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Gang-gang Cockatoos Under Threat

The Gang-gang Cockatoo could soon be nationally listed as a threatened species after the 2019-20 bushfire disaster reduced already declining population numbers by as much as a fifth. The Threatened Species Scientific Committee has recommended that the cockatoo be listed as endangered due to the large drop in its population and the growing threat the birds face from the climate crisis and more frequent fires.

The committee also recommended that the east coast populations of the Glossy Black-Cockatoo be listed as vulnerable. Neither of these birds was recognised as a nationally threatened species before the bushfires.

In its listing advice, which is now out for public consultation, the committee said before the fires Gang-gang populations had already declined by between 15% and 69%. In the year since the fires, their numbers were thought to have declined by a further 21%. That is expected to reach 29% over the next two decades.



Gang-gang Cockatoo

image: Leo Berzins

The listing assessment says increased heatwaves and fire frequency as a result of the climate emergency were increasing pressure on the species across its range, with bushfires likely to reduce the amount of nesting habitat available to the birds.

Glossy black-cockatoos are also fire sensitive and are dependent on casuarina seeds as their food source. There were fears for the birds on Kangaroo Island in the aftermath of the fire disaster, and concerns its status might reach critically endangered. The committee's listing assessment for that population recommends its status remain at endangered but the south-eastern populations, previously unlisted, have been recommended for a vulnerable listing, in part due to the pressure on foraging habitat.

One assessment cited by the committee suggests that the 2019-20 fires had led to a decline in populations of 15% to 30%.

(Edited extract from The Guardian.)

<p>EVENING MEETING Thursday August 12, 2021</p> <p>Meet in the Uniting Church Hall, Henwood St, Merimbula, for a 7:30 pm start.</p> <p>Guest speaker is Tom Rowell on 'Predator-awareness Training in the Helmeted Honeyeater', covering the work he did for his thesis at the ANU Research School of Biology.</p> <p>Alan Scrymgeour will present "Show me the way to go home," said the bird in Devils Hole: the story of a Masked Lapwing.</p>	<p>IN THIS ISSUE</p> <p>Meeting Report (June) 2</p> <p>President's Report 3</p> <p>New Members 3</p> <p>2022 Calendar 3</p> <p>Activity Reports 4</p> <p>Member Profile 7</p> <p>FSCB Directory 7</p> <p>Sightings June/July 8</p> <p>Coming Events 10</p> <p>Google Group 10</p> <p>Facebook 10</p>
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Meeting Report

Thursday June 10, 2021
Jill BurrIDGE

Lizzie welcomed 19 members and three new members, Lee, Col and Fenella.

Sightings:

Leo - Sacred Kingfisher on the Merimbula Boardwalk
George - Scarlet Robin
Liz Allen - Flocks of Silvereyes with rufous flanks

Please Note:

The Cathcart outing on June 12 has been cancelled due to a very poor weather forecast.

Rohan Bilney: Presentation on Forest Owls in the SE region.

The large forest owls in this area are Powerful, Barking, Australian Masked and Sooty Owls. They are large, top order predators eating small to medium-sized animals.

Dependent on contiguous forest and occurring at low densities, they are widespread and occupy home ranges up to 4000 hectares in size with a 3-4 km radius.

They are dependent on hollows for roosting, nesting and catching prey; often sharing hollows with their prey.

Loss of habitat threatens their existence due to logging and land clearing and their continuing existence is an indicator of forest health. They are an "Umbrella species"; used as a conservation tool to help preserve habitat, ecosystems and food chains. Nocturnal, secretive, difficult to locate and study; up until late last century there had not been a lot of studies.



Sooty Owls

image: Rohan Bilney

For survival they need 1000-4000 hectares of forest containing food and hollows. They nest in one hollow and require about 20 hollows for roosting. They need thousands of possums and gliders to eat; therefore 10,000-plus hollows are required. Southern Brown Bandicoot, Long-nosed Potoroo, Agile Antechinus and Bush Rat are also prey.

A PhD study by Rohan of Sooty, Masked and Powerful Owls in Eastern Victoria some years ago analysed Sooty Owl pellets from active owls and compared them with those collected years ago in order to study the change in diet and understand recent mammal declines in the forests.

Merimbula Owls

2016: Explored rainforest gullies and found Powerful and Sooty Owl roosting sites. These have been monitored ever since. The Powerful Owl is more easily seen and has a double hoot call - Whoo-hoo.

