

South-east Australia

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South Australia (SA), Victoria (Vic) and New South Wales (NSW)

This is a report from a combined birding and holiday trip to south-east Australia in the warm and dry summer period. We travelled from Adelaide east to the hot and dry inland of Victoria where we visited Wyperfeld and Hattah-Kulkyne National Parks. From there we left for the coast west of Melbourne known as The Great Ocean Road. After a few days with cooler and more pleasant weather we went inland to visit the areas around Deniliquin before heading for the Blue Mountains and finally the Sydney area. The total number of species came to 242.

We arranged a rental car through Avis in Sweden that we picked up in Adelaide and returned in Sydney 3 weeks later. The cost for this car was 1010 AUD.

Most of our nights were spent in motels along the roads, the cost for a double was about 60-80AUD/night. We camped in Wyperfeld and Hattah-Kulkyne National Parks, this was inexpensive but basic.

Eating at restaurants is generally less expensive than in northern Europe. Good fast food is found even in the smallest towns and makes up for a large part of the daily intake.

Literature

Australia, by Lonely Planet

Birds of the world, a checklist, by James F. Clements

Collins field guide: Birds of Australia, by Graham Pizzey and Frank Knight

Where to find birds in Australia, by John Bransbury

The complete guide to finding the Birds of Australia, by Richard Thomas and Sarah Thomas

A photographic guide to mammals of Australia, by Ronald Strahan

Lonely Planets Australia guide was the one we easily could have coped without. The guide is good, but written for backpackers going for the bigger cities and coastal towns and therefore of little use for birders travelling off the beaten track.

When comparing field guides we preferred Pizzey and Knight's to Simpson and Day's "Field guide to the birds of Australia", the former having better plates.

Site descriptions

St Kilda (SA)

Easy to reach going north from Adelaide on A1. We birded the fringes of the area, which was OK since our main goal with this trip wasn't shorebirds. To get to the best parts for shorebirds you have to get in touch with local birders who are able to give you access to the area.

Belair National Park (SA)

A small park in the south-east suburbs of Adelaide. We made a short stop here to look for the **Adelaide Rosella**.

Granite Island, Victor Harbor (SA)

Situated on the Fleurieu Peninsula south of Adelaide. This is a good place to see **Little Penguins** as there is a small colony on Granite Island next to Victor Harbor. There are guided tours in the evening (10AUD) and this seems to be the only way to see the penguins as they are out at sea during daytime. Don't expect to see as many penguins here as you do on Phillip Island (Vic), a handful is what you can count on.

Coorong National Park (SA)

We stayed in Meningie, which makes a good base for this area. If you prefer to camp there are campsites near Salt Creek. We birded along the road going west from the town centre towards Narrung, which is good for many wetland species such as **Cape Barren Goose**. Heading south from Meningie along Princes Hwy you will reach Salt Creek from where a loop road starts, a good information board is next to the petrol station. We were lucky to see a pair of **Mallee Fowl** on a working mound, which was signposted along the loop road. Further south along Princes Hwy you can reach the ocean via 42-Mile Crossing, we had **Rufous Bristlebird** and **Elegant Parrots** here. Coorong N.P is not the best place to find large numbers of shorebirds as they are widely scattered along the lagoon.

Hattah-Kulkyne National Park (Vic)

This is a very good place to find many of the mallee specialities, along the Nowingi Track we had **Mallee Emu-wren**, **Chestnut Quail-thrush** and **Striated Grasswren**. There are nice walking trails near the campsite at Lake Hattah where we camped accompanied by a noisy group of **Apostlebirds**. The campsite is very basic, there are toilets and drinking water but no showers provided. There is a small store on Calder Hwy at the turnoff for the park where you will be able to get some supplies, otherwise Ouyen is the nearest town. For more information on the national parks in Victoria, please see <http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/>

Wyperfeld National Park (Vic)

This national park is similar to Hattah-Kulkyne N.P, but was slightly greener and we saw lots of kangaroos here. The area to focus on is the Eastern Lookout Nature Drive

from where Dattuck Track and Lowan Track are reached. **White-browed Babbler** and **Red Capped Robin** were found along these tracks. There is a basic campsite at the information-centre. Roads and tracks are generally well signposted in both Hattah-Kulkynne N.P and Wyperfeld N.P. Obviously January isn't the best time to visit these parks since it's very hot and dry with lots of annoying flies. The great advantage though is that there will be very few visitors at this time of the year, we didn't meet anyone during four days.

Great Ocean Road (Vic)

This is a well-known tourist route with spectacular scenery and well worth a visit. We stayed two nights in Port Campbell, but there is plenty of accommodation along this stretch of coast. There are a few good species that can be found in this part of Victoria. We ran into a nesting pair of **Hooded Plovers** and saw **Blackfaced Cormorants** at Childer's Cove, which is between Warrnambool and Peterborough. One **Rufous Bristlebird** was heard at The Arch and there is a large colony of **Short-tailed Shearwaters** on Muttonbird Island, just off the coast at Loch Ard Gorge. We were there in mid-January when the birds are breeding and it's spectacular to see the birds come in at dusk, circling overhead before landing on Muttonbird Island. According to the information board there are 25 000 pairs nesting at this site.

Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic)

Sherbrooke Forest is part of Dandenong Ranges N.P and is situated near Belgrave, 35km east of the city centre. There are many good trails and this is a good place to see **Superb Lyrebirds**. We were lucky to see five **Blue-winged Parrots**, which according to a local birder are regular in summer. (see map at end of report)

Deniliquin (NSW)

To get the most out of this area it's best to hire the excellent services of Phil Maher, <http://www.philipmaher.com> Phil has a great knowledge of the area and knows where to find the local specialities. We had a full day in the field giving us among others **Black Falcon, Superb Parrot, Inland Dotterel** and **Pied Honeyeater**. After dark we spotlighted **Plains-wanderer** and **Stubble Quail**.

