

THE CAPE ECOVILLAGE
BIRD OBSERVATIONS

BIRD GROUP	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	STATUS	2019/2020 OBSERVATIONS
MARINE AND COASTAL BIRDS				
	Little Penguin	Eudyptula minor		Dead bird seen on 2nd Surf Beach, injured bird recovered June 20. Nov 2020 2x dead birds channel.
	Shy Albatross	Thalassarche cauta	Endangered	Sightings off 2nd Surf on 24 May 20, June and July
	Buller's Shearwater	Ardena bulleri	Vulnerable	Dead bird seen on 1st Surf Beach Feb 20, storms on east coast??
	Short-tailed Shearwater	Ardena tenuirostris	Migrant from Alaska	Mass 'feeding on wing' offshore sighting in Mar 2019, Nov 2019
	Australasian Gannet	Morus serrator		Coastal feeding and plunge diving
	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		Coastal rocks
	Little Black Cormorant	Phalacrocorax sulcirostris		Coastal rocks
	Little Pied Cormorant	Microcarbo melanoleucos		Coastal rocks and wetlands
	Pied Cormorant	Phalacrocorax varius		Coastal rocks and wetlands
	Silver Gull	Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae		Coast
	Pacific Gull	Larus pacificus ssp pacificus	Near-threatened	Coast
	Crested Tern	Thalasseus bergii		Coast
	Sooty Oystercatcher	Haematopus fuliginosus	Near-threatened	Coast
	Black-fronted Dotterel	Elseornis melanops		The Cape wetlands. One bird on large, 2 birds and nest on smaller in 2019 summer. Near larger wetland 14 Aug 20. Pair on central creekline, mating 13 Oct 20. 2X pair seen on central wetland
	Pacific Golden Plover	Pluvialis fulva	Migrant from n Siberia and w Alaska.	small flock seen between 1st and 2nd Surf Dec 19. Nov 2020 same loc (GG)
	Hooded Plover	Thinornis cucullatus	Vulnerable	2 X breeding pairs between 2nd Surf and F Break in Nov 19, 5 birds seen between 2nd Surf and F Break 12 Nov 19, 7 birds seen on Bay Beach in March 19. 21 Jan 20 three chicks hatched on 2nd Surf. 4 Feb one chick, 2 adults west of F Break
	Masked Lapwing ssp <i>novahollandiae</i>	Vanellus miles		Wetlands and open spaces
	Latham's Snipe	Gallinago hardwickii	Vulnerable in Vic. Migrant from n Japan and e Russia.	Wetlands and open spaces. Pair seen 14 Jan. 3 seen on 9 Feb, 1 in CP2 and 2 in CP3. 2 seen 11 Feb 20. 1 X 26 Sep 20 in bog. 21 Nov 4X on survey. Flushed several in SE natural wetland area during Nov.
	Red-necked Stint	Calidris ruficollis	Migrant from Siberia	2nd Surf, Nov 2020 (GG)

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Sanderling

Calidris alba

Migrant from Siberia

F Break, Nov 2020 (GG)

Running Marine and Coastal Bird Total

20

FRESHWATER BIRDS

Black Swan

Cygnus atratus

Flyover of small flocks, Wilsons Rd dam
End of Sunlight Bvd in summer period, flyover of 5 on
3 Aug 20

Cape Barren Goose

Cereopsis novahollandiae

Vulnerable in Vic

Australian Wood Duck

Chenonetta jubata

The Cape wetlands, Wilson Rd dam, top dam

Australasian Shelduck

Tadorna tadornoides

Flyover, M/F pair on Wilson Rd farm dam, 4 Feb 20

Australasian Shoveler

Anas rhynchotis

Near threatened

Bog and central wetland, third week Oct 2020
M/F pair on wetland, family group Dec 19, 2xpair Jul
20

Chestnut Teal

Anas castanea

On small wetland Dec/Jan 2019-20, pair lge wetland 2
Jul 20, 7 ducklings lge wetland Sep 20