2018: Studied the Barking Owl at home; it has a distinctive woof-woof call. Used photography, sound recording and speaker playback to attract the Barking Owl to build up a profile of this Ninox species. One male Barking Owl is heard on the Merimbula Boardwalk regularly.

2019: Observed Powerful Owls nesting in a hollow tree with the tell-tale white wash (faeces) on the trunk. They successfully hatched two chicks and Rohan was able to watch their development over time.

2020: Breeding failed possibly due to lack of food, drought and disturbance.

2021: Late May - found the Powerful Owl nesting again and a pair of Sooty Owls roosting 200 m away - a very rare event.

Sooty Owls show greatest sexual dimorphism in these forest owls with the female weighing up to 1.2 kg and the male 700 g. Conversely Powerful Owls show more normal sexual dimorphism with the female smaller than the male.

Large forest Owls near Eden

Monitoring by broadcasting owl calls (playback calls) found that in the period 1990 -1998 numbers of Powerful and Sooty Owls increased in regrowth forest and then declined in the period 1998-2012. No surveys since 2012. Ring-

tailed Possums declined 60% from 1990-1992, most likely due to fragmentation of the forest canopy and the Millennium Drought.

In the Eden area

In the regrowth forest 116 Sooty Owls and 20 Powerful Owls were detected by a range of techniques but only 6 Masked Owls. Masked Owls do not like regrowth forests, they prefer open landscapes with an abundance of small mammals. Analysis of pellets found that Powerful Owls had evidence of Common Ringtail Possum in 91% of pellets compared to Sooty Owls at 69%.

2019/2020 Fires

A "fire severity map" satellite image showed that 90% of the forest was burnt and some parts were very severely burnt by extremely hot fires.

In the post-fire studies Rohan observed:

One Sooty Owl nest in a 48 m tree that was smouldering - still alight after 7-8 weeks.

Surveys with 23 playback spotlight sites found only two sites for Sooty Owls, no Powerful Owls detected.

2009-2021

Cameras installed at 40 sites showed that Superb Lyrebirds had only declined slightly in the post-fire period.

In Tumberumba a survey of Southern Boobooks found that their numbers increased after the recent fires showing a very high survival rate.

On this optimistic note Rohan finished his excellent talk, answered questions and kindly drew the raffle. Unusual native plants were won by two of our members.

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

President's Report

Lizzie Simkus

The FSCB committee has planned our regular meetings and outings for the next two months and will comply with NSW Covid restrictions and recommendations. Masks are currently compulsory and a one person per four square metre rule is in place at all indoor and organised outdoor events. Members are requested to check the local guidelines before attending an event and wear a mask and maintain social distancing when required.

In the coming months we can expect the return of summer migratory birds and there is already plenty of nesting activity among many species. It's a great time of year to be out and about with your binoculars so join us for an outing or take a closer look at the birds in your backyard.

New Members

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

Fenella Temmerman from Merimbula
Lee and Colin Mann from Merimbula
Helen Sim from Pambula
Anna Lindstrand from 'Cowsnest' Candelo
John Weckert from Merimbula
Terry Robinson from Tura.

Photos for 2022 Calendar

Photo submissions for the 2022 FSCB Calendar are still welcome. Mail photos to Hayden Kingston at: hayden.k@bigpond.com by 26 August.

Images can be any size for submission but if selected, they must be available at a high enough resolution for printing at A4 size.

Activity Reports

EDEN

Sunday June 27, 2021

Leo Berzins

The background ping-pong of Bell Miners greeted our group as we assembled on a calm, clear winter morning in Eden. A short walk to the shore of Lake Curralo was immediately rewarded with great views of an Azure Kingfisher. We were hoping to see a Buff-banded Rail along the muddy edges, having heard a few recent reports from this area. No rail, so we proceeded along the boardwalk and picked up some cormorants, ducks and grebes and at our most easterly point, a pair of Pied Oystercatchers. We retraced our steps. Still no rail, so we turned north along the boardwalk.

A fairly uneventful stretch until we crossed the first bridge. A Whistling Kite and a White-bellied Sea-Eagle got our raptor count underway. The bushland beyond the second bridge didn't yield many species but on our way back we picked up our third raptor, a Grey Goshawk (white morph). As we neared the boardwalk again we were entertained by a loose but active congregation of Superb-fairy Wrens. At least 25 of them! Back to our starting point on the boardwalk. No rail. As a consolation we had good views of an Eastern Reef Egret foraging.

Some of the group returned home while the rest of us moved on to Cocora Beach for a late morning tea followed by a short bushland walk. The highlight was a male Golden Whistler close to the path. Other birds included Lewin's Honeyeater, Eastern Spinebill and Silvereye.

