On August 5th 12 intrepid twitchers met at Werribee Park Mansion inner car park on a gloriously clear day to wander down by the river to see what was to be seen. And what did we see!

For such a short walk we clocked up 30 species for the purists and more for those who had no qualms about counting domestic fowl, ducks, peafowls, geese and turkey. Highlight of the ramble was seeing 3 species of lorikeets and as a bonus the little lorikeets were nesting in a hollow tree trunk. Just when you thought that was great we came across a pair of sulphur crested cockatoos busily cleaning out a hollow tree branch ready for nesting. So, it couldn’t get any better or could it!

To cap the walk a pair of young Little Eagles put on a soaring demonstration just above our heads.

It may have only been a few kms and only taken about 2 hours, but all agreed it was a fantastic morning’s watching especially as we had such clear close up looks at everything. Thanks to Carole and Christina Dennis for leading the walk and for the resume.

**September 2nd**  Cobbleicks’ Ford. Approx 20Km from Werribee. Drive out on Tarneit Rd., turn left into Dougherty’s Rd., proceed 7.8 k and turn into Dukelows Rd. There is a sign there indicating the Reserve. A further 1.6 K is an entrance into the Reserve. Drive around about 400m to the toilet block, we will commence our walk from there at9-30am. Rohan Bugg hopes to join in the walk and he will be a great asset. When I went I saw lots of Red-browed finches, wrens etc, I didn’t get out of the car it was far too cold. The weather on Tuesday the 2nd will be delightful.

**September 16th**. Note change of date. Slide night with Rohan Bugg at Marion Blood’s home at 204 Watton St., Opposite Chirnside Park.

**October 3rd**. Friday Jells’ Park, Community Bus. Make your bookings as there are only 20 seats on the bus.

**November 14th**. Community Bus, it is suggested we go to Anakie Gorge

**December 2nd**. Point Lillias Revisited or the mouth of the Werribee River or back to the Mansion to see if those you saw nesting have managed to raise their young?
Some interesting sightings.

Eastern shrike tit
Bronze Cuckoo
Rose Garden
Research Farm
Veronica O’Brien
Shirley Cameron.

If you see anything of special interest about jot it down and we can tell others.

Birds seen on the Werribee River, Werribee Mansion area.
August 5th.

Pacific Black Duck
Little Pied Cormorant
Straw-neck Ibis
Whistling Kite
Little Eagle (Immature)
Dusky Moorhen
Masked Lapwing
Silver Gull
Spotted Turtle-dove
Galah
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Musk Lorikeet
Little Lorikeet
Purple-crowned Lorikeet
Eastern Rosella
Superb fairy wren

Red wattlebird
White-plumed honeyeater
Eastern Yellow Robin
Magpie Lark
Grey Fantail
Willy wagtail
Magpie
Australian raven
House sparrow
Tree sparrow
Welcome swallow
Blackbird
Starling
Common Mynah

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Crested Shrike-tit 
*Falcunculus fontatus*


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Horsfield’s Bronze-Cuckoo 
*Chrysococcyx basalis c O-5*

m-sheen above; cap duller. Brown eye-stripe; pale eye. Tail edged rufous. Cream below with incomplete or bars. Undertail black and white, rusty centre.
17 cm. Juv./Imm. diller; sometimes lacks bars.
yellowish from Black-eared Cuckoo by rufous tail, size, brown eye-stripe. Voice descending whistle 'fee-ee-', 

RACV Atlas 619
A = Race Timbalier
B = Race desousserille
C = Race white