Grey Teal

Anas gracillus

The Cape wetlands and surrounds, family group

Pacific Blackduck

Anas superciliosa

Hoary-headed Grebe

Poliiocephalus poliocephalus

One adult breeding The Cape wetlands

Australasian Grebe

Tachybaptus novaehollandiae

Apr 20, 3 birds on wetlands, 2 on large, one on small
Adult breeding pair The Cape wetlands. 5 seen in a
group near large wetland, Apr 20

White-faced Heron

Egretta novaehollandiae

The Cape wetlands

White-necked Heron

Ardea pacifica

The Cape wetlands, 26 Apr 20, one bird with W-f
Hérons

Eastern Cattle Egret

Bubulcus coromandus

Royal Spoonbill

Platalea regia

Vulnerable in Vic

The Cape wetlands, 3 birds, Nov 19, Jan 20. Flyover
The Cape on 8 Feb

Australian White Ibis

Threskiornis molucca

The Cape wetlands

Straw-necked Ibis

Threskiornis spinicollis

Flyover wetlands, feeding open spaces. Mass flocks in
Jun/Jul flyover

Running Freshwater Bird Total

16

LAND BIRDS

Stubble Quail

Coturnix pectoralis

Paddock in Seaward Drive opp The Cape 14 Dec 20
Flyover The Cape Nov 2019, 2nd Surf Jul 20. Immature
flyover 11 Dec 20.

White-bellied Sea-Eagle

Haliaeetus leucogaster

Vulnerable in Victoria

Wedge-tailed Eagle

Aquila audax

Soaring over Seaward Dr, 5 Feb 20

Collared Sparrowhawk

Accipiter cirrocephalus

Edge of coastal bush near end of Sunlight

Whistling Kite

Haliastur sphenurus

Flyover The Cape

Swamp Harrier

Circus approximans

Flyover The Cape Dec 2019

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Spotted Harrier	Circus assimilis		Flyover The Cape
Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus axillaris		Flyover and hover over The Cape Flyover and hover over The Cape, 30 May 20, Jul 20, Aug 20.
Nankeen Kestrel	Falco cenchroides		F Break walking track June 20
Brown Falcon	Falco berigora		Wilson's Rd area, open space 29 May 20
Australian Hobby	Falco longipennis		
			Observed attacking an Eastern Rosella near wetlands and pair vs Galah on 3 Jul 20 in new creek line and on stags. Further sightings in creek line during Aug 20. Flock in coastal bushland and flyover. Large flock of at least 100 birds in Lone Pine on 7 Jul 20. Mostly daily visits in Jul/Aug to Lone Pine. Small flock early Oct 20 in Sunlight.
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus		Flock in coastal bushland and grass feeding in open spaces
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Calyptorhynchus funereus		Flock in coastal bushland and grass feeding in open spaces
Galah	Eolophus rosiecapilla		Flyover
Little Corella	Cacatua sanguinea		Flyover, border with old Cape
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Cacatua galerita		
Rainbow Lorikeet	Trichoglossus moluccanus		Open spaces and around houses, around wetlands and central creek line in Oct, feeding dandelions
Eastern Rosella	Platycercus eximius		
Blue-winged Parrot	Neophema chrysostoma		Grasslands pasture in mid-west depression/drain line, feeding in sedge, wet area. Also higher ground either side, dirt mounds and bracken. Flock of 6 on 29 Aug 20
Crested Pigeon	Ocyphaps lophotes		Open spaces and creek line
Pallid Cuckoo	Cacomantis pallidus		In flight over open space
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	Cacomantis flabelliformis		Call in coastal bushland
Horsefield's Bronze-Cuckoo	Chalcites basalis		Coastal bushland 1st sighting 21 Sep 20
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	Chalcites lucidus		Coastal bushland
Laughing Kookaburra	Dacelo novaeguineae		Open spaces and housing area
Whitethroated Needle-tail	Hirundapus caudacutus	Threatened NE Asia migrant	flock feeding over open space 4 Mar 20, weather front flock feeding over open space Dec 19/Jan 20, weather front
Fork-tailed Swift	Apus pacificus	NE Asia migrant	
Welcome Swallow	Hirundo neoxena		Everywhere, common
White-backed Swallow	Cheramoeca leucosterna		Open spaces with Welcome Swallows in Dec 2019
White-browed Scrubwren	Sericornis frontalis		Coastal bushland
Brown Thornbill	Acanthiza pusilla		Coastal bushland

