

Summer 2024 Waterbird & Raptor Surveys of Willaura & Lake Bolac Wetlands

Wetland	Brady Swp	Goose-nk Swp	Walker Swp	Green Swp	L Muir head	Mt Willm	L Buninjn	Watgania Rd	Lake Bolac	Paracel-mic Res
Observer	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB,DL	RB,DL
Survey date	01/03/24	01/03/24	02/03/24	27/02/24	29/02/24	29/02/24	29/02/24	29/02/24	03/03/24	03/03/24
Time started	0945	0850	0835	0830	0820	1145	0920	1110	0900	1315
Duration (mins)	225	50	210	180	35	10	105	5	230	10
Water % cover	95	80	50*	60	95	30#	95	0	90	95
Water depth main area	10-30cm	5-20cm	mod	mod	mod	low	mod	dry	high	low
CRANES, CRAKES, DUCKS, GREBES, GEESE, SWANS										
Australasian Shoveler	16		12							
Australian Shelduck	20		25	120	95	P	3700		6	
Australian Wood Duck			49		28	76			2	
Black Swan	105		2	280		P	215		54@	
Blue-billed Duck			5		12		3		80	
Brolga				51	45					
Chestnut Teal	295		150	30	20		400		420	155
Eurasian Coot	765		12	40	18		575		313	
Freckled Duck			1							
Great Crested Grebe							4		23	
Grey Teal	4000	1	220	200	110		620		20	
Hardhead									31	
Hoary-headed Grebe	31		52				30		87	
Musk Duck			4		7		4		110	
Pacific Black Duck	1180	4	4	250	85		40		182	
DARTER, CORMORANTS & PELICAN										
Australasian Darter							1			
Australian Pelican	35			27			1			
Great Cormorant	18			10			1		3	
Little Black Cormorant	6									
Little Pied Cormorant	205		11	3			4		1	
BITTERN, COOT, EGRETS, HERONS, IBIS, MOORHENS, SPOONBILLS & SWAMPHENS										
Australian White Ibis	32	4	5	4						
Black-tailed Native-hen							2		1	
Cattle Egret	1									
Dusky Moorhen									1	
Great Egret	70			56	1		27		5	
Purple Swamphen	530						12		95	
Royal Spoonbill							7			
Straw-necked Ibis	20			41						
White-faced Heron	16	7	2	78	41		11		8	
White-necked Heron	6	4		49						
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	60	8	10	34			4			
GULLS & TERNS										
Silver Gull	16		23	76	1				195	7
SHOREBIRDS & WADERS										
Banded Stilt							2			
Black-fronted Dotterel			2							
Black-winged Stilt	12			12			13			
Common Greenshank							9			
Masked Lapwing	8		38	236	8		4		6	5
Red-capped Plover				5						
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper			40				3			
RAPTORS										
Black-shouldered Kite									1	
Brown Falcon						1			1	
Swamp Harrier	6			3					2	
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2			1						
Whistling Kite	1			8	1				6	
OTHER SPECIES ASSOCIATED WITH WETLANDS										
Australian Reed-warbler									1	
Golden-headed Cisticola							1			

Little Grassbird	1						2			
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Brady Swamp, Gooseneck Swamp, Walker Swamp, Green Swamp, Lake Muirhead, Mt William Swamp, Watgania Rd Swamp, Lake Bolac, Paracelmic Lake Reserve Lake Bolac.

Mt William Swamp dry on E half

* only the S part of main Walker Swamp pool N of Rd had water; South of Rd, only water was in the S end Pool

P present but too distant to count

@ approx. 3000 Black Swan on the large, shallow swamp that is not far from the eastern side of the lake