Sue had left us earlier but before returning home she briefly revisited our starting point on the Lake Curralo boardwalk and was rewarded with a sighting of the elusive Buff-banded Rail! This took the species count for the day to 47.

BEGA in Winter

Saturday 10 July, 2021

Barbara Jones

Bega Winter Wander was on again. As usual we met at the Bega Saleyards, with four early birders already away from the cars in hot pursuit of 'something'. Once our group of 12 had assembled and signed on we set off together to find the 'something' was a party of about 20 Double-barred Finches and a flock of Red-browed Finches pouring over a patch of short grass. Their bodies kept getting lost from view in the grass, then suddenly they'd all take off to a nearby deciduous tree, perch briefly then return to feed. We usually find Double-barred Finches here but never in such numbers and close proximity for ease of viewing. We proceeded around the saleyard perimeter seeing the usual suspects: Crested Pigeon, Willy Wagtail, Grey Butcherbird, Yellow-rumped Thornbill etc. Four friendly Jacky Winters sat close to us on fences and posts with short flights out for insects over the manure pit. A Grey Goshawk was spotted in the boundary trees; white body showing up well in the foliage before taking off.



Jacky Winter

image: Leo Berzins

With permission from the owner, next stop was Finucanes Lane. A walk through pasture led to a large waterway where we were delighted to watch a Swamp Harrier coursing along the reeds and back. All were able to see the distinguishing white rump as well as the unhurried flight, until it landed out of sight in the reeds. A male Musk Duck swam alone with his drooping black under-bill flap. No Darter this visit but dozens of Eastern Rosellas. After a quick cuppa we set off again.

With a brief detour to Kisses Lagoon, we noted four Dusky Moorhens, about 60 Eurasian Coots, seven Australian Pelicans and assorted ducks.

On arrival at Glebe Park it was a quiet scene. Three Pink-eared Ducks perched on a log, while Hardheads, coots, and seven White-faced Herons fed in the shallows. We walked around the lake where the privet is seeding prolifically and the noise from Silvereyes was deafening. There must have been about 100 there, feasting on the fruits. On the town side of the lake a Sacred Kingfisher surprised us, flying back and forth across the water. Yes, definitely sacred, not azure. The lone Yellow-billed Spoonbill is still friends with the 12 Royal Spoonbills and two Nankeen Night-Herons were spotted.

Although the Bega Cheese Heritage Centre is closed during Covid, the picnic area is still available and here we had lunch together while making up the day list. We ended our Winter Wander with a species count of 55. A good day out.

PANBOOLA WINTER SURVEY
Wednesday 14 July, 2021
Robyn Kesby

There was an air of uncertainty as nine of us met at Watsons. Would it be too cold and raining for the survey? Optimism prevailed, and there was no more rain, but those of us who wore gumboots were very happy to be able to wade through the deep puddles on our usual route. A small group walked along the highway track to avoid the deep water and mud along the Corridor to the river. A pair of Black Swans had five young cygnets on the bank at the western end of Watsons Billabong. An older cygnet swam along with its parents at Tips. In one tree along the river we recorded a small flock of three species of Thornbills (Brown, Striated and Yellow) and a Grey Fantail. A raptor flew in to roost on a fencepost while we were checking out the Ephemeral Pond at the Home Straight. It turned out to be the Whistling Kite and we all had a very clear and relatively close look at it. More than a hundred kangaroos were spread across the old racecourse and in the Bubble towards the river. A total of 44 bird species were recorded and we were happy to head home to thaw out afterwards. The temperature did not reach double figures for the whole survey. Join us for the spring survey when it should be warmer and hopefully a bit drier!

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

Despite the windy forecast seventeen members braved the elements for our usual winter trip to Rocky Hall.

As we assembled in Wyndham I was nominated as leader for the outing. Only two species were sighted before we set out from the town. Better results at Pretty Point Bridge where two White-eared Honeyeaters gave away their high hide with frequent calls, then allowed all present an extended view. Across the bridge we found a small group of Superb Fairy-wrens and little else. The scars of last year's fires are noticeable with many of the trees along the creek showing little sign of life although the understorey is becoming greener.

The expectation of Yellow-tufted Honeyeaters at New Buildings Bridge did not disappoint with at least three birds feeding both sides of the road providing a splendid opportunity for those with cameras to obtain classy images. Here we also observed a female Golden Whistler, Grey Shrike-thrush, Spotted Pardalote and Grey Butcherbird.

