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Birds at Risk from Mouse Poisons

In response to the current mouse plague, some drastic measures have been proposed. BirdLife Australia have expressed concerns over the impact on birds. What are the best control options? The following is an edited extract from BirdLife Australia's [press release on rodenticide](#) use and the general advice available on their [website](#).

The NSW Government has requested an emergency permit to roll out Bromadiolone in agricultural areas to combat the current mouse plague. Bromadiolone is known as a second-generation anticoagulant and kills animals by causing internal bleeding. It does not kill immediately or break down after it is ingested, meaning mice who have eaten it can be caught and eaten by other animals. Studies in Australia have found rodenticide in dead birds of prey including Boobook Owls and Wedge-tailed Eagles.



Boobook Owls

image: Kim Armstrong

“As we try to control the harmful impacts of the mouse plagues affecting some regions right now, we need to make sure native birds and wildlife don’t suffer unintended impacts,” said BirdLife Australia Urban Birds Program Manager Holly Parsons. “Obviously measures need to be taken to combat the mouse plague and support regional communities, but there are other, less harmful chemicals available.”

BirdLife Australia also called on householders not to use second generation poisons, which are available on supermarket shelves right across the country, and as well as killing mice they go on to kill birds and other wildlife. Using traps or getting professional controllers to set baits can help stop our beloved owls and other birds of prey from suffering painful deaths from secondary rodenticide poisoning.”

Owls, kites and other birds of prey are dying from eating rats and mice that have ingested Second Generation rodent poisons. These household products – including *Talon*, *Fast Action RatSak* and *The Big Cheese Fast Action* brand rat and mice bait – have been banned in many countries, but are available to purchase from supermarkets and retailers throughout Australia.

Reduce dependence on poison baits:

- consider other, non-poison pest control, like snap traps
- only put out baits when you actually need to
- read the labels on any poisons you buy and make the change to first generation anticoagulant rodenticides (FGARs) or other alternatives. Look for active ingredients like Warfarin and Coumatetralyl or natural constituents like Sodium Chloride.

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EVENING MEETING Thursday June 10, 2021

Meet in the Uniting Church Hall, Henwood St, Merimbula, for a 7:30 pm start.
Guest speaker is FSCB member, Rohan Bilney, who will talk about owls in the Bega Valley.

Meeting Report

Thursday April 8, 2021

Jill BurrIDGE

Lizzie welcomed a large group of 29 members; Julian Teh, the guest speaker for the evening, and his colleagues Ian and Cora Wallis.

Sightings:

An interesting miscellany: Jill reported Scarlet Honeyeaters in her garden for the first time in three years, Cliff spotted three Southern Emu-wrens and Sayaka, a Mistletoebird.

Alan reported that a 'Parasitic Jaeger', (now known as Arctic Skua), had been found in Eden harbour: black, gull-like but smaller, with unusual tail feathers. 'Parasitic' because it attacks other birds and steals the fish they have caught.

Lizzie saw a 'Peacock' (Indian Peafowl), presumed to be an escapee.

Alan started his segment on 'The likes and dislikes of Sulphur-crested Cockatoos' by posing the question: 'Why are Sulphur-crested Cockatoo feathers white and yellow?' There were a few answers from the floor and then he asked each person to choose two preferred, coloured, jelly beans from a large selection. This was interpreted as demonstrating a preferential choice which has been happening for millions of years.

Alan then showed us some beautiful Solaris shells, archeogastropods from 37 million years ago which made preferential choices in their morphology that made them develop in a certain way – 'a preferential course'.

Conclusion: 'We are an absolute product of mind over matter and favouritism and so are Sulphur-crested Cockatoos'.

Plains-wanderer by Julian Teh

'Julian Teh is a scientific illustrator, who has spent the better part of a decade captivated by Plains-wanderers. Struck by the magical character and elusive nature of these critically endangered birds on his first encounter, he has dedicated much of his spare time to learning more about their life story, along the way developing a body of artwork that became the final major project of his undergraduate degree in natural history illustration. His Plains-wanderer works have been aimed towards developing the public profile of this little-known species, hoping to spread the appreciation and concern for the plight of this marvellous bird.'

Julian is now a scientific illustrator with CSIRO and the Australian National Wildlife Collection in Canberra.

His first contact with the rare and elusive Plains-wanderer was in 2014 when he went with members of the Bird Geography Forum to National Parks on the Hay Plain in NSW. The temperature fell after sunset to -6° C and he saw his first male Plains-wanderer after three hours, and then an adult female. He spent all of 2019 painting Plains-wanderers.