Blue Mountains (NSW)

We spent one morning going up the Glen Davis road, which starts at Capertee, making stops wherever it looked good. We saw several species of honeyeaters but dipped out on Regent Honeyeater, though we did find two **Double-barred Finches**. This stretch of road can probably be very productive giving it more time than we did. Later in the same day we spent a few hours birding around Echo Point, which is situated near Katoomba, this is where you find the lookout for "The Three Sisters". There are trails starting at the information centre and choosing the ones with fewer people it is possible to round up a few good species, we saw a male **Satin Bowerbird** active by his bower. Nearby is Wentworth Falls, a steep hillside where we managed to find our only **Pilotbird** for the trip.

Barrington Tops National Park (NSW)

For birders going to Queensland it's not necessary to visit Barrington Tops as many of the species can be more easily found further north. The only exception is Rufous Scrub-bird, which we unfortunately never found, although we did find **Australian Brush-turkey, Wonga- and Topknot Pigeon and Yellow-throated Scrubwren**. The road description in Thomas & Thomas' book is confusing and we found the best way to get to Barrington Tops is heading north from Newcastle on Pacific Hwy (1) and turning off towards Gloucester. Well before Gloucester the park is signposted "Gloucester Tops N.P", turn off here and follow this road for approximately 30km until you reach the entrance signposted "Barrington Tops N.P". The name of the park on signs seems to change constantly along this stretch. Just after the entrance to the park there is a small campsite where you'll find a good information board over the area. From here the road starts to climb and near the top you'll find Kerripit Road going to the right, pass this road and look for Rufous Scrub-birds on the way to the top.

Morton National Park (NSW)

We only spent an afternoon here at Tianjara Falls where we saw **Rock Warbler** and **Beautiful Firetail**. Tianjara Falls are called Triabunna Falls in Thomas & Thomas' book and the best road (a dirtroad) to get here is to turn off Princes Hwy (1) at Tomerong heading for Sassafras.

Barren Grounds (NSW)

Southwest of Wollongong, between Robertson and Jamberoo. A pleasant place to go birding and fairly easy to get around. It's basically a circular route starting from the parkinglot. We had no problem finding **Eastern Bristlebird** and **Southern Emuwren**. The **Ground Parrots** weren't too co-operative, we only heard two at dusk. Camping is not allowed in Barren Grounds, but there is a campsite near Robertson, ask around in town.

Sydney (NSW)

We did not spend that much time birding in Sydney, but visited Centennial Park that usually holds several species of waterbirds and some passerines. This place can be useful as an introduction for newly arrived birders. Royal Botanic Gardens in central Sydney is also a good spot to kill a few hours, we saw a few **Buff-banded Rails** here.

Species list

following Clement's checklist

EMU (*Dromaius novaehollandiae novaehollandiae*)

3 Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic), several Deniliquin area (NSW)

LITTLE PENGUIN (*Eudyptula minor novaehollandiae*)

20+ Granite Island, Victor Harbor (SA), 1 found dead at Apollo Bay (Vic)

AUSTRALASIAN GREBE (*Tachybaptus novaehollandiae novaehollandiae*)

10 Werribee sewage ponds (Vic), 2 Deniliquin area (NSW), 15 Centennial Park, Sydney (NSW)

HOARY-HEADED GREBE (*Poliiocephalus poliocephalus*)

2 Port Gawler (SA), 7 Coorong N.P (SA), 5 Werribee sewage ponds (Vic), few Deniliquin area (NSW)

GREAT CRESTED GREBE (*Podiceps cristatus australis*)

5 Coorong N.P (SA)

FLESH-FOOTED SHEARWATER (*Puffinus carneipes*)

25+ Kiama Lighthouse (NSW)

SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER (*Puffinus tenuirostris*)

10 000+ Mutton Bird Island by Loch Ard Gorge, Great Ocean Road (Vic), 50+ Kiama Lighthouse (NSW)

FLUTTERING SHEARWATER (*Puffinus gavia*)

10+ Kiama Lighthouse (NSW)

AUSTRALIAN PELICAN (*Pelecanus conspicillatus*)

Common along the coasts, few seen inland

AUSTRALIAN GANNET (*Morus serrator*)

1 Childers Cove between Warrnambool and Peterborough (Vic)

LITTLE BLACK CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*)

Few Coorong N.P (SA), 10+ Werribee sewage ponds (Vic), 10+ Centennial Park, Sydney (NSW)

GREAT CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax carbo novaehollandiae*)

Few Coorong N.P (SA), 3 Hopetoun sewage ponds (Vic), several Great Ocean Road (Vic), 10 Deniliquin area (NSW), few Sydney area (NSW)

PIED CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax varius hypoleucos*)

Several along the coasts

BLACK-FACED CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax fuscescens*)

1 St Kilda (SA), 10 Childers Cove between Warrnambool and Peterborough (Vic)

LITTLE PIED CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax melanoleucos melanoleucos*)

Fairly widespread in low numbers both along the coasts and inland

DARTER (*Anhinga melanogaster novaehollandiae*)

1 Stockton Bridge, Newcastle (NSW), 3 Centennial Park, Sydney (NSW)

PACIFIC HERON (*Ardea pacifica*)

1 Gellibrand River, Great Ocean Road (Vic), 1 Echuca (Vic), 3 Deniliquin area (NSW)

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba modesta*)

Widespread but not numerous

WHITE-FACED HERON (*Egretta novaehollandiae novaehollandiae*)
Few Coorong N.P (SA), few Deniliquin area (NSW)

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis coromandus*)
3 Nelson Bay, Newcastle (NSW)

RUFOUS NIGHT-HERON (*Nycticorax caledonicus hilli*)
1 Deniliquin area (NSW)

AUSTRALIAN IBIS (*Threskiornis molucca molucca*)
Widespread

STRAW-NECKED IBIS (*Threskiornis spinicollis*)
Widespread

GLOSSY IBIS (*Plegadis falcinellus*)
50+ Coorong N.P (SA), 5 Deniliquin area (NSW)

ROYAL SPOONBILL (*Platalea regia*)
21 Deniliquin area (NSW)

