



The Twitcher

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CENTRAL COAST GROUP, BIRDING NSW

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	LEADER/SPEAKER
23/01/24	Next Meeting: Members' Night Meet: 7.30pm Tuggerah Progress Hall, Anzac Rd, Tuggerah, opposite McDonalds	Michael Scobie 0411 243 433
27/1/24	Outing: Dairy Swamp /Central Coast Wetlands Meet: 8.30am Central Coast Wetlands, South Tacoma Rd, Tuggerah	REMEMBER TO REGISTER Christina Port 0421 691 317
4/2/24	Breakfast with the Birds Meet: 8.00am Central Coast Wetlands, South Tacoma Rd, Tuggerah.	REMEMBER TO REGISTER https://www.cen.org.au/events/834-breakfast-with-thebirds
14/2/24	½ day Outing: Saratoga and Davistown Meet: 8.30am Saratoga Oval, Willaroo Rd, Saratoga	REMEMBER TO REGISTER Doug Hocking 0427 800 428
27/2/24	Next Meeting: Shorebirds in the Hunter Meet: 7.30pm Tuggerah Progress Hall, Anzac Rd, Tuggerah, opposite McDonalds Note: For all Outings bring your morning tea and lunch. A chair is a good idea.	Andrea Griffiths



Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be available at the end of the meeting.
To cover hall hire and refreshments a donation of \$4 would be appreciated.

Tonight's Meeting: As well as short presentations by our members, the winners of the Photographic Competition, and the winner of each of the Twitch competition and the Alan Morris Award will be announced.

Last Month's Meeting: Andy Robinson provided a detailed rundown of the nesting colony of Little Terns at North Entrance. Breeding success has risen significantly since Andy has been managing the program. This colony is now the most successful breeding site and thus the most important site in NSW. Steps implemented in the program have been more substantial fencing to deter both humans and dogs from accessing the breeding area, predator control (25 foxes have been shot in the last three years) and the council workers have made an effort to keep the area clear of rubbish which attracts the avian predator (ravens and gulls). The number of Little Terns breeding here has increased dramatically with up to 150 birds fledged in 2021. 2022 was not as successful with only 31 chicks fledged due to predation by Silver Gulls. However, 2023 is looking good with over 300 eggs on the ground as of the week of the meeting. Andy is confident that predation by gulls can be averted as much was learned from the previous year. The 31 attendees were treated to a magnificent array of the photos of Little Terns and their chicks.

Webpage: Don't forget to check out the Birding NSW Webpage www.birdingnsw.org.au where there is plenty of info about outings, photograph gallery, and general info about the Club. Well worth a visit! Check out Central Coast Birders on Facebook as well! It has now reached over 1100 members and keeps growing steadily each month - great job Malcolm Hill! The Facebook page is a huge success allowing bird-related issues to reach over 800 people on the Central Coast.

Saving Stamps: Please keep saving used stamps (on paper, trimmed) to pass to Wendy Mitchell for donation to charity.

Total Fire Ban Days and Outings: Outings may be cancelled on days of total fire bans. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis and will depend on the planned birding site being accessible and the potential risk. This decision will be made by the leader. If the outing is cancelled it will be published on Central Coast Birders Facebook. If in doubt contact the outing leader.

CAMPS 2024

Fri-22 th - Sun 24th March	Orange	Doug Hocking	0427 800 428	Canobolas Caravan Park 166 Bathurst Rd, Orange (02) 6362 7279
Fri 3 rd May - Sun 5th May	West Wyalong	Christina Port	0421 691 317	Ace Caravan Park Cnr Newell Highway and Mid-western Highway West Wyalong (02) 6972 3061
Fri 6th - Sun 8th September	Karuah	Graham Nelson	0466 599 278	Big 4 Karuah Jetty Caravan Park 88 Holdom Rd, Karuah 1800 005 552 or (02)4997 5520
Fri 18th - Sun 20th October	Harrington	Alan Morris	0418 269 482	Harrington Beach Holiday & Caravan Park 50 Crowdy St, Harrington (02) 6556 1228

CAMPOUT PROCEDURES for Central Coast Group, Birding NSW

- Campouts will be limited to 20 birders.
- The leader is to be contacted prior to booking accommodation.
- Car-pooling may be necessary to enable all cars to park at some locations, otherwise the group will be unable to stop at these good birding areas.
- When there are several cars, please wait when turning off the main route for the following car to catch up.
- It is a custom at campouts to have a “Bird Call” in the BBQ area of the Caravan Park after the day’s birding, to check all the birds seen during the day by everyone at the camp. People usually bring a drink and nibbles and socialise. Everyone is encouraged to attend the bird call to make sure no birds seen are omitted from the list for the camp.
- Generally, at campouts the group attends a local club or restaurant for dinner one night and usually has a BBQ meal together another night after bird call. Bird camps are a good time to socialise and get to know one another better.
- Please follow the leader’s instructions. They are volunteers and have put a lot of time into organising the camp.
- It is best if everyone can keep up with the leader and stay together, where possible, so that all manage to see the birds and the leader is not constantly waiting for people to catch up.

WHAT WAS NEW in November/December and WHAT CAN WE EXPECT in February?



Broad-billed Sandpiper
Andy Robinson

The exciting sightings continued into the November/December period. Two Broad-billed Sandpipers seen at Tuggerah Bay saltmarsh were the first records for the Central Coast. This provided a great opportunity for both twitchers and photographers, with many recording a lifer. The White-tailed Tropicbird seen on the November Terrigal Pelagic is the third record for the Central Coast but essentially the first record as previous records were beach-cast. A Lesser (Siberian) Sand Plover was seen in The Entrance Channel. Three Terek Sandpipers were reported from Chittaway. The Beautiful Firetail found at Bucketty was only the second record.



Siberian Sand Plover
Andy Robinson

Once again Fairy Terns bred at the Little Tern colony for the second year in a row. Also of note, the White-winged Trillers bred at the Dairy. This is the second breeding

record. It has been good to see that large flocks of White throated Needletails are being reported - in fact 41 reports in the period.

Birding in February will remain challenging for bush birds. They have completed breeding and thus are not calling. The spring migrants will begin to leave with the first to go being Fairy Martins.

