

Summer 2009 Waterbird & Raptor Surveys of Tower Hill & Killarney Wetlands & Beach

Wetland	Tower Hill Lake	Saltwater Swp	Killarney Bch	Griffith Is
Observer	RB&DL	RB&DL	DL&RB	DL&RB
Survey date	15-Feb	15-Feb	15-Feb	14-Feb
Duration (mins)	160	130	110	30
Water depth (max.)	Low	Mod		
Water % cover	50	50		
SHOREBIRDS & WADERS				
Australian Pied Oystercatcher			17	4
Double-banded Plover		18		
Hooded Plover		17	11	2
Latham's Snipe				1
Masked Lapwing	79		8	10
Red-capped Plover	57	244	11	
Red-necked Stint	650	900	47	1
Ruddy Turnstone			43	
Sanderling			320	
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper				4
GANNETS, PELICAN & CORMORANTS				
Australian Pelican		10		
Australasian Gannet			1	10
Great Cormorant				1
Little Pied Cormorant				8
CRANES, CRAKES, DUCKS, GREBES, GEESE, SWANS				
Australasian Shoveler	200			
Australian Shelduck	40	2		
Black Swan	2			
Chestnut Teal	700	120		
Grey Teal	260	30		2
Hoary-headed Grebe	3	31		
Musk Duck		4		
Pacific Black Duck	1			
HERONS, EGRETS, IBIS, SPOONBILLS				
Australian White Ibis				1
Straw-necked Ibis	4	2		
White-faced Heron		5	6	3
White-necked Heron	7			
GULLS & TERNS				
Crested Tern		1	6	31
Kelp Gull			2	3
Pacific Gull				3
Silver Gull	345	2	350	35
RAPTORS				
Brown Falcon	1			
Brown Goshawk	1			
Nankeen Kestrel	2			
Wedge-tailed Eagle	3			
OTHER SPECIES ASSOCIATED WITH WETLANDS				
Australasian Pipit		2		
Blue-winged Parrot		32		
White-fronted Chat		23	8	

Tower Hill Lakes = Tower Hill West lake surveyed from SE shore, N rim & W rim (E lake was dry)
 Saltwater Swp = Saltwater Swamp extending NE behind the dune from Rutledge Cutting
 Killarney Bch = beach from (and including) Rutledge Cutting beach west to Killarney Boat Ramp
 Griffith Is = Griffith Island beaches and Sandy Cove wetland

Beach-washed Fairy Prion (1) and Little Penguin (8) were also found on Killarney Beach walk.

Flags seen on Sanderlings on Killarney beach

- 19 Sanderlings were seen to have flags on their legs. The combination of orange (on tibia) and yellow flag (on tarsus) on the right leg indicate that the birds were flagged after April 1999 in SE of South Australia, 205 km from Killarney.
- 2 Sanderlings with metal band on left leg tarsus and yellow flag on right leg tarsus indicate the birds were flagged in NW Australia after Aug 1992, 2910 km from Killarney.
- 1 Sanderling with metal band on left leg tarsus and white flag on right leg tarsus indicate the birds were flagged near Auckland in NZ, after Dec 1991, 2870 km from Killarney.