The Plains-wanderer is a monogenic species; quail-like but with four toes and a reversal of sexual dimorphism. The male is smaller than the female with upper parts showing black and brown barring and underparts buff with neatly scaled black crescents. The larger female has a distinctive pied collar and rufous bib. They are polyandrous; the males incubate the eggs, they breed all year round and tend to hang out in groups of 2-3. They are closely related to seedsnipes of South America and are thought to have split off from seedsnipes at the break up of Gondwanaland.

They have the same walking behaviour as quail, but when frightened have an upright posture and prominent cheeks and they rarely fly. Their call is a low resonant "oom oom".

Plains-wanderers are critically endangered nationally and are very hard to find. They are rare due to habitat loss and destruction and are found in native grasslands growing on volcanic soils. They appear to spend daytime in denser



Plains-wanderers

artwork: Julian Teh

vegetation and come out at night into 50% bare ground/50% grassland and low shrubs. Impossible to survey in vast areas; the variety of habitats and their capacity to move long distances makes research difficult.

Three zoos have breeding programs and research continues in western Queensland, radio-tracking in northern Victoria, and the involvement of Land Care groups and local landowners is important in raising awareness.

Despite the difficulty in finding these birds Julian has developed a Plains-wanderer etiquette for successful monitoring of these birds. His preference is to spotlight with small groups of 4-6 people starting one hour after dark and continuing until early morning.

To raise awareness Julian has had an exhibition of his paintings in Newcastle and has produced an attractive enamel pin of the female Plains-wanderer.

Julian graciously drew the raffle and members won honey donated by Cliff and Sayaka, and native plants.

A big thank you to all who set up the hall, managed the raffle and audio visual, and provided and organised a delicious supper.

President's Report

Lizzie Simkus

With the winter months approaching, many species that visit the south coast during summer have migrated north and we've seen flocks of Red Wattlebirds and Yellow-faced Honeyeaters flying over recently. Other birds are starting to arrive and we can expect to see Scarlet Robins, White-eared Honeyeaters and Grey Currawongs amongst the winter visitors. Keep your binoculars handy and the bird bath topped up, if you have one, and you might see something different in your garden.

New Members

We welcome the following new members and look forward to their participation:

George Milkovits and Helen Stevenson, Merimbula
Deborah Bowman, Corryong
Ken Robinson, Bermagui
Norm and Jule Craig, Fairhaven
Doug and Annette Somerville, Bega.

Activity Reports

WATERY FOWLS, WALLAGOOT

Saturday April 10, 2021

Cliff Wallis

A glorious autumn morning greeted an enthusiastic group of 26 birdwatchers at Cliff and Sayaka's property adjoining Bournda NP and Wallagoot Lake. It was nice to be back here again after missing last year due to virus issues. Watery Fowls lived up to its name today – parts of the property were still quite wet after the heavy March rain and the wetlands and lake had plenty of water.

The party split into two groups enabling the same habitat to be covered twice. This resulted in some different sightings for each group. The new, narrow footbridge over the creek caused some consternation, with one birdwatcher unable to navigate the crossing successfully.

Raptors that were absent while the groups were walking appeared magically at morning tea and lunch time – excellent views had of a Brown Goshawk, Whistling Kite and White-bellied Sea-Eagle.

Interesting sightings included 12 White-fronted Chats, a Buff-banded Rail, four Gang-gang Cockatoos, four Olive-backed Orioles and a White-bellied Cuckoo-Shrike, the first sighting at the property and the 181st species recorded since 1998.

Apart from the banksias there was little in flower and few honeyeaters. The Spangled Drongos seen the previous day with Julian (guest speaker the previous evening) did not appear but there were many other good birds seen. Total species count for the day was 65.

PANBOOLA AUTUMN SURVEY

Wednesday April 14, 2021

Robyn Kesby

The billabongs were still full to the brim after the floods in the last week of March. Some puddles on the mown paths gave us wet feet, but overall Panboola was looking lush and inviting. Ten observers gathered at 8am at Watsons Waterhole and were pleased to find four Dusky Moorhens, including one immature, in addition to the four Black Swans, single Eurasian Coot and several Purple Swamphens there.

As we reached the river from the end of the Corridor, the trees were alive with small birds that were identified eventually as Brown, Striated and Yellow Thornbills along with Grey Fantails and Yellow-faced Honeyeaters. Further along the riverbank a Wedge-tailed Eagle was disturbed and flew into a tree on the far side of the river where it perched for us all to have a good view.