OUTING REPORTS

Outing: December 2

ASH ISLAND

Leader: Daniel McKeon

A wet and wild summer day saw eleven very keen birders meeting at Minmi Oval hoping to catch a glimpse of some interesting birds on our outing to Ash Island and Kooragang Wetlands. First stop of the day was Pambalong Nature Reserve where the usual suspects were seen enjoying what the wetlands had to offer. Highlights included some Australian Reed-Warblers busily calling and moving through the reeds, a Swamp Harrier that made a pass over the area looking for breakfast and a Little Grassbird that was calling from deep in the reeds beside the road. After a walk around the wetlands, we moved on. A late-night report saw me change the proceedings for the day and we headed off to Fletcher to the Bulbul Crescent Wetlands, in the hope of catching sight of the three Australian Painted Snipe that had been spotted the day before. Luckily for us there were already some birders at the viewing area and they were able to point out where the birds were: without their help, we would've had no chance. A Lifer for some but an amazing bird for all, the Australian Painted Snipe were a very welcome addition to our list. A look around the wetlands also produced some feeding Latham's Snipe, a Pink-eared Duck, some Red-kneed Dotterels on the water's edge and a pair of Magpie Geese that seemed to be looking for a nesting area. As we were set to leave, we were happy to see a small group of Brown Quail feeding on the grass along the path's edge.

Once again, we were on the move. Due to the late change, we were at the whim of the GPS to get us to Ash Island. Unfortunately, we lost a few cars in the traffic and wouldn't see them again for a few hours. Upon arrival at Ash Island, we sat down for morning tea where a family of Pied Butcherbirds begged for food and got extremely close. We finished our food and set off on a walk past the old Homestead site. A Brush Cuckoo kept us busy as we tried to get better views of it but it always seemed to be one tree too far from us. Tawny Grassbirds made their presence known and put on a bit of a show displaying in the long grass. Grey Fantails, Grey Shrike-thrush, Grey Butcherbirds all seemed to be very apt birds for what was a grey old day and getting greyer by the minute. Due to the impending weather, we decided not to have lunch in the park but instead opted for the relatively drier area under Stockton Bridge. Some light rain didn't put us off as we ventured out to Stockton Sandspit to see what shore birds were hunkering down in the miserable weather.

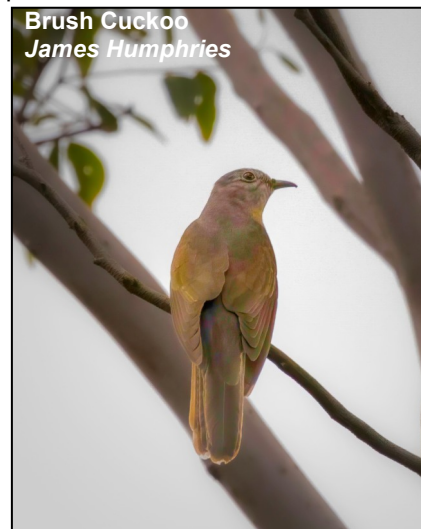
A large group of Eastern Curlew were easily spotted roosting in the middle pond. A closer look saw a large mixed flock of Curlew Sandpiper and Pacific Golden Plover in amongst the grass and salt marsh. As we finally made our way to the water's edge the

heavens opened and we were left scurrying back to the safety of the bridge once again. One lone birder decided to stay put and try to wait out the rain and a sad lonely sight she seemed, sitting by herself in the heavy downpour. Bar-tailed and Black-tailed Godwits flew in as we hid under the information awning and we decided we were wet enough and had had a great day despite the weather.



**Very keen birder
Daniel McKeon**

86 species all up by my count with some spectacular birds amongst them. Thank you to the keen eleven birders who braved the conditions and I bet there were a few who were kicking themselves for not giving it a shot due to the weather. Another great day out was had by all.



**Brush Cuckoo
James Humphries**

Christmas Outing: December 9

MARDI - PIONEER DAIRY

Leaders: Carole and John Carpenter

The weather forecast was for an exceptionally hot day. We decided to go ahead with the usual early morning start at 7.30 am. About 20 birders arrived to see Red-browed Finch, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Eastern Spinebill, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Satin Bowerbird, White-throated Treecreeper, White-browed Scrub-wren along with the constant ringing of the bellbirds.

Also heard calling were Koel, Channel-billed Cuckoo and Sacred Kingfisher. The walk along the fire trail through the spotted gum forest was very vocal with cicadas but we managed to add Eastern Yellow Robin, Grey Fantail, Scarlet Honeyeater and Leaden Flycatcher to our list. Back at the house, the late arrivals keeping John company saw Variegated Wren, King Parrot, Wonga Pigeon and the last bird sighted was a White-bellied Sea-eagle - making a total of 31 species. A small-eyed Snake was also found in the rockery.



We then adjourned to Central Coast Wetlands/Pioneer Dairy to meet up with the rest of the Birders for morning tea.

At this point, Allan Benson welcomed everyone and made presentations in recognition of their help and contribution during the year. He also welcomed Elisabeth Hodson who was representing Birding NSW, Charmaine and Linda who were visiting from Canada and a new member, Louise, and her husband John. Despite the car thermometers showing 44°C, a slight breeze encouraged us to walk in the Greenfleet paddock as it was mostly in the shade after which we were very pleased to return to the shade of the picnic shelter for lunch.



50 species were recorded at the Dairy with the highlights being nesting Nankeen Kestrel, a Peregrine Falcon giving great view perched in a fig tree, Whistling Kite, Buff-banded Rail, Latham's Snipe, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Tawny Grassbird, Australasian Pipit, Olive backed Oriole, Rufous Fantail and a family of Large-billed Scrub-wren. With the hot breeze picking up, we decided to call it quits about 1pm.



Despite the weather conditions, this was a successful outing with more than 40 members recording 86 species for the day. Many thanks to all those who joined us, for their company and their help in finding the birds.

