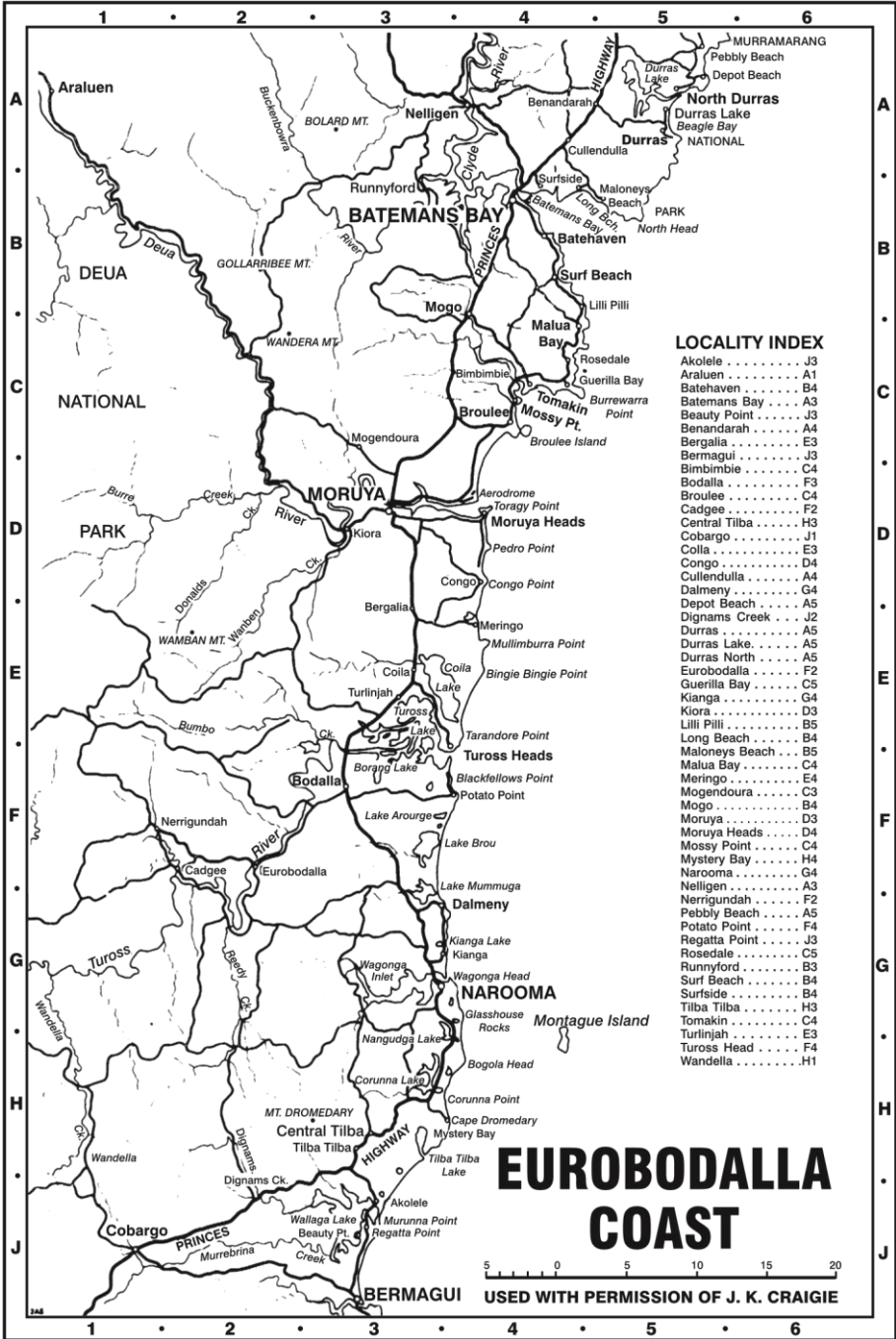


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INTRODUCTION

It is a pleasure to introduce this thirty third edition of *Nature in Eurobodalla*, a report on the status of the fauna of the Eurobodalla Shire compiled from records submitted to the Eurobodalla Natural History Society during 2018. A map of the Shire is reproduced inside the front cover and a list of place name abbreviations used in the text appears inside the back cover.

The year 2018 was the warmest on record for New South Wales, with a mean temperature 1.68 °C above average. Minimum temperatures for the year overall were very warm and both Batemans Bay and Narooma recorded their highest ever daily minimum temperature in December. The year was also dominated by very dry conditions, with the third-driest January to September on record. October to December saw some relief from the dry, with above average rainfall across parts of the State. Despite this, New South Wales experienced its sixth-lowest annual rainfall on record; its driest year since 2002.

Rainfall across the Eurobodalla was well below average, with the Bureau of Meteorology stations recording 741mm at Moruya Heads (78% of the average), 707mm at Narooma (75%) and 627mm at Montagu Island (72%). The wettest months were January with 156mm at Bergalia, February with 162mm at Maulbrooks Rd and 158mm at Comerang and November with 153 mm at Mystery Bay and 142 at Coolagolite. The driest months were April with 0.75mm at Coolagolite, 1.5 at Comerang and 2mm at Mystery Bay and July with 1mm at Maulbrooks Rd.

The year provided records of three new bird species for the Shire, Pied Butcherbird, (*Cracticus nigrogularis*) reported at Rosedale and Guerilla Bay in March, a Forest Kingfisher, (*Todiramphus macleayii*) reported at Broulee Is in October and a Beautiful Firetail, (*Stagonopleura bella*) reported from the Deua River valley in December. There was also the first record of a Green Tree Frog, (*Litoria caerulea*) at Tuross in December. Two moth species were recorded for the first time this year, a Spectacular Emerald, (*Chlorocoma cadmaria*) at Moruya in September and a Double-line Snout Moth, (*Lophotoma diagrapha*) at Comerang in March.

The absence of sightings can sometimes be as interesting as their presence and for the third year in a row the White-winged Triller was absent. Also absent from the records in 2018 was the Musk Duck, the first time this has occurred this century.

During the year members of the Society again participated in the NSW Parks and Wildlife shorebird monitoring programs and in BirdLife Australia surveys for Swift Parrot and Regent Honeyeater. No off-shore field trips were undertaken during the year and records of pelagic species are therefore primarily from land-based observations.

This report is restricted to those species recorded during the year; species not recorded are not listed. An annotated list of all bird species recorded in the Eurobodalla since the inception of the Society in 1986 is available on the Society's website (www.enhs.org.au) and is updated annually to reflect new sightings. As noted in previous years, the records reflect the distribution of observers and their interests as much as the distribution of the fauna. However, despite these shortcomings the records provide a valuable qualitative assessment of the status of species in the Shire, enabling trends over the years to be evaluated. One trend noticeable in 2018 in the area where I live near Moruya has been a marked increase in rabbit numbers, with conspicuous signs of rabbit activity in areas which have appeared rabbit free for more than a decade.

The vertebrate taxonomic sequence used basically follows Clayton *et al* (2006), with the listing of birds following the BirdLife Australia 2008 checklist based on Christides and Boles (2008). Taxonomic references used in compiling this report are listed below. The conservation status ascribed to bird species (Critically Endangered, Endangered and Vulnerable) is that given in Schedule 1 of the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act, 2016.

Once again, my thanks go out to all contributors who have made this report possible. In particular I thank my co-compiler, Julie Morgan, for her work as the Society's Recorder during the year. A complete list of those who have contributed their observations during the year appears on the final page.

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BIRDS

CASUARIIDAE Emu

Emu *Dromaius novaehollandiae*

Status: introduced in 1993, small wild population established.

Three at Trunketabella in May and Jun; 1 at Whittakers Ck in Nov; tracks at Brou L in Mar. (MA/FM)

PHASIANIDAE Quail, pheasants

Stubble Quail *Coturnix pectoralis*

Status: uncommon breeding resident.

Up to 20 at Com in Jan-Mar and Oct-Dec, up to 10 in other months.

Breeding: dependent young at Com in Mar. (JC)

Brown Quail *Coturnix ypsilophora*

Status: uncommon breeding resident.

Up to 12 at Montagu Is in Mar; 6 at Com in Jun, 2 in May, Oct and Dec, calls in Mar.

ANATIDAE Swan, ducks

Freckled Duck *Stictonetta naevosa*

Status: Vulnerable; vagrant.

Six at Com in Jul, 2 in Jun. (JC)

Black Swan *Cygnus atratus*

Status: common breeding resident and bird of passage.

Widely reported throughout the year; up to 400 at WL in Jan; 250 at Brou L in Nov; 180 at Bingie in Feb, 160 in Jan; 150 at Long Swamp in Jul; 100 at MHS in Feb; 80 at MYA in Mar; 35 at MO in Apr; no more than 20 at other locations.

Breeding: cygnets at PS in Feb. (JM)

Australian Shelduck *Tadorna tadornoides*

Status: vagrant.

Three at Com in Apr, 2 in Aug, 1 in Jan-Feb and May-Jul. (JC)

Australian Wood Duck *Chenonetta jubata*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported throughout the year; up to 200 at Com in Jun-Jul, 30-100 in other months; 120 at MYA in Aug; 70 at Runnyford Rd in Apr; 36 at DS in Nov; 35 at MB in Apr; no more than 30 at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young in Jan-Feb and Oct. (JC/J Coffey)

Pink-eared Duck *Malacorhynchus membranaceus*

Status: vagrant.

Up to 11 at Com between 3 and 15 Jun. (JC)

Australasian Shoveler *Anas rhynchos*

Status: uncommon winter migrant, has bred.

Up to 41 at Com in Jul, 33 in Aug, 15 in Jun; 9 at Tomakin in Jul; 5 at MYA in May-Jun, 4 in Mar; 2 at MO in May.

Grey Teal *Anas gracilis*

Status: breeding resident.

Reported throughout the year; 30 at Com in Jan-May and Jul, 20 in other months; 30 at MB in Jul; 10 at PS in Jan, at Runnyford Rd in Apr and at Eurobodalla Rd in Aug; fewer than 10 at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young at Com in Jan. (JC)

Chestnut Teal *Anas castanea*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported throughout the year; 50 at Com in Mar-May and Jul-Nov; 40 at Bingie in Oct, at MB in Jul and at MO in Aug; 20 at MYA in Mar; fewer than 20 at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young at Com in Apr. (JC)

Northern Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

Status: vagrant.

Seven hybrids at BBWG in Feb. (FM)

Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported throughout the year; 200 at Com in Apr-Jul, 50-150 in other months; 100 at BBWG in Feb; 40 at Eurobodalla Rd in Aug; 20 at PS in Jan and Jun-Jul; 15 at MO in Apr-May; no more than 10 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting at Com in Jan, dependent young in Feb. (JC)

Hardhead *Aythya australis*

Status: common resident and bird of passage.

Up to 32 at Com in Jun, 12 in Aug; 14 at Trunketabella in Nov; 8 at MO in Oct, 7 in Apr; 7 at Eurobodalla Rd in Aug; 2 at Long Swamp in Jul.

PODICIPEDIDAE Grebes

Australasian Grebe *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*

Status: common breeding resident.

Up to 25 at MB in Jul; 12 at Bingie in Apr, 8 in May; 8 at Com in Jun, 7 in Apr and Sep; 6 at PS in Jun; no more than 3 at other locations.

Hoary-headed Grebe *Poliiocephalus poliocephalus*

Status: breeding resident.

Up to 60 at Brou L in Aug; 14 at MO in Nov, 12 in Aug; 8 at Bingie in Oct; singles at MHS in Jul and Com in Aug.

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*

Status: vagrant.

One at Taylors Dam on Eurobodalla Rd in Jun. (JC/NC/SB/V Brown)

COLUMBIDAE Pigeons, doves

Rock Dove *Columba livia*

Status: common breeding resident.

Established colonies at BB, MYA and NA; up to 35 at NA in Jan, Apr and Oct. (MA)

White-headed Pigeon *Columba leucomela*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely recorded in all months; up to 20 at TS in Mar, 10 in Dec; 20 at MHS in Aug; 13 at DS in Aug; 10 at Lilli Pilli in Mar, 7 in Jun; no more than 6 at other locations.

Breeding: juvenile at Surfside in Sep. (DB)

Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*

Status: breeding resident.

Four at DS in Jan, Sep and Dec, at MB in Jul and Com in Jul-Aug, 1-3 at these sites most other months; 2 at MHS in Feb and at Broulee in Dec; 1 at MYA and Tilba in Sep.

Breeding: nesting at Com in Jun and Sep-Oct, dependent young in Jul. (JC)

Brown Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia amboinensis*

Status: uncommon breeding resident and bird of passage.

Up to 30 at MKS in Jun-Jul, 20 in Aug; 16 at NA in Sep; 8 at Lilli Pilli in Jul and Sep, 7 in Jun and Oct; 3 at Malua Bay in Jan-Feb and Dec, at DS in Oct; no more than 2 at other locations.

Common Bronzewing *Phaps chalcoptera*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely recorded in all months; up to 20 at MKS in Feb-Mar, 12 in Jan; 8 at PS in Feb, 6 in Jan; 5 at Bergalia in Dec; no more than 4 at other locations.

Crested Pigeon *Ocyphaps lophotes*

Status: common breeding resident.

Recorded in all months; 11 at MO in Jun, 6 in Dec; 9 at MYA in May; 8 at Com in Jan-Feb and Apr-May; 6 at MB in Jul; no more than 4 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting at Com in Aug and Oct, dependent young in Jan. (JC)

Peaceful Dove *Geopelia striata*

Status: breeding resident but becoming less common.

Three at Com in Mar, 2 in Feb and Oct, 1 in May, call in Nov. (JC)

Bar-shouldered Dove *Geopelia humeralis*

Status: uncommon resident.

Ten at Surfside in Apr, 1 in Jun; 2 at Montagu Is in Mar; 1 at Cullendulla Ck in Mar, at BBWG and Broulee in Oct; calls at BP in Jul.

Wonga Pigeon *Leucosarcia picata*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely recorded in all months; 8 at Bumbo Rd in Apr; 6 at MB in Apr and Nov, at Belowra Rd in May; 4 at MKS in Jan-Mar and at WL in Jul; no more than 3 at other locations.

Topknot Pigeon *Lopholaimus antarcticus*

Status: bird of passage.

Up to 50 at MO in Dec, 18 in Sep; 17 at Mison's Rd in Jun and at PS in Oct-Nov; 15 at MHS in Dec; 7 at Tilba in Sep; 4 at Com in Oct.

PODARGIDAE Frogmouths

Tawny Frogmouth *Podargus strigoides*

Status: breeding resident.

Three at MO in Sep, 1 in Apr and Aug; 1 at PS in Jan, at Com in Mar and May; calls at PS in Nov and at Deua R in Nov-Dec.

EUROSTOPODIDAE Nightjars

White-throated Nightjar *Eurostopodus mystacalis*

Status: summer breeding migrant.

Up to 20 at PS in Jan, 5 in Nov, 2 in Mar, calls in Feb, Oct and Dec; 1 at

ERBG in Feb; calls at MKS in Feb.

AEGOTHELIDAE Owlet-nightjars

Australian Owlet-nightjar *Aegotheles cristatus*

Status: breeding resident.

One at Com in Feb-May and Aug-Oct; calls at PS in Jan and Oct-Nov.
(JC/JM)

APODIDAE Swifts

White-throated Needletail *Hirundapus caudacutus*

Status: summer migrant.

Reported in Jan-Mar and Oct-Dec; 100 at SB in Feb, at Broulee in Nov and at MO in Dec; 65 at Bergalia in Dec; 50 at MHS in Dec; 30 at Com in Jan and at Malua Bay in Nov; no more than 20 at other locations; last record at Monga NP on 25 Mar, first return at PS on 21 Oct.

DIOMEDEIDAE Albatrosses

Albatross sp.

Four off CO on 8 Jun. (FM)

Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans*

Status: Endangered; uncommon pelagic.

One off MHS on 3 Jun. (DB/JM/NC)

Black-browed Albatross *Thalassarche melanophris*

Status: Vulnerable; common winter pelagic.

Thirty off MHS in Jun, 10 in Aug; 5 off DS in Jun; 2 off BP and CO in Jun, off DS in Aug; 1 off Montagu Is in Mar.

Shy Albatross *Thalassarche cauta*

Status: Vulnerable; common winter pelagic.

Fifty-nine off Montagu Is in Mar; 30 off MHS in Jun, 20 in Aug, 2 in Jul; 2 off BP in Jun, 1 in Jul.

Yellow-nosed Albatross *Thalassarche chlororhynchos*

Status: Regularly recorded off the coast.

One off DS and off MHS in Jun. (DB/FM)

Buller's Albatross *Thalassarche bulleri*

Status: Occasionally recorded off the coast.

One off BP on 3 Jun. (DB/JM)

PROCELLARIIDAE Petrels, shearwaters

Giant Petrel sp *Macronectes sp*

Two juveniles off MHS on 3 Jun, 1 on 22 Aug. (DB/JM/NC)

Prion sp.

Hundreds off MHS on 30 Jun and off Wasp Head on 18 Aug. (DB)

Fairy Prion *Pachyptila turtur*

Status: Regularly recorded off the coast.

Up to 40 off MHS in Jul, 10 in Aug; 20 off BP in Jul. (JM/NC)

Shearwater sp.

Hundreds off Corunna L in Feb; 1 at DS in Aug; several beachcast at Brou L in Nov. (J Coffey/FM)

Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Ardenna pacifica*

Status: common breeding resident and summer migrant.

Low numbers at sea off Montagu Is in Mar; 1 dead at DS in Nov.

Breeding: chicks at Montagu Is in Mar. (C Davey)

Sooty Shearwater *Ardenna grisea*

Status: summer breeding migrant.