Australasian Swamphen

image: Leo Berzins

At the old racecourse, a flock of birds flew across into a tree to the east of the Old Kiosk. A closer look showed that there were three Eastern Great Egrets, two Little Pied Cormorants, five Royal Spoonbills, five Australian White Ibis and a Galah perched near each other. Quite a group!

Dot, Phil and Max found two Southern Emu-wrens along the road on the way back from the racecourse while the rest of us returned along Olwyns Link. Dot also pointed out a Spotted Pardalote in the Waterbird Sanctuary. An enjoyable survey finished on a high note back at Watsons Waterhole with an Australasian Darter flying high above a White-bellied Sea-Eagle and a group of 33 Straw-necked and Australian White Ibis flying over. The final count was 54 species.

TANJA, MIDDLE BEACH/ LAGOON AND SURROUNDS

Sunday April 25, 2021

Jenny Morrison

On Anzac Day, with personal thoughts and rosemary for remembrance, 18 folks gathered at Three Ways, Tanja, outside Navigate Arts. Insects in the air kept Welcome Swallows on the move and Dusky Woodswallows could be seen further away on high bare branches. The hungry calls of a young Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo almost drowned the calls of the Bell Miners as its parents tore at the Black Wattle to find food.

A wander through the grounds of the Old Church saw Lewin's Honeyeater, Little Wattlebird, and an Eastern Rosella and a King-Parrot flying over. But the most unusual sight was Angie sitting on her verandah waving her fly swat to keep away the Golden Whistler which dive-bombed her, trying to get to her mirrors.

Next stop was Middle Beach car park and it was a perfect day to walk along the lagoon edge to the entrance (now closed). On the water Black Swans predominated, Musk Ducks needed to be confirmed by the photographers but Little Black, Little Pied and Great Cormorants were easily identified. At the sand spit along with Australian Pied Oystercatchers were Red-capped Plovers and a Double-banded Plover. Some of us chose to walk back via the beach and the rest returned via the lagoon side.

A Scarlet Honeyeater and Spotted Pardalote were seen and heard as we had a cuppa at the car park before walking through the campsite to the start of the walk to Bithry Inlet. Leaving that walk for another day and with a White-bellied Sea-Eagle above we drove to Tanja Lagoon Camp a short distance away. Thank you Loz and Libby for letting us explore such a beautiful spot with its variety of habitats. We lunched in Libby's garden (she surprised us with a cake) after walking down to the lagoon where we saw a Royal Spoonbill and White Ibis on the far shore. In the trees were White-throated Treecreeper and Golden Whistler; the Jacky Winter preferred the more open areas. A lovely day with good company and 57 bird species.

Thanks for access to the Church grounds Louise (Artistic Director of Navigate Arts) and Angie.

BEMBOKA
Saturday May 8, 2021
Lizzie Simkus

An Australasian Darter flying overhead got the species list off to a good start as nine club members met at Colombo Park. With 150 mm of rain falling during the week we slogged our way down to the score board to record another 15 species but found nothing unexpected. We saw Dusky Moorhens at Green's Dam, a Common Bronzewing on Yankees Gap Road and were entertained by a tame White-winged Chough near the gate of a local WIRES carer, as well as the usual local species.



Lunch at Noel's

image: Max Sutcliffe

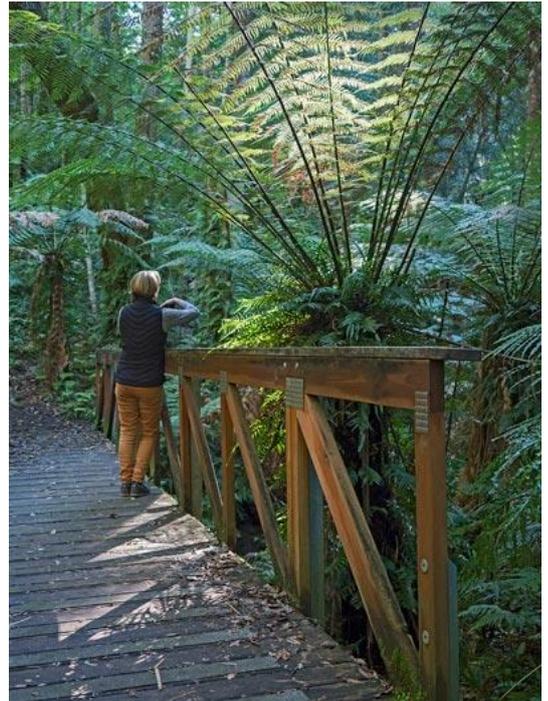
Then at an impromptu stop further along Yankees Gap Road we were kept busy as we spotted a White-eared Honeyeater, a pair of Rufous Whistlers, six Yellow Thornbills, 18 Satin Bowerbirds, a pair of Scarlet Robins, a Crested Pigeon carrying a stick and 15 other species including Bell Miners in the distance.