YELLOW-BILLED SPOONBILL (*Platalea flavipes*)
7 Hopetoun sewage ponds (Vic), few Great Ocean Road (Vic), 10+ Deniliquin area (NSW)

BLACK SWAN (*Cygnus atratus*)
Widespread

CAPE BARREN GOOSE (*Cereopsis novaehollandiae*)
100+ Clayton-Milang Road, Lake Alexandrina (SA)

FRECKLED DUCK (*Stictonetta naevosa*)
10 Coorong N.P (SA), 25+ Werribee sewage ponds (Vic), 5 Deniliquin sewage ponds (NSW)

AUSTRALIAN SHELDUCK (*Tadorna tadornoides*)
Common Coorong N.P (SA), 25+ Werribee sewage ponds (Vic), 2 Deniliquin area (NSW)

MANED DUCK (*Chenonetta jubata*)
Widespread

GRAY TEAL (*Anas gracilis*)
Widespread

CHESTNUT TEAL (*Anas castanea*)
Several Coorong N.P (SA), few Deniliquin area (NSW)

PACIFIC BLACK DUCK (*Anas superciliosa rogersi*)
Widespread

AUSTRALIAN SHOVELER (*Anas rhynchotis rhynchotis*)
9 Coorong N.P (SA)

PINK-EARED DUCK (*Malacorhynchus membranaceus*)
8 Coorong N.P (SA), 200+ Werribee sewage ponds (Vic), 2 Deniliquin sewage ponds (NSW)

WHITE-EYED DUCK (*Aythya australis*)
Widespread

BLUE-BILLED DUCK (*Oxyura australis*)
1 male Werribee sewage ponds (NSW)

MUSK DUCK (*Biziura lobata*)

1 male Deniliquin sewage ponds (NSW), 1 male Centennial Park, Sydney (NSW)

AUSTRALIAN KITE (*Elanus axillaris*)

Widespread

BLACK KITE (*Milvus migrans affinis*)

Several Deniliquin area (NSW)

WHISTLING KITE (*Haliastur sphenurus*)

Several along the coasts

SWAMP HARRIER (*Circus approximans*)

Widespread in low numbers

BROWN GOSHAWK (*Accipiter fasciatus fasciatus*)

1 north of Warrnambool (Vic), 1 male Barren Grounds (NSW)

WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE (*Aquila audax audax*)

Several inland

AUSTRALIAN KESTREL (*Falco cenchroides cenchroides*)

Widespread

AUSTRALIAN HOBBY (*Falco longipennis longipennis*)

1 St Kilda (SA), 1 adult Gulpa State Forest (NSW)

BROWN FALCON (*Falco berigora*)

Several Coorong N.P (SA), 2 Wyperfeld N.P (Vic), several Deniliquin area (NSW)

BLACK FALCON (*Falco subniger*)

2 Deniliquin area (NSW)

PEREGRINE FALCON (*Falco peregrinus macropus*)

1 Kiama Lighthouse (NSW)

AUSTRALIAN BRUSH-TURKEY (*Alectura lathami lathami*)

1 Barrington Tops N.P (NSW)

MALLEEFOWL (*Leipoa ocellata*)

One pair on working mound, Salt Creek, Coorong N.P (SA)

STUBBLE QUAIL (*Coturnix pectoralis*)

3 Deniliquin area (NSW)

PAINTED BUTTONQUAIL (*Turnix varia varia*)

7 Deniliquin area (NSW)

BUFF-BANDED RAIL (*Gallirallus philippensis mellori*)

2-3 Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney (NSW)

AUSTRALIAN CRAKE (*Porzana fluminea*)

4 Salt Creek, Coorong N.P (SA), 2 Deniliquin area (NSW)

SPOTLESS CRAKE (*Porzana tabuensis plumbea*)

1 Deniliquin area (NSW)

PURPLE SWAMPHEN (*Porphyrio porphyrio melanotus*)

Several Coorong N.P (SA), 10 Deniliquin area (NSW), few Centennial Park, Sydney (NSW)

DUSKY MOORHEN (*Gallinula tenebrosa tenebrosa*)

Widespread

BLACK-TAILED NATIVE-HEN (*Gallinula ventralis*)

Common St Kilda and Coorong N.P (SA), several Deniliquin area (NSW)

EURASIAN COOT (*Fulica atra australis*)

Widespread

PIED OYSTERCATCHER (*Haematopus longirostris*)

1 Coorong N.P (SA), 1 Peterborough, Great Ocean Road (Vic), 2 Stockton Bridge, Newcastle (NSW)

WHITE-HEADED STILT (*Himantopus leucocephalus*)

Common at coastal waters and inland ponds

BANDED STILT (*Cladorhynchus leucocephalus*)

100+ St Kilda (SA), few Coorong N.P (SA)

RED-NECKED AVOCET (*Recurvirostra novaehollandiae*)

10+ St Kilda (SA), 10+ Coorong N.P (SA), 1 Deniliquin area (NSW)

BANDED LAPWING (*Vanellus tricolor*)

20 Deniliquin area (NSW)

MASKED LAPWING (*Vanellus miles novaehollandiae*)

Widespread

RED-KNEED DOTTEREL (*Erythrogonys cinctus*)

1 Port Gawler (SA), 5 Salt Creek, Coorong N.P (SA), several Deniliquin area (NSW)

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER (*Pluvialis squatarola*)

2 Port Gawler (SA)

RED-CAPPED PLOVER (*Charadrius ruficapillus*)

100+ St Kilda (SA), 200+ Coorong N.P (SA), 3 Stockton Bridge, Newcastle (NSW)

HOODED PLOVER (*Thinornis cucullatus*)

One nesting pair, Childers Cove, between Warrnambool and Peterborough (SA)

INLAND DOTTEREL (*Peltohyas australis*)

15 Deniliquin area (NSW)

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT (*Limosa limosa melanuroides*)

3 Stockton Bridge, Newcastle (NSW)

FAR EASTERN CURLEW (*Numenius madagascariensis*)

2 Stockton Bridge, Newcastle (NSW)

MARSH SANDPIPER (*Tringa stagnatilis*)