One chick at Montagu Is in Mar. (C Davey)

Short-tailed Shearwater *Ardenna tenuirostris*

Status: common summer breeding migrant.

Hundreds off MO in Jan-Feb, 40 in Oct, 20 in Apr; hundreds off Montagu Is in Mar.

Breeding: chicks at Montagu Is in Mar. (C Davey)

Fluttering Shearwater *Puffinus gavia*

Status: common pelagic.

Up to 2000 off MHS in Jun, 20 in Aug; 50 off BP in Jun, 10 in Jul; 2 off MO in Feb.

Hutton's Shearwater *Puffinus huttoni*

Status: vagrant.

One recorded off MHS on 18 Jun. (DB)

SPHENISCIDAE Penguins

Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

Status: common breeding resident.

Six off MHS in Jun, 2 in Jul. (JM/DB)

SULIDAE Gannets, boobies.

Australasian Gannet *Morus serrator*

Status: common winter migrant and bird of passage.

Up to 100 off Wasp Head in Apr; 40 off MO in Jun, 25 in Oct; 30 off Brou L in Nov; 20 off MHS in Jun and off BP in Jul; no more than 15 at other locations.

ANHINGIDAE Darter

Australasian Darter *Anhinga novaehollandiae*

Status: breeding resident.

Two at MO in Apr; single birds at Com in Apr-Dec, at Bumbo Rd in Apr, at MHS in Aug, at DS in Aug and Nov and at Coila Ck Rd in Nov.

PHALACROCORACIDAE Cormorants

Little Pied Cormorant *Microcarbo melanoleucos*

Status: common breeding resident.

Reported in all months; 60 at Brou L in Nov, 12 in Mar; 20 at TS in Dec; 16 at WL in Jul; 10 at Corunna L in Feb and at MO in Nov; no more than 5 at other locations.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Status: common resident.

Reported in all months; up to 200 at Com in Oct, 90 in Nov, 70 in Sep; 30 at Montagu Is in Mar; 20 at Brou L in Nov and at MO in Dec; 16 at Broulee in Dec; 12 at DS in Jan; no more than 10 at other locations.

Little Black Cormorant *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*

Status: common resident.

Reported in all months; 25 at DS in Jan, 12 in Apr; 20 at TS in Dec, 10 in Mar; 7 at MO in Aug; fewer than 5 at other locations

Pied Cormorant *Phalacrocorax varius*

Status: uncommon resident.

Seven at MO in Nov; 4 at Broulee in Jun and at CO in Oct; 1-3 at five other locations.

PELECANIDAE Pelican

Australian Pelican *Pelecanus conspicillatus*

Status: common resident.

Widely reported in all months; up to 90 at WL in Jul; 60 at MB in Jun; 35 at Com in Oct; 20 at DS in Aug and at TS in Dec; 10 at MO in Dec; fewer than 10 at other locations.

ARDEIDAE Bitterns, herons, egrets

White-necked Heron *Ardea pacifica*

Status: breeding resident.

Reported in all months; 4 at Trunketabella in Feb; 4 at MYA in Feb, 3 in Jan and Sep; 3 at Com in Oct; no more than 2 at other locations.

Eastern Great Egret *Ardea modesta*

Status: common resident.

Four at MB in Jan, May, Jul and Oct; 4 at Com in May; 3 at BBWG in Feb, at DS in Aug; no more than 2 at other locations.

Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia*

Status: uncommon migrant.

Six at Com in May, 1 in Feb-Mar and Nov; 2 at MYA in Aug; 1 at MB in Jun and Deua R in Oct.

Cattle Egret *Ardea ibis*

Status: common autumn-spring migrant.

Recorded Mar-Nov; 106 at BI in Mar; 30 at MYA in May, 25 in Jul, 20 in Apr and Jun; 25 at MB in Mar; 20 at Com in May-Jun and at Bergalia in Sep; no more than 10 at other locations.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*

Status: uncommon breeding resident.

Two at NA in Jan; 1 at Broulee in Feb. (MA/GLM)

White-faced Heron *Egretta novaehollandiae*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported in all months; 20 at Com in Jan-Mar and May-Jul; 10 at DS in May; 6 at MO in Nov; no more than 4 at other locations.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Status: common resident.

Twelve at MB in Jan, 10 in Dec; 4 at Corunna L in Feb; 2 at Brou L in Mar and Nov, at Broulee in Aug and at MYA in Sep; 1 at Montagu Is in Mar.

Eastern Reef Egret *Egretta sacra*

Status: resident.

Seven at MO in Apr, 2 in Jan-Feb and Oct; 3 at MB in Jul, 2 in Apr-Jun and Oct; singles at 5 other locations.

Nankeen Night Heron *Nycticorax caledonicus*

Status: uncommon breeding resident.

Three at BBWG in Feb, 2 in Oct, 1 in Dec; 2 at Com in Jan, 1 in Oct.
(JC/NC/RSor)

THRESKIORNITHIDAE Ibises, spoonbills

Australian White Ibis *Threskiornis molucca*

Status: common resident and winter-spring migrant.

Seventy at MB in Jul; 50 at Com in Mar-Apr; 20 at MYA in Feb-Mar, at Bumbo Rd in Apr; 10 at Cullendulla Ck in Aug, at Brou L in Nov; fewer than 10 at other locations.

Straw-necked Ibis *Threskiornis spinicollis*

Status: winter-spring migrant and bird of passage.

Up to 350 at Com in Jun-Jul, 250 in May; 170 at MYA in Jun, 100 in Mar; 100 at MB in Jul; 60 at Eurobodalla Rd in Aug; 40 at Bodalla in May; 30 at MO in Apr; fewer than 15 at other locations.

Royal Spoonbill *Platalea regia*

Status: common resident.

Eighteen at Bumbo Rd in Apr; 15 at MHS in Aug-Sep; 14 at MB in May and at Trunketabella in Nov; 12 at WL in Feb and at NA in Apr and Dec; no more than 8 at other locations.

Yellow-billed Spoonbill *Platalea flavipes*

Status: uncommon migrant.

Two at Com in Aug, 1 in Feb, Apr, Jun and Sep-Oct; 2 at Bingie in Oct and at Trunketabella in Nov; 1 at Eurobodalla Rd in Aug.

ACCIPITRIDAE Osprey, kites, eagles, harriers, goshawks

Eastern Osprey *Pandion cristatus*

Status: Vulnerable; uncommon migrant.

Three at BB in May-Jul, 1 in Feb-Mar; 2 at MHS in Jun-Sep, 1 in Oct-Dec; 1 at PS in Jul-Aug and at DY in Oct.

Breeding: pairs nested at BB and MHS; the MHS effort failed whilst the outcome of the BB is unknown.

Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus axillaris*

Status: breeding resident.

Recorded in all months; 2 at Bingie in Jan, at Com in Mar-Apr, at Bergalia in May, at MB in May and July and at MO in Dec; singles at 8 other locations during the year.

Square-tailed Kite *Lophoictinia isura*

Status: Vulnerable; uncommon spring-summer breeding migrant.

Two at PS in Feb and Sep, at BB in Aug and at MB in Oct; singles at 8 other locations during the year.

White-bellied Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

Status: Vulnerable; common breeding resident.

Widely reported throughout the year; 4 at Corunna L in Feb and at MB in Apr and Jun; 3 at DS in Jan, Mullimburra Pt, Montagu Is and Brou L in Mar, at TS in Mar and Dec, at MO in Apr and Dec, at Com in Jun-Jul, no more than 2 at other locations.

Breeding: juveniles and immatures reported year round.

Whistling Kite *Haliastur sphenurus*

Status: breeding resident.

Reported in all months; 6 at PS in Apr; 4 at Com in Feb and Jun-Jul and at MO in Sep; 3 at MB, WL and Bingie in Jul; no more than 2 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting at Com in Apr and Oct, dependent young in May and Nov. (JC/TA Ross)

Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatus*

Status: breeding resident.

Reported in all months; 2 at MO in Oct, 1 in Jan-Feb and Sep; 1 at Com each month, at Bingie in Jan, at PS and Bumbo Rd in Apr, at Broulee in Jun, at MB in Jul, at PS, Bergalia and Tilba in Sep and at Bevia Rd in Oct.

Collared Sparrowhawk *Accipiter cirrocephalus*

Status: breeding resident.

One at PS in Jan, Mar-Apr and Aug and at MO in Sep and Nov-Dec. (JM/NM)

Grey Goshawk *Accipiter novaehollandiae*

Status: breeding resident, both grey and white morph occurring.

Two at Malua Bay in Jan; 2 at PS in Nov, 1 in Jan, Mar-Apr and Dec; 1 at MO in Jan-Feb, Apr-Jun and Oct-Dec, at Monga NP in Mar, at MB in Jun, at Cullendulla Ck and Reedy Ck Rd in Aug, at Bergalia in Oct and Dec, at DS and Coila Ck Rd in Nov and at Surfside in Dec.

Swamp Harrier *Circus approximans*

Status: breeding resident.

Three at PS in Jan, 1 in Jun-Jul; single birds at Com in Jan, Oct and Dec, at MO in Feb, Sep and Dec, at Montagu Is in Mar, at MB in Jul and at BBWG in Oct.

Breeding: juvenile at PS in Jan. (JM)

Wedge-tailed Eagle *Aquila audax*

Status: common breeding resident.

Reported in all months; 3 at PS in Jan, 2 in Feb; 2 at Com in Jan-Mar, May-Jul and Nov-Dec, 2 at MKS in Feb-Mar, at Coolagolite in Feb, Apr and Jul, at Malua Bay in Feb, at Belowra in May and at MB in Jul; single birds at 10 other locations during the year.

Breeding: juvenile at PS in Jan-Feb. (JM)

Little Eagle *Hieraaetus morphnoides*

Status: Vulnerable; uncommon breeding resident.

Single birds at MO in Apr and at Reedy Ck Rd in Aug. (NM/FM)

FALCONIDAE Kestrel, hobby, falcons

Nankeen Kestrel *Falco cenchroides*

Status: common breeding resident.

Reported throughout the year; 4 at Com in Jan, 1-2 most other months; 3 at MB in Jul, 2 in Nov-Dec; 3 at WL in Jul; 2 at MO in Jan; single birds at 7 other locations during the year.

Breeding: nesting at Com in Jul. (JC)

Brown Falcon *Falco berigora*

Status: breeding resident.

Reported throughout the year; 2 at Com in Jan, Mar-May, Jul and Oct-Dec, 1 most other months; 1 at MB in Jan, Apr and Jul, at PS in Feb and Apr, at TS in Mar, at MO in Jun, at MHS in Jul and at Belowra in Oct.

Australian Hobby *Falco longipennis*

Status: breeding resident.

Two at MHS in Aug, at Malua Bay in Sep and at Com in Oct; single birds at 6 other locations during the year.

Breeding: nesting at Com in Oct. (JC)

Black Falcon *Falco subniger*

Status: vagrant

One at MO on 5 Apr. (NM)

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

Status: uncommon breeding resident.

Two at Wasp Head in Apr; 1 at Com in Mar-Jul and Sep-Dec, at Malua Bay in Feb, at Montagu Is in Mar, at MB and Rosedale in Jun, at BP in Jul, at MO in Aug-Oct, at Reedy Ck Rd in Aug and PS in Dec.

RALLIDAE Rails, crakes, swamphen, moorhen, coot

Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio*

Status: common breeding resident.

Recorded throughout the year; 50 at BBWG in Feb; 35 at PS in Sep; 30 at Com in May; 15 at MO in Dec; 12 at Coila Ck Rd in Nov; 10 at Eurobodalla Rd in Aug; fewer than 10 at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young in Jan-Feb, Apr and Dec. (DHK/NM)

Buff-banded Rail *Gallirallus philippensis*

Status: rare breeding resident.

Six at TS in Dec, 3 in Mar, 1 in Aug; 4 at Montagu Is in Mar; 1 at Com in Mar and Jun-Sep, 1 at BBWG in Aug.

Breeding: dependent young at TS in Dec. (GM)

Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla*

Status: vagrant.

Two at BBWG on 6 Oct. (NC)

Spotless Crake *Porzana tabuensis*

Status: rare resident.

Two at BBWG in Aug; possible call at PS in Jan. (DB/JM)

Dusky Moorhen *Gallinula tenebrosa*

Status: uncommon breeding resident.

Six at BBWG in Feb; 2 at BI in Jul; 1 at Com in Jan-Apr, at PS in Feb and at MO in May.

Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*

Status: common breeding resident.

Up to 180 at Com in Jun, 130 in May; 150 at Bingie in May, 100 in Apr; 80 at BBWG in Feb; 50 at MO in May and Nov; 40 at MB in Jul; 35 at Eurobodalla Rd in Aug; 20 at Long Swamp in Jul; fewer than 20 at other locations.

HAEMATOPODIDAE Oystercatchers

Australian Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris*

Status: Endangered; breeding resident.

Reported in all months; 9 at Brou L in Nov, 8 in Dec; 8 at BI in Jan, at DS in Nov; 6 at MB in Feb, at WL in Jul; 5 at Broulee in Jul; no more than 4 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting in Sep-Dec, dependent young in Jan, Oct-Dec.

Sooty Oystercatcher *Haematopus fuliginosus*

Status: Vulnerable; breeding resident.

Reported in all months; 20 at MB in Mar-Apr; 9 at CO in Jan; 8 at MO and at Wasp Head in Jun; 7 at Montagu Is in Mar; no more than 4 at other locations.

RECURVIROSTRIDAE Stilts

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Status: rare autumn-winter migrant and bird of passage.

Up to 7 at Com in Sep, 3 in Oct-Nov, 2 in Jul-Aug; 2 at Trunketabella in Aug; 1 at WL in Jul and at DS in Dec.

CHARADRIIDAE Lapwings, plovers, dotterels

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*

Status: uncommon bird of passage.

Four at CO in Jan, 1 in Oct; 2 at MB in Oct-Nov, 1 in Dec.

(JM/MA/NC)

Red-capped Plover *Charadrius ruficapillus*

Status: common breeding resident.

Up to 25 at WL in Jul; 20 at CO in Jan and at Brou L in Mar; 15 at MHN in Mar; 13 at MHS in Mar; 7 at DS in Apr; no more than 4 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting at MO in Apr and Oct, dependent young in Nov.

(NM)

Double-banded Plover *Charadrius bicinctus*

Status: autumn-winter migrant.

Six at MHS in Mar, 4 in Aug; 3 at DS in Apr, 2 in Jun-Jul; 2 at Brou L in Mar and Sep, 1 in Feb; 2 at BI and WL in Jul.

Lesser Sand Plover *Charadrius mongolus*

Status: Vulnerable; rare bird of passage.

Single birds at Brou L on 25 Nov and 1 Dec. (FM/DB)

Black-fronted Dotterel *Elseyaornis melanops*

Status: uncommon breeding resident.

Up to 5 at Com in Feb and Nov-Dec, 1-3 most other months; 4 at MO in Jan, 2 in Sep and Nov-Dec; 2 at Bingie in Apr and Sep-Nov; 2 at WL in Jul; 1 at Brou L in Nov.

Breeding: nesting at Com in Oct-Nov, dependent young in Jan and Nov. (JC)

Hooded Plover *Thinornis rubricollis*

Status: Critically Endangered; uncommon breeding resident.

Two at MB in Jan and Jun-Jul, 1 in Nov; 2 at Bingie in Jun, 1 in Jul; 1 at MO and WL in Jul. (AM/FM/MA)

Red-kneed Dotterel *Erythrogonys cinctus*

Status: vagrant.

One at MO on 10-11 Sep and 15 Oct. (NM)

Masked Lapwing *Vanellus miles*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported in all months; up to 80 at Com in Jul, 50 in May-Jun and Aug; 30 at MYA in May; 10 at TS in Mar and Dec, at Long Swamp in Jul and at Brou L in Dec; fewer than 10 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting in Sep and Nov, dependent young in Oct-Dec.

SCOLOPACIDAE Snipe, sandpipers and allies

Latham's Snipe *Gallinago hardwickii*

Status: uncommon summer migrant.

Four at Com in Dec, 3 in Nov, 2 in Feb; 3 at BBWG in Oct, 2 in Feb; 3 at MO in Nov; 2 at Bergalia in Oct-Nov and at Belowra in Oct; 1 at PS in Jan and at Eurobodalla Rd in Aug.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

Status: common summer migrant, some overwinter.

Up to 200 at NA in Nov, 90 in Dec, 80 in Jan; 30 at TS in Sep, 4 in Dec; 10 at Brou L in Sep and Dec, 9 in Nov.

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

Status: summer migrant.

Fifteen at MHS on 30 Dec; 1 at WL in Jul and at BB in Sep.

Eastern Curlew *Numenius madagascariensis*

Status: common summer migrant, some overwinter.

Fifteen at TS in Sep; 6 at MHS in Dec, 1 in Aug and Oct; 5 at BB in

Sep; 2 at MYA in Jan, at NA in May and WL in Oct; 1 at Cullendulla Ck in Jan and at MO in Apr.

Grey-tailed Tattler *Tringa brevipes*

Status: uncommon summer migrant and bird of passage.

Single birds at CO in Jun and Aug and at MB in Nov. (MA/NC/V Brown)

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

Status: summer migrant and bird of passage.

One at Com on 12 Dec. (JC)

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

Status: uncommon summer migrant and bird of passage.

Two at CO in Jan, at Brou L and Coila L in Dec. (JM/DB)

Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*

Status: Vulnerable; uncommon summer migrant and bird of passage.

One juvenile at Brou L in Dec. (DB)

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

Status: summer migrant and bird of passage.