When we arrived at Noel's, he and a friend were still clearing a walking track for us down by the creek. Noel guided us along the freshly-made path but the roar of the water drowned out a lot of bird calls and as the track dwindled some walkers decided to return to cars. White-throated Treecreepers and Lewin's Honeyeaters were heard and some of us watched a Golden Whistler preening after his bath. Back at the cars, Barbara and Di had heard a Superb Lyrebird and BJ's expert call-recognition skills identified a Pilotbird, bringing the day's tally to 50 species.

Many thanks to Noel for his hospitality and guidance as well as an interesting conversation at lunch time. Thank you Barbara for keeping the list and David for entering the species in Birdata.

GOODENIA RAINFOREST
Sunday 23 May, 2021
Leo Berzins

A modest turnout of eight members assembled at South Pambula on a calm, sunny morning before driving inland to Goodenia Rainforest. A pair of Spotted Quail-thrush foraging near the edge of the road warranted a brief stop on the way in. On arrival we were greeted by a constant background of Bell Miner calls and a ninth member waiting at the picnic area. The steep descent into the gully was fairly uneventful but we were rewarded further along the gully by a Superb Lyrebird delighting us with an impressive repertoire of bird call mimicry. As we began our ascent back to the picnic area we heard a Pilotbird calling but we didn't manage to catch sight of it.



Goodenia Rainforest

image: Kim Armstrong

Morning tea at the picnic area was followed by a much easier walk down the road. A few more birds were added to the list, including Crimson Rosella, King-Parrot, Golden Whistler and White-throated Treecreeper. Another Pilotbird was heard close by but no sighting of this one either.

Species count for the day was 18.

Eden Little Penguin Project
Robyn Kesby

I attended a meeting of the group established to reintroduce Little Penguins to Eden on 28 April, representing the Far South Coast Birdwatchers. Artificial burrows have been placed at the bottom of the cliff at Wheel Cove (around the corner from Eagles Claw Nature Reserve). Recordings of Little Penguin calls were played continuously to attract others to the site. Cameras recorded a minimum of six but up to nine different individuals visiting.

Nicholas Carlile says the penguins will be looking for breeding sites at the beginning of June so this meeting was to make sure that all will be ready for them. All the burrows are in good condition and the sound system will be ready with a few tweaks. Some weed control, particularly blackberry, will be done soon. Fox and rabbit control was also discussed.

Erosion from frequent visits to check the site may become a problem so future visits will be by boat. Chris Lloyd talked about approaching schools again for involvement and talking to Rotary about their proposed path around the headland. It was noted that the Marine Discovery Centre has closed and can no longer be involved.

Ranger Wendy Noble acknowledged the several donations received, including from FSCB.

Common (Indian) Myna Report – May 2021

Hayden Kingston, South East Local Land Services

The control program has continued over recent months with an increase in activity following the breeding season. Trapping sites at Quaama, Candelo, Bemboka and Bega have had some success during summer and autumn and are ongoing. We have been able to trap some birds in the vicinity of the Bega Hospital and Glen Mia where we have received regular reports for some time.

SE LLS staff are reporting sightings and control activities into the MynaScan project. Common (Indian) Myna sightings can be reported to South East Local Land Services, Bega office on 6491 7800.

Member Profile: Bryan Henshaw

How did your interest in birds start?

From my earliest memories I have had an interest in birds, which I shared with my mother. I grew up in Brisbane but remember only common suburban birds such as Crows, Magpies, Butcherbirds and Bellbirds. Only in retirement, and with the guidance of Roger Heffernan, have I actively participated in birdwatching. We had been very close friends for a long time, and yet were unaware that each other was interested in birds. So my active birdwatching began with Roger and in that time my birding world has expanded exponentially. My wife Maureen and I joined FSCB in 2014 and have loved the events and particularly the friendship of the group. Living in Canberra, I wish we were able to attend more events, but when we do we feel at home.



What is your favourite birding spot in the Bega Valley?

There are so many places in the Bega Valley that I love to visit. It is a soul-restoring place to come to. My favourite is the Heffernans' farm at Yurammie and the excursions we have undertaken from there.

In Australia?