A welcome surprise was the minimal sound of Bell Miners as we shared a cuppa at the Rocky Hall Reserve. This reserve and the nearby cemetery returned twenty species including a pair of Scarlet Robins, Jacky Winter, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, White-winged Choughs plus three species of Honeyeater. While in transit to lunch at the Big Jack Picnic Area a Brown Falcon, Restless Flycatcher, Yellow-rumped Thornbill and more White-winged Chough were recorded.



Yellow-tufted Honeyeater

image: Kim Armstrong

Taking a short walk downstream before lunch, calls of the Eastern Whipbird and Eastern Yellow Robin were heard. Olivia thrilled us all by finding and photographing a Rose Robin and part of a flock of twenty Silvereyes. Returning to the lunch spot, clouds of smoke were seen coming from the site. No emergency – just Tony boiling his billy.

It was heartening for an old farmer to see so much water flowing in the Towamba River, and even more so, the water in the often dry creeks running into the river from the hills.

Thanks to the group for their awareness and responsibility in these Covid conditions. This meant that much of the time we were largely scattered, sometimes missing out on what others had sighted.

Species recorded 45: On the return home I saw about 15 Double-barred Finches just past Orchard Rd. – a BONUS for me!!! (not included in the count).

KAMERUKA

Wednesday August 4, 2021

Barbara Jones

Our group of 14 gathered in a tearing south-westerly wind, thinking the day would be a waste of time. The area at the entrance to the former golf course was devoid of birds so we proceeded to Kameruka Estate with permission from the owner who agreed, with his request to count "those damn white birds", preferably take them away! We have watched the numbers of 'white birds' build up over the years and today they flocked in their hordes, circling, landing to feed and filling the air with incessant noise. Counting them proved difficult but an estimate of 1000 Little Corellas and 200 Sulphur-crested Cockatoos would not be unreasonable for the property. Mostly they gathered on open pasture or on Lords Oval, the famed Cricket Oval, while the rest spent their time resting in trees.



Little Corella

image: *Leo Berzins*

The group found birding hard in the wind although surprisingly successful we discovered when we recorded our collective sightings at lunch time. A few sites had been visited including through the old eucalypts full of hollows; The Lake; roadsides; a dam; and woodland.

A well-spotted Nankeen Kestrel on the crossbar of a pole was fluffed up in the wind. Other raptors included Brown Falcon, Whistling Kite and a lazy bird seen flying into a distant tree before ID, but with the array of cameras on hand it was finally confirmed as a Little Eagle.

Birds on The Lake and a nearby dam included coots, Dusky Moorhen, Australasian Grebe, Chestnut and Grey Teal, a Hardhead, numerous Pacific Black Duck and a lone Black Swan. Throughout the wooded sites Striated Pardalotes called continuously, while Eastern Rosellas, Crimson Rosellas and Galahs represented the parrot family. The only nesting activity observed was of a White-winged Chough, one of 16, carrying nest material with a nearby nest probably being the target for renovation.

We agreed it was a good day, welcomed a couple of new members and left for the warmth of home well satisfied, except for our leader Roger who took a tumble on a hidden stick and went home with blood (not egg) on his face. Thank you Roger. Species count for the day was 41.

End of Financial Year Bonanza

As reported on FSCB Chat Line

June 30, 2021

I have just experienced the best 30 minutes of my birding career! A neighbour told me he had seen 12 Glossy Black-Cockatoos circling around trees on Nethercote Rd two days ago. I went to the spot last evening, at dusk and all I got was one desperate young who squawked for 15 minutes but deep into the bush from the road.

Back again tonight at 4:30, almost dusk, hoping to see them fly in. Suddenly 3, then 12, then 7 came up from the river side bush and crossed above me, on the roadside, with their wonderful calls, some settling in dead exposed branches above me, swapping places and sitting around. Some took off to head further up into the eucalypts but another large group came in, counted with assistance from a stopped car - another 19. That's 41 in total. They gradually congregated deeper in the bush and I came home elated.

The next two evenings they came in again in fewer numbers and delighted more observers with cameras.
Barbara Jones

F Y I - COVID Permitting

I have booked accommodation at Lake Cargelligo for 1 week from 5th October for my friend Bryan and myself. This is essentially a private visit and NOT under the FSCB banner. However, anyone is welcome to join us for any or all of that time should they wish.

For more info see me at the meeting or outings.

Roger Heffernan - Ph. 6493 2208.

