

Trip Report: Sydney & environs, Australia

2007 (David Southall)

This report briefly summarises sightings during our Sydney vacation in December 2007 and January 2008. We made no dedicated birding trips during the visit, however we saw many interesting species during our various activities - e.g. various water birds and parrots during rounds of golf at Long Reef and Pymble Golf Clubs; Little Penguins whilst sailing on Sydney Harbour and Pittwater; a wide variety of forest birds (including Superb Lyrebird) on morning walks in the Ku-ring-gai municipality bush reserve in suburban Sydney; various scrub birds on a visit to a friend's property at Blaxland's Ridge to the northwest of the city; and various parrots in suburban Melbourne gardens (e.g. Musk Lorikeet) and on a family property at Yass near Canberra (e.g. Superb Parrot).



Rainbow Lorikeet and Banksia



Tawny Frogmouth



Crested Pigeon; Spotted Pardalote



New Years Eve Celebrations on Sydney Harbour

1. Trip Bird List¹

(Confirmed personal sightings only for DJS – excludes birds heard only unless otherwise indicated;
in order of appearance on the plates of Pizzey & Knight's The Field Guide to the Birds of Australia)

Australian Brush-Turkey

Australian Wood-Duck *
Black Swan
Pacific Black-Duck *
Chestnut Teal

Little Penguin *

Great Cormorant *
Pied Cormorant
Australian Pelican
Australian White Ibis

White-bellied Sea-Eagle
Wedge-tailed Eagle
Nankeen Kestrel *
Whistling Kite

Dusky Moorhen
Purple Swamphen *
Eurasian Coot
Masked Lapwing

Silver Gull *

Spotted Turtle-Dove
Peaceful Dove
Common Bronzewing
Crested Pigeon *

Galah
Long-billed Corella
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Rainbow Lorikeet *
Musk Lorikeet *
Australian King-Parrot
Superb Parrot
Crimson Rosella *
Eastern Rosella

Channel-billed Cuckoo *

Tawny Frogmouth *

Laughing Kookaburra *
Sacred Kingfisher *

Superb Lyrebird

Superb Fairy-Wren
Spotted Pardalote *
White-browed Scrub-Wren
Brown Thornbill
Yellow-rumped Thornbill

Red Wattlebird
Noisy Friarbird *

Noisy Miner
Lewin's Honeyeater *
Yellow-faced Honeyeater
White-plumed Honeyeater
White-cheeked Honeyeater

Eastern Whipbird
Rufous Whistler
Willie Wagtail
Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike

Grey Butcherbird
Magpie-Lark *
Australian Magpie
Pied Currawong *
Australian Raven

Satin Bowerbird

Double-barred Finch *
Red-browed Finch
European Goldfinch *
Welcome Swallow

Common Starling
Common Myna

Combined total: 65, with 24 confirmed "first time ever" species for DJS ...

¹ First sighting ever for DJS; * = photo available from trip