SPECIES LIST

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

Bird names used and the order in which they occur are in accord with the IOC World Birdlist Version 11.1.2021

First Migrant arrival *	Last Migrant departure **	LN = biggest number since January	OW = Over-winter	
Plumed Whistling Duck	30	31/12/2023	Chittaway Point South	Edwin Vella
Plumed Whistling Duck	30	31/12/2023	Dairy Swamp CCW Tuggerah	David Schuemaker
Musk Duck	16	18/11/2023	Colongra Lake, Munmorah	Andrew Robinson
Australasian Shoveler	3	29/11/2023	Tuggerah STW	Doug Hocking
Brown Quail	2	10/12/2023	Tathra Taila HSD, Mangrove Mtn	Kaye Pointer
Hoary-headed Grebe	13	29/11/2023	Tuggerah STW	Graham Nelson
Great Crested Grebe	3	18/11/2023	Colongra Lake, Munmorah	Andrew Robinson
Tawny Frogmouth	2A+2Y	20/11/2023	Canton Beach	Leeanne Lemke
Tawny Frogmouth	A+3Y	4/12/2023	Umina Beach	Gary Jackson
White-throated Nightjar	2	1/12/2023	Mt White	Andrew Robinson
White-throated Needletail	100+	18/11/2023	Tumbi Umbi	Andrew Robinson

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White-throated Needletail	200	26/11/2023	0723 hrs Mingara Recreation Club	Nick Carson
White-throated Needletail	200	26/11, 3/12	1000hrs Wye	Leonie Loewe
White-throated Needletail	300+	3/12/2023	Tumbi Umbi	Andrew Robinson
White-throated Needletail	300+	11/12/2023	0730 hrs Hansens Rd, Tumbi Umbi	Ashley Mullahey
Pheasant Coucal	1	13/11/2023	Waratah Rd North, Mangrove Mountain	Kaye Pointer
Pheasant Coucal	1	11/12/2023	Tuggerah North	Andrew Robinson
Pheasant Coucal	1	14/12/2023	Bateau Bay	O. Brown
Pallid Cuckoo	1	1/11/2023	West Gosford	Matt Egan
Pallid Cuckoo	J	14/11/2023	Dairy Swamp, CCW, Tuggerah	Jesse Hewling
Brush Cuckoo	HC	28/11/2023	0430 hrs Ourimbah Creek Rd Ourimbah	Darren Earnshaw
Brush Cuckoo	HC	29/11/2023	Tuggerah Bay Saltmarsh	Alan Morris
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	J	8/12/2023	fed by WBSW, Tuggerah Bay Saltmarsh	Elizabeth Noble
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	2	14/11/2023	Dairy Swamp, CCW, Tuggerah	Leeanne Lemke
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	2	30/11/2023	Mount White	Sue Watts
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	2	5/11-17/12	Central Coast Wetlands, Tuggerah	Mel Stratton
Common Bronzewing	1	12/11/2023	Borrisbrook Rd, Mangrove Mtn	Margaret Pointer
Brush Bronzewing	F	4/12/2023	Lake Munmorah	Trent Freeman
Brush Bronzewing	1	8 & 26/12	Bush track, Magenta	Liz Noble
Bar-shouldered Dove	5	10/11/2023	Murrumbung HSD, Mardi	Carole Carpenter
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	1m	3/11/2023	Chittaway Point East	Allan Benson
Topknot Pigeon	14	30/11/2023	Narara Eco Village & Strickland SF	Guy Dutson
Topknot Pigeon	3	15/12/2023	feeding in Bangalow Palms, Gorokan	Ness Farmilo
Buff-banded Rail	1	3/11/2023	Terrigal Haven	Nikola Markovina
Buff-banded Rail	2	7/11/2023	Domayne, West Gosford	Darren Earnshaw
Buff-banded Rail	2	3/11-16/12	Dairy Swamp, CCW, Tuggerah	Louise Callaghan
Aust. Spotted Rake	1	20/11/2023	Dairy Swamp, CCW, Tuggerah	Maki Okamoto
Aust. Spotted Crake	1	13/11/2023	West Gosford	Michael Tyris
Spotless Crake	5	14/11/2023	Greenfleet section, Central Coast Wetlands	David Russell
Baillon's Crake	1	3-6/11/23	Springfield Pond	Julie Peksis
Baillon's Crake	2	20/11-3/12	x3 Dairy Swamp, CCW, Tuggerah	Maki Okamoto
Painted Button-quail	1	23/11-7/12	x3 Borrisbrook Rd, Mangrove Mtn	Kaye Pointer
Bush Stone-curlew	1	30/10/2023	Everglades Golf Course	Judy Hocking
Bush Stone-curlew	1	10 & 20/11	Davistown Boardwalk	Laurie Smith
Bush Stone-curlew	2A+J	Oct-Nov	Nautical Village, Kincumber	Doug Hocking
Sooty Oystercatcher	13	16/12/2023	Blue Bay Reefs	Andrew Robinson
Pacific Golden Plover	8	11/11-16/12	Blue Bay Reefs	Laurie Smith
Pacific Golden Plover	1	10/12/2023	Norah Head Rocks	Andrew Robinson
Red-capped Plover	2prs	20/10/2023	Karagi Point, The Entrance	Andrew Robinson
Siberian Sand Plover	1	21/12/2023	The Entrance Channel	Andrew Robinson
Black-fronted Dotterel	2	8/11/2023	Mount Penang Gardens	Ken Jansen
Ruddy Turnstone	8	11/11-16/12	Blue Bay Reefs	Laurie Smith
Ruddy Turnstone	19	2-10/12/23	Soldiers Point, Norah Head	Andrew Robinson
Eastern Curlew	7	2/12/2023	Brisbane Water	Andrew Robinson
Eastern Curlew	1	5/12/2023	Yattalunga Foreshore	Gary Jackson
Bar-tailed Godwit	23	29/11-17/12	Tuggerah Bay Saltmarsh	Alan Morris
Bar-tailed Godwit	9	29/12/2023	San Remo Playing Fields	Shaun Edwards
Latham's Snipe	3	3/11-9/12	Dairy Swamp, CCW, Tuggerah	Zsolt Balogh
Latham's Snipe	1	5/11/2023	Wyong	Leonie Loewe
Latham's Snipe	1	8/11/2023	Narara Eco Village	Guy Dutson
Great Knot	1	22/11&6/12	The Entrance Channel	Andrew Robinson
Curlew Sandpiper	5	2-10/12/23	Soldiers Point, Norah Head	Andrew Robinson
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	4	23/11/2023	Charmhaven, Budgewoi Lake	Anthony Cromach
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	23	29/11-9/12	Dairy Swamp, CCW, Tuggerah	Alan Morris
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	28	30/11/2023	8 on 29/12, Chittaway Point West	Graham Nelson
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	117	11-17/12/23	Tuggerah Bay Saltmarsh	Andrew Robinson
Red-necked Stint	70	11/11-16/12	97 on 16/12, Blue Bay Reefs	Laurie Smith
Red-necked Stint	45	18/11/2023	15 on 2/12, The Entrance Channel	Andrew Robinson