Ten at Brou L in Nov, 5 in Dec; 2 at CO in Jan and Oct. (JM/NC/DB)

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*

Status: summer migrant and bird of passage.

Up to 20 at Brou L in Nov-Dec, 3 in Mar, 1 in Feb and Aug; 10 at Coila L in Dec; 3 at MO in Nov, 1 in Oct; 2 at DS in Sep.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata*

Status: summer migrant and bird of passage.

Up to 150 at Brou L in Nov, 100 in Dec; 14 at Com in Oct, 9 in Nov.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

Status: Endangered; summer migrant and bird of passage.

One at Brou L on 20 Sep. (TA Ross)

TURNICIDAE Button-quail

Painted Button-quail *Turnix varius*

Status: uncommon resident.

One at Malua Bay in Dec. (MW)

STERCORARIIDAE Skuas, jaegers

Brown Skua *Stercorarius antarcticus*

Status: regularly recorded off the coast in winter.

Four off MHS in Aug, 1 in Jun; 1 off Wasp Head in Apr. (DB/NC/JM)

Jaeger sp.

Status: summer pelagic, occasionally coming inshore.

One off Broulee Is and off NA in Mar.

Pomarine Jaeger *Stercorarius pomarinus*

Status: regularly recorded off the coast in summer.

One off Mullimburra Pt in Jan and off Broulee in May. (NM/P Gatenby)

LARIDAE Gulls, terns

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*

Status: Endangered; summer breeding migrant.

Up to 60 at Brou L in Oct, 18 in Dec; 5 at MB May; 2 at Coila L in Dec;

1 at Bingie in Jan.

Fairy Tern *Sternula nereis*

Status: rare summer breeding migrant.

Four at Brou L on 3 Nov. (DB)

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*

Status: resident and bird of passage.

Thirty at WL in Jul; 10 at DS in Jan, 8 in Jun-Jul; 9 at Montagu Is in Mar; 4 at MYA in Jan; 2 at NA in Apr; 1 at MO and Wasp Head in Apr, at Cullendulla Ck in Aug and at Brou L in Nov.

White-fronted Tern *Sterna striata*

Status: common winter migrant.

Up to 15 at BP in Jul; 10 at MHS in Jul-Aug, 3 in Jun; 2 at Bingie in May; 1 at Wasp Head in Jun and DS in Sep.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

Status: uncommon summer migrant and bird of passage.

One at BI on 27 Jan. (MA)

Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii*

Status: common breeding resident.

Up to 500 at NA in Dec; 300 at DS in Jan; 200 at MHS in Jun and Blackfellow's Pt in Dec; 150 at Brou L in Nov; 100 at CO in Jan; 65 at MB in Nov; fewer than 50 at other locations.

Pacific Gull *Larus pacificus*

Status: vagrant.

Two at Montagu Is in Mar; 1 at MHS in Jun and Aug, all juveniles.

Silver Gull *Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae*

Status: common breeding resident.

Reported in all months; 200 at MHS in Jun; 180 at Broulee in Dec; 50 at MO in Jan, at Montagu Is and at Brou L in Mar, at Blackfellow's Pt in Dec; no more than 30 at other locations.

CACATUIDAE Cockatoos

Glossy Black-Cockatoo *Calyptorhynchus lathami*

Status: Vulnerable; breeding resident.

Recorded throughout the year, normally in pairs or family groups of 3; 5 at PS in Jan-Feb, 1-3 in Mar-Jul and Oct-Dec; 3 at Deua R in Mar and Oct-Nov, at Belowra and Bimbimbie in Oct, at MKS in Nov and at MO in Dec; no more than 2 at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young at PS in Nov-Dec, juveniles in Jan-Feb.
(JM)

Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo *Calyptorhynchus funereus*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely recorded in all months; 22 at Belowra in May; 20 at MB in Feb; 18 at Deua R in Sep; 17 at Coolagolite in Jul; 16 at Malua Bay in Jun and at Bergalia in Dec; 15 at Broulee in Aug; no more than 12 at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young at DS and MB in Jan. (MA/J Coffey)

Gang-gang Cockatoo *Callocephalon fimbriatum*

Status: Vulnerable; breeding resident.

Recorded in all months; 19 at Coolagolite in Feb, 12 in Mar and 10 in Jun; 5 at Lilli Pilli in Jan-Feb; 4 at DS in Sep and at Broulee in Dec; 3 at MKS in Jan; no more than 2 at other locations.

Galah *Eolophus roseicapillus*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely recorded in all months in pairs, small groups and large flocks; 50 at Com in Apr and at WL in Jul; 45 at Broulee in Sep, 20 in May; 34 at Belowra in Aug, 30 in Oct; 20 at MO in May; no more than 15 at other locations.

Little Corella *Cacatua sanguinea*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely recorded in all months in pairs, small groups and large flocks; 120 at MB in Oct; 100 at MYA in Jan-Feb and at MHS in Jul; 40 at MO in Oct; 30 at TS in Dec; 20 at Com in Jul; 15 at Deua R in Sep; no more than 10 at other locations.

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo *Cacatua galerita*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely recorded in all months; 150 at Com in Apr, 130 in Mar; 50 at Malua Bay in Jun and Sep; 40 at Eurobodalla Rd in Aug; 21 at DS in Aug; 20 at Broulee in Jun; fewer than 20 at other locations.

PSITTACIDAE Lorikeets, parrots

Rainbow Lorikeet *Trichoglossus haematodus*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely recorded in all months; up to 2000 at DS in May, 200 in Apr; 400 at Cullendulla Ck in Aug; 100 at MO in Sep; 80 at Broulee in Nov; 40 at Malua Bay in Jun; no more than 20 at other locations.

Scaly-breasted Lorikeet *Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus*

Status: vagrant.

Four at MYA in Jun; 1 at Mison's Rd in Jun; calls at Brou L in Nov and PS in Dec. (JM/DB/FM)

Musk Lorikeet *Glossopsitta concinna*

Status: common breeding resident.

Recorded each month; 200 at Bumbo Rd in Apr; 50 at DS in May and at Cullendulla Ck in Aug; 25 at MB in Oct; 20 at PS in Apr, at MYA in Apr and Oct and at Com in May; fewer than 20 at other locations.

Little Lorikeet *Glossopsitta pusilla*

Status: Vulnerable; resident, has bred.

Recorded each month; 20 at MB in Apr, at Murramarang NP in Aug and at PS in Dec; 7 at Mogo SF in Apr; 2 at Tilba in Sep; 1 at Cullendulla Ck in Aug.

Australian King Parrot *Alisterus scapularis*

Status: common breeding resident.

Singles, pairs and small groups widely recorded in all months; 40 at Com in Mar and May; 20 at Deua R in Mar and at MB in Dec; 16 at Malua Bay in Oct; 14 at Bergalia in Apr; 12 at MKS in Jan; no more

than 10 at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young at Malua Bay in Feb. (MW)

Crimson Rosella *Platycercus elegans*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported in all months, usually in groups up to 6; 40 at Com in Jul, 30 in Jun; 33 at Coolagolite in May; 20 at Monga NP in Mar; 16 at Broulee in Jul; 12 at Lilli Pilli in Dec; no more than 10 at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young in Sep, juveniles in Jan-Feb and May-Jul.

Eastern Rosella *Platycercus eximius*

Status: breeding resident.

Recorded in all months; 10 at Com most months; 7 at Belowra in Aug-Sep; 6 at MB in Apr and at Bergalia in May and Nov; 5 at Coronna L in Feb; fewer than 5 at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young at Com in Feb. (JC)

Swift Parrot *Lathamus discolor*

Status: Endangered; uncommon bird of passage.

Thirty at PS in Apr, 2 in Mar; 8 at Murramarang NP in Aug; 4 at Monga NP in Mar; 4 at DS in Aug, 2 in Jun; 1 at Cullendulla Ck in Sep.

CUCULACIDAE Cuckoos

Eastern Koel *Eudynamys orientalis*

Status: summer breeding migrant.

Reported Jan-Mar and Sep-Dec; 4 at Broulee in Jan and Nov-Dec, at Com in Jan, at MO and TS in Dec; 3 at DS in Nov; 1 or calls at other locations; last record at Surfside on 9 Mar, first return at DS on 22 Sep.

Breeding: young at TS in Mar. (GM)

Channel-billed Cuckoo *Scythrops novaehollandiae*

Status: summer breeding migrant.

Reported Jan-Feb and Sep-Dec; 4 at Com in Jan; 2 at Malua Bay in Oct-Nov, at Broulee in Nov, at PS in Nov-Dec and TS in Dec; 1 or calls at other locations; last record at Bergalia on 24 Feb, first return at BB on 8 Sep.

Breeding: dependent young at Com in Jan and being fed by Pied Currawong at PS in Dec. (JC/JM)

Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo *Chalcites basalis*

Status: summer breeding migrant.

Two at Deua R in Dec; 1 at Com in Jan and Nov-Dec, at PS in Apr and Sep-Oct and at MO in Nov; call at Tilba in Sep.

Breeding: juvenile at PS in Apr. (JM)

Shining Bronze-Cuckoo *Chalcites lucidus*

Status: summer breeding migrant and bird of passage.

Two at MO in Dec, 1 in Feb and Oct-Nov; 1 at Com in Jan and Dec; calls at PS in Jan, Mar and Oct-Nov.

Breeding: juvenile at MO in Feb. (NM)

Pallid Cuckoo *Cacomantis pallidus*

Status: summer-breeding migrant.

Two at Com in Jan and Oct-Nov, 1 in Sep; 2 at Belowra in Oct; calls at Coolagolite in Jan and Oct-Dec, at Bimbimbie, Deua R, Malua Bay and Surfside in Oct.

Fan-tailed Cuckoo *Cacomantis flabelliformis*

Status: common breeding resident.

Five at MO in Dec, 4 in Oct-Nov, 3 in Sep, 2 in Aug; 2 at DS in Oct and at Belowra in Nov; all other records of 1 or calls.

Breeding: juvenile at MO in Dec. (NM)

Brush Cuckoo *Cacomantis variolosus*

Status: summer breeding migrant.

Single birds at Broulee in Jan and Oct, at Com in Jan and Nov, at PS in Feb and Apr, at MO in Apr and Nov-Dec, at Deua R in Dec; calls at MKS in Jan and Dec and Bimbimbee in Oct.

STRIGIDAE Hawk owls

Powerful Owl *Ninox strenua*

Status: Vulnerable; breeding resident.

Two at MO in Dec, 1 in Sep; calls at MKS in Feb and PS in Mar-Apr and Oct.

Barking Owl *Ninox connivens*

Status: Vulnerable; uncommon breeding resident.

One reported at Polwombra on 20 Feb. (J Wiles)

Southern Boobook *Ninox novaeseelandiae*

Status: breeding resident.

Two at Surfside in Dec, 1 in Apr; 1 at MO in Feb, Apr, Jun and Nov-

Dec and at Broulee in Dec; calls at 4 other locations.

Breeding: juvenile at Surfside in Dec. (DB)

TYTONIDAE Barn owls

Sooty Owl *Tyto tenebricosa*

Status: Vulnerable; uncommon breeding resident.

Two at NA in Feb; calls at PS in Feb-Mar and Sep and Nov, at Pedro in Feb-Apr. (JM/JMG/JS/S Doyle)

Masked Owl *Tyto novaehollandiae*

Status: Vulnerable; uncommon breeding resident.

Two at MYA in Jan; 1 at PS in Feb. (DB/JM/JS)

Eastern Barn Owl *Tyto javanic*

Status: uncommon breeding resident.

Two at Surfside in Sep; 1 at BB in Feb, at Com in Jun-Jul and at Cullendulla Ck in Aug. (DB/JC/FM)

ALCEDINIDAE Kingfishers

Azure Kingfisher *Ceyx azureus*

Status: breeding resident.

One or two at Com each month; 2 at CO in Oct; singles at MO in Jan, Apr-May, Sep and Dec, at MYA in Mar, at Bumbo Rd in Apr, at MHN in Jul, at BBWG in Aug and at Deua R in Oct-Nov.

HALCYONIDAE Kookaburras, kingfishers

Laughing Kookaburra *Dacelo novaeguineae*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported in all months as individuals or family groups; up to 10 at PS in Jan-Feb, Apr, Jun-Oct and Dec; 8 at Broulee in Dec; 7 at MO in Sep; 6 at Com in Jan-Mar and Aug-Nov, at Bergalia in Oct; no more than 5 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting in Sep-Oct, dependent young in Jan-Feb.

Forest Kingfisher *Todiramphus macleayii*

Status: vagrant.

One recorded at Broulee Is on 22 Oct; possible call reported at PS on 20 Oct; first records for the Shire. (I Jamieson/JM)

Sacred Kingfisher *Todiramphus sanctus*

Status: summer breeding migrant; some may overwinter.

Recorded Jan-Apr and Oct-Dec; 4 at Com in Jan-Feb and Oct-Nov, at PS in Jan; no more than 2 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting at PS in Jan, dependent young in Feb (JM)

CORACIIDAE Dollarbird

Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*

Status: summer breeding migrant.

Recorded in Jan-Mar and Oct-Dec; up to 9 at Com in Oct and Dec, 6 in Nov; 6 at PS in Jan; 4 at MB in Jan and at Bergalia in Dec; no more than 2 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting in Nov-Dec, dependent young in Jan, juveniles in Jan. (JC/MA)

PITTIDAE Pittas

Noisy Pitta *Pitta versicolor*

Status: vagrant.

One photographed at BP on 22 Oct. (DB)

MENURIDAE Lyrebirds

Superb Lyrebird *Menura novaehollandiae*

Status: breeding resident.

Recorded in all months; up to 20 at Tilba in Jun; 5 at Monga NP in Mar; 3 at Coolagolite in May and at Deua R in Sep; 1-2 or calls at other locations.

CLIMACTERIDAE Treecreepers

White-throated Treecreeper *Cormobates leucophaea*

Status: common breeding resident.

One or two widely reported in all months; 6 at PS in Jan-Feb, 2-4 in other months; 4 at Com in most months and at MO in Nov; 3 at Belowra and Reedy Ck Rd in Aug; no more than 2 at other locations.

Red-browed Treecreeper *Climacteris erythroptis*

Status: uncommon breeding resident.

Two at Monga NP in Mar; singles at MO in Apr and at ERBG in Sep. (FM/NM/NC)

PTILINORHYNCHIDAE Catbirds, bowerbirds

Green Catbird *Ailuroedus crassirostris*

Status: breeding resident.

Two at NA in Nov-Dec. (MA)

Satin Bowerbird *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported in all months, usually one to six; 20 at Belowra in Aug,

13 in Sep; 14 at Deua R in Sep; 10 at TS in Mar, at Malua Bay in Jun and Sep, at WL in Jul, at Com in Aug-Oct and Broulee in Dec; fewer than 10 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting at PS in Oct and at Com in Jan, dependent young in Feb. (JC/JM)

MALURIDAE Fairy-wrens

Superb Fairy-wren *Malurus cyaneus*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported in all months in family groups up to 10; 30-40 at Com each month; 40 at Broulee in Feb, May and Jul; 21 at DS in May; 20 at PS in most months and at MO in Dec; 15 at ERBG and Belowra in May; no more than 10 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting at Com in Dec, dependent young in Jan-Feb and Nov. (JC)

Variigated Fairy-wren *Malurus lamberti*

Status: breeding resident.

Reported in all months; 40 at PS in Sep, 10-30 in other months; 6 at MB in Oct and at Bergalia in Nov; 4 at MO in Jan and Aug, at Mogo SF in Apr; no more than 3 at other locations.

Southern Emu-wren *Stipiturus malachurus*

Status: uncommon breeding resident.

Reported in all months; 8 at Broulee in Dec, 6 in Jan, 1-5 most other months; 8 at Cullendulla Ck in Mar; 4 at Runnyford Rd in Apr and at Bimbimbie in Jun.

ACANTHIZIDAE Scrubwrens, gerygones, thornbills and allies

Pilotbird *Pycnoptilus floccosus*

Status: uncommon breeding resident.

Four at Monga NP on 25 Mar. (FM)

White-browed Scrubwren *Sericornis frontalis*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported in all months; 8 at Broulee in Feb and Nov; 6 at Com in Feb-Apr and Aug-Sep, at ERBG in May, at Tilba in Sep and at Bevia Rd in Oct; 5 at Lilli Pilli in Aug; no more than 4 at other location.

Breeding: juvenile at MB in Jan. (MA)

Large-billed Scrubwren *Sericornis magnirostra*

Status: uncommon breeding resident.

Calls at Monga NP in Mar and at Tilba in Sep. (FM)

Brown Gerygone *Gerygone mouki*

Status: common breeding resident.

Reported in all months; 20 at WL in Jul; 15 at Tilba in Aug; 12 at Bevia Rd in Oct; 10 at PS in Jun; 6 at MB in Oct; 5 at MO in Dec; no more than 4 at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young at Com in Jan. (JC)

White-throated Gerygone *Gerygone albugularis*

Status: summer breeding migrant.

Four at Com in Jan and Oct, 2 in Feb and 1 in Nov; 4 at Belowra in Oct-Nov, 2 in Sep.

Striated Thornbill *Acanthiza lineata*

Status: breeding resident.

Widely reported in all months; 40 at Broulee in Oct; 30 at PS in Jul, 10-20 most other months; 20 at Mogo SF in Apr; 10 at Com in Jan, at DS in Feb, at Bumbo Rd in Apr, at CO in Jun and at MO in Jun and Aug; fewer than 10 at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young at PS in Nov. (JM)

Yellow Thornbill *Acanthiza nana*

Status: breeding resident.

