

HFNC Excursion to Lake Linlithgow on 01 March 1969

Murray Gunn

Fourteen adults and juniors left Lionel Elmore's gate on Chatsworth Rd at 7 am. Murray Gunn led the excursion.

Birds seen in the morning:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Australasian Shoveler | 20. House Sparrow |
| 2. Australian Magpie | 21. Magpie-lark |
| 3. Australian Pipit | 22. Masked Lapwing |
| 4. Australian Shelduck | 23. Pacific Black Duck |
| 5. Australian Wood Duck | 24. Pied Stilt |
| 6. Black Swan | 25. Pink-eared Duck |
| 7. Black-fronted Dotterel | 26. Red-capped Plover |
| 8. Black-shouldered Kite | 27. Red-necked Stint |
| 9. Brolga – 12 | 28. Restless Flycatcher |
| 10. Brown Falcon | 29. Silver Gull |
| 11. Brown Goshawk | 30. Swamp Harrier |
| 12. Brown Thornbill | 31. Tree Martin |
| 13. Cape Barren Goose – 2 | 32. Welcome Swallow |
| 14. Chestnut Teal | 33. Whiskered Tern |
| 15. Double-banded Plover | 34. Whistling Kite |
| 16. Eurasian Coot | 35. White-faced Heron |
| 17. European Goldfinch | 36. White-fronted Chat |
| 18. Grey Teal | 37. Willie Wagtail |
| 19. Hoary-headed Grebe | 38. Yellow-rumped Thornbill |

[Current names in 2022 have been applied to those in the original list]

[Andrew Corrick reported seeing 50 Double-banded Plover at Lake Kennedy in April 1969.

Lionel Elmore also reported other findings in Feb. 1969:

Spoonbills at Lake Linlithgow on 16 Feb. 1969 – a group of 3 adults (1 Yellow & 2 Royal Spoonbills) and what appeared to be 3 immature Royal Spoonbills. The latter had the usual black or very dark bill and their heads and necks were a light fawn colour. Were these part of the 8 or 9 breeding birds seen at Bryan Swamp in 30 Nov. 1968?

Cape Barren Geese at Lake Kennedy:

On 9/02/1969, 3 geese were seen near the sharp bend in the road near the north end of the lake. No visible bands. Difficult to approach.

On 16/02/1969, 7 geese were seen at the same location; again no visible bands].



Swans on Lake Linlithgow, SE corner, in April 1969 LE

[Murray Gunn had also reported observations for the previous year, Jan-March of 1968:

The lake in those months was the driest I had ever seen it.

Jan 21 – no Whiskered Tern or Pied Stilt, although both species were in quite large numbers before Christmas. One Avocet was seen. Among the many (possibly thousands) of small waders, Sharp-tailed Sandpipers were by far the most common. Only one Curlew Sandpiper was noted.

Jan 26 – many small waders with red-capped Plover in hundreds. Red-necked Stints and Sharp-tailed Sandpipers were common, although the latter were not as common as on the last visit (it is possible they were on another area of the lake).

One bird identified as a Double-banded Plover was seen, with an indistinct dark brownish bar across the upper breast.

Feb 29 – still a fair number of Red-capped Plover and quite a few Red-necked Stints about but I did not see any Sharp-tailed Sandpipers. Two birds I again identified as Double-banded Plover, although there is a possibility that they may have been Mongolian Dotterel [Lesser Sand Plover].

On all 3 visits to the lake there were large flocks of Australian Shelduck but few, if any, other species of duck were seen.

I was informed that 3 Cape Barren Geese were seen by Lake Linlithgow in February and I would consider the information reliable. A flock of up to 20 Brolga have been reported near the lake in February & March].