KBCB – WPSQ Bird observations: Grinstead-Sparkes Hill 14/02/2010 Start 7:00am

Leaders Dawn Muir and Esther Townsend with six other participants. Sunny morning following good rain over past week or so.

Observed birds arranged in order of list by Birds Queensland based upon work by Christidis & Boyles 2008

Common Name	Code
Australian Brush-turkey	
Pacific Black Duck	
Spotted Dove	
Crested Pigeon	
Little Black Cormorant	
Australasian Bittern	
Australian White Ibis	O
Grey Goshawk	
Australian Hobby	
Masked Lapwing	
Galah	
Little Corella	
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	
Cockatiel	
Rainbow Lorikeet	
Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	
Pale-headed Rosella	
Pheasant Coucal	H
Eastern Koel	
Laughing Kookaburra	
Sacred Kingfisher	
Rainbow Bee-eater	
Dollarbird	
Variegated Fairy-wren	

Common Name	Code
White-browed Scrubwren	
Striated Pardalote	H
Lewin's Honeyeater	
Noisy Miner	
Blue-faced Honeyeater	
Noisy Friarbird	
Little Friarbird	
Eastern Whipbird	
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	
Australasian Figbird	
Grey Butcherbird	
Pied Butcherbird	
Australian Magpie	
Pied Currawong	
Spangled Drongo	
Willie Wagtail	
Torresian Crow	
Magpie-lark	
Silvereye	
Total species observed	**43**

The following codes indicate type of observation; H = specific birdcall heard O = flying overhead
No numerical entry in the code column indicates at least one bird of the named species was detected.
Common species (e.g. noisy miner, crows) were often present.

General comments:

Kedron Brook was flowing strongly and there were fewer water birds noted as a result. At Grinstead Park, there were two Little Black Cormorants and a Pacific Black Duck with two ducklings and drake following.

The finding of an Australasian Bittern was unusual for our region. It was sighted on a dead branch of a tree as Noisy Miners, Magpie-larks and a Sulphur-crested Cockatoo gave the alarm and the Noisy Minors dive-bombed it. Likewise, the Noisy Minors disturbed a Grey Goshawk on a branch in an eucalypt above the fruit colony.

A Cockatiel was seen feeding on grass seed at the edge of the storm water channel entering the Brook at Grinstead Park. It was thought to be an escapee from a caged bird lover.

Of particular note were the numerous sightings of Dollarbirds, both in Sparkes Hill and in Grinstead Park.

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