Reported in all months; 20 at Com in Feb-Apr; 15 at PS in Dec; 10 at Cullendulla Ck in Aug and at Broulee in Oct; 6 at Bumbo Rd in Apr, at MYA in Sep and Bevia Rd in Oct; no more than 5 at other locations.

Yellow-rumped Thornbill *Acanthiza chrysorrhoa*

Status: breeding resident.

Reported in all months; 15 at Com in Mar, 5-10 in other months; 7 at Belowra in May, 6 in Sep; 5 at MO in Apr; 4 at MYA in May.

Breeding: nesting at Com in Sep-Oct, dependent young in Dec. (JC/FM)

Brown Thornbill *Acanthiza pusilla*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported in all months; 20 at Com in Jan-Apr, at PS in Feb, Jul-Aug and Nov-Dec, at Tilba in Sep; 15 at Mogo SF in Apr, at Bergalia in May; 12 at CO in Jun; no more than 10 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting at Com in Oct-Nov, dependent young at Com and PS

in Nov. (JC/JM)

PARDALOTIDAE Pardalotes

Spotted Pardalote *Pardalotus punctatus*

Status: common breeding resident.

One, two or calls reported in all months; 20 at DS in Jul, 15 in Jun; 10 at Mogo SF and Surfside in Apr, at PS in Jun-Jul, at Reedy Ck Rd in Aug and at Broulee in Oct; 5 at MO in Apr; no more than 3 at other locations.

Striated Pardalote *Pardalotus striatus*

Status: breeding resident.

Two at Mogo SF in Apr, at Com in Aug-Nov; 1 at MO in Apr and Dec, at MB in Apr, at DS in May, at MYA in Sep and at Broulee in Nov.

MELIPHAGIDAE Honeyeaters

Eastern Spinebill *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported in all months; 15 at ERBG in May and at BP in Jul; 12 at Broulee and MYA in Sep; 10 at CO in Jun; 8 at TS in Mar; 7 at MO in Sep; 6 at Bumbo Rd in Apr, at DS in May, at Reedy Ck Rd in Aug, at Bergalia in Sep-Oct, at Malua Bay in Nov and at Com in Dec; no more than 5 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting in Nov, dependent young in Jan, juvenile in Feb.

Lewin's Honeyeater *Meliphaga lewinii*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported in all months; 10 at Tilba in Sep; 6 at Bumbo Rd in Apr; 4 at DS in Jun, at WL in Jul, at Broulee in Oct-Nov; 3 at MO in Jan, Apr, Jun and Nov, at Coolagolite in Apr and at Reedy Ck Rd in Aug; no more than 2 at other locations.

Breeding: juvenile at Com in Feb. (JC)

Yellow-faced Honeyeater *Lichenostomus chrysops*

Status: common breeding resident and summer migrant.

Widely reported throughout the year; 50 at Com in Apr, 10-20 in other months; 50 at Reedy Ck Rd in Aug; 30 at DS in Feb; 20 at Mogo SF and Bumbo Rd in Apr, at ERBG in May, at PS in Jun, Sep-Oct and Dec, at WL in Jul, at Belowra in Sep and at MO in Oct; fewer than 20 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting in Jan, dependent young in Jan-Feb.

White-eared Honeyeater *Lichenostomus leucotis*

Status: autumn-winter migrant.

Reported Mar-Oct; 5 at Bimbimbie in Jun; 4 at PS in May-Jul, 2 in Apr; 3 at MO in Jun, 1 in Apr-May and Sep; 1 at Bergalia in Apr-May and Oct, at MB in Apr and Jul and at DS in Aug.

Yellow-tufted Honeyeater *Lichenostomus melanops*

Status: uncommon breeding resident.

Ten at Monga NP in Mar; 1 at NA in Apr, at WL in Jul and at Brou L in Nov. (FM/MA/NC)

Fuscous Honeyeater *Lichenostomus fuscus*

Status: uncommon winter migrant and bird of passage.

Reported in Jun-Sep; 20 at Murramarang NP in Aug; 6 at Broulee in Sep; 2 at PS in Jun and Aug, at MO in Jun; 1 at Benandarah and at Surfside in Jun.

White-plumed Honeyeater *Lichenostomus penicillatus*

Status: vagrant.

One reported at MO on 22 Jun. (NM)

Bell Miner *Manorina melanophrys*

Status: common breeding resident.

Colonies reported at Belowra, Brou L, Bumbo Rd, Comerang, Coolagolite, Narooma, Tilba and Wallaga L.

Little Wattlebird *Anthochaera chrysoptera*

Status: common breeding resident.

Reported in all months; 30 at DS in Jan and at Broulee in Jan-Feb; 20 at Corunna L in Feb and at WL in Jul; 12 at MO in May; no more than 10 at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young at Coolagolite in Mar. (DO)

Red Wattlebird *Anthochaera carunculata*

Status: common breeding resident and bird of passage.

Widely reported in all months; up to 300 at Com in May; 250 at Bumbo Rd in Apr; 70 at Reedy Ck Rd in Aug; 50 at MO in Sep; 40 at Broulee in Jan-Feb; 30 at Eurobodalla Rd in Aug; no more than 20 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting in Oct, dependent young in Jan, juvenile in Jan. (JC/J Coffey/GLM)

White-fronted Chat *Epthianura albifrons*

Status: Vulnerable; breeding resident.

One at DS on 21 Sep. (J Coffey)

Scarlet Honeyeater *Myzomela sanguinolenta*

Status: summer breeding migrant and bird of passage.

Reported in Jan-Feb, Apr and Aug-Dec; 25 at MO in Dec, 20 in Nov; 20 at PS and Com in Dec; 12 at Broulee in Sep; 10 at Malua Bay in Oct and Dec; no more than 3 at other locations.

Crescent Honeyeater *Phylidonyris pyrrhopterus*

Status: uncommon breeding resident, movement to coast in winter.

One at Mogo SF on 1 Apr. (DB/JM)

New Holland Honeyeater *Phylidonyris novaehollandiae*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported in all months; 30 at Broulee in Nov, 20 in Jan-Feb and May; 30 at CO in Jun; 25 at BP in Jul; 20 at Corunna L in Feb and at MO in Oct; no more than 12 at other locations.

White-checked Honeyeater *Phylidonyris niger*

Status: breeding resident in small localised colonies.

Seven at MO in Sep; 6 at Mogo SF in Apr; 5 at PS in Dec; 4 at CO in Jun; 3 at Broulee in Nov; 2 at Reedy Ck Rd in Aug and Bevia Rd in Oct; 1 at MYA in Sep.

Brown-headed Honeyeater *Melithreptus brevirostris*

Status: uncommon summer breeding migrant.

Ten at PS in Jun-Jul and Sep; 8 at Com in Jan-Apr; 6 at MYA in Mar; 5 at MO and Surfside in Jun; 4 at MKS in Mar and Belowra in Sep; no more than 3 at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young at Com in Jan. (JC)

White-naped Honeyeater *Melithreptus lunatus*

Status: breeding resident and bird of passage.

Recorded in all months; 50 at Mogo SF in Apr; 20 at PS in Jun, at Murramarang NP and Reedy Ck Rd in Aug; 10 at Bumbo Rd in Apr and at Belowra in Sep-Oct; no more than 6 at other locations.

Noisy Friarbird *Philemon corniculatus*

Status: summer breeding migrant and bird of passage, often overwinters.

Recorded each month except Jun; 20 at PS in Oct-Dec; 12 at Surfside in Apr; 10 at Broulee in Dec; 5 at Deua R in Nov-Dec and at MO in Dec;

no more than 4 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting in Oct-Dec, dependent young in Jan and Dec.

Little Friarbird *Philemon citreogularis*

Status: vagrant.

Call recorded at PS on 1 Jan. (JM)

Painted Honeyeater *Grantiella picta*

Status: Vulnerable; vagrant.

One at Bimbimbie in Nov and call at Brou L in Dec. (DB)

EUPETIDAE Whipbird, Spotted Quail-thrush

Spotted Quail-thrush *Cinclosoma punctatum*

Status: breeding resident.

Two on Belowra Rd in Jul, 1 in May; 1 at Coolagolite in Mar and at Bodalla SF in Aug.

Eastern Whipbird *Psophodes olivaceus*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported in all months; 8 at Broulee in Jan and Sep-Oct; 4 at MB in Jan; 3 at BP in Jul and at TS in Dec; 1-2 or calls at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young in Dec, juveniles in Jan-Feb. (GM/MA)

NEOSITTIDAE Varied Sittella

Varied Sittella *Daphoenositta chrysoptera*

Status: Vulnerable; breeding resident.

Fifteen at DS in Jun, 12 in Jul; 7 at PS in Mar, 6 in Jun; 7 at Com in May, 6 in Feb; 6 at ERBG in Feb; no more than 4 at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young at PS in Feb. (JM)

CAMPEPHAGIDAE Cicadabird, cuckoo-shrikes, triller

Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina novaehollandiae*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported in all months, usually 1 or 2; 7 at Com in Mar; 5 at PS in Jan and Apr, at Monga NP in Mar, at MYA in Apr; 4 at MO in Jan-Feb, at DS and Coila Ck Rd in Nov; no more than 3 at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young in Jan and Nov. (JC/JM/NM)

White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina papuensis*

Status: uncommon breeding resident and bird of passage.

Two at Murramarang NP in Aug; 2 at PS in Mar, 1 in Apr, Aug-Sep and Nov-Dec; 1 at DS in Jan and at Com in Mar.

Cicadabird *Coracina tenuirostris*

Status: summer breeding migrant.

Recorded Jan-Mar and Oct-Dec; up to 10 at PS in Feb, 8 in Jan; 2 at MO in Jan, 1 in Nov-Dec; calls at MKS in Jan-Mar and at Malua Bay in Nov-Dec.

Breeding: nesting at PS in Jan, juveniles in Feb. (JM)

PACHYCEPHALIDAE Whistlers and allies

Crested Shrike-tit *Falcunculus frontatus*

Status: breeding resident.

Up to 4 at MO in Jul, 2 in Feb and Sep; 3 at ERBG in May; 2 at DS in Jun; 1 at Com in Feb, at Deua R in Mar; calls at Bumbo Rd in Apr.

Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported in all months; 24 at PS in Sep, 10 in Apr and Nov; 10 at MO in Nov, 5 in Dec; 6 at Com in Mar; no more than 4 at other locations.

Breeding: juvenile at Com in Mar. (JC)

Rufous Whistler *Pachycephala rufiventris*

Status: summer breeding migrant.

Recorded Jan-Apr and Sep-Dec; 6 at PS in Mar and Dec, at Belowra in Oct-Nov, at Com in Oct-Dec, and at MO in Nov; 4 at CO in Oct; no more than 3 at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young at Com and MO in Feb. (JC/NM)

Grey Shrike-thrush *Colluricincla harmonica*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported in all months, usually 1 or 2; 5 at Belowra in May and at Com in Jun and Aug; 4 at MB in Jan, at PS in Apr, Jun-Jul, Sep and Dec, at Tilba in Sep and at MO in Nov; no more than 3 at other locations.

ORIOLIDAE Figbird, oriole

Australasian Figbird *Sphecotheres vieilloti*

Status: breeding resident and summer breeding migrant.

Up to 10 at MYA in Feb, 6 in Sep, 5 in Aug, Oct and Dec; 1 at MHS in Jan and at BBWG in Sep; calls at TS in Dec.

Olive-backed Oriole *Oriolus sagittatus*

Status: summer breeding migrant; some overwinter.

Four at MO in Nov, 3 in Sep; 3 at Deua R and Com in Dec; 2 at MKS in Feb, at Broulee and Coolagolite in Oct, at DS and PS in Nov; 1 or calls at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young at Com in Dec. (JC)

ARTAMIDAE Butcherbird, magpie, currawongs, woodswallows

White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorhynchus*

Status: uncertain.

Twelve at PS in Feb, 10 in Mar, 8 in Apr and 4 in Nov; 12 at MHN in Feb; 3 at Coila Ck Rd in Nov; 1 at MO in Apr.

Breeding; juveniles at PS in Feb. (JM)

White-browed Woodswallow *Artamus superciliosus*

Status: vagrant.

Up to 100 at Surfside on 15 Apr; 1 at PS on 15 Sep. (DB/JM)

Dusky Woodswallow *Artamus cyanopterus*

Status: Vulnerable; summer breeding migrant.

Up to 20 at Mogo SF in Apr; 16 at Bergalia in Apr; 11 at Com in Mar; 7 at Belowra in Oct, 6 in Sep; 4 at Brou L in Nov; 3 at DS in Jan and at Coolagolite in Feb; 2 at MHN in Nov; 1 at Deua R in Dec.

Breeding: dependent young at DS in Jan. (J Coffey)

Grey Butcherbird *Cracticus torquatus*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported with 1-2 at most localities throughout the year; 6 at PS in Apr and Dec; 4 at MO in Jan and Dec, at Coolagolite and TS in Dec; 3 at Monga NP in Mar and at Bumbo Rd in Apr; no more than 2 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting in Dec, dependent young in Nov-Dec. (JC/DO/NM))

Pied Butcherbird *Cracticus nigrogularis*

Status: vagrant.

One reported at Rosedale on 30 Mar and at Guerilla Bay on 31 Mar; first records for the Shire. (J & T Lipscombe)

Australian Magpie *Cracticus tibicen*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported throughout the year; up to 80 at MYA in Mar, 48 in Jun; 70 at Com in May and Nov-Dec; 20 at Coila Ck Rd in Nov; 15 at

WL in Jul, at MO in Aug and Dec; 13 at DS in Jul; 12 at Monga NP in Mar and at Belowra in Sep; no more than 10 at other locations.
Breeding: nesting in Sep-Nov, dependent young in Jan-Feb and Oct-Dec, juveniles in Jan-Feb.

Pied Currawong *Strepera graculina*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported all year; 60 at Com in May, 30 in Apr; 20 a PS in Aug and Oct, at Tilba in Sep; 10 at TS in Mar, at Malua Bay in Jul, at Coolagolite in Aug and at DS in Dec; fewer than 10 at other locations.

Grey Currawong *Strepera versicolor*

Status: uncommon resident and winter migrant to coast.

Up to 6 at Belowra in Aug; 2 at Monga NP in Mar; 1 at Coolagolite in Jul-Aug.

DICRURIDAE Drongo

Spangled Drongo *Dicrurus bracteatus*

Status: uncommon autumn-winter migrant.

Two at Surfside in Mar; 1 at PS in Mar-Apr and at MB in May.
(DB/JM/MA)

RHIPIDURIDAE Fantails

Rufous Fantail *Rhipidura rufifrons*

Status: summer breeding migrant.

Recorded Jan-Apr and Nov-Dec; 2 at MB in Jan-Feb, at MKS in Mar; single birds at 11 other locations.

Grey Fantail *Rhipidura albiscapa*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported throughout the year; up to 40 at Com in Mar; 30 at Tilba in Sep; 10 at Monga NP in Mar, at Bumbo Rd in Apr, at PS in Jun, at Belowra in Sep, at Bevia Rd in Oct, at Broulee in Oct-Nov and at MO in Nov; fewer than 10 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting in Sep, dependent young in Jan and Dec.

Willie Wagtail *Rhipidura leucophrys*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported in all months, 1-4 at most sites; 20 at Com in Jan and Oct, 10-13 most other months; 8 at Belowra in Sep-Oct; 6 at Coila Ck Rd in Nov; 5 at MYA in May and at Tilba in Sep; no more than 4 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting in Jan and Oct-Nov, dependent young in Jan and Dec.
(JC)

CORVIDAE Ravens

Australian Raven *Corvus coronoides*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported throughout the year; 60 overflying Bergalia in May; 50 at Com in Jun-Jul; 30 overflying MKS in Mar; 10 at DS in Jun; 8 at MO in Apr, Oct and Dec; 7 at MYA in May; 6 at Belowra in Oct; no more than 5 at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young in Feb, juveniles in Jan-Feb.

Little Raven *Corvus mellori*

Status: uncommon resident and winter migrant to coast.

Up to 200 at Com in Jul, 100 in Jun; 4 at MB in Jul; 1 at Deua R in Dec; call at MO in Apr.

MONARCHIDAE Monarchs, flycatchers.

Leaden Flycatcher *Myiagra rubecula*

Status: summer breeding migrant.

Recorded Jan-Mar and Oct-Dec; 4 at PS in Jan-Feb, 2 in Mar and Dec; 2 at MO in Jan-Feb and Nov; 1 at ERBG in Jan and at Bergalia in Feb; calls at MKS in Jan-Feb and Nov and at MB in Dec.

Satin Flycatcher *Myiagra cyanoleuca*

Status: vagrant.

One at ERBG on 14 Jan. (DB)

Restless Flycatcher *Myiagra inquieta*

Status: breeding resident and winter migrant to coast.

Recorded in all months; 4 at Com in Jan, 1-2 in other months; 3 at Belowra in Sep; 2 at ERBG in May and at Eurobodalla Rd in Aug; 1 at Bergalia in Feb and May, at MYA and Trunketabella in May and at Tilba in Sep.

Breeding: dependent young at Com in Jan. (JC)

Black-faced Monarch *Monarcha melanopsis*

Status: summer breeding migrant.

Recorded Jan-Feb and Oct-Dec; 3 at DS in Feb and at MO in Nov; 2 at MB in Jan-Feb and Dec; 1 or calls at 7 other locations; last record at DS on 24 Feb, first return at PS on 21 Oct.