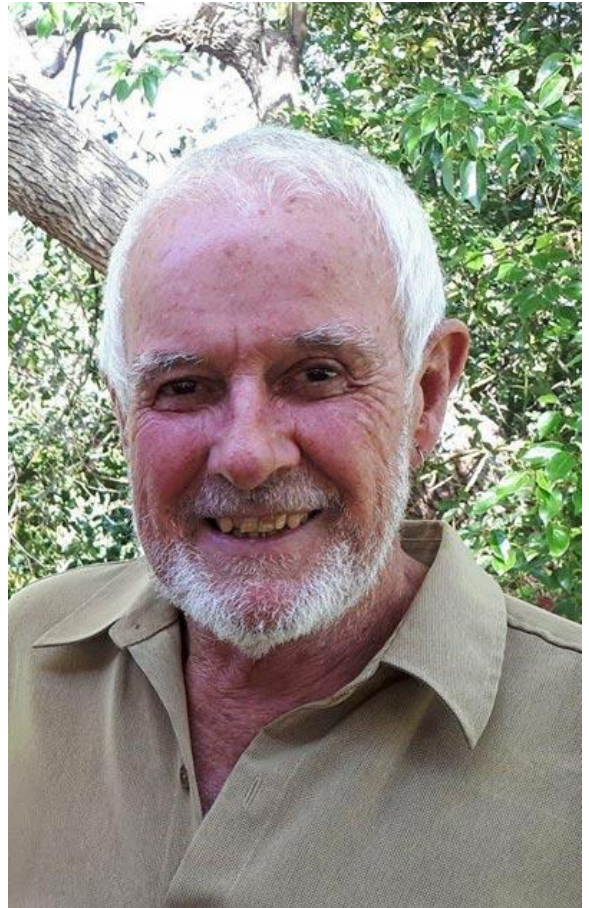
Member Profile: Barry Virtue

I am relatively new to FSCB, having moved from the Shoalhaven where I lived and taught Primary School since 1960. My interest in birds probably started from then, when I came from the city to 'rural' Berry. This interest really developed when my own children were old enough to take camping and when we went on the annual ten day Gould League camps around NSW. You may recall the Gould League of Bird Lovers from your school days? Are you that old? I was a founding member of Illawarra Bird Observers' Club (IBOC) and have been a member of BirdLife Australia under its various names for many years, and before moving south, organised an informal walks program for many years and was president of BirdLife Shoalhaven for a time.

Since retiring 25 years ago I have been really very lucky to 'back pack' extensively overseas with a fellow birdwatcher. We birded South East Asia, Nepal, Madagascar, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, many African and South American countries, Galapagos, rural Provinces in China, New Guinea and Pacific Islands. I also did something which I can thoroughly recommend, a course in Ornithology through Charles Sturt University.

My favourite birding spots around Bermagui are the walks on the Scenic Forest Drive, the Bermagui River and around Wallaga Lake and Murunna Point. Of course it is always exciting to see a rare or new species but I enjoy just being in the bush or beach and watching the behaviour of the everyday birds like Yellow Robins, shorebirds and cormorants or what is maybe my favourite, White-winged Choughs and their antics. I wish I had them in my backyard. I was fortunate enough to live in escarpment rainforest above Berry for many years, to wake to lyrebirds and exciting sightings of Australian Logrunner, Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Sooty and Powerful Owls and even Noisy Pitta. It was hard to move. There have been so many changes over the years; Corellas, Galahs and Crested Pigeons on the coast and now of course the fires have dramatically changed birding in so many areas for ever. BirdLife Shoalhaven has completed a year-long comprehensive survey of fire-impacted areas with some interesting results. It can be accessed from their website.

I regret that I don't get to many FSCB meetings or outings as I have enjoyed the ones I have been to so much, Thank you all, and particularly Barbara, for making me feel welcome.



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A SELECTION of SIGHTINGS from June/July 2021