Striated Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza lineata</i>	Coastal bushland
Spotted Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus punctatus</i>	Coastal bushland, calls recorded.
Superb Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus cyaneus</i>	Coastal bushland Roadside verge, cnr Seaward/Wilson's, wetlands edge, garden 28 Sunlight, coastal bush
White-eared Honeyeater	<i>Nesoptilotis leucotis</i>	Coastal bushland
Yellow-faced Honeyeater	<i>Calligavis chrysops</i>	Coastal bushland
New Holland Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris noveahollandiae</i>	Coastal bushland
Crescent Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris pyrrhopterus</i>	Coastal bushland
Eastern Spinebill	<i>Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris</i>	Coastal bushland
Little Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera chrysoptera</i>	Coastal bushland and village streets
Red Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera carunculata</i>	Coastal bushland and village streets
White-fronted Chat	<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>	Creekline, grasses, grassy lots. 2xpair in early Oct 20
Black-faced Cuckoo Shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	Coastal bushland, Nov 2020
White-winged Triller	<i>Lalage suerii</i>	Coastal bushland
Grey Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus torquatus</i>	Open spaces and house sites
Australian Magpie	<i>Cracticus tibicen</i>	Open spaces and house sites
Australian Raven	<i>Corvus coronoides</i>	Flyover 11 Jul 20 chased away by Little Ravens, flyover :
Little Raven	<i>Corvus mellori</i>	Open spaces and housing area
Magpie Lark	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	Open spaces and housing area
Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa</i>	Coastal bushland, spring/summer visitor
Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	Housing area & wetlands
Eastern Yellow Robin	<i>Eopsaltria australis</i>	Coastal bushland
Flame Robin	<i>Petroica phoenicea</i>	Coastal bushland, end Sunlight, 7 Apr 20, small flock of 5, Moonshadow
Scarlet Robin	<i>Petroica boodang</i>	Coastal bushland
Crested Shrike-tit	<i>Falcunculus frontatus</i>	Coastal scrubland
Rufous Whistler	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>	Stage 1 house, Periwinkle
Olive Whistler	<i>Pachycephala olivacea</i>	voice in coastal scrub, photo'd SE corner
Grey Shrike-thrush	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>	Coastal bushland
Silvereye ssp <i>westernensis</i>	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	Coastal bushland
Silvereye ssp <i>lateralis</i>	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	Coastal bushland - Tas sub-species
Australian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus australis</i>	Central wetland Dec 2020

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Little Grassbird	Megalurus gramineus	Central wetland rushes and sedges
Australian Pipit	Anthus australis	Open space grasses, mainly on ground
Red-browed Finch	Neochmia temporalis	Coastal bushland

Running Land Bird Total

64

Running Indigenous Species total

100

INTRODUCED SPECIES

Rock Dove	Columbia livia	Track to beach
Spotted Dove	Spilopelia chinensis	Scrub, open spaces and housing area
Eurasian Skylark	Alauda arvensis	Seen in song flight in open space and feeding on ground in pair, small flock of 5, 30 May 20. Larger flocks in grasslands Jul, Aug 20
Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	Open spaces and housing area
Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis	Open spaces and housing area
Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	Open spaces and housing area
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	Open spaces and housing area
European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	Coastal bushland, grassy spaces, lots, creekline Oct 20

Running Introduced species total

8

Total species count

108

**QUERY/BEYOND
ESTATE**

Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia	2nd Surf by Rob J Aug 20
Common Bronzewing	Phaps chalcoptera	Cape P area by Helen T Aug 20
White-headed Stilt	Himantopus leucocephalus	Bay Beach Jeannie Oct 23 2020
Sacred Kingfisher		Joe Spano, Seaward Dve
Lewin's Rail		Cape-Wonthaggi rd 100m past Seaward