My birdwatching excursions in recent years have covered every state in Australia (as well as several overseas countries). I have met and made some wonderful friends with FSCB and beyond through birdwatching. Every event that I attend with FSCB is wonderful. A close second would be visits to: Tropical Nth Qld, NT particularly the Kakadu National Park, Kimberley, Broome, Perth, Werribee STW, Lord Howe Island and everywhere else in Australia. I have been quite staggered by the gem that is the STWs. It never ceases to amaze me that regardless of where you are in Australia, including the middle of the dry centre, you encounter birds, but I have been bewildered by the tremendous variety of birds in this country.

Memorable Moments

The absolute highlights are seeing in the wild and photographing Gouldian Finches, Bell Miners and Eastern Whipbirds.

Do you have a favourite bird?

My favourite bird is the Gouldian Finch. Equal second are the Azure Kingfisher and the Major Mitchell Cockatoo.

Birding ambitions:

To date my Australian bird count is 549, of which I have photographed 443. I have also identified a further 72 birds overseas. I would like to identify and photograph as many Australian birds as possible. My health in recent times has impacted my capacity for birdwatching, but I intend to continue for as long as I possibly can.

A SELECTION of SIGHTINGS from April/May 2021

Please report your sightings, especially threatened species

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THREATENED SPECIES

27/04/2021	Diamond Firetail	15	Rocky Hall, opp Reserve	K Waldon	
22/05/2021	Diamond Firetail	regulars	Bega, Frogs Hollow	S Middleton	
10/04/2021	Gang-gang Cockatoo	4	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	FSCB outing	
12/04/2021	Hooded Plover	1	Wallagoot Beach	Wallis/Mihara	
26/04/2021	Pied Oystercatcher	6	Merimbula Lake, boardwalk	K Waldon	
2/04/2021	Southern Emu-wren	3	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	Wallis/Mihara	
14/04/2021	Southern Emu-wren	2	Panboola	FSCB Survey	
24/04/2021	Swift Parrot	1	Merimbula, Benandra Ave	R Bilney	flowering E.longifolia
13/05/2021	Swift Parrot	25	Berrambool	M Sutcliffe	heading north
17/05/2021	Turquoise Parrot	2	Kiah	J Morris	

14/04/2021	Australasian Darter	1	Panboola	FSCB Survey	
8/05/2021	Australasian Darter	1 over	Bemboka, Rec Ground	FSCB outing	
22/05/2021	Australasian Gannet	1 dead	Merimbula Lake, beside Brdwalk	L Johnson	
27/04/2021	Australasian Pipit	16	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
14/04/2021	Australian Magpie	22	Panboola	FSCB Survey	
7/04/2021	Aust Owllet-nightjar	1	Wolumla, Frogs Hollow	S Middleton	video leaving hollow
29/04/2021	Australian Shelduck	1 f	Candelo, Tantawangalo Mtn Rd	K & D Waldon	
14/04/2021	Australasian Shoveler	3	Panboola	FSCB Survey	
29/04/2021	Australasian Shoveler	25	Candelo, Tantawangalo Mtn Rd	K & D Waldon	
9/04/2021	Azure Kingfisher	1	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	Wallis/Mihara/J Teh	
17/05/2021	Barking Owl	1	Kiah	J Morris	near wood and mice
25/04/2021	Black Swan	28	Tanja, Middle Lagoon	FSCB outing	
9/04/2021	Black-browed Albatross	1	off Wallagoot Beach	J Teh	
1/04/2021	Black-faced C'ko-shrike	8	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
10/04/2021	Black-fronted Dotterel	2	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	FSCB outing	
27/04/2021	Black-fronted Dotterel	dozens	Cathcart, Black Lake	L Berzins	
27/04/2021	Black-winged Stilt	~40	Cathcart, Black Lake	L Berzins	
10/04/2021	Brown Goshawk	1	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	FSCB outing	
2/04/2021	Brown-h'ed Honeyeater	6	Wolumla, Frogs Hollow	S Middleton	
10/04/2021	Buff-banded Rail	1	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	FSCB outing	
29/05/2021	Buff-banded Rail	2	Eden, Lake Curalo Bdwlk	D Waldon	
12/04/2021	Cattle Egret	32	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
12/04/2021	Cattle Egret	70	Bega near Hospital	S Romane	
14/04/2021	Cattle Egret	6	Panboola	FSCB Survey	
7/05/2021	Cattle Egret	18	Pambula Flats	B Jones	
8/05/2021	Cattle Egret	8	Millingandi	D Waldon	
27/04/2021	Collared Sparrowhawk	1	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	Wallis/Mihara	
21/05/2021	Collared Sparrowhawk	1 calling	Nethercote	B Jones	in its birth tree
29/05/2021	Common Myna	4	Yurammie	R Heffernan	all 4 trapped in 2 days
28/04/2021	Crescent Honeyeater	1 male	Pambula Beach, Lions Park	K Waldon	
8/05/2021	Crescent Honeyeater	2 male	Tura Beach	L Allen	
8/05/2021	Crescent Honeyeater	1	Bemboka, Rec Ground	FSCB outing	
17/05/2021	Crested Pigeon	2	Kiah	J Morris	new, since fires
27/04/2021	Crested Shrike-tit	1	Rocky Hall Reserve	K Waldon	
25/04/2021	Double-banded Plover	1	Tanja, Middle Beach	FSCB outing	
22/05/2021	Double-barred Finch	families	Bega, Frogs Hollow	S Middleton	
14/04/2021	Dusky Moorhen	4	Panboola	FSCB Survey	
8/05/2021	Dusky Moorhen	1ad 1imm	Bemboka, Bird Route 2	FSCB outing	
2/04/2021	Dusky Woodswallow	10	Wolumla, Frogs Hollow	S Middleton	
10/04/2021	Dusky Woodswallow	3	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	FSCB outing	
25/04/2021	Dusky Woodswallow	4	Tanja, cnr Dr George Mtn Rd	FSCB outing	
21/04/2021	Emu	1	Burragate	H Kingston	1km south of township
21/04/2021	European Goldfinch	12	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
10/04/2021	Fairy Martin	5	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	FSCB outing	
9/04/2021	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	several	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	Wallis/Mihara/J Teh	
19/04/2021	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	2	Nethercote	B Jones	passing through
27/04/2021	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	2	Nethercote	B Jones	in spindly garden casuarina
14/04/2021	Golden-headed Cisticola	5	Panboola	FSCB Survey	
25/04/2021	Great Cormorant	10	Tanja, Middle Beach	FSCB outing	