Magpie-lark *Grallina cyanoleuca*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported throughout the year; 37 at MYA in Jun, 11 in May; 14 at Belowra in Jul; 13 at WL in Jul; 10 at Com in Jan-Mar, May, Jul and Dec; no more than 4 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting in Oct, dependent young in Nov and Jan. (JC)

CORCORACIDAE White-winged Chough

White-winged Chough *Corcorax melanorhamphos*

Status: breeding resident.

Up to 22 at PS in Feb, 15 in Mar; 16 at Com in May-Jun; 9 at MO in May and at Belowra in Sep; 8 at Coolagolite in Feb and at Bergalia in May; no more than 7 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting at Belowra in Sep, dependent young in Oct. (JC)

PETROICIDAE Robins

Jacky Winter *Microeca fascinans*

Status: breeding resident.

Recorded in all months; 16 at Belowra in May, 12 in Jul; 12 at Com in May, 10 in Apr and Jun-Jul; 6 at DS in Jun; no more than 4 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting in Nov, dependent young in Oct-Nov and juveniles in Mar.

Scarlet Robin *Petroica boodang*

Status: Vulnerable; uncommon breeding resident and winter migrant to coast.

Recorded Mar-Aug; 3 at Bergalia in May, 1 in Apr; 3 at Belowra in Jul; 2 at PS in May and Jul, 1 in Apr and Jun; 1 at Monga NP in Mar, at MYA in May, at Cullendulla Ck and Coolagolite in Aug.

Flame Robin *Petroica phoenicea*

Status: Vulnerable; rare breeding resident.

Two at Monga NP on 23 Mar, 1 on 25 Mar. (LB/FM)

Rose Robin *Petroica rosea*

Status: uncommon local breeding resident and winter migrant to coast.

Three at Bumbo Rd in Apr; 2 at MB in Jul, at MHS in Aug and MYA in Sep; 1 or calls at 9 other locations.

Eastern Yellow Robin *Eopsaltria australis*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported in all months with 1-4 at most locations; 25 at ERBG in May; 8 at Mogo SF in Apr, at MO in May, at WL in Jul and at Broulee in Dec; no more than 6 at other locations.

Breeding: dependent young in Feb and Dec. (MW/NM)

CISTICOLIDAE Cisticolas

Golden-headed Cisticola *Cisticola exilis*

Status: uncommon breeding resident.

Recorded at Com each month except Aug, 20 in Jan-Mar, 2-10 in other months; a few at Montagu Is in Mar; 2 at MYA in May.

Breeding: dependent young at Com in Jan. (JC)

ACROCEPHALIDAE Reed-Warblers

Australian Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus australis*

Status: summer breeding migrant.

Recorded in Jan-Apr and Nov-Dec; 6 at PS in Jan, 1 in Feb; 4 at Com in Feb-Mar, 3 in Jan, 2 in Apr; 3 at BBWG in Feb; 2 at MO in Jan, 1 in Nov.

Breeding: dependent young at BBWG in Feb. (FM)

MEGALURIDAE Grassbirds, songlarks

Little Grassbird *Megalurus gramineus*

Status: uncommon resident, probably breeding.

Two at Com in Jan-Apr, at PS in Feb; recorded at Montagu Is in Mar. (JC/JM/C Davey)

Rufous Songlark *Cincloramphus mathewsi*

Status: uncertain.

One at Belowra on 31 Aug. (JC)

Brown Songlark *Cincloramphus cruralis*

Status: vagrant.

One at Com in Oct-Nov. (JC)

TIMALIIDAE Silveryeye

Silveryeye *Zosterops lateralis*

Status: common summer breeding migrant and bird of passage.

Widely reported in all months; no more than 30 at any location in Jan-Mar; flocks up to 100 migrating north at Com, Mogo SF, PS and

Surfside in Apr, numbers then reducing to 50 or less in May-Aug; 100 at

Com in Sep-Oct and PS in Oct; no more than 20 at any location in Nov-Dec.

Breeding: dependent young at Com in Feb. (JC)

HIRUNDINIDAE Swallows, martins

Welcome Swallow *Hirundo neoxena*

Status: common breeding resident and summer breeding migrant.

Widely reported throughout the year; up to 100 at Com in Mar, 80 in Feb; 50 at PS in Feb; 42 at Runnyford Rd in Apr; 40 at Bumbo Rd in Apr; 30 at MO in Jan and at Eurobodalla Rd in Aug; 20 at TS in Mar and Dec, at MYA in May, at DS in Aug, at Belowra and Tilba in Sep; fewer than 20 elsewhere.

Breeding: nesting in Oct, dependent young in Nov-Dec. (JC)

Fairy Martin *Petrochelidon ariel*

Status: spring/summer breeding migrant.

One at Tilba on 23 Sep. (FM)

Tree Martin *Petrochelidon nigricans*

Status: resident and summer breeding migrant.

Up to 50 at Com in Feb, 30 in Mar; 20 at MYA in Feb, 15 in Sep; 20 at Bumbo Rd in Apr, at Belowra in Aug; no more than 10 at other locations.

TURDIDAE Thrushes

Bassian Thrush *Zoothera lunulata*

Status: uncommon breeding resident.

Up to 10 at ERBG in May; 2 at Bergalia in Mar, at Malua Bay in Jun-Aug; 1 at Bumbo Rd in Apr, at Lilli Pilli in Jun-Jul, at WL in Jul and at DS in Aug.

Common Blackbird *Turdus merula*

Status: breeding resident.

Two at MB in May, at Tilba in Sep, at Deua R in Nov and at Lilli Pilli in Dec; 1 at WL in Jul, at Com in Aug-Sep; calls at TS in Dec.

STURNIDAE Starlings

Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*

Status: common breeding resident.

Up to 150 at Com in Mar and Aug, 40-100 in other months; 60 at MB in Jan, at MYA and Belowra in May; 12 at Eurobodalla Rd in Aug; no more than 6 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting at Com in Oct, dependent young in Nov-Dec. (JC)

Common Myna *Sturnus tristis*

Status: breeding resident.

Six at MYA in Feb, 4 in Sep; 4 at MO in May, 2 in Jan and Nov; 4 at Com in Oct, 2 in Jan, Sep and Nov; 2 at MB in Jan.

NECTARINIIDAE Mistletoebird

Mistletoebird *Dicaeum hirundinaceum*

Status: breeding resident and bird of passage.

Up to 5 at PS in Jan, 1-2 most other months; 2 at Com in Jan and Mar; singles at Corunna L and MO in Feb, Deua R in Mar, Mogo SF and Bumbo Rd in Apr, ERBG in May, CO in Jun, Reedy Ck Rd in Aug and Tilba in Sep.

ESTRILDIDAE Grass-finches

Red-browed Finch *Neochmia temporalis*

Status: common breeding resident.

Widely reported throughout the year; 50 at Mogo SF in Apr; 40 at Com in Feb-Mar; 30 at PS in Feb and Sep-Oct, at Bumbo Rd in Apr, at Belowra in Sep; 25 at Broulee in May; no more than 20 at other locations.

Breeding: nesting in Jan and Oct-Dec, dependent young in Jan-Mar and Nov.

Diamond Firetail *Stagonopleura guttata*

Status: Vulnerable; rare resident.

Six at Belowra on 25 Jul. (JC)

Beautiful Firetail *Stagonopleura bella*

Status: vagrant.

One reported from the Deua River Valley on 23 Dec, first record for the Shire. (RS/AR)

PASSERIDAE House Sparrow

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Status: common breeding resident.

Fifteen at Tilba in Sep, 8 in Feb, Jul and Dec. (FM/MA)

MOTACILLIDAE Australasian Pipit

Australasian Pipit *Anthus novaeseelandiae*

Status: breeding resident.

Twelve at Com in Jan-Mar, 4-10 in other months; 12 at MYA in May; 5

at Bingie in Jan and May, 1-3 most other months; 4 at Belowra in Jul; no more than 2 at other locations.

FRINGILLIDAE Finches

European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*

Status: uncommon breeding resident.

Four at Com on 12 Sep. (JC)

MAMMALS

TACHYGLOSSIDAE

Short-beaked Echidna *Tachyglossus aculeatus*

Widespread and recorded in most months: 2 at PS in Oct-Nov, 1 in Jan, Apr, Jul, Sep; singles at MB in Jan, Apr, Nov-Dec, at DS in Aug, Oct, Dec, at Coolagolite in Sep and at Deua R in Oct.

DASYURIDAE

Spotted-tailed Quoll *Dasyurus maculatus*

Signs at PS in Feb and Jul. (JM)

Brown Antechinus *Antechinus stuartii*

One at Lilli Pilli in Mar. (IAG)

PERAMELIDAE

Long-nosed Bandicoot *Perameles nasuta*

Signs and alarm calls at Deua R in Apr. (RS/AR)

VOMBATIDAE

Common Wombat *Vombatus ursinus*

Activity reported throughout the year: 3 at Coolagolite in Aug-Nov, 2 in May and Jul, 1 in Mar-Apr, Jun and Dec, sign in Jan-Feb; 1 at Deua R in Mar, Oct and Dec, at Com and Belowra in Aug, signs at Bumbo Rd in Apr. (DO/RS/AR/JC/FM)

PETAURIDAE

Yellow-bellied Glider *Petaurus australis*

Two at Mossy Pt in Jul, 1 in Jun and Aug-Sep; 1 at Broulee in Jan; probable call at PS in Feb. (HR/GLM/JM)

Sugar Glider *Petaurus breviceps*

Common and reported in all months except Jan: 4 at PS in Feb, 2 in Apr, calls in Jul-Sep; 2 at Com in Aug, calls in Apr-May and Sep; 1 at Mossy Pt in Jun-Oct; calls at Deua R in Mar and Oct-Dec.

Greater Glider *Petaurides volans*

One at Malua Bay in Feb and Mar, one a juvenile. (G.Stevens)

PSEUDOCHEIRIDAE

Common Ringtail Possum *Pseudocheirus peregrinus*

Two at PS in Feb; 1 at Lilli Pilli in Feb-Mar and May, at Broulee in May; drey at Mossy Pt in Sep.

PHALANGERIDAE

Common Brushtail Possum *Trichosurus vulpecula*

Widespread and regularly recorded throughout year in resident groups: 7 at Com in Aug, 6 in Jan-Feb and Apr, 5 in May-Jun and Sep-Dec, 4 in Mar and Jul; 2 at PS in Mar; 2 (adult and juvenile) at Lilli Pilli in Jan-Jun and Sep, 1 in Jul-Aug and Oct-Dec; 2 at Coolagolite in Feb and Aug-Oct, 1 in Mar, May-Jul and Nov-Dec; 2 at Mossy Pt in Aug-Sep, 1 in Jun-Jul; 1 at Deua R in Mar and Dec; recorded at MB in Apr.

MACROPODIDAE

Eastern Grey Kangaroo *Macropus giganteus*

Widespread and regularly recorded throughout the year: maxima of more than 100 in Belowra in Aug, 92 at Coolagolite in Sep, 30 at PS in Apr, 27 at DS in Sep-Oct, 19 at Mossy Pt in Oct.

Red-necked Wallaby *Macropus rufogriseus*

Widespread and regularly recorded throughout the year: 10 at Belowra in Aug; up to 8 at Coolagolite throughout the year; up to 5 at Deua R in Apr and Oct-Dec, including a female with a joey in the pouch; 1 or 2 at Mossy Pt in Jun, Aug and Nov; present at MB in Nov.
(DO/JC/RS/AR/HR/MA)

Swamp Wallaby *Wallabia bicolor*

Widespread and regularly recorded throughout the year: up to 16 at MB in Jan, Apr and Nov-Dec; up to 10 at PS in throughout the year; up to 5 at DS in Jun and Sep; up to 4 at Deua R in Mar, Oct-Dec, and at Coolagolite in Jan-May and Jul-Dec; up to 3 at Com throughout the year; singles elsewhere.

PTEROPODIDAE

Grey-headed Flying Fox *Pteropus poliocephalus*

Camp at MHS active in Jan-Feb and Nov-Dec with a maximum of 3000 counted flying south over PS in Dec; 200 at BBWG in Feb; small colony at Ringlands in Apr; up to 5 at Com in Jan and Dec; 1 at Mossy Pt in

Jun-Nov. (JM/FM/JC/HR)

MOLOSSIDAE

Microbat sp.

At PS in Jul and Deua R in Oct-Dec.

MURIDAE

Black Rat *Rattus rattus*

One found dead at Coolagolite in Apr. (DO)

OTARIDIDAE

Seals. A count on 15 March prior to landing on Montagu Is gave an estimate of 60 **Australia Fur Seal**, *Arctocephalus pusillus* and 70 **Long-nosed (New Zealand) Fur Seal**, *A. forsteri*. Six pups of various ages were noted, some very small and still suckling and others quite large. Several also observed far from the waterline in dense Kikuyu Grass and not included in the count. Fifteen **Long-nosed Fur Seal** were seen on rocks at the south landing on 19 March with an additional five further south. Ten seal sp. reported off MHS, 2 off CO and 1 off DS in Jun; also observed at NA in Apr. (C Davey/DB/FM/RSor)

CANIDAE

Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes*

Two at Com in Jul, 1 in Apr-Jun and Sep-Nov; 1 at Coolagolite in Jan and Sep, at PS in Apr and at Bevia Rd in Oct.

LEPORIDAE

Rabbit *Oryctolagus cuniculus*

Reports in all months: up to 10 at Com in Sep-Dec; up to 6 at Broulee in Jan-Mar, May, Aug, Oct and Dec; 1 at DS in Jul-Sep and at Lilli Pilli in Sep-Dec; many seen on the headlands between CO and Bingie in Oct.

SUIDAE

Pig *Sus scrofa*

Recorded at West Flat (Bodalla) in Jul, Sep-Oct. (JC)

CERVIDAE

Fallow Deer *Dama dama*

Up to 10 at West Flat (Bodalla) in May, Jul and Oct. (JC)

DELPHINIDAE

Bottle-nosed Dolphin *Tursiops truncatus*

Thirty off MHS in Jul, up to 6 in Jun and Sep-Dec; up to 8 off DS in

Apr, Jun-Jul and Sep; 8 off Mossy Pt in Jul; also off CO in Jun.
(JM/DB/J Coffey/HR/FM)

BALAENOPTERIDAE

Humpback Whale *Megaptera novaeangliae*

Eleven off BP in Jul, with a mother and calf reported in Sep; 10 off MHS in Oct-Nov, 5 in Jun; 6 off DS in Jun. (FM/NC/JM/DB)

BALAENIDAE

Southern Right Whale *Eubalaena australis*

Mother and calf off Long Beach in Jun, off Kianga in Jul and off TS in Aug. (NC/TA Ross/M Craig)

REPTILES

CHELIDAE

Snake-necked Turtle *Chelodina longicollis*

Recorded in all months except Jun-Jul: up to 20 at Com in Jan-Apr and Aug-Dec; 3 at Mossy Pt in Dec, 2 in Jan-Feb and 1 in Oct; 1 at ERBG in May, at Coolagolite in Sep and at Barlings Swamp in Oct.

SCINCIDAE

Cream-striped Shinning Skink *Cryptoblepharus virgatus*

One at PS in Jan. (JM)

White's Skink *Ergenia whitii*

Observed occasionally at Montagu Is in Mar. (C Davey)

Yellow-bellied Water-skink *Eulamprus heatwolei*

Two or three at Com in Jan-Apr and Sep-Dec. (JC)

Eastern Water-skink *Eulamprus quoyii*

Up to 3 at Lilli Pilli in Jan-Apr and Dec; 1 at DS in Jan. (IAG/J Coffey)

Dark-flecked Garden Sunskink *Lampropholis delicata*

Up to 6 at Mossy Pt in Jan-Feb and Aug-Dec; at Broulee in Mar-Apr and Sep. (HR/MF)

Pale-flecked Garden Sunskink *Lampropholis guichenoti*

One or two at Mossy Pt in Oct-Dec; recorded at Broulee in Feb and at Montagu Is in Mar.

Weasel Skink *Saproscincus mustelinus*

One at Mossy Pt in Jun and Dec. (HR)

Eastern Blue-tongue *Tiliqua scincoides*

Two at Com in Jan-May and Sep-Dec; 1 or 2 at Mossy Pt in Jan-Feb and Sep-Dec; singles at DS in Jan and Dec, at Broulee in Jan-Feb and at PS in Jan.

AGAMIDAE

Jacky Lizard *Amphibolurus muricatus*

Up to 5 at Mossy Pt in Jan-Feb and Sep-Dec and at PS in Jan-Apr and Sep-Dec; 1 or 2 Coolagolite in Jan-Apr and Sep-Dec; singles at Broulee in Mar-Apr and Oct, and at DS in Jan.

Gippsland Water Dragon *Physignathus lesueurii howittii*

Up to 20 at Com in Jan-Apr and Oct-Dec; 2 at Malua Bay in Oct-Dec, one a juvenile; 1 or 2 at Deua R in Oct-Nov. (JC/MW/RS/AR)

VARANIDAE

Lace Monitor *Varanus varius*

Two at PS in Oct-Dec, 1 in Jan-Mar; 2 at Com in Feb, 1 in Jan, Mar and Dec; singles at Coolagolite in Jan-Feb, Apr and Oct-Dec, at Lilli Pilli in Feb-Apr, Sep and Dec, at Deua R in Mar, Oct and Dec, and at Brou L in Sep.