Please report your sightings, especially threatened species

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THREATENED SPECIES

27/7/21	Barking Owl	1	Merimbula, Benandra Ave	R Bilney	
16/7/21	Gang-gang Cockatoo	20	Mogilla	J Plumb	
5/6/21	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	4	Nethercote, nr Yowaka Bridge	C Peters	
14/6/21	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	5	Nethercote	B Jones	passing house
22/6/21	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	pair	Bermagui, behind the tip	D Adams	
28/6/21	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	~12	Nethercote, nr Yowaka Bridge	C Peters	
29/6/21	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	1 young	Nethercote, nr Yowaka Bridge	B Jones	squawking
30/6/21	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	41	Nethercote, nr Yowaka Bridge	B Jones	~ 4:45, dusk
1/7/21	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	12	Nethercote, nr Yowaka Bridge	Jones/R Bilney/Berzins et al	
2/7/21	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	5 poss 7	Nethercote, nr Yowaka Bridge	Jones/R & G Bilney/Berzins et al	
7/6/21	Hooded Plover	2	Bermagui, Beares Bch	M Smith	again on 10th
8/6/21	Pied Oystercatcher	2	Merimbula Lake, f Beach St	W Phillips	
27/6/21	Pied Oystercatcher	2	Eden, Curalo Lake boardwalk	FSCB outing	
16/6/21	Powerful Owl	1	Nethercote, Peters	C Peters	
16/7/21	Sooty Owl	1	Mogilla	J Plumb	
3/7/21	Sooty Oystercatcher	1	Merimbula Lake, Fishpen	D Waldon	
27/7/21	Square-tailed Kite	1	Merimbula, Benandra Ave	R Bilney	
4/7/21	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	1	Dragon Swamp	R Heffernan	well inland
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27/6/21	Australasian Darter	1	Eden, Cocora Beach	FSCB outing	
27/6/21	Australasian Grebe	23	Eden, Curalo Lake	FSCB outing	
21/6/21	Australasian Pipit	12	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
25/7/21	Australasian Pipit	3	Rocky Hall Cemetery	FSCB outing	
30/7/21	Australasian Pipit	3	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
14/7/21	Australian Magpie	17	Panboola	FSCB survey	
27/6/21	Australian Pelican	27	Eden, Curalo Lake	FSCB outing	
14/7/21	Australian Raven	2 nest building	Panboola	FSCB survey	
3/7/21	Australian White Ibis	30	Bega-Tathra Rd	F & P Neal	
11/7/21	Australian Wood Duck	1 + 12 young	Kalaru, Bega-Tathra Rd	G Greenwood	
27/6/21	Azure Kingfisher	1	Eden, Curalo Lake boardwalk	FSCB outing	
25/7/21	Azure Kingfisher	1	Bega, Glebe Park	S Ward	
11/7/21	Bar-shouldered Dove	1	Merimbula, Benandra Ave	R Bilney	photo
27/6/21	Black Swan	9	Eden, Curalo Lake	FSCB outing	
1/7/21	Black Swan	1 + 1 cygnet	Panboola	M Sutcliffe	
3/7/21	Black Swan	90	Bird Route 1, Ritchies Lagoon	F & P Neal	
10/7/21	Black Swan	1+4 cygnet	Bega, Glebe Park	FSCB outing	
25/7/21	Brown Falcon	1	Big Jack Mtn Rd	FSCB outing	
26/6/21	Brown Gerygone	3	Nethercote	B Jones	
23/6/21	Buff-banded Rail	1	Bermagui Golf Course	B Virtue	
27/6/21	Buff-banded Rail	1	Eden, Curalo Lake	FSCB outing	
4/7/21	Buff-banded Rail	2	Eden, Curalo Lake	D Waldon	
27/6/21	Cattle Egret	5	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
10/7/21	Cattle Egret	1	Bega, Finucanes Lane	FSCB outing	
25/7/21	Cattle Egret	1	Bega, Glebe Park	S Ward	
6/7/21	Cattle Egret	5	Pambula Flats	B Jones	
29/6/21	Collared Sparrowhawk	1	Nethercote	B Jones	
11/7/21	Common Bronzewing	1 nest 3 eggs	Kalaru, Donnellan Pl	G Greenwood	
3/6/21	Common Myna	3	Yurammie	R Heffernan	destroyed
3/7/21	Crescent Honeyeater	3	Merimbula Lake, Fishpen	D Waldon	
13/7/21	Crested Shrike-tit	3	Mogilla	J Plumb	
11/7/21	Double-banded Plover	4	Merimbula, Short Point	L Allen	
14/7/21	Double-banded Plover	6	Merimbula, Fishpen	L Berzins	
15/7/21	Double-banded Plover	3	Merimbula, Fishpen	S Romane	
18/7/21	Double-banded Plover	3	Wallagoot Lake	W Lehwald	
10/7/21	Double-barred Finch	20	Bega Saleyards	FSCB outing	
25/7/21	Double-barred Finch	15	Big Jack Mtn Rd	R Heffernan	near Orchard Rd
30/7/21	Double-barred Finch	6	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
10/7/21	Dusky Moorhen	4	Bega, Kisses Lagoon	FSCB outing	
14/7/21	Dusky Moorhen	6	Panboola	FSCB survey	
27/6/21	Eastern Reef Egret	1	Eden, Curalo Lake	FSCB outing	
10/7/21	Eastern Rosella	20	Bega, Finucanes Lane	FSCB outing	
10/7/21	Eurasian Coot	60	Bega, Kisses Lagoon	FSCB outing	
1/7/21	European Goldfinch	14	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
25/7/21	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	1	Rocky Hall Reserve	S Romane	
30/7/21	Golden-headed Cisticola	1	Yurammie	R Heffernan	