19/04/2021	Grey Currawong	1	Wyndham, Mt Darragh Rd	R Heffernan	
15/04/2021	Grey Goshawk	1	Nethercote	B Jones	
27/04/2021	Grey Teal	000s	Cathcart, Black Lake	L Berzins	
26/04/2021	Hoary-headed Grebe	2	Merimbula Lake, boardwalk	K Waldon	
29/04/2021	Hoary-headed Grebe	3	Candelo, Tantawangalo Mtn Rd	K & D Waldon	
3/05/2021	honeyeater migration	0000's	Green Cape Light Station	L & A Hepburn	
12/04/2021	House Sparrow	1	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	Wallis/Mihara	new sighting for property
19/04/2021	Intermediate Egret	1	Eden Boardwalk	K Waldon	photos confirm
17/05/2021	Intermediate Egret	1	Panboola	L Berzins	photo
14/04/2021	Jacky Winter	2	Panboola	FSCB Survey	
25/04/2021	Jacky Winter	3	Tanja, 'Ngairin'	FSCB outing	
29/05/2021	Jacky Winter	7	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
27/04/2021	Leaden Flycatcher	1	Rocky Hall Reserve	K Waldon	
29/04/2021	Little Corella	0000s	Candelo, Tantawangalo Mtn Rd	K & D Waldon	
10/04/2021	Little Egret	1	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	FSCB outing	
9/04/2021	Little Lorikeet	6	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	Wallis/Mihara/J Teh	
10/04/2021	Little Pied Cormorant	30	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	FSCB outing	
14/04/2021	Magpie-lark	15	Panboola	FSCB Survey	
14/04/2021	Masked Lapwing	23	Panboola	FSCB Survey	
6/04/2021	Mistletoebird	1	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	Wallis/Mihara	
10/05/2021	Mistletoebird	1 male	Nth Tura, Sapphire Coast Drive	C Meslin	
9/04/2021	Mistletoebird	2 pairs	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	Wallis/Mihara/J Teh	
20/04/2021	Musk Duck	2 m, 1 f	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	Wallis/Mihara	often seen
25/04/2021	Musk Duck	6	Tanja, Middle Lagoon	FSCB outing	
9/04/2021	Musk Lorikeet	6	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	Wallis/Mihara/J Teh	
1/04/2021	Noisy Friarbird	2	Merimbula, Berrambool	M Sutcliffe	in garden briefly
10/04/2021	Olive-backed Oriole	4	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	FSCB outing	
17/05/2021	Peaceful Dove	6	Kiah	J Morris	not since before fires
8/05/2021	Pilotbird	1	Bemboka, Noel Whitem property	FSCB outing	
23/05/2021	Pilotbird	1	Goodenia Rainforest	FSCB outing	
29/04/2021	Pink-eared Duck	1	Candelo, Tantawangalo Mtn Rd	K & D Waldon	
8/05/2021	Red Wattlebird	100	Bemboka, Greens Crossing	FSCB outing	
8/05/2021	Red Wattlebird	100+	Bemboka, Pollocks Flat Rd	Jones/Waldon	
27/04/2021	Red-capped Plover	18	Wallagoot Beach	Wallis/Mihara	
19/04/2021	Rose Robin	1	Bournda, near field huts	K Waldon	photos
20/04/2021	Rose Robin	1	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	Wallis/Mihara	
14/04/2021	Royal Spoonbill	5	Panboola	FSCB Survey	
8/05/2021	Rufous Whistler	pair	Bemboka, Yankees Gap Rd	FSCB outing	