BOIDAE

Diamond Python *Morelia spilota*

Four intertwined at Tilba in Sep; 3 at PS in Oct; 1 in Deua R in Nov. (AM/A Cram)

ELAPIDAE

Common Death Adder *Acanthophis antarcticus*

One at MKS in Oct (first record for this site) and at Deua R in Nov. (SMG/A Cram)

Highland Copperhead *Austrelaps ramsayi*

One at Monga NP in Feb. (FM)

Eastern Small-eyed Snake *Cryptophis nigrescens*

One at Coila in Aug. (NC)

Mustard-bellied Snake *Drysdalia rhodogaster*

Two at DS in Sep and 1 in Dec. (J Coffey)

Red-bellied Black Snake *Pseudechis porphyriacus*

Seen in all months except Jun-Aug: 3 at Com in Jan, 2 in Feb-Apr, Sep-

Oct and Dec and 1 in May and Nov; 2 at PS in Oct and 1 in Jan; 1 at Coolagolite in Jan, Mar, Oct and Dec, at Surfside in Jan, at Mossy Pt and Lilli Pilli in Feb, at Bumbo Rd in Apr, at BI in Sep.

FROGS

MYOBATRACHIDAE

Common Eastern Froglet *Crinia signifera*

Common and widespread in coastal lands, woodland: recorded throughout the year at Barlings Swamp, Mossy Pt, Broulee, PS and Com.

Brown-striped Frog *Limnodynastes peronii*

Widespread and common on coast: recorded in all months except May at Mossy Pt, Broulee, PS and Com.

Haswell's Frog *Paracrinia haswelli*

Calls at PS in Jan and Mar-Apr. (JM)

Brown Toadlet *Pseudophryne bibronii*

Recorded at PS in Mar and Mossy Pt in Jun-Oct. (JM/HR)

Tyler's Toadlet *Uperoleia tyleri*

Up to 5 at Mossy Pt in Jan-Feb and Sep-Dec; calls at PS in Jan-Apr and Dec and at Barlings Swamp in Oct. (HR/JM/FM)

HYLIDAE

Green Tree Frog *Litoria caerulea*

First record in the Eurobodalla at TS in Dec. (B Asbury)

Keferstein's Tree Frog *Litoria dentata*

Up to 4 at Mossy Pt in Jan-Feb, Jun and Oct-Dec; 1 at Coila Ck Rd in Nov; calls at Com in Jan-Mar and Oct-Dec, at PS in Feb-Mar and Nov-Dec, at Brou L in Nov and at Coolagolite in Dec.

Brown Tree Frog *Litoria ewingii*

Calls at PS in Feb-Apr and Jul and at CO in Jun. (JM/FM)

Eastern Sedgefrog *Litoria fallax*

This relatively new species to the Eurobodalla seems to be establishing itself at a few locations: at least 100 among the Lomandra at ERBG in Feb, calling in May and Oct; up to 60 including many young at Mossy Pt in Feb, 20 in Jan, 15 in Nov, 10 in Oct, up to 5 in Jun-Jul and Dec; calling at Barlings Swamp in Oct and at Coila Ck Rd in Nov.

Jervis Bay Tree Frog *Litoria jervisiensis*

Up to 3 at Mossy Pt in Feb, Jun-Oct and Dec; calls at PS in Jan, Mar-Apr, Oct and Dec. (HR/JM)

Peron's Tree Frog *Litoria peronii*

Common and widespread in coastal areas: recorded throughout the year at Mossy Pt, Broulee, PS, Com and Coolagolite.

Southern Leaf-green Tree Frog *Litoria nudidigita*

Calls at PS in Apr and Jul. (JM)

Tyler's Tree Frog *Litoria tyleri*

One at Mossy Pt in Jan and Sep; 1 or calls at PS in Jan-Apr, Oct-Dec.

Verreaux's Tree Frog *Litoria verreauxii*

Common and widespread in coastal areas: recorded throughout the year except May at Mossy Pt, PS and Com.

INSECTS

DRAGONFLIES, DAMSELFLIES

Blue Ringtail *Austrolestes annulosus*: Jan.

Orange Threadtail *Nososticta solida*: Jan.

Gold-fronted Riverdamsel *Pseudagrion aureofrons*: Mar-Apr, Dec.

Aurora Bluetail *Ischnura aurora*: Jan-Feb.

Red and Blue Damsel *Xanthagrion erythroneurum*: Jan-Mar, Dec.

Common Bluetail *Ischnura heterosticta*: Jan-Apr, Sep-Dec.

Blue-spotted Hawker *Adversaechna brevistyla*: Jan.

Australian Emerald *Hemicordulia australiae*: Jan-Mar, Nov-Dec.

Tau Emerald *Hemicordulia tau*: Jan-Mar, Nov-Dec.

Blue Skimmer *Orthetrum caledonicum*: Jan-Apr, Dec.

Scarlet Percher *Diplacodes haematodes*: Jan-Apr, Dec.

Wandering Percher *Diplacodes bipunctata*: Jan-Apr, Nov-Dec.

Black-faced Percher *Diplacodes melanopsis*: Jan-Apr, Dec.

Graphic Flutterer Jan-Feb.

Common Glider *Tramea loewii*: Jan-Apr, Sep, Dec.

BUGS, CICADAS

Harlequin Bug *Dindymus versicolor*: Jan, Mar, May, Sep-Nov.

Green Vegetable Bug *Nezara viridula*: Sep.

Bronze Orange Bug *Musgraveia sulciventris*: Jan-Apr, Nov.

Metallic Shield Bug *Scutiphora pedicellata*: Jan-Feb, Sep, Dec.

Brown Shield *Dictyotus caenosus*: Jan.
Gum Tree Shield Bug *Omyta centrolineata*: Apr.
Orange Assassin Bug *Gminatus australis*: Nov.
Water Strider family *Gerridae*: Jan-Apr, Oct.
Water Boatman family *Corixidae*: Jan-Mar.
Razor Grinder *Henicopsaltria eydouxii*: Jan-Mar, Dec.
Black Prince *Psaltoda plaga*: Jan-Feb, Dec.
Red-eye *Psaltoda moerens*: Jan-Feb.
Greengrocer *Cyclochila australasiae*: Nov-Dec.
White Drummer *Arunta perulata*: Jan-Mar.
Double Drummer *Thopha saccata*: Jan-Feb, Sep, Dec.
Black Squeaker *Atrapsalta encaustica*: Jan.
Double-spotted Cicada *Galanga (Cicadetta) labeculata*: Jan-Mar, Dec.
Silver Princess *Yoyetta celis*: Jan-Feb.

BEETLES

Repsimus Beetle *Repsimus aeneus*: Jan.
Green Scarab *Diphucephala colaspoides*: Jan-Apr, Sep-Dec.
Christmas Beetle *Anoplognathus rugosus*: Jan-Feb, Sep, Dec.
White Christmas Beetle *Anoplognathus pallidicollis*: Jan.
Argentinian Scarab *Cyclocephala signaticollis*: Jan-Mar, Nov-Dec.
Dung Beetle family *Scarabaeidae*: Feb-Mar, May, Dec.
Net-winged Beetle *Porrostoma rhipidium*: Jan-Feb, Apr, Oct-Dec.
Plague Soldier Beetle *Chauliognathus lugubris*: Mar, Oct-Nov.
Tricolour Soldier *Chauliognathus tricolor*: Mar.
Clerid Beetle *Eleale pulchra*: Nov-Dec.
White-spotted Pintail Beetle *Mordella leucosticta*: Oct-Dec.
Honeybrown Beetle *Ecnolagria grandis*: Jan-Feb, Apr, Dec.
Acacia Leaf Beetle *Dicranosterna immaculata*: Jan-Apr, Jun, Oct-Nov.
Leaf Beetle *Peltoschema oceanica*: Feb.
Metallic Green Acacia Beetle *Calomela ruficeps*: Jan-Feb, Apr, Oct-Dec.
Small Blue Leaf Beetle *Nisotra breweri*: Jan, Oct-Dec.
Dotted Paropsine Leaf Beetle *Paropsis atomaria*: Nov.
Elm Leaf Beetle *Pyrrhalta luteola*: Mar.
Banded Pumpkin Beetle *Aulocophora hilaris*: Jan, Oct-Dec.
Three-lined Potato Beetle *Lema daturaphila*: Jan-Apr, Nov.
Green Tortoise Beetle *Cassida compuncta*: Mar-Apr, Dec.
Belid Weevil *Rhinotia brunnea*: Jan, Apr, Nov-Dec.

Botany Bay Weevil *Chrysolopus spectabilis*: Jan.
Yellow Shouldered Ladybird *Apolinus lividgaster*: Apr.
Transverse Ladybird *Coccinella transversalis*: Jan-Mar, May, Oct-Dec.
Variable Ladybird *Coelophora inaequalis*: May, Oct.
Mealybug Ladybird *Cryptolaemus montnouzieri*: Jan, Oct-Dec.
Twenty-eight Spotted Ladybird *Epilachna vigintioctopunctata*: Mar.
Twenty-six Spotted Ladybird *Epilachna vigintisex punctata*: Jan-May, Oct-Dec.
Steelblue Ladybird *Halmus chalybeus*: Mar, Sep, Dec.
Common Spotted Ladybird *Harmonia conformis*: Jan, Sep-Dec.
Tortoise-shelled Ladybird *Harmonia testudinaria*: Aug.
Spotted Amber Ladybird *Hippodamia variegata*: Jan-Feb, Apr-Jun, Oct-Dec.
Fungus-eating Ladybird *Illeis galbula*: Jan-Jun, Oct, Dec.
Striped Ladybird *Micraspis frenata*: Jan-Dec.
Orange-spotted Ladybird *Orcus australasiae*: Nov-Dec.
Orcus bilunulatis: Jan-Feb, Sep-Oct.

FLIES

Giant Robber Fly *Blepharotes splendidissimus*: Jan.
Robber Fly *Tolmerus sp.*: Sep.
Hover Fly family Psychodidae: Sep, Nov.
Spotted March Fly *Scaptia guttata*: Jan-Feb, Sep, Nov.
Queensland Fruit Fly *Bactrocera tryoni*: Sep.
Fruit Fly *Bactrocera sp.*: Mar.
Green Long-legged Fly *Austrosциapus connexus*: Feb-Apr, Sep.
Crane Fly family Tipulidae: Feb.
Boatman Fly *Pogonortalis doclea*: Apr, Sep-Oct.
Boatman Fly family Platystomatidae: Nov.
Bee Fly family Bombyliidae: Sep.
Native Drone Fly family Syrphidae: Dec.

MOTHS

HEPIALIDAE

Elhamma australasiae: Feb-Mar.
Oxycanus dirempta: Jun.
Oxycanus silvanus: Jun.

PSYCHIDAE

Saunder's Case Moth *Metura elongatus*: May.

Lomera boisduvalii: Oct.

PLUTELLIDAE

Diamondback Moth *Plutella xylostella*: Oct-Nov.

Tritymba pamphaea: Oct-Nov.

OECOPHORIDAE

Euchaetis rhizobola: Sep.

Garrha pudica: Nov.

Epithymema incomposita: Apr.

Philobota hypocausta: Nov.

LECITHOCERIDAE

Crocantbes prasinopis: Oct.

TORTRICIDAE

Conchylis subfurcatana: Nov.

Light Brown Apple Moth *Epiphyas postvittana*: Oct-Nov.

ZYGAENIDAE

Pollanisus sp.: Jan.

LIMACODIDAE

Cup Moth *Pseudanapaea denotata*: Feb.

PTEROPHORIDAE

Plume Moth sp.: Jun, Sep.

PYRALIDAE

Meal Moth *Pyralis farinalis*: Feb-Mar, Sep, Nov.

Hednota pleniferellus: Feb-Mar.

Hednota bivittella: Mar.

Cabbage Centre Grub *Hellula hydralis*: Apr.

Asian Corn Borer: *Ostrinia furnacalis*: Feb-Mar, Nov.

Beet Webworm *Spoladea recurvalis*: Feb-Mar.

Nacoleia rhoeoalis: Feb-Mar, Oct-Nov.

Eggfruit Caterpillar *Sceliodes cordalis*: Feb-Mar.

Archernis callixantha: May.

GEOMETRIDAE

Corded Geometrid *Aphantès melanochorða*: Jun.

Plain Line-moth *Smyriodes aplectaria*: May-Jun.
Ragged Geometrid *Amphiclasta lygaea*: Jul.
Black Geometrid *Melanodes anthracitaria*: Jan-Feb, May, Oct.
Paralaea sp.: Jun.
Fisera sp.: Jun.
Clara Satin Moth *Thalaina clara*: Mar-Apr.
Bracken Moth *Idiodes apicata*: Sep-Oct.
Acute Point Moth *Azelina (Metrocampa) biplaga*: Mar-Apr.
Dashed Geometrid *Dissomorphia australiaria*: Aug.
Bold-waved Bark Moth *Psilosticha attackta*: Jun.
Grey Twisted Moth *Circopetes obtusata*: Jan.
Spring Taxeotis *Taxeotis perlinearia*: Sep.
Oval-spot Taxeotis *Taxeotis stereospila*: Oct.
Triangular Moth *Epidesmia chilonaria*: Feb.
Neat Epidesmia *Epidesmia tryxaria*: Feb-Mar, Oct-Nov.
Southern Grey *Hypobapta percomptaria*: Jun.
Red-lined Geometrid *Crypsiphona oculataria*: Jan, Mar, Sep-Oct.
Double-fringed Emerald *Chlorocoma dichloraria*: Jun.
Cream-fringed Emerald *Chlorocoma melocrossa*: Oct.
Spectacular Emerald *Chlorocoma cadmaria*: Sep. First record of the species in the Eurobodalla.
Cream Wave *Scopula perlata*: Feb-Mar, May, Jul-Oct, Dec.
Plantain Moth *Scopula rubraria*: Jan-May, Oct-Dec.
Flecked Wave *Idaea philocosma*: Oct.
Purple Wave *Idaea inversata*: Nov.
Mecynata Moth *Chrysolarentia mecynata*: Apr, Sep-Nov.
Finely-lined Carpet *Chrysolarentia severata*: Sep.
Dark-patch Carpet *Xanthorhoe anaspila*: May.
Sodaliata Moth *Epyaxa sodaliata*: May.
Subidaria Moth *Epyaxa subidaria*: Jun, Sep.
Red-spotted Delicate *Epicyme rubropunctaria*: Sep.

LASIOCAMPIDAE

Gum Snout Moth *Entometa apicalis*: Nov.
Banded Porela *Porela vitulina*: Nov.

ANTHELIDAE

White-stemmed Gum Moth *Chelepteryx collesi*: Jun.
White-stemmed Wattle Moth *Chelepteryx chalepteryx*: May, Oct.
Varied Anthelid *Anthela varia*: Larva in Feb.

Grey-headed Anthelid *Anthela excellens*: Feb.
Common Anthelid *Anthela acuta*: May, Oct.
Eyespot Anthelid *Anthela ocellata*: Nov.

SATURNIDAE

Helena Gum-moth *Opodiphthera helena*: Female laying eggs in Dec.

SPHINGIDAE

Hawk Moth *Tetrachroa edwardsi*: Feb.
Coprosma Hawk Moth *Hippotion scrofa*: Feb, Dec.

NOTODONTIDAE

Patterned Notodontid *Aglaosoma variegata*: Larvae in Jun.
Epicoma sp.: Mar-Apr.
Sparshall's Moth *Trichiocercus sparshalli*: Dec.

LYMANTRIIDAE

White Cedar Moth *Leptocneria reducta*: Larvae in Apr.
White Tussock Moth *Acyphas* sp.: Jul.

ARCTIIDAE

Banded Lichen Moth *Lyclene structa*: Feb, Apr, Nov.
Spotted Lichen Moth *Asura cervicalis*: Feb-Mar.
Lydia Lichen Moth *Asura lydia*: Jan, Mar.
Crossed Footman *Thallarcha albicollis*: Oct.
Variable Halone *Halone sejuncta*: Mar-May, Aug, Nov.
Lichen-eating Caterpillar *Manulea replana*: Mar, May, Dec.
Heliotrope Moth *Utethesia* sp.: Feb-May, Dec.
Magpie Moth *Nyctemera amicus*: Jan-Feb, May, Dec.
Dark-spotted Tiger Moth *Spilosoma canescens*: Mar, Dec.
Crimson Tiger Moth *Spilosoma curvata*: Feb-Mar, Sep, Dec.
Tiger Moth *Amata* sp.: Jan-Feb, Oct-Nov.

NOCTUIDAE

Double-line Snout Moth *Lophotoma diagrapha*: Mar-Apr. First record of the species in the Eurobodalla.
Plain Pantydia *Pantydia sparsa*: Mar, Sep.
Northern Old Lady Moth *Dasypodia cymatodes*: Feb.
Brown Praxis *Praxis porphyretica*: Mar, Oct.
Semi-Looper *Trigonodes hyppasia*: Mar, Jun, Dec.
Tobacco Looper *Chrysodeixis argentifera*: Sep.
Whistling Moth *Hecatesia fenestrata*: Jan-Feb, Nov.

Mistletoe Moth *Comocrus behri*: Jan, Dec.
Green-blotched Moth *Cosmodes elegans*: Jun-Jul, Sep.
Tobacco Cutworm *Spodoptera litura*: Apr.
Hypoperigea tonsa: Sep-Oct.
Proteuxoa cinereicollis: Apr-May.
Proteuxoa testaceicollis: Sep.
Leucania diatrecta: May-Jun.
Bogong Moth *Agrotis infusa*: Jan, Sep-Nov.
Brown Cutworm *Agrotis munda*: Feb.
Variable Cutworm *Agrotis porphyricollis*: Apr-May, Aug.
Native Budworm *Helicoverpa punctigera*: Jan-Jul, Sep-Dec.

BUTTERFLIES

HESPERIIDAE

Splendid Ochre *Trapezites symmomus*: Feb-Mar, Dec.
Spotted Sedge-skipper *Hesperilla ornata*: Dec.
Narrow-brand Grass-dart *Ocybadistes flavovittata*: Jan-Apr, Oct-Dec.
Dingy Grass-skipper *Toxida peron*: Mar.

