



Werribee Birdwatchers.

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August 4th. Werribee River, Bunge's Hole and Island. We had an excellent morning because Rohan Bugg, was able to lead us. The Werribee River area is undergoing much change, the basket willows and peppercorns are being removed and replaced with indigenous plants.

We saw the Rufous Night Herons in the old River Red Gums just opposite the rotunda across from the Post Office. We went out onto the Island near Bunge's Hole and watched many different birds trying to set up home in an old hollow tree. The Purple-crowned lorikeets appeared to be doing well. The Crested Shrike-tits came out from hiding but the Mistletoe bird could be heard but not seen. It was a very pleasant morning, some bird-watchers from Melbourne came along too. We thank Marian Blood for transporting our thermos so we could enjoy a cup of coffee while doing our bird call.

Sept. 1st. Cherry Lake and mouth of Koroit Creek. We will meet in the car park at Centenary Hall at **9.00am.** and car pool before setting out for Cherry Lake or meet at 9-30am at the end of Sugargum Dr. Melways 54 G9.

Oct. 6th. Salt Works at Point Cook to greet the waders. The silhouettes I obtained from Queensland will be of assistance. Bring the sheet with you.

October 16th Friday Note additional outing on the Community Bus. Western Treatment plant for those very keen to learn how to identify the waders. Martin Hulzebosch will provide expert tuition. **Do please let me know if you intend to come on this occasion. There are only 15 places available.**

November 3rd. or 10th Belmont Common, Hospital Swamp and Barwon Heads.

Birds Seen On Werribee River August 4th '98.

Pacific Black Duck	Sulphur-crested cockatoo	Willie Wagtail
Australasian Grebe	Purple-crowned Lorikeet	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
Darter	Swift Parrot	Dusky Woodswallow
Little Pied Cormorant	Superb Fairy wren	Little Raven
Night Heron	Red wattle bird	House Sparrow
Dusky Moorhen	White plumed honeyeater	Welcome Swallow
Eurasian Coot	New Holland Honey-eater	Common Blackbird
Silver Gull	Crested Shrike Tit	Common Starling
Spotted Turtle Dove	Magpie-lark	Common Myna