27/6/21	Great Cormorant	30	Eden, Curalo Lake boardwalk	FSCB outing	
11/6/21	Grey Goshawk	1	Sth Pambula	H Kingston	
27/6/21	Grey Goshawk	1	Eden, Curalo Lake boardwalk	FSCB outing	
30/6/21	Grey Goshawk	1	Pambula, Smiths store	B Jones	
10/7/21	Grey Goshawk	1	Bega Saleyards	FSCB outing	
14/7/21	Grey Goshawk	1	Panboola	FSCB survey	
21/6/21	Grey Teal	23	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
10/7/21	Hardhead	4	Bega, Glebe Park	FSCB outing	
22/7/21	Laughing Kookaburra	6	Nethercote	B Jones	
1/6/21	Little Corella	150	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
14/7/21	Little Corella	15	Panboola	FSCB survey	
19/6/21	Little Raven	200	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
22/7/21	Magpie-lark	25	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
8/7/21	Masked Lapwing	nesting	Tura Headland Reserve	D Merrick	
14/7/21	Masked Lapwing	28	Panboola	FSCB survey	
21/7/21	Masked Lapwing	1 + 4 young	Tura, Pacific Way,	Sa Romane	
27/7/21	Masked Lapwing	1 + 3 young	Bermagui Golf Course	D Adams	
10/7/21	Musk Duck	1 male	Bega, Finucanes Lane	FSCB outing	
30/7/21	Nankeen Kestrel	3	Yurammie	R Heffernan	chased by magpie
25/7/21	Nankeen Kestrel	1	New Buildings Bridge	M Sutcliffe	
10/7/21	Nankeen Night-Heron	2	Bega, Glebe Park	FSCB outing	
25/7/21	Nankeen Night-Heron	3 ad 1 juv	Bega, Glebe Park	S Ward	
7/6/21	Olive-backed Oriole	1	Bermagui, Beares Bch	M Smith	
21/7/21	Olive-backed Oriole	1	Bega, Glebe Park	S Ward	
8/6/21	Pacific Gull	1 juv	Bermagui Harbour	B Virtue	
11/7/21	Peaceful Dove	1	Fairhaven	B Virtue	
27/6/21	Pied Cormorant	1	Eden, Cocora Beach	FSCB outing	
10/7/21	Pink-eared Duck	3	Bega, Glebe Park	FSCB outing	
14/7/21	Purple Swamphen	25	Panboola	FSCB survey	
11/7/21	Red-capped Plover	6	Merimbula, Short Point	L Allen	
14/7/21	Red-capped Plover	20	Merimbula, Fishpen	L Berzins	
25/7/21	Restless Flycatcher	1	Big Jack Mtn Rd	FSCB outing	
22/6/21	Rose Robin	1m	Lochiel, Pambula River	M Sutcliffe	
22/6/21	Rose Robin	pair	Bega, Reedy Swamp Rd	T Williams	
21/7/21	Rose Robin	1	Mogilla	J Plumb	
25/7/21	Rose Robin	1	Big Jack Picnic Area	FSCB outing	
25/7/21	Rose Robin	1	Bega, Glebe Park	S Ward	
27/6/21	Royal Spoonbill	6	Eden, Curalo Lake boardwalk	FSCB outing	
10/7/21	Royal Spoonbill	12	Bega, Glebe Park	FSCB outing	
11/6/21	Sacred Kingfisher	1	Merimbula Lake, boardwalk	L Berzins	
10/7/21	Sacred Kingfisher	1	Bega, Glebe Park	FSCB outing	
11/6/21	Scarlet Robin	1	Tantawangalo	G Milkovits	
25/7/21	Scarlet Robin	pair	Rocky Hall Reserve area	FSCB outing	
25/7/21	Scarlet Robin	pair	nr Big Jack Picnic Area	FSCB outing	
21/7/21	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	1	Panboola, at Smiths Lookout	S Romane	
10/7/21	Silveryeye	80	Bega, Glebe Park	FSCB outing	
2/6/21	Southern Boobook	calls	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
13/6/21	Southern Boobook	1 dead	Bega, Coles carpark	D Reckord	
10/7/21	Straw-necked Ibis	200	Bega, Glebe Park	FSCB outing	overhead
14/7/21	Striated Thornbill	4	Panboola	FSCB survey	
27/6/21	Superb Fairy-wren	20+	Eden, Curalo Lake boardwalk	FSCB outing	
10/7/21	Swamp Harrier	1	Bega, Finucanes Lane	FSCB outing	
14/7/21	Swamp Harrier	1	Panboola	FSCB survey	
12/6/21	Tawny Frogmouth	1	Kanoona	R Heffernan & C Smith	
23/6/21	Varied Sittella	8	Bermagui Golf Course	B Virtue	
26/7/21	Varied Sittella	10 - 20	Tura, Sapphire Coast Drive	C Meslin	
13/6/21	White-eared Honeyeater	1	Yurammie	R Heffernan	
25/7/21	White-eared Honeyeater	2	Pretty Point Bridge	FSCB outing	
4/6/21	White-headed Pigeon	25	Bermagui	B Virtue	
5/6/21	White-headed Pigeon	20	Merimbula, Main St	F Brook	
27/6/21	White-headed Pigeon	3	Eden, Curalo Lake boardwalk	FSCB outing	
10/7/21	White-headed Pigeon	2	Bega, Glebe Park	FSCB outing	
28/7/21	White-headed Pigeon	nest, ad+1 y	Bega	D Adams photo	
10/7/21	Yellow Thornbill	1	Bega, Glebe Park	FSCB outing	
10/7/21	Yellow Thornbill	6	Bega Saleyards	FSCB outing	
14/7/21	Yellow Thornbill	1	Panboola	FSCB survey	
10/7/21	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	1	Bega, Glebe Park	FSCB outing	
10/7/21	Yellow-rumped Thornbill	12	Bega Saleyards	FSCB outing	
25/7/21	Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	2	Big Jack Picnic Area	FSCB outing	
25/7/21	Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	3	New Buildings Bridge	FSCB outing	
25/7/21	Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	3	Rocky Hall Reserve	FSCB outing	