PAPILIONIDAE

Macleay's Swallowtail *Grampium macleayanus*: Mar-Apr.
Blue Triangle *Graphium sarpedon*: Feb.
Orchard Swallowtail *Papilio aegeus*: Jan-Apr, Nov-Dec.
Dainty Swallowtail *Papilio anactus*: Feb-Mar.

PIERIDAE

Imperial Jezebel *Delias harpalyce*: Feb-Apr.
Black Jezebel *Delias nigrina*: Jan-Jul.
Spotted Jezebel *Delias aganippe*: Mar, Sep.
Caper White *Belenois java*: Dec.
Cabbage White *Pieris rapae*: Jan-Dec.

NYMPHALIDAE

Dusky Knight *Ypthima arctous*: Feb-Apr, Nov-Dec.
Brown Ringlet *Hypocysta metirius*: Jan-Apr, Sep-Dec.
Varied Swordgrass Brown *Tisiphone abeona*: Jan-Apr, Oct-Dec.
Marbled Xenica *Geitoneura klugii*: Feb-Mar.
Forest Brown *Argynnina cyrila*: Oct.
Wonder Brown *Heteronympha mirifica*: Jan, Apr.
Common Brown *Heteronympha merope*: Jan-Apr, Nov-Dec.
Spotted Brown *Heteronympha paradelpha*: Feb-Apr.

Bank's Brown *Heteronympha banksi*: Apr.
Tailed Emperor *Polyura sempronius*: Apr.
Varied Eggfly *Hypolimnas bolina*: Feb, Dec.
Meadow Argus *Junonia villida*: Jan-Jun, Sep, Nov-Dec.
Australian Painted Lady *Vanessa kershawi*: Jan-Mar, Sep-Dec.
Yellow Admiral *Vanessa itea*: Jan-Mar, Jun, Sep-Nov.
Common Crow *Eupoea core*: Jan, Apr.
Monarch *Danaus plexippus*: Mar-May.

LYCAENIDAE

Bright Copper *Paralucia aurifer*: Aug.
Moonlight Jewel *Hypochrysops delicia*: Jan.
Imperial Hairstreak *Jalmenus evagorus*: Jan.
Varied Dusky-blue *Candalides hyacinthina*: Nov.
Cycad Blue *Theclinesthes onycha*: Apr, Sep, Dec.
Long-tailed Pea-blue *Lampides boeticus*: Feb.
Common Grass Blue *Zizina labradus*: Jan-May, Sep-Dec.

WASPS, BEES

Blue-banded Bees *Amegilla cingulata*: Jan-Apr, Dec.
Teddy Bear Bee *Amegilla bobiformis*: Apr.
Masked Bee *Hylaeus nubilosus*: May, Nov-Dec.
Neon Cuckoo Bee *Thyreus nitidulus*: Feb.
Black (Blue) Flower Wasp *Discolia sorrer*: Jan-Mar, Sep, Nov-Dec.
Orange Caterpillar Parasite Wasp *Netelia producta*: Jan-Apr, Nov-Dec.
Common Paper Wasp *Polistes humilis*: Jan-Jun, Sep-Dec.
White-faced Brown Paper Wasp *Ropalidia plebeian*: Jan-Jun, Sep-Dec.
Mason Wasp *Abispa splendida*: Jan-Feb.
Yellow Sand Wasp *Bembix palmata*: Jan, Dec.
Australian Cicada Killer Wasp *Exeirus lateritius*: Jan.
Mud-dauber Wasp *Sceliphron laetum*: Mar.
Cuckoo Wasp fam. Chrysididae: Dec.

OTHER INVERTEBRATES

SPIDERS

Species of spider commonly recorded:
Huntsman Spider *Delena cancerides*

White-tailed Spider *Lampona cylindrata*
Black House Spider *Badumna insignis*
Net-casting Spider *Deinopis subrufa*
Red-back Spider *Latrodectus hasselti*
St. Andrew's Cross Spider *Agriope keyserlingi*
Leaf-curling Spider *Phonognatha graeffei*
Daddy Long-legs *Pholcus phalangoides*
Water Spider *Dolomedes australiensis*
Wheel-weaving Garden Spider *Eriophora transmarinas*
Golden Orb-weaving Spider *Nephila sp.*
Little Striped Wolf Spider *Lycosa furcillata*
Garden Wolf Spider *Tasmanicosa godeffroyi*
Wolf Spider *Tasmanicosa sp.*
Spiny Spider *Austrocantha minex*
Two-spined Spider *Poecilopachys bispinosa*
Flat Rock Spider *Hemiocloea major*
Jumping Spider *Opisthoncus sp.*
Striped Saitis *Saitis virgatus*
Lucrida Jumping *Sandalodes superbus*
House Hopper *Hypoblemum villosum*
Common House Spider *Parasteatoda tepidariorum*
Two-tailed Spider *Tamopsis fickerti*
White-spotted Swift Spider *Nyssus albopunctatus*
White-porch Spider *Cryptachaea gigantipes*

**60th ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF SHEARWATER
BREEDING SUCCESS ON MONTAGU ISLAND,
19–27 MARCH 2019**

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A study of the breeding productivity of shearwaters (*Ardenna* spp.) co-existing on Montagu Island has continued annually since 1960. Before 1959 it was thought that only one species of shearwater bred on Montagu. In that year the discovery of two other species breeding on the island raised questions regarding the dynamics of this mixed colony. In this long-term study we measure breeding productivity each year by counting the total number of chicks of each species within three fixed-area plots. This is done in late March towards the end of the breeding season, thereby avoiding disturbance to breeding adults, eggs and young chicks. Results have been published annually since 1998 in *Nature in Eurobodalla* (eg Davey *et al.* 2018). Additional studies of the shearwaters on Montagu Island are listed in Appendix A.

The format of this report and the abbreviations used are consistent with those in our previous annual reports (eg Davey *et al.* 2018). Montagu Island is divided into two parts by a steep gulch and a beach that is passable at all tides. We refer to these two portions as north island and south island. Replanting of south island with taller vegetation, using plants known to have been on the island in the past, has occurred following systematic control of Kikuyu Grass *Pennisetum clandestinum*. This has been done progressively over the last 17 years across designated zones, and these zones (numbered 1–9 or assigned as Asset A, B or C and Accidental) are used in this report for reference purposes. They are briefly described (condition in March 2013) and shown on a map in Fullagar *et al.* (2013).

Our shearwater colony study site on the SE side of north island (zone 9) is known as NISA (293 m²); the two study sites at the N end of south island are known as SISA (428 m²) and THiSA (293 m²) and are located at the N end of zone 8. The exact location of each study site is shown in Fullagar and Heyligers (2006).

In addition to assessing the breeding success of shearwaters annually, the vegetation is also mapped for each site. A grid of 1 x 1 ft cells (set up in 1967 before metrication) is laid over each study site. For NISA and THiSA the area is divided into 60 x 54 cells, and for SISA 72 x 66 cells.

The occurrence of each plant species within a study site is calculated as the proportion of cells in which that species occurs.

Bird records for the island have been reviewed by Fullagar (1989), but many subsequent records are included in annual reports (similar to this one) dating back to 1998. The names and taxonomic order of birds follow the IOC World Bird List (Gill and Donsker 2018); all other vertebrates follow Clayton *et al.* (2006), except for seals (see Davey *et al.* 2018). Names of butterflies follow Braby (2004); moths follow Common (1990); and vascular plants follow Heyligers and Adams (1989, 2004).

Survey Team

This year's team comprised Peter Fullagar, Mike Crowley, Chris Davey and David Priddel (MIPartners); Penny Beaver, Harvey Perkins, Jesse Smith, Matthew Bruce and Lesley Priddel.

Weather and Habitat Conditions

We departed Narooma on 19 March in two groups, the first at 09:00 and the second at 10:45, crossing the bar in easy conditions on a high tide. The crossing was choppy with squalls of rain. No work was possible this day because of continued showers. Work commenced on 20 March and it remained sunny all day. Rain early on 21 March delayed work until the afternoon. Fine conditions continued the following day (22 March), before thunderstorms arrived late in the afternoon. March 23 was fine with a late afternoon southerly change. The southerly conditions, with rain, continued on March 24. From 25 to 27 March fine conditions prevailed.

Monthly rainfall figures (mm) from April 2018 to March 2019 are as follows: 4.2, 33.6, 106.8, 9.8, 5.2, 14.8, 73.0, 86.0, 108.0, 50.2 and 13.8. However, the records for January (50.2) and February (13.8) are incomplete with no data recorded between 16 January and 7 February, inclusive. Rainfall up to 27 March was 79.2 mm.

The vegetation on all study sites was lush and dense, as it had been in 2018. Spiny-headed Mat-rush *Lomandra longifolia* was in excellent condition; Scarlet Runner *Kennedia rubicunda* continues to encroach on NISA and SISA. Kikuyu Grass also continues to spread throughout the island and small areas remain on SISA. Morning Glory *Ipomoea cairica* has increased substantially in many areas, often smothering other vegetation or covering formerly exposed rock surfaces. Large patches of

Cape Sweet Pea or Dolichos Pea *Dipogon lignosus* also now occur in many places. Coastal Saltbush *Rhagodia candolleana* is spreading rapidly and woodland areas on the western side of south island are now well established.

Coverage

We started work on SISA at 09:30 on 20 March, continuing until 13:00. We resumed work at 14:30 and completed the site at 18:00. On 21 March we completed THiSA between 13:00 and 17:30. We started NISA on 22 March at 09:00 and worked until lunch (12:00–12:50) and completed the survey at 14:45. On 23 March we made casual observations on the south island. Light rain on 24 March prevented any serious observations in the morning but general observations were made on south island in the afternoon. On 25 March, both north and south islands were surveyed, but strong winds hampered observations of bush birds and butterflies. On 26 March further general observations were made on south island.

Survey Results

1. Shearwaters

The results of this year’s survey, together with those for 2018, are summarised in Table 1.

Table 1. No. of shearwater chicks and burrows found in the three study sites in 2019 (2018 data in brackets), and totals for both years

	<i>NISA</i>	<i>THiSA</i>	<i>SISA</i>	<i>Total 2019</i>	<i>Total 2018</i>
Wedge-tailed Shearwater	55 (46)	21 (14)	43(29)	119	89
Short-tailed Shearwater	20 (14)	30 (23)	39 (40)	89	77
Sooty Shearwater	(0)	1 (0)	(0)	1	0
Number of burrows	144 (140)	85 (83)	158 (174)	387	397
Occupied burrows (%)	52 (43)	61 (45)	52 (40)	54	42

As Table 1 shows, burrow numbers were similar to those in 2018, but the overall percentage of occupied burrows was higher. The average weight of Wedge-tailed Shearwater chicks this year was 426 g (142–692 g); the comparable figure for Short-tailed Shearwater was 737 g (321–1034 g). These average weights are greater than those of 2018: 300 g for Wedge-tailed Shearwater and 593 g for Short-tailed Shearwater. Wedge-tailed Shearwater comprised 73% on NISA, 40% on THISA and 52% on SISA, giving an overall figure of 57%, continuing the steady increase in the ratio of Wedge-tailed to Short-tailed Shearwaters. NISA continues to be heavily dominated by Wedge-tailed Shearwater. One Sooty Shearwater chick was recorded.

2. Penguins

No landing site surveys were conducted and no birds were seen or heard ashore.

3. Frogs

To our surprise on 19 March we discovered a small population of Striped Marsh Frog *Limnodynastes peronii* in the well at the gardens near the northern end of south island. Adults were calling after recent rain. Large egg masses were present and pairs were in amplexus. We estimated about 10 individuals were present. Over the next day or so we found them in and around the quarters. Apparently, they probably arrived on the island in mulch that was imported during the revamp of the historic kitchen garden during the winter of 2016.

General Observations of Birds, Mammals, Reptiles and Lepidoptera BIRDS

Thirty-two species were recorded this year and 13 eBird lists were submitted.

Brown Quail *Coturnix ypsilophora*. Heard or seen on all days with a maximum of 25 on 25 March. Presence of small chicks confirmed late breeding.

White-faced Storm-Petrel *Pelagodroma marina*. A detailed study of this species is currently being undertaken. Of 19 geolocators fitted to birds in January 2016, eight were recovered during five targeted surveys between September 2017 and January 2018. Data are currently being analysed. Banding efforts during this period found more than 330 individuals present at the colony, far in excess of what was expected. A

second year of intensive studies is planned for 2018–19 (Nicholas Carlile pers. comm.).

Shy Albatross *Thalassarche cauta*. A few seen on 25 March in late afternoon following a period of strong wind switching from N to SW.

Gould's Petrel *Pterodroma leucoptera*. A detailed study of this species is currently being undertaken. Currently, there are about 60 known nest sites, mostly on north island, in rocky slopes and cliffs along the SW coastline and midway along the E coastline. Also, several nest sites occur along the upper levels of the cliffs in the gulch on the S side of north island, and along the NE coastline of south island. In 2018–19, 40 nests contained eggs, from which 25 chicks hatched. As of the end of January 2019, 24 chicks survived. (Nicholas Carlile pers. comm.)

Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Ardenna pacifica* and **Short-tailed Shearwater** *Ardenna tenuirostris*. See Table 1 for this year's chick count. Individuals and small groups of fewer than 20 individuals of each species seen at sea on most days.

Sooty Shearwater *Ardenna grisea*. One chick found on THiSA.

White-faced Heron *Egretta novaehollandiae*. One seen at S end of south island on 19 and 24 March and another sighting at the NE shoreline of north island on 27 March.

Australasian Gannet *Morus serrator*. Present in low number on all days with a maximum of 6 on 26 March. Both adults and juveniles observed in approximately equal proportions.

Little Pied Cormorant *Microcarbo melanoleucos*. Two seen on eastern side of south island on 19 March.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*. Seen on all days, with a maximum of 81 observed on 25 March.

Spotted Harrier *Circus assimilis*. An adult present every day. Reportedly, this bird has been seen on the island regularly since November 2018.

Swamp Harrier *Circus approximans*. One dark-plumaged bird, presumably a juvenile, seen on 24 March on south island.

White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*. Maximum of three (one adult, one sub-adult and one immature) seen most days.

Buff-banded Rail *Gallirallus philippensis*. Few seen or heard; three on south island and one on north island.

Sooty Oystercatcher *Haematopus fuliginous*. Nine birds confirmed on south island at five locations on 25 March, including a pair at North Landing accompanied by a fully-grown juvenile, plus one bird on SW

shore of north island. However, a pair seen from the boat on the NE shoreline of north island on 27 March suggest that the total for the island may have been 10–11 individuals.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata*. One seen on E side south island on 26 March.

Silver Gull *Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae*. Present in low numbers on all days with a maximum of 28 on 23 March.

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*. Seen most days with a maximum of four seen on 19 March.

Greater Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii*. Present in low numbers on all days with a maximum of 10 seen on 23 March.

Bar-shouldered Dove *Geopelia humeralis*. Single bird seen most days; two on 26 March.

Sacred Kingfisher *Todiramphus sanctus*. One seen on 19 and 26 March.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*. Male and female adults seen occasionally on north island.

Nankeen Kestrel *Falco cenchroides*. An immature seen on 27 March near the lighthouse.

Yellow-faced Honeyeater *Lichenostomus chrysops*. Restricted to the thickets on the western side of south island (zones 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and Accidental). Maximum count of 33 on 26 March.

Black-faced Cuckooshrike *Coracina novaehollandiae*. Two present in thickets on the western side of south island.

Australian Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis*. One heard in thickets on western side of south island most days.

Leaden Flycatcher *Myiagra rubecula*. A female seen near the vegetable garden in the early afternoon of 26 March.

Welcome Swallow *Hirundo neoxena*. Seen daily. Maximum numbers estimated at 30. Some of these may have been passage migrants.

Little Grassbird *Megalurus gramineus*. Inconspicuous at this time of year, few seen.

Golden-headed Cisticola *Cisticola exilis*. Not vocal and difficult to detect, but a few seen on most days. Maximum of 10 on south island on 26 March.

Silvereye *Zosterops lateralis*. Fewer seen or heard before 24 March but small flocks observed thereafter, with at least 300 seen on 26 March.

Some incidental records:

A **Lesser Frigatebird** *Fregata ariel* was seen by Amy Harris and Andy Young overflying the island on 8 March.

During a visit to the island between 9 and 12 November 2018 Chris Davey reported fewer nesting **Silver Gull** than in recent years. Counting along pathways and around the perimeter of rock outcrops within the colony gave an estimate of 450 active nest sites.

The size of the **Greater Crested Tern** colony was assessed from images taken from the lighthouse: 2074 adults with either eggs or chicks.

A **Black-shouldered Kite**, a **Brown Goshawk**, two **White-bellied Sea Eagle**, two **Swamp Harrier**, and two adult **Peregrine Falcon** along with two flying young were also present.

MAMMALS

Seals. A count on 25 March gave an estimate of 179 individuals on north island and 36 on south island, of which almost all were **Long-nosed (New Zealand) Fur Seal** *A. forsteri*. Ten young of the year, some still suckling were observed. The number present along the W and NW shores of north island was confirmed when we viewed these areas from the boat before returning to Narooma in late morning on 27 March. No seals were present at the 'traditional' haul-out area for seals in the NE of north island, despite clear evidence that this site has been used recently.

Cetaceans. A largely intact skeleton of a **Common Dolphin** *Delphinus delphis* was found at the south end of south island. Identification was confirmed from the skull and teeth, and the specimen was lodged with the Australian Museum.