2/04/2021	Scarlet Honeyeater	1 male	Pambula Beach residential	D Waldon	
3/04/2021	Scarlet Honeyeater	1 male	Tura Beach garden	L Collins	
9/04/2021	Scarlet Honeyeater	1	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	Wallis/Mihara/J Teh	
19/04/2021	Scarlet Honeyeater	pair	Candelo Cemetery	R Heffernan	
27/04/2021	Scarlet Robin	pair	Rocky Hall, opp Reserve	K Waldon	
27/04/2021	Scarlet Robin	pair	Wyndham, New Buildings Rd	K Waldon	
8/05/2021	Scarlet Robin	pair	Bemboka, Yankees Gap Rd	FSCB outing	
19/05/2021	Southern Boobook	calls	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
9/04/2021	Spangled Drongo	3	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	Wallis/Mihara/J Teh	
2/05/2021	Spangled Drongo	1	Coolagoolite, Rileys Rd	D Ondinea	
24/04/2021	Spotted Quail-thrush	2	Sth Pambula	H Kingston/J Reed	seen regularly
23/05/2021	Spotted Quail-thrush	present	Goodenia Rainforest road	FSCB outing	
27/04/2021	Stubble Quail	6	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
14/04/2021	Superb Fairy-wren	22	Panboola	FSCB Survey	
16/04/2021	Superb Lyrebird	nesting	Tathra	Per D Reckord	on verandah.
8/05/2021	Superb Lyrebird	1	Bemboka, Whitem property	FSCB outing	
23/05/2021	Superb Lyrebird	present	Goodenia Rainforest	FSCB outing	
14/04/2021	Swamp Harrier	2	Panboola	FSCB Survey	
25/04/2021	Swamp Harrier	1	Tanja, 'Ngairin' Lagoon Camp	FSCB outing	
2/04/2021	Tree Martin	50+	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	Wallis/Mihara	
6/04/2021	Varied Sittella	present	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	Wallis/Mihara	
22/05/2021	Varied Sittella	~20	Wolumla, Frogs Hollow	S Middleton incl young, close to humans	
2/04/2021	Wh-bellied C'ck'o-shrike	1	Wolumla, Frogs Hollow	S Middleton	
10/04/2021	Wh-bellied C'ck'o-shrike	1	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	FSCB outing	
30/05/2021	Wh-bellied C'ck'o-shrike	1	Nethercote	B Jones	in white cedar again
5/04/2021	Wh-bellied Sea-Eagle	2 at nest	Pamb/Merimb Golf Course	D Burrdge	third fairway
10/04/2021	Wh-bellied Sea-Eagle	2	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	FSCB outing	
14/04/2021	Wh-bellied Sea-Eagle	1 imm	Panboola	FSCB Survey	
19/04/2021	White-eared Honeyeater	1	Cathcart Cemetery	R Heffernan	
1/05/2021	White-eared Honeyeater	1	Yurammie	R Heffernan	other days too
8/05/2021	White-eared Honeyeater	1	Bemboka, Yankees Gap Rd	FSCB outing	
10/04/2021	White-faced Heron	8	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	FSCB outing	
14/04/2021	White-faced Heron	14	Panboola	FSCB Survey	
2/04/2021	White-fronted Chat	6	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	Wallis/Mihara	seen regularly
10/04/2021	White-fronted Chat	12	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	FSCB outing	