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 7).*

Thursday 12 August, 2021

EVENING MEETING

Meet in the Uniting Church Hall, Henwood St, Merimbula, for a 7:30 pm start. Our guest speaker, Tom Rowell, will give a presentation about Predator-awareness Training in Helmeted Honeyeaters and Alan Scrymgeour will tell the story of a Masked Lapwing. The raffle prizes will be native plants and everyone is welcome to join us for supper and a chat after the meeting.

Saturday 14 August, 2021

MOGAREEKA

Meet Mike at 9:00 am at the Tathra 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.

Sunday 22 August, 2021

CATHCART

Meet Hayden (Ph: 0417 227 467) at 9:30 am at the Cathcart Memorial Hall car park. A slightly later start than usual to allow the birds time to thaw out and get moving around. 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.

Saturday 11 September, 2021

GREEN CAPE

Meet Leo at 9:00 am on the corner of Princes Highway and Edrom Rd (Chipmill Rd), 15 minutes south of Eden. There are several places to stop on the way to the Green Cape lighthouse, covering a variety of habitat. Bring a snack, lunch, chair and you may need a coat if it's windy.

Sunday 26 September, 2021

BLACKFELLOWS LAKE

Meet Leo at 9:00 am at the end of Blackfellows Lake Rd, which leads off the Bega – Tathra Rd just east of the Kalaru shops. Follow this road, swinging left when you see water and then wind around passing houses on the right to the gate at the end. This is a private property and the gate must be shut after you enter. Bring a snack, lunch and chair.

Saturday 9 October, 2021

NUMBUGGA

Meet Hayden (ph 0417 227 467) at 9:00 am on the corner of Snowy Mountains Highway and Wents Road. From Bega go north on the Princes Highway and take the Cooma turn-off, drive 15 km west to reach Wents Road on your right. If coming from Bemboka it is 5 km east of Morans Crossing on your left. We will visit sites along Numbugga Creek and return to Bega via Walls Flat Road. Bring a snack, lunch and chair.

Wednesday 13 October, 2021

PANBOOLA SURVEY

Meet at 7:30 am at the Panboola Centre, next to Idlewilde Motel in Bullara St, Pambula for the spring survey. Wear sturdy shoes. Carry snack and drink, hat and insect repellent. Takes about 3 hours.

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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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