Red-necked Stint	92	2-10/12/23	Soldiers Point, Norah Head	Andrew Robinson
Broad-billed Sandpiper	2	17-19/12/23	2 on 23/12 Tuggerah Bay Saltmarsh	Andrew Robinson
Wood Sandpiper	1	9-17/12/23	Dairy Swamp, CCW, Tuggerah	Carole Carpenter
Common Greenshank	1	8-23/12/23	The Entrance Channel	Andrew Robinson
Grey-tailed Tattler	7	11/11-16/12	Blue Bay Reefs	Laurie Smith
Grey-tailed Tattler	1	3/12/2023	Anita Ave, Lake Munmorah Foreshore	Meryl Newton
Grey-tailed Tattler	9	10/12/2023	Soldiers Point, Norah Head	Andrew Robinson
Terek Sandpiper	1	14-18/11/23	Terilbah Island Reserve	Andrew Robinson
Terek Sandpiper	3	26/12/2023	Chittaway Bay	Andrew Robinson
Arctic Jaeger	1	24/11, 23/12	Terrigal pelagic	Andrew Robinson
Pomerine Jaeger	1	23/12/2023	Terrigal pelagic	Andrew Robinson
Little Tern	120	1-16/11/23	Karagi Point, The Entrance	Andrew Robinson
Little Tern	370	22/11/2023	Karagi Point, The Entrance	Andrew Robinson
Little Tern	450	29/11/2023	Karagi Point, The Entrance	Andrew Robinson
Fairy Tern	2 prs	Dec-January	Karagi Point Little Tern colony	Andrew Robinson
Sooty Tern	A	23/12/2023	Terrigal pelagic	Andrew Robinson
Caspian Tern	1	20/11/2023	Dairy Swamp, CCW, Tuggerah	David Schuemaker
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	14,20	24/11, 23/12	Terrigal pelagic	Andrew Robinson
Wandering Albatross	1	10/11/2023	Terrigal pelagic	Sue Watts
Wandering Albatross	1	24/11/2023	Terrigal pelagic	Andrew Robinson
Black-browed Albatross	1	23/12/2023	Terrigal pelagic	Andrew Robinson
White-capped Albatross	41, 25	24/11, 23/12	Terrigal pelagic	Andrew Robinson
Shy Albatross	1	24/11,23/12	Terrigal pelagic	Andrew Robinson
Black Petrel	1,1	24/11,23/12	Terrigal pelagic	Andrew Robinson
Great-winged Petrel	5	24/11/2023	Terrigal pelagic	Andrew Robinson
Providence Petrel	8	24/11/2023	Terrigal pelagic	Andrew Robinson
Sooty Shearwater	2	24/11, 23/12	Terrigal pelagic	Andrew Robinson
Flesh-footed Shearwater	50	24/11, 23/12	Terrigal pelagic	Andrew Robinson
Short-tailed Shearwater	100's	4-8/11/23	many dead on Central Coast beaches	Allan Benson
Short-tailed Shearwater	2500	24/11/2023	Terrigal pelagic	Andrew Robinson
Black-necked Stork	1m	8/11/2023	McPherson Rd Swamp, Tuggerah	Laurie Smith
Black-necked Stork	2J	17/12/2023	Jiliby Swamp	John Carpenter
Black Bittern	1	3/11/2023	on track to Chittaway Point East	Graham Nelson
Eastern Reef Heron	1	21/11,16/12	Flat Rock, Moonee Beach, Munmorah SCA	Jim Stone
Eastern Reef Egret	1	3/12/2023	Munmorah SCA	Andrew Robinson
Nankeen Night-heron	1m	4-7/11/23	Wyong River, Wyong	Bruce Edminston
Nankeen Night-heron	1m	16/11/2023	Central Coast Wetlands, Tuggerah	David Schuemaker
Nankeen Night-heron	1	12/12/2023	Avoca Lagoon	Darren Earnshaw
Osprey	2A+J	2/11/2023	juvenile in nest, Harry Moore Oval, Toukley	Mel Stratton
Osprey	A+J+N	3/11/2023	Doyle St, South Kincumber	Laurie Smith
Osprey	2A+J	9 & 30/11	Terrigal Crane Nest	Nikolas Markovina
Pacific Baza	1	20/11/2023	Central Coast Hwy, Erina Heights	Darren Earnshaw
Pacific Baza	1	28/11/2023	Narara	Nerida Carter
Pacific Baza	1	30/11/2023	Narara Eco Village	Guy Dutson
Black-shouldered Kite	2	4-16/11/23	Dairy Swamp, CCW, Tuggerah	Mel Stratton
Black-shouldered Kite	1	6/11/2023	Tathra Taila HSD, Mangrove Mtn	Margaret Pointer
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	1/11-6/12	Tathra Taila HSD, Mangrove Mtn	Margaret Pointer
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	23/11/2023	Ourimbah Village	Daniel McKeon
Little Eagle	1	3/11/2023	Narara	Nerida Carter
Little Eagle	1	14-16/11/23	Tathra Taila HSD, Mangrove Mtn	Kaye Pointer
Grey Goshawk	1	4/11/2023	Milk Factory, Wyong River	Peter O'Brien
Grey Goshawk	1	7-12/11/23	x3 Tathra Taila HSD, Mangrove Mtn	Margaret Pointer
Grey Goshawk	1	30/11/2023	nesting at Narara Eco Village	Guy Dutson
Brown Goshawk	1	4/11/2023	Milk Factory, Wyong River	Peter O'Brien
Brown Goshawk	1	8/11/2023	Noraville	Chris Jamieson
Brown Goshawk	1	10/11/2023	Davistown Boardwalk	Laurie Smith
Black Kite	1	18/12/2023	M1 Tuggerah Interchange	Ian Benson