REPTILES

White's Skink *Ergenia whitii*. Seen commonly at rock outcrops and along edges of mown tracks.

Grass Sun-skink *Lampropholis guichenoti*. Observed occasionally.

LEPIDOPTERA (butterflies only)

Dingy Grass-skipper *Toxidia peron*. Seen all over south island.

Orchard Swallowtail *Papilio aegaeus*. A male seen near South Landing on 25 March and a female in the Accidental block on 26 March.

Cabbage White *Pieris rapae*. A few seen every day.

Common Brown *Heteronympha merope*. A few seen most days, mainly females.

Meadow Argus *Junonia villida*. A few seen near thickets on south island.

Yellow Admiral *Vanessa itea*. One seen on 26 March near S end of south island.

Long-tailed Pea-blue *Lampides boeticus*. Commonly seen on south island.

Common Grass-blue *Zizina otis*. One seen on 26 March near the boat shed at the jetty.

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A WINTER VISIT TO MONTAGU ISLAND

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A short visit to Montagu Island from 3 -6 July 2019 provided an opportunity to make some observations on the birds, mammals and frogs. The following lists summarise our notes on species seen during the crossing from Bermagui to the Island on 3 July; species observed on or near the island on 4 and 5 July and those seen during the crossing from the island to Narooma on 6 July. We were not able to spend any time on North Island and it was not possible to view the seal colonies on the northern side of North Island from the sea.

BIRDS

Brown Quail *Coturnix ypsilophora*. All days. Often flushed from thick vegetation. Coveys of up to ten observed, but obviously numerous.

Little Penguin *Eduptula minor*. One heard calling from north side of track near main landing 4 July.

Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross *Thalassarche carteri*. Two on the crossing from Bermagui 3 July; one on the crossing to Narooma 6 July.

Fairy Prion *Pachyptila turtur*. Six on the crossing from Bermagui 3 July; one on the crossing to Narooma 6 July.

White-faced Heron *Egretta novaehollandiae*. One on 4 July on east side of south island.

Australasian Gannet *Morus serrator*. All days in low numbers; both adults and juveniles observed.

Little Pied Cormorant *Microcarbo melanoleucos*. One on 4 and 6 July.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*. All days with a maximum of 4 on 6 July.

Eastern Osprey *Pandion christatus*. One female flying south along eastern side of the island 3 July.

Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatus*. One large bird, presumably female, seen in thickets on west side of south island, 4 July.

Spotted Harrier *Circus assimilis*. One male on all days. Has been present on the island since November 2018.

White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*. All days. Maximum number of five, two adults, one sub-adult and two juveniles.

Buff-banded Rail *Gallirallus philippenis*. Two on 4 July.

Sooty Oystercatcher *Haematopus fuliginous*. Three individuals on all days. One at south landing; one eastern side of south island and one in

gulch.

Silver Gull *Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae*. All days. Flock of c 80 on north-west side of island 6 July.

Pacific Gull *Larus pacificus*. One juvenile with seals near south landing 4 July; again on north-west side of north island 6 July.

Greater Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii*. All days. Very low numbers. Maximum 10 on crossing from Bermagui 3 July.

White-fronted Tern *Sterna striata*. One on rocks near landing 3 July; another on eastern side of south island 4 July.

Arctic Jaeger *Stercorarius paraciticus*. One flying north on eastern side of island 5 July.

Bar-shouldered Dove *Geopelia humeralis*. Two on 3 and 4 July.

Sacred Kingfisher *Todiramphus sanctus*. One at south landing 4 July.

Nankeen Kestrel *Falco centroides*. One on west side of south island 4 July.

Brown Falcon *Falco berigora*. One roosting on communication tower below lighthouse 6 July.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*. Two (male and female) all days.

Yellow-faced Honeyeater *Lichenostomus chrysops*. Estimated population of 50 in thickets along western side of south island on all days.

Australian Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis*. One female in thickets on western side of south island 4 July.

Welcome Swallow *Hirundo neoxena*. All days. Maximum of 4 around buildings on 5 July.

Silvereye *Zosterops lateralis*. A flock of 25 near kitchen gardens 3 July and small party of ten in thickets on south island 4 July; all birds the Tasmanian sub-species, one bird with band.

MAMMALS

Seals

No comprehensive count was undertaken. Seals were noted on the north-western side of north island. A maximum total of 40 **Long-nosed (New Zealand) Fur Seal** *Arctocephalus forsteri* were seen on the south-west side of south island. At least 8 pups were observed.

Whales.

Hump-backed Whale. *Megaptera novaeangliae*. Very numerous on all days travelling north on both sides of the island.

AMPHIBIANS

Striped Marsh Frog *Lymnodynastes peroni*. Several calling from well at gardens 3 July.

REPTILES

White's Skink *Ergenia whitii*. One seen near buildings 5 July

TERRESTRIAL ARTHROPODS OF MONTAGU ISLAND

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Introduction

The terrestrial arthropod biodiversity of Montagu Island (Barunguba) has never been investigated in any detail. In 2001 through 2004, during the annual shearwater breeding surveys, I made some initial efforts to investigate insect biodiversity and collected a number of specimens (under licence). These were pinned or preserved and lodged with the Australian National Insect Collection (ANIC) at CSIRO, however time limitations on ANIC staff means little was done with them. The only available records of these efforts are the notes made as part of the relevant shearwater breeding success reports for those years (Heyligers *et al* 2002, 2003; Fullagar *et al* 2002, 2004). Some *ad hoc* listings of butterflies observed during shearwater surveys have also been recorded in more recent shearwater survey reports.

Methods

In 2019 (19-27 March), I again participated in the shearwater breeding survey, for the first time since 2004. On this occasion no specimens were collected but over a hundred species of invertebrates were recorded photographically. These observations were made opportunistically during forays generally within several hundred metres of the lightstation, and generally along the established tracks. Most observations were therefore of species associated with foliage, flowers or the lightstation buildings. A small number were exposed, with minimal habitat disturbance, from under human artefacts around storage and garden areas. Photographs were submitted, together with specific locational coordinates to within 10 m accuracy, to the *Atlas of Life in the Coastal Wilderness* at <https://atlasoflife.naturemapr.org/>.

Results

A listing of the 103 species photographed is provided in the table below, together with a further 7 species (marked with an asterisk *) which were recorded visually but without photographic support.

Listing of terrestrial arthropods from Montagu Island

DIPLOPODA (MILLIPEDES)	[2]
JULIDA	
<i>sp. indet.</i>	a large juliform millipede
Julidae	
<i>Ommatoiulus moreleti</i>	Portuguese millipede
CHILOPODA (CENTIPEDES)	[3]
SCUTIGERIMORPHA	
Scutigerae	
<i>Scutigera coleoptrata</i>	House centipede (# 2004)
SCOLOPENDROMORPHA	
Scolopendridae	
<i>sp. indet.</i>	a centipede (under rock) (*)
<i>sp. indet.</i>	a centipede (in shearwater burrow) (*)
CRUSTACEA	[1]
ISOPODA-ONISCIDEA	
<i>sp. indet.</i>	a slater
ARACHNIDA	[15]
ARANEAE [15]	
Pholcidae	
<i>sp. indet.</i>	Daddy long-legs (poss. <i>Pholcus phalangioides</i>)
Araneidae	
<i>sp. indet.</i>	a small pale araneid (Araneinae)
<i>Phonognatha graeffei</i>	Leaf-curling spider
<i>Nephila plumipes</i>	Humped golden orb-weaving spider
Tetragnathidae	
<i>Tetragnatha sp.</i>	a long-jawed spider
Deinopidae	
<i>Deinopus sp.</i>	a net-casting spider
Sparassidae	
<i>Neosparassus sp.</i>	a badge huntsman spider
Desidae	
<i>Badumna longinqua</i>	Grey house spider
Miturgidae	
<i>Miturga sp.</i>	a prowling spider
<i>Miturga sp.</i>	a prowling spider
Thomisidae	
<i>Lehtinelagia sp.</i>	a crab spider
Salticidae	
<i>Opisthoncus nigrofemoratus</i>	Black-thighed jumping spider
<i>Hypoblemum sp.</i>	a jumping spider (poss. <i>H. albovittatum</i>)
Lamponidae	
<i>Lampona cylindrata</i>	White-tailed spider
Trochanteriidae	
<i>Morebilus plagusius</i>	Major flatrock spider

ODONATA [3]	
Coegrionidae	
<i>Pseudagrion microcephalum</i>	Blue Riverdamsel
<i>Ischnura aurora</i>	Aurora Bluetail
Corduliidae	
<i>Hemicordulia australiae</i>	Australian Emerald (*)
DERMAPTERA [1]	
Anisolabididae	
<i>sp. indet.</i>	an earwig
ORTHOPTERA [8]	
Mogoplistidae	
<i>Ornebius sp.</i>	A scaly cricket
Gryllidae	
<i>Teleogryllus commodus</i>	Black field cricket (*)
Tettigoniidae	
<i>Pseudorhynchus mimeticus</i>	a long-horned grasshopper
<i>Conocephalus semivittatus</i>	a meadow katydid
Acrididae	
<i>Acrida conica</i>	Giant slant-face
<i>Gastrimargus musicus</i>	Yellow-winged Grasshopper (*)
<i>Austracris proxima</i>	Spur-throated Locust
<i>Phaulacridium vittatum</i>	Wingless Grasshopper
EMBIOPTERA [1]	
Austrolembiidae	
<i>Metoligotoma brevispina</i>	a webspinner (# 2001)
MANTODEA [1]	
Mantidae	
<i>Tenodera australasiae</i>	Purple-winged mantid
BLATTODEA [1]	
Blattidae	
<i>Periplaneta australasiae</i>	Australasian cockroach
HEMIPTERA [9]	
Flatidae	
<i>Siphanta sp.</i>	A green planthopper, torpedo bug
Cercopidae	
<i>Philagra parva</i>	Beaked spittlebug
Membracidae	
<i>Sextius sp.</i>	a green treehopper
Lygaeidae	
<i>Oncopeltus sordidus</i>	a seed bug
Pentatomidae	
<i>Poecilometis (strigatus?)</i>	Gum tree shield bug
<i>Oncocoris apicalis</i>	Brown stink bug
<i>Plautia affinis</i>	Green stink bug
<i>Cuspicona simplex</i>	Green potato bug
Cydnidae	
<i>Adrisa sp.</i>	A burrowing bug

HYMENOPTERA [11]

Ichneumonidae

<i>Netelia sp.</i>	an orange ichneumon wasp
<i>Netelia sp.</i>	an orange ichneumon wasp
<i>Heteropelma scaposum</i>	Two-toned caterpillar hunter
<i>Echthromorpha intricatoria</i>	White-spotted ichneumon wasp
<i>Xanthopimpla sp.</i>	Yellow ichneumon wasp
<i>Ichneumon promissorius</i>	Banded caterpillar parasite

Braconidae

<i>sp. indet.</i>	a small braconid wasp
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Chalcididae

<i>sp. indet.</i>	a chalcid wasp
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Formicidae

<i>sp. indet.</i>	an ant (alate male)
<i>sp. indet.</i>	ant (alate mating pair)

Apidae

<i>Apis mellifera</i>	Honey bee
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NEUROPTERA [1]

Chrysopidae

<i>Mallada signatus</i>	Green lacewing
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COLEOPTERA [9]

Carabidae

<i>sp. indet.</i>	a carabid beetle (poss. <i>Notonomus sp.</i>) (# 2003)
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Scarabaeidae

<i>sp. indet.</i>	a scarab beetle (Dynastinae)
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Elateridae

<i>sp. indet.</i>	a click beetle (poss. <i>Conoderus sp.</i>)
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Coccinellidae

<i>Micraspis frenata</i>	Striped ladybird
<i>Cryptolaemus montrouzieri</i>	Mealybug ladybird
<i>Rodolia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal ladybird, Verdalia beetle

Chrysomelidae

(<i>Arsipoda?</i>)	a flea beetle (Alticini)
<i>Paropsis sp.</i> (egg case)	a eucalypt leaf beetle (poss. <i>P. atomaria</i>)

Curculionidae

<i>Perperus sp.</i>	a weevil (Entiminae-Leptopiini)
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TRICHOPTERA [1]

<i>sp. indet.</i>	a caddisfly (adult and case)
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LEPIDOPTERA [31]

Tineidae

<i>Moerarchis inconcisella</i>	a Tineid moth
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Psychidae

<i>Cebysa leucotelus</i>	Lichen bag moth
<i>Lepidoscia sp.</i>	a case moth caterpillar
<i>Oiketiscus sp.</i>	a case moth caterpillar (*)

Tortricidae

<i>Anisogona similana</i>	a tortrix moth
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Crambidae

<i>Tipanaea patulella</i>	Grass moth
<i>Spoladea recurvalis</i>	Beet webworm
<i>Herpetogramma cynaralis</i>	a crambid moth (Spilomelinae)
Papilionidae	
<i>Papilio aegaeus</i>	Orchard Swallowtail (*)
Hesperiidae	
<i>Toxidia peron</i>	Dingy Grass-skipper
Pieridae	
<i>Pieris rapae</i>	Cabbage White Butterfly
Nymphalidae	
<i>Vanessa itea</i>	Yellow Admiral
<i>Junonia villida</i>	Meadow Argus
<i>Heteronympha merope</i>	Common Brown
Lycaenidae	
<i>Lampides boeticus</i>	Long-tailed Pea-blue
<i>Zizina otis</i>	Common Grass-blue
Geometridae	
<i>Cleora displicata</i>	a bark moth
<i>Ectropis bispinaria</i>	Loop-line bark moth
<i>sp. indet.</i>	a bark moth (Ennominae-Boarmiini)
<i>Idiodes apicata</i>	Bracken moth
<i>Epidesmia tryxaria</i>	Neat epidesmia
<i>Scopula rubraria</i>	Reddish wave, Plantain moth
Noctuidae	
<i>Lophocalama neuritis</i>	a noctuid moth
<i>Agrotis ipsilon</i>	Black cutworm
Erebidae	
<i>sp. indet.</i>	a caterpillar (Lymantriinae, poss. <i>Acyphas sp.</i>)
<i>Uteheisa pulchelloides</i>	Heliotrope or salt & pepper moth
<i>Spilosoma glatignyi</i>	Black and white tiger moth (# 2004)
<i>Calyptra minuticornis</i>	Vampire moth
<i>Diatenes aglossoides</i>	an eretid moth
<i>Pantylidia capistrata</i>	a <i>Pantylidia</i> moth
<i>Trigonodes hyppasia</i>	Triangle owlet
DIPTERA [16]	
Nematocera	
Limoniidae	
<i>sp. indet.</i>	a Limoniid cranefly
Chironomidae	
<i>sp. indet.</i>	a non-biting midge
Culicidae	
<i>sp. indet.</i>	a mosquito
Brachycera	
Stratiomyidae	
<i>sp. indet.</i>	a tiny soldierfly
Therevidae	
<i>Anabarhynchus sp.</i>	a stiletto fly

Dolichopodidae	
<i>sp. indet.</i>	a long-legged fly
<i>sp. indet.</i>	a long-legged fly (prob. <i>Austrosциapus sp.</i>)
Syrphidae	
<i>Eristalinus sp.</i>	a hover fly
Sepsidae	
<i>sp. indet.</i>	an ant fly
Platystomatidae	
<i>sp. indet.</i>	a signal fly (poss. <i>Rivellia</i> or <i>Scotinosoma sp.</i>)
Muscidae	
<i>Dichaetomyia sp.</i>	orange bush fly
<i>sp. indet.</i>	a bronze-coloured bush fly
Sarcophagidae	
<i>sp. indet.</i>	a flesh fly
Calliphoridae	
<i>Lucilia cuprina</i>	Australian sheep blowfly
<i>Calliphora sp</i>	a blowfly
Tachinidae	
<i>sp. indet.</i>	a bristle fly

Discussion

A synopsis of the collecting efforts of 2001 through 2004 indicates that upwards of 50 species across ten insect Orders were represented. The list of species recorded in 2019 largely overlaps these earlier records, though several notable exceptions, including an embiopteran, a carabid beetle, a *Spilosoma* moth and a scutigrid centipede known to have been collected in the earlier surveys, were not recorded in 2019. These have been included in the listing above but are distinguished with a hash (#) and the year of collection.

The presence of the flightless embiopteran (webspinner), in particular, invites speculation about the provenance, history and population dynamics of the insects and other terrestrial invertebrates on the island. Montagu/Barunguba is not so remote that flighted insects could make their way to the island either independently or with wind assistance, but it is far enough offshore to preclude most unflighted species (gossamer spiderlings excepted) from reaching the island without human or perhaps bird assistance. There is no doubt that many species have been brought to the island inadvertently through human conduits over the centuries, and particularly with recent revegetation efforts. And it may be that some species, such as the embiopteran (which was found in a shearwater burrow), might even have persisted on the island since it was last connected to the mainland during the glacial maximum ca 12,000 years ago.

With further knowledge and understanding of the species present on Montagu Island, these questions may become more tractable.

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Place Name Abbreviations.

BB	Batemans Bay.
BBWG	Batemans Bay Water Gardens.
BI	Bermagui.
BP	Burrewarra Point.
Com	Comerang.
CO	Congo.
DS	Durras.
DY	Dalmeny.
ERBG	Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens.
MB	Mystery Bay.
MHN	Moruya Heads North
MHS	Moruya Heads South.
MKS	Maulbrooks Road South, Moruya.
MO	Meringo.
MYA	Moruya.
NA	Narooma.
PS	Pedro Swamp.
SB	Surf Beach.
TS	Tuross.
WL	Wallaga Lake.
NP	National Park.
NR	Nature Reserve
SF	State Forest.