

Camp report for Baerami 7th to 10th June 2019



I was pleased when I arrived at camp on Friday afternoon that there were others already there (three eager beavers had made the trip out on Thursday - only to be welcomed by a very cold evening/night - ice all over the cars/tents on Friday morning)

A pair of Wedgetail Eagles call this place home



Swift Parrot (left)

I set up my camp and had an offer from George V to help set up the essential commodity (a toilet) thanks George and thanks Rob for helping me dismantle it. The others were up the mountain looking at Swift Parrots being harassed by a large population of Bell Miners. Never to be seen again - despite several troops of birders venturing up where they were spotted.

Whilst at the camp 3 Gang Gang Parrots did a pass and a creak never to be seen again. There was also a Rock Warbler (photo on right) calling in the hills.



The camp site was lovely, in a valley surrounded by hills. With each evening came a very welcome camp fire with some excellent company and some taste tests of a variety of tipples of various quality.

There were 11 of us over the four days including a very cute little girl who entertained us each time she spontaneously broke out in song. Thanks Aquila. We need more kids at camp.





Weather conditions were variable, sunshine on Thursday, Overcast on Friday, rain on Saturday and again sun on Sunday.

Rose Robin (left) Female Golden Whistler (right)



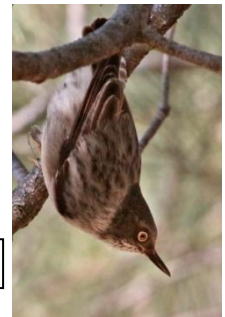
The bird list reached a healthy 75 species for the weekend. We had some fully flowering Eucalypts next to the camp site so anyone who did not want to walk too far could sit

on a rock and be entertained by the many honeyeaters coming in to forage. Mostly White-naped Honeyeaters as well as Fuscous, Yellow-faced and Yellow-tufted. Over the whole weekend we had 13 species of honeyeater.



Yellow-tufted, White-cheeked, Fuscous, Yellow-faced, White-naped honeyeaters.

A small group of Sitella worked their way through the rough-barked trees round the camp, along with some old faithfuls like Speckled Warbler, Jacky W, Golden Whistler, etc. Delightful, without the need to venture very far.



Varied Sitella

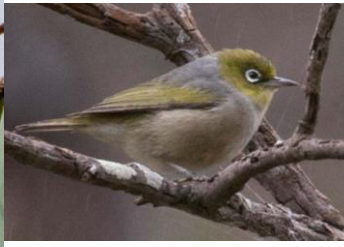
One of my most memorable sightings for the weekend was at least 6 Crested Shrike Tit. A comical enigmatic bird. Its call even tricks me.



Very crisp, clear air and no city lights.

Anyway another successful relaxed winter camp in the Wollemi National Park, at Baerami creek.

cheers Lorna (Photos: Lorna Mee, Tom Kendall, Rob Palazzi)



Clockwise from top left: Spotted Pardalote, Silvereye, Brown Treecreeper, Brown Thornbill, Superb Fairywren, Speckled Warbler, Red-browed Finch.



Clockwise from top left: Varied Sitella, Crested Shrike-tit, Fuscous Honeyeater, Eastern Spinebill, Rose Robin, Brown Thornbill, Eastern Yellow Robin, Swift Parrot.