10+ Deniliquin area (NSW)

COMMON GREENSHANK (*Tringa nebularia*)

15 Coorong N.P (SA), 2 Stockton Bridge, Newcastle (NSW)

RED-NECKED STINT (*Calidris ruficollis*)

Common at St Kilda and Coorong N.P (SA)

SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER (*Calidris acuminata*)

Common at St Kilda and Coorong N.P (SA), also seen at a few inland ponds

CURLEW SANDPIPER (*Calidris ferruginea*)
4 Coorong N.P (SA)

PLAINS-WANDERER (*Pedionomus torquatus*)
3 males and 1 female, Deniliquin area (NSW)

PARASITIC JAEGER (*Stercorarius parasiticus*)
1 Kiama Lighthouse (NSW)

PACIFIC GULL (*Larus pacificus*)
ssp. *georgii*: 3 adult Victor Harbor (SA)
ssp. *pacificus*: 1 adult Apollo Bay (Vic), 2 adult Werribee sewage ponds (Vic)

SILVER GULL (*Larus novaehollandiae novaehollandiae*)
Common and widespread along the coasts

CASPIAN TERN (*Sterna caspia*)
Few Coorong N.P (SA)

GREAT CRESTED TERN (*Sterna bergii cristata*)
Widespread along the coasts

FAIRY TERN (*Sterna nereis nereis*)
2 Coorong N.P (SA)

WHISKERED TERN (*Chlidonias hybridus fluviatilis*)
Common at St Kilda (SA) and Coorong N.P (SA)

FERAL DOVE (*Columba livia*)
Common in urban areas

SPOTTED DOVE (*Streptopelia chinensis*)
Introduced. Seen around Coorong N.P (SA), Melbourne (Vic) and Sydney (NSW) areas

COMMON BRONZEWING (*Phaps chalcoptera*)
3 Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic), 1 Glen Davis Road (NSW)

BRUSH BRONZEWING (*Phaps elegans elegans*)
1 Great Ocean Road (Vic)

CRESTED PIGEON (*Geophaps lophotes lophotes*)
Widespread

PEACEFUL DOVE (*Geopelia placida placida*)
10+ Coorong N.P (SA), 10+ Deniliquin area (NSW)

BAR-SHOULDERED DOVE (*Geopelia humeralis humeralis*)
10 Barrington Tops N.P (NSW)

WONGA PIGEON (*Leucosarcia melanoleuca*)
2 Barrington Tops N.P (NSW)

TOPKNOT PIGEON (*Lopholaimus antarcticus*)
1 Barrington Tops N.P (NSW)

YELLOW-TAILED BLACK-COCKATOO (*Calyptorhynchus funereus*)
ssp. *whiteae*: 20 Great Ocean Road and Otway N.P (Vic)
ssp. *funereus*: 4 Katoomba (Vic), 5 Hutchisson (NSW)

GANG-GANG COCKATOO (*Callocephalon fimbriatum*)
2 Great Ocean Road (Vic), 4 Lithgow (NSW)

GALAH (*Eolophus roseicapillus albiceps*)
Common and widespread except for Sydney

LONG-BILLED CORELLA (*Cacatua tenuirostris*)
10+ Halls Gap, The Grampians (Vic), common in Echuca (NSW), several Deniliquin town (NSW)

LITTLE CORELLA (*Cacatua sanguinea gymnopsis*)
150+ Hopetoun sewage ponds (Vic)

SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO (*Cacatua galerita galerita*)
Widespread

RAINBOW LORIKEET (*Trichoglossus haematodus moluccanus*)
Common Adelaide area (SA), several Nelson Bay (NSW), few Sydney (NSW)

MUSK LORIKEET (*Glossopsitta concinna*)
30+ Hopetoun sewage ponds (Vic), 10 Hutchisson (NSW)

PURPLE-CROWNED LORIKEET (*Glossopsitta porphyrocephala*)
25+ Salt Creek, Coorong N.P (SA)

MALLEE RINGNECK (*Barnardius barnardi barnardi*)
1 pair Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic)

CRIMSON ROSELLA (*Platycercus elegans elegans*)
Common Melbourne area (Vic) and Blue Mountains (NSW)

YELLOW ROSELLA (*Platycercus flaveolus*)
Common in Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic), 9 Deniliquin area (NSW)

ADELAIDE ROSELLA (*Platycercus adelaidae adelaidae*)
1 Belair N.P, Adelaide (SA)

EASTERN ROSELLA (*Platycercus eximius eximius*)
Few introduced Adelaide (SA), 2 Echuca (Vic), few Barrington Tops N.P (NSW)

RED-RUMPED PARROT (*Psephotus haematonotus haematonotus*)
2 Salt Creek, Coorong N.P (SA), few Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic), 100+ Hopetoun sewage ponds (Vic),
Few Wyperfeld N.P (Vic), common Deniliquin area (NSW)

BLUEBONNET (*Northiella haematogaster haematogaster*)
25+ Deniliquin area (NSW)

BLUE-WINGED PARROT (*Neophema chrysostoma*)
5 Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic)

ELEGANT PARROT (*Neophema elegans*)
10 42-Mile Crossing, Coorong N.P (SA)

GROUND PARROT (*Pezoporus wallicus wallicus*)
2 heard Barren Grounds (NSW)

AUSTRALIAN KING-PARROT (*Alisterus scapularis scapularis*)
1 male Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic), 2 Glen Davis Road (NSW)

SUPERB PARROT (*Polytelis swainsonii*)
10 Deniliquin area (NSW)

AUSTRALIAN KOEL (*Eudynamys cyanocephala cyanocephala*)
2 heard Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney (NSW)

SOUTHERN BOOBOOK (*Ninox boobook boobook*)
1 seen and 1 heard Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic)

AUSTRALIAN OWLET-NIGHTJAR (*Aegotheles cristatus cristatus*)
1 Deniliquin area (NSW)

TAWNY FROGMOUTH (*Podargus strigoides*)
ssp. *brachypterus*: 2 Deniliquin area (NSW)
ssp. *strigoides*: 2 adult and 1 juvenile Centennial Park, Sydney (NSW)

