



Hunter Bird Observers Club

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e-News

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The Club Aims: To encourage and further the study and conservation of Australian birds and their habitat, and to encourage bird observing as a leisure-time activity.

Next Edition November 2021, deadline: 3 November; send contributions to newsletter@hboc.org.au

Club Announcements

2021 Twitchathon will take place on 30 and 31 October in a covid-safe manner. For more information, Info Packs on each event, registration forms and how to donate [CLICK HERE](#). Break free and enter a team.

It was recently announced that Ian McAllan is this year's Hobbs Medalist, for his great work with the NSW Bird Atlases and in particular, the production of the NSW and ACT Bird Atlas series. Although Ian lives in Sydney and is not often found in the Hunter, he is a former member of HBOC. Well done, Ian!

NEW MEMBERS

Tracy Wilson, Waratah Single
Stephanie Oak, Newcastle East Single

Welcome. We look forward to seeing you at meetings and outings

Upcoming Activities

October outings and camps are cancelled. We expect to resume outings in November. To attend outings you need to register and currently need to be fully vaccinated

EVENT	DATE	INFORMATION	MEETING PLACE & TIME	CONTACT DETAILS
Club Meeting	Wed 13 Oct	Emily Mowat on Petrel Research and Recovery	Zoom, 7 pm	M Clarke 0412616030 secretary@hboc.org.au
Outing	Tues 2 Nov	Stockton sandspit	Sandspit, 7am	Ann Lindsey 0455 515 774
Club Meeting	Wed 10 Nov	Ann Lindsey on Worimi Conservation Land Surveys	Zoom, 7 pm	M Clarke 0412616030 secretary@hboc.org.au

For a full calendar of activities [CLICK HERE](#)

September Club Night

Chris Purnell spoke about the floating roost trials, especially in the Geum Estuary in South Korea.

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A Guide to Field Guides

Instead of talking about a Bird of the Evening, Greg Little showed us some of his collection of field guides. [READ MORE](#)

Report on Latham's Snipe Surveys

For a report on the September Lathams Snipe survey [CLICK HERE](#)



Clickers Corner Mark 2



Welcome to the second of the revamped monthly Clicker's Corner, with a focus on just one photograph and the photographer's comments on it. [CLICK HERE](#)

Getaway to Queensland

To relieve the boredom of lockdown, here is an account of another birding trip that members squeezed in this year. [CLICK HERE](#)

Guardian Bird of the Year and Aussie Backyard Bird Count



These two popular surveys involving anyone interested in Australian birds are conducted in October – find out who won the first one and how to participate in the second. [CLICK HERE](#)

Media Links

Here are two media stories to keep you entertained as we come out of lockdown:

Swooping Magpies in Newcastle with photos and comments by Rob Palazzi [CLICK HERE](#)

Australian musk ducks can imitate sounds including human speech, with one bird recorded repeatedly saying “you bloody fool”, according to a new study. [READ MORE](#)

Your Observations

Some Recent Observations [CLICK HERE](#)