Point Lilias and Kirk’s Point

BIRDS SEEN ON December 2nd, 97

Black swan
Shelduck
Chestnut Teal
Little Pied Cormorant
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Little Black Cormorant
Pelican
White Faced Heron
Little Egret
Straw-necked Ibis
Sacred Ibis
Black Shouldered Kite
Brown Falcon
Greenshank
Ruddy Turnstone
Red-necked stint
Sharp-tailed sandpiper
Pied Oyster catcher
Black-winged stilt
Red-capped Plover

Masked Lapwing
Pacific Gull
Silver Gull
Crested tern
Whiskered tern
Red-rumped parrot
Superb Fairy wren
Red wattle bird
White plumed honeyeater
White Fronted chat
Magpie-lark
Willie Wagtail
Australian Magpie
Little Raven
Richard’s pipit
House sparrow
Goldfinch
Greenfinch
Welcome Swallow
Common Blackbird

Tree Martin

RUDDY TURNSTONE Arenaria interpres 21–25 cm

Tubby, distinctive wader with slightly upturned, short black bill and short orange legs. Breeding plumage: unmistakable — black, white and orange tortoiseshell pattern; male brighter than female. Nonbreeding: grey-brown above, white below with smutty black 'cloverleaf' bib on upper breast; legs orange; often has traces of orange in upperparts. Immature: like nonbreeding adult, but more dusky, with scaly pattern of pale feathers: margins. Solitary, small parties or with other waders; abundant in Gt Barrier Reef (Q) and Roebuck Bay (WA), where winter flocks of 20–200+ gather. Patters slowly, or busily, flipping shells and bulldozing heaps of seaweed with bill. Sturdy on wing, with frequent noisy aerial chases, showing conspicuous white wing-panel. White lower back and tail crossed by two black bars. Voice: gutural, rattling 'kiti-titi', ringing 'kee-oo'. Habitat: tidal reefs and pools; weed-covered rocks; pebbly, shelly and sandy shores with stranded seaweed; mudflats; occasionally inland on shallow waters, sewage ponds, commercial saltfields, open or ploughed ground. Range and Status: breeds high Arctic. Migrates to all s. continents. Regular summer migrant (Aug.–April) to coastal Aust.; some inland. May overwinter, some in breeding plumage. Also Lord Howe, Norfolk, Christmas and other islands; NZ. Vagrant Macquarie I.