Square-tailed Kite	1	2/11/2023	Central Coast Wetlands, Tuggerah	Mel Stratton
Square-tailed Kite	1	3/11/2023	Narara	Nerida Carter
Square-tailed Kite	1	10/11/2023	Matcham	John Duncan-Watt
Azure Kingfisher	2	1-8/11/23	Milk Factory, Wyong Creek	Laurie Smith
Azure Kingfisher	2	7/11/2023	Pioneer Creek, Central Coast Wetlands	David Russell
Sacred Kingfisher	2+N	2/11/2023	Milk Factory, Wyong River, Wyong	Rick Gatenby
Noisy Pitta	1	10/11/2023	Ourimbah Creek RTA Reserve	Allan Benson
Noisy Pitta	1	2/12/2023	Palmdale	Michael Ronan
Noisy Pitta	1	19/12/2023	Ourimbah Creek RTA Reserve	David Russell
Nankeen Kestrel	2	8/11/2023	Terrigal Skillion	Kylie Wilson
Nankeen Kestrel	2A+3Y	16/11-9/12	Central Coast Wetlands, Tuggerah	Mel Stratton
Nankeen Kestrel	2	9-12/12/23	The Entrance Channel/Karagi Point	Andrew Robinson
Brown Falcon	3	21/11-7/12	x4 Tathra Taila HSD, Mangrove Mtn	Kaye Pointer
Australian Hobby	1	4/11/2023	Ourimbah Creek Rd, Ourimbah	Darren Earnshaw
Australian Hobby	1	17/12/2023	Central Coast Wetlands, Tuggerah	David Schuemaker
Peregrine Falcon	A+J	5/11/2023	Wagstaffe	Wendy Harvey
Peregrine Falcon	1	9/12/2023	Central Coast Wetlands, Tuggerah	John Carpenter
Peregrine Falcon	1	8/12/2023	Tuggerah Bay Saltmarsh	Andrew Robinson
Greater Sooty Owl	1	7/12/2023	Ourimbah Creek, Ourimbah	Darren Earnshaw
Greater Sooty Owl	1	11/12/2023	Henry Kendall Gardens, Wyoming	Rob Montgomery
Barn Owl	1	12/11/2023	Settlers Rd, Yengo NP, Bucketty	Guy Dutson
Masked Owl	1	2/12/2023	Mangrove Dam Catchment, Bucketty	Guy Dutson
Southern Boobook	HC	2/11/2023	2210 hrs Tathra Taila HSD, Mangrove Mtn	Kaye Pointer
Southern Boobook	HC	2/12/2023	Narara	Julie Peksis
Southern Boobook	2A,2J	26/12/2023	Wildwoods, Kincumber	Diane Warman
Powerful Owl	1	28/11/2023	with Ringtail, Pacific Hwy, Ourimbah RSL	Andrew Robinson
Powerful Owl	hc	12/12/2023	0200 HRS Oberton St, Kincumber	Danny O'Brien
Gang Gang Cockatoo	2	7/12/2023	Old Great North Rd, Yengo NP, Bucketty	Andrew Robinson
Glossy Black Cockatoo	3	3/12/2023	Wye	Leonie Loewe
Glossy Black Cockatoo	2A+J	21/12/2023	Pearl Beach	Alan Stuart
Little Lorikeet	4	23/11/2023	Tathra Taila HSD, Mangrove Mtn	Kaye Pointer
Superb Lyrebird	1	4/11/2023	Henry Kendall Gardens, Wyoming	Rob Montgomery
Southern Emu-wren	2	16/11-17/12	Central Coast Wetlands, Tuggerah	David Schuemaker
Striped Honeyeater	2A+N	2/11/2023	Tuggerah Lake bike path, Killarney Vale	Dimity Rhodes
White-naped Honeyeater	50	25/11/2023	flying SW Tathra Taila HSD, M. Mtn	Kaye Pointer
Crescent Honeyeater	1	13-15/11/23	Tathra Taila HSD, Mangrove Mtn	Kaye Pointer
Yellow-throated Scrub-wren	2A+N	3/11/2023	Narara Valley Nursery	Grace Bryant
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	5	26/11,10/12	Mt Penang Parklands	Guy Dutson
Varied Sittella	2	1/ & 18/11	Tathra Taila HSD, Mangrove Mtn	Kaye Pointer
Varied Sittella	4	21/11/2023	Central Coast Wetlands, Tuggerah	Jenny Stiles
Crested Shrike-tit	2	8/12/2023	Palmdale	Michael Ronan
Cicadabird	1	3/11/2023	Ourimbah Creek Rd, Ourimbah	Darren Earnshaw
Cicadabird	2	14/11/2023	Footts Rd, Ourimbah	David Russell
Cicadabird	AM	1/12/2023	Katandra Bushland Reserve	Richard Worthy
White-winged Triller	Pr	4-30/11/23	Central Coast Wetlands, Tuggerah	Christy Bryson
White-winged Triller	4+2Y	4-22/12/23	1 pr, 2+2Y CC Wetlands, Tuggerah	David Schuemaker
Varied Triller	1	13/11/2023	Ourimbah Rest Stop M1 Motorway	David Schuemaker
Rufous Fantail *	1	4/11 & 3/12	Murrumbung HSD, Mardi	Carole Carpenter
Leaden Flycatcher	1	9/12/2023	Murrumbung HSD, Mardi	Carole Carpenter
Leaden Flycatcher	pr	19/12/2023	Kulnura	Anna Pillich
Satin Flycatcher	1	25/11,8/12	Central Coast Wetlands, Tuggerah	Guy Dutson
Jacky Winter	2A+2DY	23/11/2023	Tathra Taila HSD, Mangrove Mtn	Kaye Pointer
Rose Robin	1	9/11/2023	Tathra Taila HSD, Mangrove Mtn	Kaye Pointer
Pied Butcherbird	1	27/12/2023	Wamberal Water Tower	Ashley Mullahey
Fairy Martin	20A+Y	20/11/2023	Dairy Swamp, CCW, Tuggerah	Meryl Newton
Bassian Thrush	1	31/12/2023	Yarramalong	Arnie Boyaei
Eurasian Blackbird	2	19/12/2023	Mangrove Mountain	David Schuemaker