WHITE-THROATED NEEDLETAIL (*Hirundapus caudacutus caudacutus*)
15 Barren Grounds (NSW)

AZURE KINGFISHER (*Alcedo azurea azurea*)
1 Gulpa State Forest, south of Deniliquin (NSW)

LAUGHING KOOKABURRA (*Dacelo novaeguineae novaeguineae*)
Widespread

SACRED KINGFISHER (*Todirhamphus sanctus sanctus*)
2 Gellibrand River, Great Ocean Road (Vic), 2 Gulpa State Forest, south of Deniliquin (NSW)

RAINBOW BEE-EATER (*Merops ornatus*)
Few Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic), several Deniliquin area (NSW)

DOLLARBIRD (*Eurystomus orientalis pacificus*)
2 Nelson Bay (NSW)

SUPERB LYREBIRD (*Menura novaehollandiae novahollandiae*)
3 Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic), 1 female Barrington Tops N.P (NSW), 1 male Royal N.P (NSW)

AUSTRALASIAN BUSHLARK (*Mirafra javanica horsfieldii*)
Several Deniliquin area (NSW)

SKY LARK (*Alauda arvensis*)
Introduced. Several Coorong N.P (SA), few Great Ocean Road (Vic)

WELCOME SWALLOW (*Hirundo neoxena neoxena*)
Common and widespread

TREE MARTIN (*Hirundo nigricans nigricans*)
Much less common than Welcome Swallow, seen at Coorong N.P (SA) and Melbourne (Vic)

FAIRY MARTIN (*Hirundi ariel*)
Uncommon Coorong N.P (SA), Echuca (Vic) and Deniliquin area (NSW)

AUSTRALASIAN PIPIT (*Anthus novaeseelandiae australis*)
1 Coorong N.P (SA), several Deniliquin area (NSW)

BLACK-FACED CUCKOO-SHRIKE (*Coracina novaehollandiae melanops*)
2 Victor Harbor sewage ponds (SA), 1 Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic), 1 Halls Gap, The Grampians (Vic),
1 Deniliquin area (NSW)

WHITE-WINGED TRILLER (*Lalage tricolor*)
2 Deniliquin area (NSW)

OLIVE-TAILED THRUSH (*Zoothera lunulata lunulata*)
1 Barrington Tops N.P (NSW), 1 Barren Grounds (NSW)

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD (*Turdus merula*)
Introduced. Several around Adelaide (SA) and Melbourne (Vic)

GOLDEN-HEADED CISTICOLA (*Cisticola exilis exilis*)
1 Werribee sewage ponds (Vic)

AUSTRALIAN REED-WARBLER (*Acrocephalus australis australis*)
1 Hopetoun sewage ponds (Vic), 5 Deniliquin area (NSW)

LITTLE GRASSBIRD (*Megalurus gramineus gramineus*)
Few heard Deniliquin area (NSW)

BROWN SONGLARK (*Cincloramphus cruralis*)
1 port Gawler (SA), 1 Coorong N.P (SA)

WILLIE-WAGTAIL (*Rhipidura leucophrys leucophrys*)
Common and widespread

GRAY FANTAIL (*Rhipidura fuliginosa alisteri*)
Few Coorong N.P (SA), Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic) and Barren Grounds (NSW)

RUFOUS FANTAIL (*Rhipidura rufifrons rufifrons*)
10+ Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic), 3 Barren Grounds (NSW), 1 Royal N.P (NSW)

BLACK-FACED MONARCH (*Monarcha melanopsis*)
4 Barrington Tops N.P (NSW)

JACKY-WINTER (*Microeca fascinans*)
5 Wyperfeld N.P (Vic), 7 Deniliquin area (NSW), 3 Glen Davis Road (NSW)

RED-CAPPED ROBIN (*Petroica goodenovii*)
2 Wyperfeld N.P (Vic), 2 Deniliquin area (NSW)

ROSE ROBIN (*Petroica rosea*)
2 Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic)

HOODED ROBIN (*Melanodryas cucullata cucullata*)
1 pair Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic), 1 male Wyperfeld N.P (Vic), 1 male Deniliquin area (NSW)

YELLOW ROBIN (*Eopsaltria australis viridior*)
Several Great Ocean Road and Sherbrooke Forest (Vic), few Blue Mountains and Barrington Tops N.P (NSW)

CRESTED SHRIKE-TIT (*Falcunculus frontatus frontatus*)
1 Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic), 1 Glen Davis Road (NSW)

GOLDEN WHISTLER (*Pachycephala pectoralis pectoralis*)
1 male Barren Grounds (NSW), 2 Royal N.P (NSW)

RUFOUS WHISTLER (*Pachycephala rufiventris rufiventris*)
1 Wyperfeld N.P (Vic), 10+ Deniliquin area (NSW), 2 Glen Davis Road (NSW), 1 Barren Grounds (NSW)

GRAY SHRIKE-THRUSH (*Colluricincla harmonica*)
ssp. *halmaturina*: 1 Salt Creek, Coorong N.P (SA)
ssp. *harmonica*: 1 Deniliquin area (NSW), 2 Barren Grounds (NSW)

GRAY-CROWNED BABBLER (*Pomatostomus temporalis tregellasi*)
15 Deniliquin area (NSW)

WHITE-BROWED BABBLER (*Pomatostomus superciliosus*)
10+ Wyperfeld N.P (Vic)

EASTERN WHIPBIRD (*Psophodes olivaceus olivaceus*)
4 Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic), 1 Barrington Tops N.P (NSW), 1 Barren Grounds (NSW)

CHESTNUT QUAIL-THRUSH (*Cinclosoma castanotus*)
1 Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic), 3 Wyperfeld N.P (Vic)

WHITE-WINGED FAIRYWREN (*Malurus leucopterus leuconotus*)
15+ Deniliquin area (NSW)

SUPERB FAIRYWREN (*Malurus cyaneus cyanochlamys*)
Several along the coasts and inland at Deniliquin

