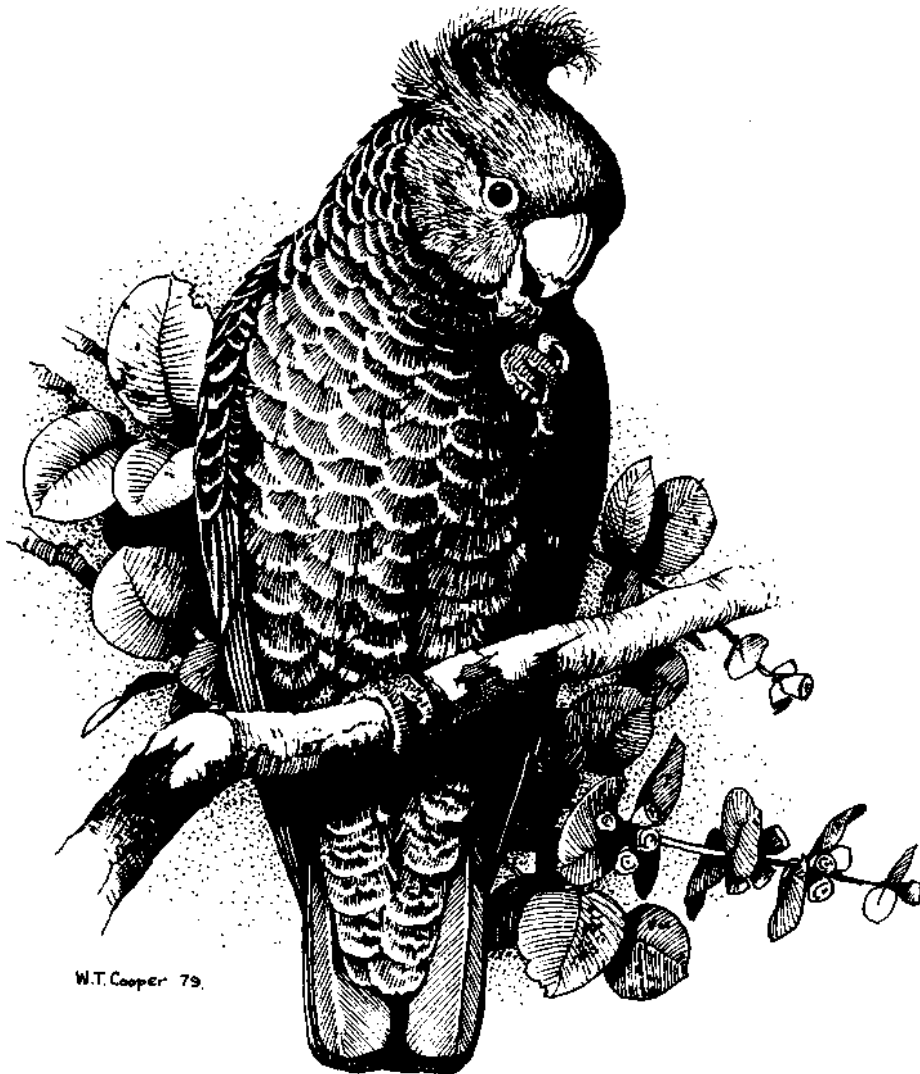


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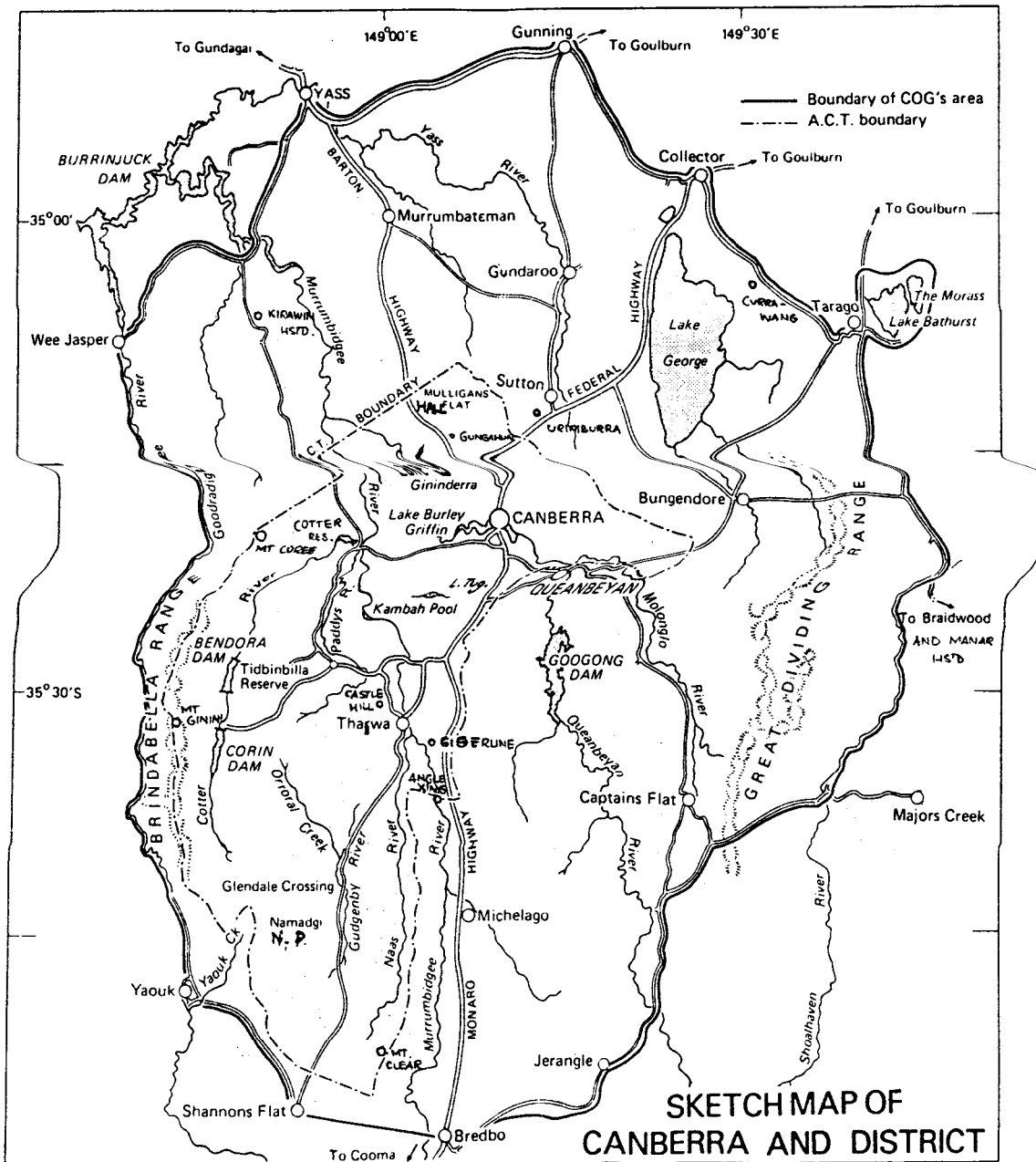


# ANNUAL BIRD REPORT: 1 JULY 1986 TO 30 JUNE 1987

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This report summarises all records of species that occurred in Canberra Ornithologists Group's 'area of concern' as defined in the *Field List of the Birds of Canberra and District*, (3rd edition, 1985), between 1 July 1986 and 30 June 1987. (See map page 55). There were 231 species recorded during this period. All category 3 records as defined in the *Field List* have been vetted by the COG en



The names and sequence of birds conform with the RAOU's 'Recommended English Names for Australian Birds', *Emu* 77, Supplement (May 1978), with order and family groupings arranged according to convenience. The status of each species has been given in an abbreviated form. The conventional definition of each status is given in *CBN* 9(3):53. The status of each bird consists of two elements, abundance and breeding status, separated by a period. For meanings of abbreviations see p.64. Thorough revision of the status of all birds of the Canberra area will be done when ten years data from the WBS is summarised, the review of the GBS is completed and the ACT Bird Atlas Project is completed.

Numbers and distribution of birds within the species list are often compared with that of the previous year. Therefore unless stated otherwise a statement such as 'overall numbers lower' is to be interpreted as, in comparison with the previous years' Annual Bird Report (ABR). Likewise an addendum or corrigendum refers to previous ABR(s).

Records are given in the following form: number of individuals/date place (observer), e.g. 5/10 May Woden (XY), indicates 5 birds on 10 May 1987 at Woden and XY was the observer. An n, f or other abbreviation as appropriate may take the place of number of individuals. WBS data are often given in the form 3/May which indicates three individuals recorded sometime in May. GBS data are often in the form '2w May' where '2w' etc stands for the second GBS week of that particular month. The dates of each GBS Week are shown at the top of the GBS chart and listed in *CBN* 12(1):13. Abbreviations of observer names are contained on page 65.