Breeding and some other records - November/December

Brush Turkey: First active mound found on Tathra Taila HSD Man. Mtn 8/11 (KPo), 1 tiny chick Narara Eco-Village 28/11 (PMo), **Fan-tailed Cuckoo:** J fed by White-browed Scrub-wren Tuggerah Bay Saltmarsh 9/12 (LLe); **White-throated Needletail:** 41 reports for Nov-Dec, which is a lot more than usual, and too many to detail here except for some of the largest! Viz 100 Tumbi 18/11 (ARo), 100 Berkeley Vale 22 & 30/11 (DMcK), 100 Toukley 30/11 & 150 on 12/12 (LLe), 100 CC Wetlands 12/12, 150 19/12 (DSc,DRu), 130 Nth Avoca 19/12 (NCa), 100 on 25,27,29/12 Ourimbah (DEa), 150 Berkeley Vale 31/12 (SCu), all reports forwarded onto Mike Tarburton; **Buff-Banded Rail:** 1 Borrisbrook Rd Man. Mtn 12/11 (KPo), 2A+3 chicks Woodglen Village, Erina 25/11 (EDa), 1 Wyee 7/12 (LLO), A+2Y The Entrance/Long Jetty 17/12 (CLi), 2A+2Y The Entrance North 31/12 (ABO); **Purple Swamphen:** 2A+4Y Henry Kendall Gardens, Wyoming 20/11 (RMO); **Bush Stone-Curlew:** 2 Kincumber Cres Davistown and 1 Tennis Courts, Henderson Rd Saratoga Oct-Nov (DH); **Red-capped Plover:** A+chick Karagi Point 18/12 (CLi); **Latham's Snipe:** 1 Chittaway Point 30/11 (GNe); **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper:** 70 Tuggerah Bay Saltmarsh 8/12, 100+ on 17/12 (ARo); **Red-necked Stint:** 10 Tuggerah Bay Saltmarsh 17/12 (ARo); **Grey-tailed Tattler:** 1 Terrigal rocks 22/12 (GJa); **Little Tern:** Many chicks Karagi Point, Kestrels still taking chicks 18/12 (CLi) **Osprey:** J Empire Bay 11/11 (EHu), 2 The Entrance Bridge 26/11-8/12 (MH,ARo), 1 Mingara Comms. Tower 30/11 (GNe), 1 Wamberal Lagoon 17/12 (GNe); **Pacific Baza:** 2 display flights, Tathra Taila HSD Man. Mtn 6/11 (KPo), 1 Central Coast Wetlands 6/12 (MNe), 1 Murrumbung HSD Mardi 10 & 24/12 (JCa); **Brown Gos-hawk:** 2 x4 Tathra Taila HSD Man. Mtn 2-17/11 (KPo), 1 Murrumbung HSDS Mardi 6 & 12/11 (CCa), Central Coast Wetlands 16/11 (DSc) & 3/12 (LLe), 1 Wyong Tennis Club 23/11 (CCa), 1 Wyee 1/12 (LLO), J Wyong 4/12 (TFe), 1 Ourimbah RTA Res 3/12 (TFDe), 1 Henry Kendall Gardens 30/12 (RMO); **Square-tailed Kite:** 1 Lees Reserve Chittaway 29/11 (AMo), 1 Tathra Taila HSD Man. Mtn 26/11 (KPo), 1 Tuggerah 29/11 (CCa), 1 Carlton Rd Erina Heights 30/11 (DEa), 1 Wyee 7/12 (LLO), 1 North Gosford 19/12 (DEa), 1 Oberon St Kincumber 25/12 (DOB), 2 Henry Kendall Gardens 30/12 (RMO); **Kookaburra:** A+J Long Jetty 12/12 (ENo); **Sacred Kingfisher:** 2 at nest hole in Angophora Tathra Taila HSD Man. Mtn 11/11 (KPo); **Brown Falcon:** The 3rd Brown Falcon at Mangrove Mtn appears to be an imm/juvenile? and maybe was the young of the local pair, 26/3, breeding record? (KPo); **Scaly-breasted Lorikeet:** 2A+2Y Wyee 3/12 (LLO); **Glossy Black Cockatoo:** 2 Warrah Trig, Brisbane Waters NP 22/12 (ASt); **Variiegated Fairy-wren:** 9A+3 DY Tathra Taila HSD Man.Mtn 7/11 (KPo); **Little Wattlebird:** 2A+J Tathra Taila HSD Man. Mtn 10/11 (KPo); **Varied Sittella:** 2A+2J Tathra Taila HSD Man. Mtn 19/11 (KPo); **Cicadabird:** 2 Pearl Beach 21/12 (ASt); **Pied Butcherbird:** 2A+J Central Coast Wetlands 20/11 (MOk); **White-breasted Woodswallow:** 2A+N Tuggerah STW 23/11 (CCa), N+Y Cochrone Lgn 17/12 (NHu).

Good Birding!

TWITCH LIST 2023

Andrew Robinson	284	Daniel McKeon	209	Margaret Pointer	184
Graham Nelson	273	Noel Lonergan	200	Gabrielle Rees	167
Dean Purcell	256	Krystyna Lonergan	200	Rowena Wallace	165
David Schuemaker	246	Doug Hocking	200	Diana Hogan	163
Allan Benson	236	Carole Carpenter	194	Paul Shelley	161
Nick Carson	231	Kaye Pointer	189	Judy Clark	148
Christina Port	216	John Carpenter	187	Michael Scobie	148
Chris Jamieson	211	Julie Peksis	186	Frik Gautschi	146
				Robyn Price	141

Since 2011, Central Coast Group - Birding NSW have been running a competition to see who can see the most bird species in the Central Coast Local Government Area. This year has produced remarkable results with Andy Robinson smashing the previous record of 272 set by Tim Faulkner back in 2013. This year Andy recorded 284 species. Even the runner up, Graham Nelson, broke the previous record with 273 species.

The competition was started to encourage birders to go birding and 24 competitors participated in 2023. To win the competition required a dedicated effort over the entire twelve months. Conditions this year have been ideal with the dry weather inland bringing many species rarely seen to the coast – Brown Songlark, Rufous Songlark, Pallid Cuckoo and White-winged Triller. In addition, the pelagic boat trips from Terrigal, organised by Andy, were blessed by good conditions and some remarkable sightings were recorded including Little Shearwater (5th Record for the Central Coast), White-Tailed Tropicbird (3rd record) and Streaked Shearwater.

Andy's dedication and persistence paid off when he made the first sighting for the Central Coast of a Broad-billed Sandpiper at the Tuggerah Bay salt marsh. He was also successful in finding Terek Sandpiper at two locations which were only the 5th and 6th records for the Central Coast.

BIRDATA SURVEYS 2023

Allan Benson	311	Guy Dutson	88	Robyn Price	32	David Schuemaker	19
Alan Stuart	295	Frik Gautschi	66	Michael Scobie	23	Anna Pillich	19
Graham Nelson	275	C Clutterbuck	39	Daniel McKeon	21	Greg Shaw	19
Nick Carson	242	Doug Hocking	34	M and K Pointer	20	Leanne Lemke	15

For 2023, 1820 surveys were completed. This is a significant improvement on 2022 where 1630 surveys were entered. The big contributors to this total are Allan Benson, Alan Stuart, Graham Nelson and Nick Carson. However, thank you everybody who entered a survey - everyone counts. Once again, Allan Benson has retained the Alan Morris Trophy but, as the result above demonstrates, only by a handful of surveys.

We would like to see more birders putting in more surveys. Birddata is one way, as a birder, you can make a contribution to bird conservation.

