Thank you, Mary and Phillip Richmond for sharing your piece of paradise with us. 12 eager bird watchers set out from Werribee in the Community bus on a beautiful spring day for an excursion to Linton. Mary and Philip have often spoken of this incredible place, created from the dream of Gordon Clarke. After morning tea at the Cottage we walked through the bird Paddock and were amazed by the number of birds we could hear, as we tuned our eyes we were able to catch sight of many. Some, like the elusive Pallid cuckoo were heard but not seen. We could appreciate the planting of the grevilleas, hakeas and eucalypts done over many years by Gordon and his helpers. Mary delights in getting rid of the gorse. The magic of the bush was all around us. Again, we thank Mary and Philip.

NOVEMBER 12TH  SALT WORKS, AVIATION RD., AND BIRD HIDE PT. COOK
( Contact Bernie McCarrick (9395 1132)

- We will meet at the gate into the Saltworks at 9.30am. Go along Synedes Rd., turn left and travel 0.45km towards Laverton. The Saltworks are on 500 hectares of land formerly used for salt production. More than 201 species have been recorded, 34 of which are covered by international migratory agreements.

- Bring your lunch, if the weather is pleasant we will lunch down on the coast. If you have a bird book do bring it as the wading birds are hard to correctly identify.

- After lunch we will visit Spectacle Lake in the Pt. Cook coastal park.

DECEMBER 3rd. WESTERN TREATMENT PLANT (formerly M.M.B.W.)

I have applied for a personal permit, this should mean I am able to bring in a bus! We then do not have to have an Earth Encounter Guide at a minimum cost of $100 for 2hrs. A 28 seater bus with driver from Westrans costs of $85, so if we have 20 people then the cost would be $4.50 p/p. Your comments about this idea will be welcomed on the Nov. trip.

WHAT FOR 1996?

- Do you have any ideas?
- Would you be able to organise an outing?
- Do you wish to continue coming on the monthly outings?
BIRDS SEEN ON OCTOBER 8TH.
Between Werribee and Linton

Birds in *italics* were seen at Linton.

Australian Wood Duck
Pacific Black Duck
Little Pied Cormorant
*White-faced Heron*
Cattle egret
Straw-necked Ibis
Sacred Ibis
Black-shouldered kite
Whistling kite
Marsh Harrier
Masked Lapwing
Spotted Turtle-dove
Galah
*Long-billed Corella*
*Sulphur-crested Cockatoo*
Crimson Rosella
Pallid Cuckoo
Fan-tailed Cuckoo
Kookaburra
*White-throated Treecreeper*
Superb Fairy-wren
Spotted Pardalote
Striated Pardalote
Red Wattlebird
*Yellow-faced Honeyeater*
*White-naped Honeyeater*

New holland Honeyeater
Eastern Spinebill
Jacky Winter
Pink Robin
Eastern Yellow Robin
Rufous Whistler
Grey Shrike-Thrush
Satin Flycatcher
Restless Flycatcher
Magpie-lark
Grey Fantail
Willie Wagtail
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
Olive-backed Oriole
Dusky Woodswallow
Australian Magpie
Grey Currawong
Australian Raven
Little Raven
House Sparrow
Red-browed Finch
Welcome Swallow
Silvereye
Common Blackbird
Common Starling
Common Myna.