

HFNC Excursion to Lake Linlithgow on 02 March 1974

Rod Bird & Murray Gunn

The party met at The Point, off Chatsworth Rd, at about 7.30 am. Murray Gunn led the excursion.

This was the poorest year for species diversity and numbers that Murray could recall. The variety of ducks was particularly poor. Eurasian Coots usually in thousands were barely represented. Only a few small waders were seen but hundreds were seen on Lake Kennedy, mostly Red-necked Stint.

There were no Pied Stilt, Red-necked Avocet, Red-kneed Dotterel or Sharp-tailed Sandpipers.

Birds seen in the morning:

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| 1. Australasian Shoveler – a few score | 11. Hoary-headed Grebe – several |
| 2. Australian Pipit – present | 12. Masked Lapwing – several hundred |
| 3. Australian Shelduck – about 100 | 13. Musk Duck – 1 |
| 4. Black Swan – about 700 | 14. Pacific Black Duck – about 100 |
| 5. Blue-billed Duck – several | 15. Red-capped Plover – a few score |
| 6. Brown Falcon - 4 | 16. Red-necked Stint – a few |
| 7. Chestnut Teal – a few score | 17. Silver Gull – several hundred |
| 8. Double-banded Plover – several | 18. White-faced Heron – 20 or 30 |
| 9. Eurasian Coot – a few score | 19. White-fronted Chat – present |
| 10. Grey Teal – several hundred | |

Lionel Elmore noted the absence of Cape Barren Geese and that there were fewer in number each passing year.