SOUTH WYONG SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS

November Survey

11 surveys were conducted by Central Coast Group- Birding NSW members. In total, 94 species were recorded of which 31 would be considered to be dependent on this habitat. There was an impressive list of raptors seen here indicating it is an important hunting ground for these birds. There was also a long list of bush birds seen here demonstrating the importance of the surrounding bushland.

The range of species counted ranged from 36 to 59 with the median count in the 42-44 range. Waterfowl numbers ranged from 100 towards 800. The reason for the variation is not known. One reason is "missing" species because conditions inland are good but there also appeared to be some relationship between the higher water levels and more birds.

The survey takes place the Wednesday after our meeting. Meet at the Ibis Rd entrance at 9.30am. All welcome.

Vale:

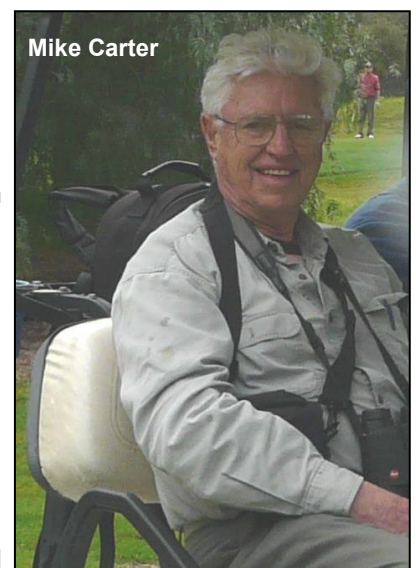
Mike Carter

Allan Benson

The legendary Mike Carter has passed away aged 89. For as long as I've been birding, Mike has been The Man. He led the Twitch totals for decades and although he has been overtaken in the past few years, he was still number two with his final total of 902. His last tick was the Nordsmann's Greenshank in Cairns in 2021.

Like many of the early twitchers, Mike was born in England. He worked as an engineer in Melbourne specialising in smoke stack designs.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mike on three occasions. Firstly, he led an Ashmore Reef trip where the first Australian record of a Pechora Pipit was found. I was amazed at how meticulously he made notes to support a BARC Submission. The second time, I ran into him in Darwin twitching the Javan Pond Heron. Mike pointed out a Gull-billed Tern and commented to make a note of that, it's the Asian sub-species which will be split. The third time was when he came to Cocos-Keeling to twitch the Narcissuses Flycatcher - just shows how dedicated he was to fly from Melbourne to Cocos for one tick. I had the pleasure of having dinner with him in Perth and was entranced by his birding tales, particularly how he and his wife nearly died chasing the Princess Parrot.



Mike was much, much more than twitcher. His knowledge of birds particularly sea birds was encyclopaedic. He was a member of BARC for many, many years and conducted regular surveys at the Eastern Sewage Treatment Plant in Melbourne. He was a mentor to many of the Melbourne birders whose names we are so familiar with today.

He will be sadly missed by the birding community. His contribution to Australian Birding was immense and his legacy will live on. My condolences to Tish and his family.

Vale: Keith Brandwood

Allan Benson

Another pre-eminent birder, Keith Brandwood has passed away aged 84. Keith was a founding Member of the Cumberland Birder Observers Club which was formed in 1979. Keith was one of the main organisers for the club and was one of the main leaders of outings.

Keith was a very keen participant in the Twitchathon. His team frequently won the prize for the most funds raised.



Bush Stone Curlew Update

Doug Hocking

Davistown

Kincumber Crescent - 2 birds regularly seen and heard but no apparent nesting since 2022 when they hatched one chick that was run over.

Waterfront - Cockle Channel to Pippi Point. Birds regularly heard calling all year.

Boardwalk off Davistown Road - Lone bird not sighted for some months but observed on 2 occasions during November. Last time on 20/11/2023

Saratoga

Henderson Road Tennis Court- One bird there most of the year, however, a second bird was sighted during winter, but now only one.

Kincumber

Nautical Village - One pair successfully nested in the village and the chick is now around 6 weeks old. This pair is always in the village at various locations and does not appear to go to the Pony Club site.

Everglades Golf Club

Two birds observed mid-year for a few weeks, but now only one bird regularly seen up until late October - has not been observed for the past 5 weeks.

St Huberts Island

No reports this year.

The residents at 98 Kincumber Crescent, ie the end house, reported a fox has regularly been seen in the area and has taken a mallard duck and one of their chooks.

Twitcher's List 2023

Australian List		2023 List		NSW List		Central Coast List	
John Weigel	815	Gabrielle Rees	349	Alan Morris	504	Alan Morris	348
Allan Benson	812	Allan Benson	336	Allan Benson	486	Allan Benson	339
Robin Benson	799	Dean Purcell	350	Dean Purcell	447	Nick Carson	327
Tim Faulkner	796	Nick Carson	346	Alan Stuart	438	Graham Nelson	323
Alan Stuart	759	Alan Stuart	316	Andy Robinson	435	Andy Robinson	312
Alan Morris	729	Graham Nelson	298	Daniel McKeon	428	Dean Purcell	303
Gabrielle Rees	721			Nick Carson	428	Daniel McKeon	302
Michael Scobie	708			Graham Nelson	367	Alan Stuart	236
Andy Robinson	700			Gabrielle Rees	304	Leonie Loewe	226
Dean Purcell	647					Gabrielle Rees	167
Nick Carson	599						
Darren Earnshaw	527						
Daniel McKeon	522						
Graham Nelson	392						
Meryl Newton	272						
Leonie Loewe	226						

The Twitchers are slowly increasing their totals year by year.

Note: John Weigel and Tim Faulkner's total are the last reported but are likely to be out of date

Terrigal Pelagic Trip Report: Friday 24th November 2023

Andrew Robinson

The second last Terrigal Pelagic for 2023 was a beauty and the best of the year in terms of species diversity and birds seen. Highlights included a White-tailed Tropicbird, which I believe is a first for the Central Coast of NSW, along with Black Petrel (only the 4th record and first since 2006). A Wandering Albatross and over 40 Shy (White-capped) Albatross, including a few likely Tasmanian Shy, is also of note. In very pleasant conditions a total of 18 species were seen beyond The Haven, with 12 of those Tubenoses.



