

HBOC Photography sub-committee report 2021

During 2021 the photography sub-committee managed to meet in February and October, despite Covid restrictions.

Bird Image Library:

The HBOC Bird Image Library has again progressed through 2021. Images contributed to HBOC's Bird Image Library (BIL) are managed by Rob Palazzi (BIL Manager) and most of the images held are now on display in the BIL section of the SmugMug website <https://hbo-bird-gallery.smugmug.com/>

2021 has been another year of limited activity, although the 'lull' has allowed the collection to be updated steadily and at the end of the year the total collection stood at a little over 16,000 (up from 12,000 last year). The Hunter Region sub-set now contains over 6,000 covering about 350 different species.

Images are always needed, and the club would encourage anyone to look carefully at their photographs and submit any they feel would add to this excellent resource birdimages@hbo.org.au

2021 saw a continuation of demand for our images in the production of brochures, signs and other publications like the Featured Bird series. The e-News uses quite a number of images to complement the articles submitted. This valuable resource should continue to be in demand in years to come.

Our thanks to the many photographers who contribute.

SmugMug Website- members Galleries:

Members Galleries on the SmugMug website continue to be available to all members to showcase their bird images. There is no restriction on the number of images that can be uploaded. Members who would like to showcase their bird photos, can contact the Secretary at secretary@hbo.org.au

Photography Print Collection:

The necessary transition of Club Nights to Zoom only meant the long-standing monthly foyer displays of members photographs did not occur. HBOC has a collection of over 800 A3 sized printed images, that are used for educational and HBOC displays e.g., Tocal.

Jim Smart had been the custodian of this collection for more than 10 years and recently the collection was transferred to the care of Liz Date-Huxtable. Our thanks to Jim for his contribution to developing this collection over the years.

Photo Milestone Club

We have also been updating the Photo Milestone Club and several of our photographers have moved past the 200 and 250 and 300 levels in 2021. Check it out at <https://www.hbo.org.au/milestone-clubs/hunter-bird-photos/>