SPLENDID FAIRYWREN (*Malurus splendens melanotus*)
10 Wyperfeld N.P (Vic)

VARIEGATED FAIRYWREN (*Malurus lamberti assimilis*)
1 Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic), 10+ Wyperfeld N.P (Vic)

SOUTHERN EMUWREN (*Stipiturus malachurus malachurus*)
4 Barren Grounds (NSW)

MALLEE EMUWREN (*Stipiturus mallee*)
2 Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic)

STRIATED GRASSWREN (*Amytornis striatus striatus*)
1 Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic)

EASTERN BRISTLEBIRD (*Dasyornis brachypterus*)
7 Barren Grounds (NSW)

RUFOUS BRISTLEBIRD (*Dasyornis broadbenti*)
1 heard Salt Creek and 1 seen 42 Mile Crossing, Coorong N.P (SA).
1 heard at The Arch, Great Ocean Road (Vic)

PILOTBIRD (*Pycnoptilus floccosus*)
1 Wentworth Falls, Blue Mountains (NSW)

ROCK WARBLER (*Origma solitaria*)
1 Tianjara Falls, Morton N.P (NSW)

YELLOW-THROATED SCRUBWREN (*Sericornis citreogularis citreogularis*)
3 Barrington Tops N.P (NSW)

WHITE-BROWED SCRUBWREN (*Sericornis frontalis frontalis*)
2 Salt Creek, Coorong N.P (SA), common Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic), several Glen Davis Road and Barren Grounds (NSW)

LARGE-BILLED SCRUBWREN (*Sericornis magnirostris magnirostris*)
5 Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic)

BUFF-RUMPED THORNBILL (*Acanthiza reguloides reguloides*)
Several Wyperfeld N.P (Vic), 5 Glen Davis Road (NSW)

SLENDER-BILLED THORNBILL (*Acanthiza iredalei rosinae*)

1 St Kilda (SA)

BROWN THORNBILL (*Acanthiza pusilla pusilla*)

Few Coorong N.P (SA), 5 Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic), several Barrington Tops N.P (NSW)

INLAND THORNBILL (*Acanthiza apicalis albiventris*)

5+ Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic)

YELLOW-RUMPED THORNBILL (*Acanthiza chrysorrhoa*)

ssp. sandlandi: several Victor Harbor sewage ponds (SA) and along Great Ocean Road (Vic)

ssp. addenda: few Hattah-Kulkyne and Wyperfeld N.P (Vic)

ssp. chrysorrhoa: few Deniliquin area (NSW)

CHESTNUT-RUMPED THORNBILL (*Acanthiza uropygialis uropygialis*)

5+ Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic), 9 Deniliquin area (NSW)

YELLOW THORNBILL (*Acanthiza nana modesta*)

Few Wyperfeld N.P (Vic)

STRIATED THORNBILL (*Acanthiza lineata*)

ssp. chandleri: 1 Halls Gap, The Grampians (Vic) and few along Great Ocean Road (Vic)

ssp. lineata: few Barren Grounds (NSW) and Royal N.P (NSW)

WEEBILL (*Smicrornis brevirostris mallee*)

2 Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic)

SOUTHERN WHITEFACE (*Aphelocephala leucopsis leucopsis*)

2 Deniliquin area (NSW)

ORANGE CHAT (*Epthianura aurifrons*)

6 Deniliquin area (NSW)

WHITE-FRONTED CHAT (*Epthianura albifrons albifrons*)

6 Port Gawler (SA), 3 Clayton-Milang Road, Lake Alexandrina (SA), 5 Coorong N.P (SA)

WHITE-THROATED TREECREEPER (*Cormobates leucophaeus leucophaeus*)

5+ Otway N.P (Vic), 6 Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic), 1 Barrington Tops N.P (NSW),

2 Barren Grounds (NSW)

RED-BROWED TREECREEPER (*Climacteris erythroptera*)

1 Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic)

BROWN TREECREEPER (*Climacteris picumnus picumnus*)

4 Wyperfeld N.P (Vic), several Deniliquin area (NSW)

MISTLETOEBIRD (*Dicaeum hirundinaceum hirundinaceum*)

2 Deniliquin area (NSW), 3 Glen Davis Road (NSW)

SPOTTED PARDALOTE (*Pardalotus punctatus*)

ssp. xanthopygus: (Yellow-rumped Pardalote) 3 Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic), 1 Deniliquin area (NSW)

ssp. punctatus: 1 Barren Grounds (NSW)

STRIATED PARDALOTE (*Pardalotus striatus ornatus*)

2 Belair N.P, Adelaide (SA)

SILVER-EYE (*Zosterops lateralis*)

ssp. halmaturinus: several along the coast at St Kilda (SA) and Coorong N.P (SA) and 1 Wyperfeld N.P (Vic)

ssp. lateralis: several along Great Ocean Road (Vic) and at Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic)

SCARLET MYZOMELA (*Myzomela sanguinolenta*)
1 pair Barrington Tops N.P (NSW), 1 male Royal N.P (NSW)

PIED HONEYEATER (*Certhionyx variegatus*)
1 female Deniliquin area (NSW)

LEWIN'S HONEYEATER (*Meliphaga lewinii*)
ssp.nea: 1 Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic)
ssp. lewinii: 1 Barrington Tops N.P (NSW)

YELLOW-FACED HONEYEATER (*Lichenostomus chrysops*)
ssp. samueli: 1 Salt Creek, Coorong N.P (SA)
ssp. chrysops: several along Great Ocean Road (Vic) and at Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic).
Few at Barrington Tops N.P (NSW) and Royal N.P (NSW)

SINGING HONEYEATER (*Lichenostomus virescens*)
Several St Kilda (SA), common Coorong N.P (SA), 5 Great Ocean Road (Vic), 3 Deniliquin area (NSW)

WHITE-EARED HONEYEATER (*Lichenostomus leucotis leucotis*)
2 Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic), 2 Wyperfeld N.P (Vic), few Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic)

YELLOW-TUFTED HONEYEATER (*Lichenostomus melanops melanops*)
2 Glen Davis Road (NSW)

