

Summer 2019 Waterbird & Raptor Surveys of Tower Hill & Killarney Wetlands & Beach

Wetland	Tower Hill	Killarney W	Killarney Mid	Killarney E	Killarney Beach
Observer	RB,DL	RB	RB	RB	DL
Survey date	10-Feb	09-Feb	09-Feb	09-Feb	09-Feb
Time	0915-1215	0925-0955	1000-1045	1045-1200	0915-1230
Water depth (max.)	Mod	Shallow	Mod	Shallow	high tide
Water % cover	80	80	90	70	-
Any waterbirds/shorebirds?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SHOREBIRDS/WADERS					
Australian Painted Snipe					
Australian Pied Oystercatcher					
Banded Stilt					
Black-fronted Plover					
Black-winged Stilt	207	28	35		
Common Greenshank					
Curlew Sandpiper					
Double-banded Plover					
Grey Plover					
Hooded Plover					18 (incl. 2 juv)
Latham's Snipe		1			
Marsh Sandpiper					
Masked Lapwing	21	10	2	15	
Pectoral Sandpiper					
Pied Oystercatcher					9
Red-kneed Dotterel					
Red-necked Avocet					
Red-capped Plover			5		26
Red-necked Stint		300	305	265	2
Ruddy Turnstone					152
Sanderling					214
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper		200	80	115	
Sooty Oystercatcher					
CORMORANTS, PELICAN & GANNET					
Australian Pelican					
Australasian Gannet					
Black-faced Cormorant					
Great Cormorant	1				10
Little Black Cormorant					
Little Pied Cormorant					
Pied Cormorant					
CRAKES, CRANES,DUCKS,GEESE,GREBES, SWANS					
Australasian Grebe					
Australian Shelduck	49				
Australasian Shoveler	560	30	35	325	
Australian Wood Duck					
Australian Spotted Crake					
Black Swan	69	18		58	
Black-tailed Native-hen					
Blue-billed Duck	310				
Cape Barren Goose					
Chestnut Teal	850	35	140	130	
Great Crested Grebe					
Grey Teal	1080	90	50	130	
Hardhead					
Hoary-headed Grebe	200		10	5	
Musk Duck	17				
Pacific Black Duck	33	25	25	65	
Pink-eared Duck	660				

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BITTERNS, COOT, EGRETS, HERONS, IBIS, MOORHEN, SPOONBILL, SWAMPHEN					
Australian White Ibis				6	2
Eastern Great Egret					
Dusky Moorhen					
Eurasian Coot	4680				
Little Egret					
Purple Swamphen	51	25	2	64	
Royal Spoonbill					
Straw-necked Ibis				70	
White-faced Heron	7				1
White-necked Heron					
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	16				
KELP GULLS					
Kelp Gull					8
Pacific Gull					1
Silver Gull	8				1390
Caspian Tern					
Crested Tern					57
Whiskered Tern					
PENGUIN, PETREL, PRION, SHEARWATER beached, dead birds					
Fluttering Shearwater					
Little Penguin					
Little shrearwater					5 (dead)
White-faced Storm Petrel					1 (dead)
White-headed Petrel					
RAPTORS					
Australian Hobby					
Black Falcon					
Black-shouldered Kite					
Brown Falcon	1			1	
Collared Sparrowhawk					
Nankeen Kestrel					
Peregrine Falcon					
Swamp Harrier	3	1			
Wedge-tailed Eagle					
Whistling Kite					
OTHER BIRDS ASSOCIATED WITH WETLANDS					
Australasian Pipit					
Australian Reed-warbler					
Blue-winged Parrot					
Brown Quail					
Emu					
Golden-headed Cisticola					
Little Grassbird	3				
Striated Fieldwren					
White-fronted Chat		P	P	P	P

*...indicates a new record for the Summer Survey of Coastal Wetlands & Beach

The table includes species that have previously been recorded in a summer survey at one or more sites – the cells will therefore be blank if the species has not been seen this time.

Tower Hill = West Lake surveyed from SE shore, S bank, N rim & W rim. East Lake (east from entry road levee) surveyed from ring road, E rim (Lookout) & 2 stops on the N rim.

Killarney West = the small, freshwater, coastal wetland adjacent (NW) to the oval at Killarney Beach

Killarney Mid = the coastal freshwater swamp on Sheedys Rd, adjacent to Killarney Beach Rd

Killarney East = the large swamp east of, and at high water running into, the Sheedys Rd swamp

Killarney Beach = the 7 km beach from, and including, Rutledge Cutting beach west to Killarney Boat Ramp