
4	Australasian Shoveller				10*		~10*		2
6	Australian Shelduck		*		*	*			
6	Australian White Ibis						2*	~10*	
7	Australian Wood Duck					*	10s*	~20*	~100
8	Black Swan		*	*	*	*	100s*	~1000*	~75
9	Black-fronted Dotterel						1*	18*	
10	Black-tailed Native Hen			*			~50*	~200*	
11	Black-Winged Stilt				30*		~50*	~50*	
12	Brolga			2*					
13	Cattle Egret						6*		
14	Chestnut Teal				*		10*	~20*	~600
15	Eurasian Coot					*	1000s*	~3000*	~60
16	Great Cormorant							1*	3
17	Great-crested Grebe						2*	6*	
18	Great Egret						~12*	~25*	4
19	Grey Teal				100*	*	100s*	100s*	~700
20	Hardhead				20*	*	100s*	100s*	
21	Hoary-headed Grebe					*	100s*	100s*	~30
22	Intermediate Egret						2*	2*	
23	Latham's Snipe	4*						5*	
24	Little Black Cormorant				10*		~30*	~20*	10
25	Little Pied Cormorant				10*		~50*	~50*	2
26	Masked Lapwing	*			6*		~10*	~20*	~45
27	Musk Duck					2*			2
28	Pacific Black Duck	*			30*		~20*	~20*	~500
29	Pied Cormorant						2*		
30	Purple Swamphen					2*		2*	
31	Red-kneed Dotterel						3*	20*	
32	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper							~250*	
33	Straw-necked Ibis	*					2*	~10*	
34	Whiskered Tern				~100*			~50*	
35	White-faced Heron	*			*	*	~10*	~10*	~100
36	White-necked Heron						~10*	~10*	
37	Yellow-billed Spoonbill			*		2*		1*	
	Raptors								
1	Brown Falcon							1*	
2	Nankeen Kestrel	*					1*	2*	3*
3	Swamp Harrier							1*	
4	Whistling Kite						2*	3*	
5	Wedge-tailed Eagle								1*
	Other native species								
1	Australasian Pipit	*	2		*		2*	*	
2	Australian Magpie	*			*		~20*	*	~40*
3	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike		#						
4	Blue-winged Parrot	6*			4*			5*	36*
5	Brown Songlark	*					2*	*	
6	Common Bronzewing			#				2*	#

7	Crimson Rosella	*			#			#	#
8	Fan-tailed Cuckoo			#				#	
9	Flame Robin			*					
10	Galah							#	
11	Grey Currawong	#		#				#	#
12	Grey Fantail				#		#	#	
13	Grey Shrike-thrush	#			#		#	#	
14	Horsfield's Bronze-cuckoo			#	#			*	
15	Laughing Kookaburra	#			#			*	#
16	Little Grassbird							*	
17	Little Raven	*			*		*	*	*
18	Long-billed Corella							*	
19	Magpie-lark							*	*
20	Mistletoebird		#						
21	Pallid Cuckoo							*	
22	Red Wattlebird					#		#	
23	Red-browed Finch		#		#				
24	Rufous Whistler				#				
25	Sacred Kingfisher							#	
26	Spotted Pardalote							#	
27	Striated Fieldwren	*				*	4*	*	
28	Striated Pardalote	*						*	
29	Stubble Quail	*					~10*	*	3*
30	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo							*	
31	Superb Fairy-wren	*			*		6*	*	4*
32	Tree Martin							*	
33	Welcome Swallow	*					1000s*	1000s*	~100*
34	White-browed Scrubwren	#							*
35	White-eared Honeyeater	#							
36	White-fronted Chat	*					2*	*	
37	White-winged Triller							#	
38	White-throated Treecreeper								#
39	Willie Wagtail				*		4*	*	
40	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	#						#	
41	Yellow-rumped Thornbill							#	
	Introduced species								
1	Common Skylark	*			*		2*	*	
2	Common Starling	*					*	*	
3	European Goldfinch	*						*	
	Total 86 species								

* present, seen on or over the lake, shore line or grassland fringe (former expanse of lake bed)

present, seen in the forest fringe (incl. Blue Gum plantation)

10s (tens), 100s (hundreds), 1000s (thousands) – estimates

~ counts approximate: e.g. $\pm 10\text{-}20\%$ when ≤ 50 , $\pm 20\text{-}30\%$ when ≥ 100 or $\pm 30\text{-}50\%$ when ≥ 1000

Water levels

4/12/2008 ~Dry, except for a few puddles and water in the drain

2/08/2009 Water mainly in NW Cnr and near (and in) the drain

9/08/2009 Water mostly in NW Cnr and over about 30% of lake bed

14/10/2010 Water Mod. High, at the fence at weir, but ~1 m below highest mark in late winter when the water was 5-10 m outside the fence (and lapping the 2nd top wire).

27/07/2011 Water V High – up to 5 m through the fence near the weir and 2/3 up the posts

10/11/2011 Water Mod. High – at the fence near the weir & about 60 cm below this winter high mark

12/11/2011 Water Mod. High (as above) but receding

16/03/2012 Water only in Condah drain (still running), the large deep pools in SE end (a ha or so), and shallows north of drain (a few ha only), central; elsewhere dry surface and cattle hoof marks common.