FUSCOUS HONEYEATER (*Lichenostomus fuscus fuscus*)
2 Glen Davis Road (NSW)

GRAY-FRONTED HONEYEATER (*Lichenostomus plumulus ethelae*)
2 Deniliquin area (NSW)

YELLOW-PLUMED HONEYEATER (*Lichenostomus ornatus*)
Common Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic), few Wyperfeld N.P (Vic)

WHITE-PLUMED HONEYEATER (*Lichenostomus penicillatus*)
ssp. mellori: 1 Victor Harbor sewage ponds (SA)
ssp. penicillatus: few Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic), several Deniliquin area (NSW) and 3 Glen Davis Road (NSW)

WHITE-NAPED HONEYEATER (*Melithreptus lunatus lunatus*)
5 Yellingbo Nature Reserve, (Vic), 5+ Tianjara Falls, Morton N.P (NSW), 1 Royal N.P (NSW)

BROWN-HEADED HONEYEATER (*Melithreptus brevirostris augustus*)
1 Salt Creek, Coorong N.P (SA), 5 Wyperfeld N.P (Vic)

LITTLE FRIARBIRD (*Philemon citreogularis citreogularis*)
2 Deniliquin area (NSW), 1 Katoomba, Blue Mountains (NSW)

CRESCENT HONEYEATER (*Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera pyrrhoptera*)
4 Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic)

NEW HOLLAND HONEYEATER (*Phylidonyris novaehollandiae novaehollandiae*)
Common and widespread except inland

WHITE-FRONTED HONEYEATER (*Phylidonyris albifrons*)
1 Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic)

STRIPED HONEYEATER (*Plectorhyncha lanceolata*)
2 Wyperfeld N.P (Vic), 3 Deniliquin area (NSW)

PAINTED HONEYEATER (*Grantiella picta*)

2 Deniliquin area (NSW)

EASTERN SPINEBILL (*Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris tenuirostris*)

7 Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic), 1 Echo Point, Blue Mountains (NSW), few Barrington Tops (NSW)

Few Barren Grounds (NSW), 2 Royal N.P (NSW)

BLUE-FACED HONEYEATER (*Entomyzon cyanotis cyanotis*)

10+ Murchison (Vic)

BELL MINER (*Manorina melanophrys*)

Common Yellingbo Nature Reserve (Vic), 20+ Barrington Tops N.P (NSW)

NOISY MINER (*Manorina melanocephala melanocephala*)

Widespread

YELLOW-THROATED MINER (*Manorina flavigula flavigula*)

3 Deniliquin area (NSW)

SPINY-CHEEKED HONEYEATER (*Acanthagenys rufogularis rufogularis*)

Common Coorong N.P (SA), 2 Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic), several Deniliquin area (NSW)

RED WATTLEBIRD (*Anthochaera carunculata carunculata*)

Widespread

BRUSH WATTLEBIRD (*Anthochaera chrysoptera chrysoptera*)

Several Coorong N.P (SA), few Glen Davis Road (NSW) and Sydney area (NSW)

MAGPIE-LARK (*Grallina cyanoleuca*)

Widespread and seen daily

WHITE-WINGED CHOUGH (*Corcorax melanorhamphos*)

Common Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic) and Wyperfeld N.P (Vic), several inland of NSW

APOSTLEBIRD (*Struthidea cinerea cinerea*)

6+9 Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic)

MASKED WOODSWALLOW (*Artamus personatus*)

1 Lake Nagambie south of Echuca (Vic)

BLACK-FACED WOODSWALLOW (*Artamus cinereus cinereus*)

15+ Deniliquin area (NSW)

DUSKY WOODSWALLOW (*Artamus cyanopterus cyanopterus*)

1 42 Mile Crossing, Coorong N.P (SA), 20+ Deniliquin area (NSW), 5 Glen Davis Road (NSW)

GRAY BUTCHERBIRD (*Cracticus torquatus torquatus*)

3 Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic), 1 Sherbrooke Forest, Melbourne (Vic), 1 Centennial Park, Sydney (NSW)

PIED BUTCHERBIRD (*Cracticus nigrogularis nigrogularis*)

3 Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic), 2 Deniliquin area (NSW)

AUSTRALASIAN MAGPIE (*Gymnorhina tibicen*)

ssp. *leuconota*: (White-backed Magpie) common coastal South Australia and Victoria

ssp. *tibicen*: (Black-backed Magpie) common inland Victoria and all of New South Wales

PIED CURRAWONG (*Strepera graculina*)

ssp. *ashbyi*: 1 Otway N.P (Vic)

ssp. *graculina*: common in eastern New South Wales

GRAY CURRAWONG (*Strepera versicolor melanoptera*)
(Black-winged Currawong) few Coorong N.P (SA) and 3 Halls Gap, The Grampians (Vic)

SATIN BOWERBIRD (*Ptilonorhynchus violaceus violaceus*)
1 immature male by its bower Echo Point, Blue Mountains (NSW), 2 Royal N.P (NSW)

AUSTRALIAN RAVEN (*Corvus coronoides*)
Widespread

LITTLE RAVEN (*Corvus mellori*)
Few Victor Harbor (SA) and Coorong N.P (SA), common coastal Victoria, several Deniliquin area (NSW)

FOREST RAVEN (*Corvus tasmanicus tasmanicus*)
Few Great Ocean Road (Vic)

COMMON MYNA (*Acridotheres tristis*)
Introduced. Common Melbourne (Vic) and Sydney (NSW) areas

EUROPEAN STARLING (*Sturnus vulgaris*)
Introduced. Widespread

HOUSE SPARROW (*Passer domesticus*)
Introduces. Widespread in urban areas

BEAUTIFUL FIRETAIL (*Stagonopleura bella*)
2 Tianjara Falls, Morton N.P (NSW)

RED-BROWED FIRETAIL (*Neochmia temporalis*)
ssp. loftyi: 5 Victor Harbor sewage ponds (SA)
ssp. temporalis: several seen in eastern New South Wales