25/04/2021	White-headed Pigeon	3	Tanja, "Ngairin"	FSCB outing	
26/04/2021	White-winged Chough	8	Bermagui, Strudwicks Rd	D Adams	
8/05/2021	White-winged Chough	17	Bemboka, Greens Crossing	FSCB outing	
17/05/2021	White-winged Chough	9	Kiah	J Morris	returned since fires
27/04/2021	Willie Wagtail	10	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
8/05/2021	Yellow Thornbill	6	Bemboka, Yankees Gap Rd	FSCB outing	
10/04/2021	Yellow Thornbill	6	Wallagoot, 'Watery Fowls'	FSCB outing	
14/04/2021	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	25	Panboola	FSCB Survey	
5/04/2021	Yellow-t'd Black-Cockatoo	20	Nethercote	L Cooper	in Jones tree
15/05/2021	Yellow-t'd Black-Cockatoo	6	Bega, Glebe Ave	H Kingston	flying over
25/04/2021	Yellow-t'd Black-Cockatoo	2+1y	Tanja, cnr Dr George Mtn Rd	FSCB outing	
27/04/2021	Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	1	Rocky Hall Reserve	K Waldon	



Crescent Honeyeater

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Little Egret

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COMING EVENTS

*Held on second Saturday and fourth Sunday of each month and odd weekdays.
Evening Meetings on second Thursday of February, April, June, August, October and December.
Information about outings or help with transport contact anyone on committee (see FSCB Directory page 8).*

Thursday June 10, 2021 EVENING MEETING

Meet in the Uniting Church Hall, Henwood St, Merimbula for a 7:30 pm start. Our guest speaker is FSCB member, Rohan Bilney, who will talk about owls in the Bega Valley. The raffle prizes will be native plants and everyone is welcome to join us for supper and a chat after the meeting.

Saturday June 12, 2021 CATHCART

Meet at 9:00 am at the Cathcart Memorial Hall car park. Rug up for a visit to some of our favourite spots around Bombala to look for Flame Robins and possibly see a platypus or two. Bring a snack and a chair for a morning tea stop along the way and pack some lunch or pick up a hot takeaway in town.

Sunday June 27, 2021 EDEN

Meet at 9:00 am at the rest area car park near the Scout Hall on the Princes Highway, opposite Eden Gateway Holiday Park. Many options around Eden, starting with the Lake Curalo boardwalk. Easy walking. Bring a snack, lunch and chair.

Saturday July 10, 2021 BEGA

Meet at 9:00 am just inside the Bega Saleyards in Kerrisons Lane, Bega. Various sites will be visited around town. Short walks only. Bring a snack and food for lunch at the Heritage Centre picnic area.

Wednesday July 14, 2021 PANBOOLA SURVEY

Meet at 8:30 am at Panboola Centre, Watsons Waterhole, next to Idlewilde Motel in Bullara St, Pambula for the winter survey. Wear sturdy shoes and warm clothes. Carry a snack and drink. The survey takes about three hours.

Sunday July 25, 2021 BIRD ROUTE No 3, WYNDHAM TO ROCKY HALL

Meet at 9:00 am at the Wyndham Store. We'll be heading for Rocky Hall with a few stops on the way and lunch at the Big Jack Mountain picnic area. Bring a chair, food and drink.

Wednesday August 4, 2021 KAMERUKA AREA

Meet at 9:00 am, 400 m along West Kameruka Rd, off the Bega to Candelo Rd. From the coast, drive to Candelo and continue straight ahead (not across the bridge) then turn left about 3.5 km north of Candelo or if driving from Bega turn right 500 m beyond the Kameruka Estate main entrance. From here we'll drive to several places in the area. Bring food, drinks and a chair.

Sat/Sun August 7/8, 2021 SWIFT PARROT SURVEY

The second 2021 survey period is from Saturday 17th July to Sunday 29th August for a six-week period, and centred around the first weekend in August. Sightings will be reported on the Google group and updated at outings. Please report incidental sightings of Swift Parrots to fscbirds@bigpond.com at any time.

Thursday August 12, 2021 EVENING MEETING

Meet in the Uniting Church Hall, Henwood St, Merimbula, for a 7:30 pm start. Our guest speaker is Tom Rowell, who will give a presentation on "Predator Awareness Training in the Helmeted Honeyeater". The raffle prizes will be native plants and everyone is welcome to join us for supper and a chat after the meeting.

Saturday August 14, 2021 MOGAREEKA

Meet at 9:00 am at the Tathra Sewage Treatment Works between Tathra and Mogareeka. Look for the sign near the solar panels, plenty of parking. Then on to Mogareeka for lunch at the Lions Park. Bring food and drink and a chair, though the picnic tables will probably be available.

FSCB GOOGLE GROUP and FACEBOOK

Go to the welcome page at <http://groups.google.com/group/fscb?hl=en> and follow the instructions. If you have trouble contact David on dpadams@gmail.com or Barbara. In the set up process you will be asked to give your email address and a password which will be yours just for the chat line (not your personal email password). You won't be inundated with email. Maybe one or two a day, then nothing for a week/weeks, but the more people use the service the more useful it will become. Try it and see.

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