Species list as follows:

Wandering Albatross – 1, Shy Albatross – 42 (7), Black-browed Albatross – 7 (2), Grey-faced Petrel – 5 (2), Providence Petrel – 8 (2), Black Petrel – 1, Wilson's Storm Petrel – 14 (7), White-faced Storm Petrel – 2 (1), Wedge-tailed Shearwater – 200+, Short-tailed Shearwater – 2500+, Sooty Shearwater – 2, Flesh-footed Shearwater – 50+ (10), White-tailed Tropicbird – 1, Australasian Gannet – 1, Pomarine Jaeger – 1, Arctic Jaeger – 2, Silver Gull – 2, Australian Pelican – 1

*Parenthesis denotes the maximum number of that species seen at any one time.

Terrigal Pelagic 23/12/2023

Andrew Robinson

The highlights from the final Terrigal Pelagic of the year were a Black Petrel and a Sooty Tern. Also seen were 20+ Wilson's Storm Petrel, 2 x Pomarine and 1 Arctic Jaeger, 25+ Shy and a single Black-Browed Albatross on what was a reasonably solid but slow day.



Summary of 11 Terrigal Pelagics 2023

In total, 33 pelagic species (excluding Cormorants and Pelican) were seen beyond The Haven, with 23 of those Tubenoses.

The year's highlight was undoubtedly 2 Little Shearwater in late October, followed by a White-tailed Tropicbird in November. Other notable records included Streaked and Buller's Shearwater (February), Sooty Tern (February & December), Southern Giant Petrel (June) and Black Petrel (November & December).

Noteworthy counts included Brown Skua – 14 (6), White-faced Storm Petrel – 40+ (20+), Australasian Gannet – 300+ (70), Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross – 26, Buller's Albatross – 15.

Unsurprisingly, the best trip of the year was in November when 20 species were seen at sea, which included some of the above-mentioned, along with all 3 Jaeger species and both Wandering type Albatross.

The big dip of the year would have to be no Cookkilaria Petrels, while it was slightly disappointing not to record a few less commonly encountered seabirds or cetaceans.

All in all though, it was a reasonably solid and very enjoyable year with excellent company and plenty of good times. A huge thanks to everyone that came along throughout the year as these not-for-profit trips obviously can't go ahead without your support. A special thanks also to Dean Purcell and Skipper Paul Minto for their significant efforts towards making these trips happen!!

At this stage approx. 8 trips are planned throughout 2024 with a schedule to be provided early in the new year.

The 2023 cumulative trip list was as follows:

Silver Gull, Greater Crested Tern, Sooty Tern, White-fronted Tern, Brown Skua, Pomarine Jaeger, Parasitic Jaeger, Long-tailed Jaeger, White-tailed Tropicbird, Wilson's Storm Petrel, White-faced Storm Petrel, Wandering Albatross, New Zealand (Gibson's) Wandering Albatross, Campbell Albatross, Black-browed Albatross, Shy (Tasmanian) Albatross, White-capped Albatross, Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross, Buller's Albatross, Southern Giant Petrel, Fairy Prion, Grey-faced Petrel, Providence Petrel, Black Petrel, Streaked Shearwater, Wedge-tailed Shearwater, Buller's Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater, Short-tailed Shearwater, Flesh-footed Shearwater, Fluttering Shearwater, Hutton's Shearwater, Little Shearwater, Australasian Gannet.

Vagrant Report 2023

Bird	Month	Place	Observer
Lesser Sand- plover	January	Picnic Point	David Schuemaker
Streaked Shearwater	February	Terrigal Pelagic	Andrew Robinson
Wood Sandpiper	March	Pioneer Dairy CCW Tuggerah	David Schuemaker
Diamond Dove	March	Rocky Ponds, Brisbane Water NP	Matt Egan*
Pacific Gull	April	Terrigal Beach	Doug Beckers
Australian Spotted Crake	March	Dairy Swamp, CCW Tuggerah	Leanne Lemke
Plumed Whistling Duck	May	Dairy Swamp, CCW Tuggerah	Mel Stratton
Wandering Whistling Duck	May	McPhersons Rd Swamp Tuggerah	David Schuemaker
Freckled Duck	May	Tuggerah STW	Kaye Pointer
Sanderling	May	Soldiers Point Reef, Norah Head	James Bennett
Kelp Gull	May	Norah Head Reefs	Luke Ullrich
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater	May	Dairy Swamp, CCW Tuggerah	Kim Farley
Restless Flycatcher	June	Waratah Rd, Mangrove Mtn	Allan Benson
Little Friarbird	July	Girrakool	Graham Nelson
Brown Songlark	September	The Entrance Channel	Andrew Robinson
Rufous Songlark	September	The Entrance Channel	Andrew Robinson
Wandering Whistling Duck	October	Dooralong Swamp	Daniel McKeon
Pallid Cuckoo	October	Central Coast Wetlands, Tuggerah	Allan Benson
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	October	Chittaway Point East (9 th record?)	Chris Jamieson
White-winged Triller	October	Central Coast Wetlands, Tuggerah	Archie Brennan
Baillon's Crake	October	Springfield Wetland	Nick Carson
Terek Sandpiper	October	Tuggerah Bay Salt Marsh	Andrew Robinson
Turquoise Parrot	October	Henry Kendall Gardens, Wyoming	Rob Montgomery*
Little Shearwater	October	Terrigal Pelagic	Andrew Robinson
Superb Fruit-dove	October	Narara	Greg Shaw
Satin Flycatcher	November	Central Coast Wetlands, Tuggerah	Mika Huang
White-Tailed Tropicbird	November	Terrigal Pelagic	Andrew Robinson
Beautiful Firetail	December	Bucketty (2nd Record)	Guy Dutson
Broad-billed Sandpiper	December	Tuggerah Salt Marsh(1st Record)	Andrew Robinson
Fairy Tern	December	Karagi Point	James Hunt
Australian Logrunner	December	Alison Rd Wyong	Ian Benson

* Most probably Aviary escapee

It has been an impressive year for vagrants. Dry conditions inland contributed to Brown Songlark, Rufous Songlark, Pallid Cuckoo and White-Winged Triller coming to the coast. White-winged Trillers actually bred at the Dairy, only the second breeding record. The Terrigal pelagic proved to be productive with Little Shearwater, White-tailed Tropicbird and Streaked Shearwater being recorded. The records of both Little Shearwater and White-tailed Tropicbird are essentially first records for the Central Coast with previous records being beach-cast birds.

The most exciting record was a Broad-billed Sandpiper at the Tuggerah saltmarsh – the first record for the Central Coast. The Beautiful Firetail at Bucketty was the 2nd record for the Central Coast.