CHESTNUT-EARED FINCH (*Taeniopygia castanotis*)
50+ Deniliquin area (NSW)

DOUBLE-BARRED FINCH (*Taeniopygia bichenovii bichenovii*)
2 Glen Davis Road (NSW)

EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH (*Carduelis carduelis*)
Introduced. Common coastal South Australia and Victoria, few in Blue Mountains (NSW)

Mammals

SHORT-BEAKED ECHIDNA (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*)

1 The Grampians (Vic)

KOALA (*Phascolarctos cinereus*)

8-10 Beach Blanket Road, Otway N.P (Vic)

EASTERN PYGMY-POSSUM (*Cercartetus nanus*)

A few, newly trapped by a local researcher, Barren Grounds (NSW)

COMMON BRUSH-TAIL POSSUM (*Trichosurus vulpecula*)

1 Granite Island, Victor Harbor (SA)

RED KANGAROO (*Macropus rufus*)

4 Deniliquin area (NSW)

WESTERN GREY KANGAROO (*Macropus fuliginosus*)

Few Hattah-Kulkyne N.P (Vic), common Wyperfeld N.P (Vic)

EASTERN GREY KANGAROO (*Macropus giganteus*)

Several Deniliquin area and along the roads in south-west NSW

RED-NECKED WALLABY (*Macropus rufogriseus*)

Few Glen Davis (NSW)

SWAMP WALLABY (*Wallabia bicolor*)

Few Great Ocean Road (Vic), few Sherbrooke Forest (Vic)

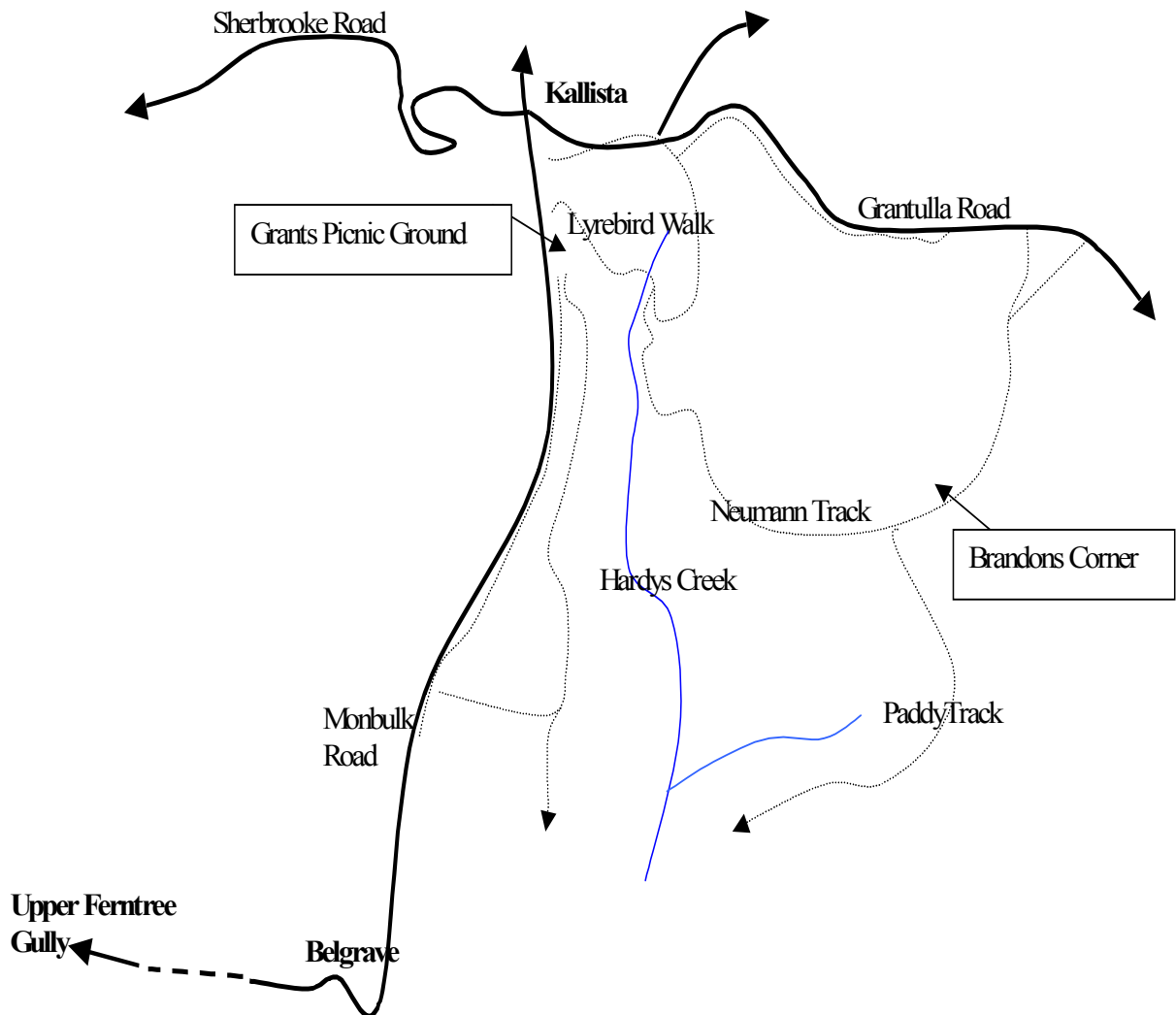
COMMON WATER-RAT (*Hydromys chrysogaster*)

2 Granite Island, Victor Harbor (SA)

GREY-HEADED FLYING-FOX (*Pteropus poliocephalus*)

Plentiful Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney (NSW)

Sherbrooke Forest (Dandenong Ranges, Melbourne)



There are several other areas to visit in the Dandenong Ranges but we chose Sherbrooke and found it nice. There are several tracks in this area on both sides of the road and you can easily spend a lot of time here. We were told by a local birder that the **Lyrebirds** were usually easily found in the area between Neumann Track and Hardys Creek. **Blue-winged Parrots** were seen at Brandons Corner, an open grassy area.