

Walka Waterworks Mid-week outing July 2019

One of the benefits of going to well known places at different times of the year is that you are constantly surprised by what you find. This outing was no exception.

The 2nd July started out a cold day, with the outside temperature at Lorn registering as 3 ° Celsius. In spite of the cold, 26 hopeful birders turned up to see what the day would bring. I was reminded that the last HBOC outing had resulted in the sighting of a Red-capped Robin. The pressure was on.



The water level in the lake has diminished greatly because of the drought, so the number of waterbirds has also decreased. Particularly noticeable was the absence of Great Crested Grebes with only 2 being sighted on the day.

The Lake Walking Trail, a 3 km round trip proved to be a rewarding experience with 75 species counted by morning tea. Some of the highlights were, Grey-crowned Babblers, Spotted Harrier, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos, a Spotless Crake, Striped and Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater, Common Blackbird and 30 pink-eared Ducks on the nearby farm dam.



Australian Wood Duck



Grey Butcherbird



Eastern Rosella

A very successful outing, more profitable as the sun came out. Thank you to all those members who ventured out and made the morning a success.

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