Chris Davey analysed all the Waterbird Survey data and wrote the sections of this report dealing with waterbirds. Brendan Lepschi prepared the maps and compiled the miscellaneous landbird records. Grahame Elliott wrote most of the text for the Garden Bird Survey on the basis of the graphs produced by Ian Taylor. Philip Veerman illustrated, co-ordinated and wrote the rest although much of it is modelled on earlier reports written by Ian Taylor. Bryan FitzGerald assisted with a review of status and made major contribution as Secretary of the COG Rarities Panel. Peta Roberts and others assisted with proof reading. Malcolm Fyfe and Michael Lenz also contributed to this report.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The highlights of the 1986-87 birdwatching year in the Canberra area include the following:

Commencement of the ACT Bird Atlas on 1 September 1986. Results of this highly successful venture, for various logistic reasons, have not been included in this ABR. The atlas project may have caused a reduction in

contribution towards the data input to the main part of this report (WBS, GBS and miscellaneous records).

- Three first records of species Red Knot, Superb Fruit-Dove and Java Sparrow.
- Records of the following rarities: Caspian Tern, Brush Bronzewing, Black-eared Cuckoo, Common Koel, Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater, Little Friarbird, Tawny-crowned Honeyeater, Canary and Chestnut-breasted Mannikin.
- Continued stability in the numbers and distribution of most species of garden bird since 1985-86. There was substantial increases in the numbers of Double-barred Finch, Striated Thornbill and European Goldfinch.
- Continued decline in numbers and distribution of the Common Starling and continued increase for the Common Myna. Accurate counts must be kept for these important species to determine if this result is real.

#### **WATERBIRD SURVEY**

As in previous years the Waterbird Survey (WBS) data were collected in bi-monthly visits to the urban lakes and monthly visits to Lake Bathurst. No visits were made to Lake George. Data from the silt-trap on Tuggeranong Ck and Village Dam on Village Ck are included under the heading Tuggeranong Lakes. As part of the development around the Tuggeranong area, Village Dam was breached and drained in March 1987. Data on waterbirds visiting the recently filled Upper Stranger Ck Dam are included instead.

An empty Lake George started to fill in August. Water levels on Lake Bathurst and Lake George peaked in December and declined thereafter. Overall the water depth on Lake Bathurst remained relatively constant. Water levels from the Morass were recorded for the first time in March 1987 - see Table 1.

The total number of waterbird species and the total number of individuals on each lake are shown in Tables 2 and 3. Since the 1984-85 peak the number of species continued to decline on all lakes. The number of individuals greatly declined since the peak of 1985-86 with a 50% decrease on Lake Bathurst and 33% decrease on Lake Burley Griffin.

An unusual record was that of three Red Knot seen on Lake Bathurst during the waterbird survey in November 1986.

Throughout the body of this report, waterbird numbers underlined indicate that the lake was only partly surveyed (in previous ABRs the same was indicated by brackets). A \* after a figure indicates non-flying young present but not included in totals.

TABLE 1. WATER LEVELS (Metres)\*

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBth	0.57	0.49	0.58	0.80	0.63	0.86	0.56	0.42	0.55	0.48	0.37	0.44
L B M	-	-	-	-	-	1.11	1.02	1.00	0.96			
LGeo	0.00	0.75	0.81	0.85	0.92	0.88	0.78	0.53	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00

\*Values kindly supplied by the Bureau of Mineral Resources.

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF WATERBIRD SPECIES

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	17	-	26	-	23	-	24	-	23	-	23
LGIN	-	15	-	16	-	14	-	16	-	14	-	13
LTug	-	12	14	-	13	12	-	17	-	11	11	11
LBth	25	19	24	28	27	22	28	16	20	18	17	19

TABLE 3. NUMBER OF WATERBIRD INDIVIDUALS

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	847	-	1984	-	2096	-	2446	-	2441	-	2102
LGIN*	-	733	-	420	-	586	-	770	-	507	-	663
LTug	-	96	65	-	100	223	-	653	-	244	161	247
LBth	3345	6438	2306	3346	3676	2614	4919	1181	1859	2564	1608	2073

\*Does not include Silver Gull counts.

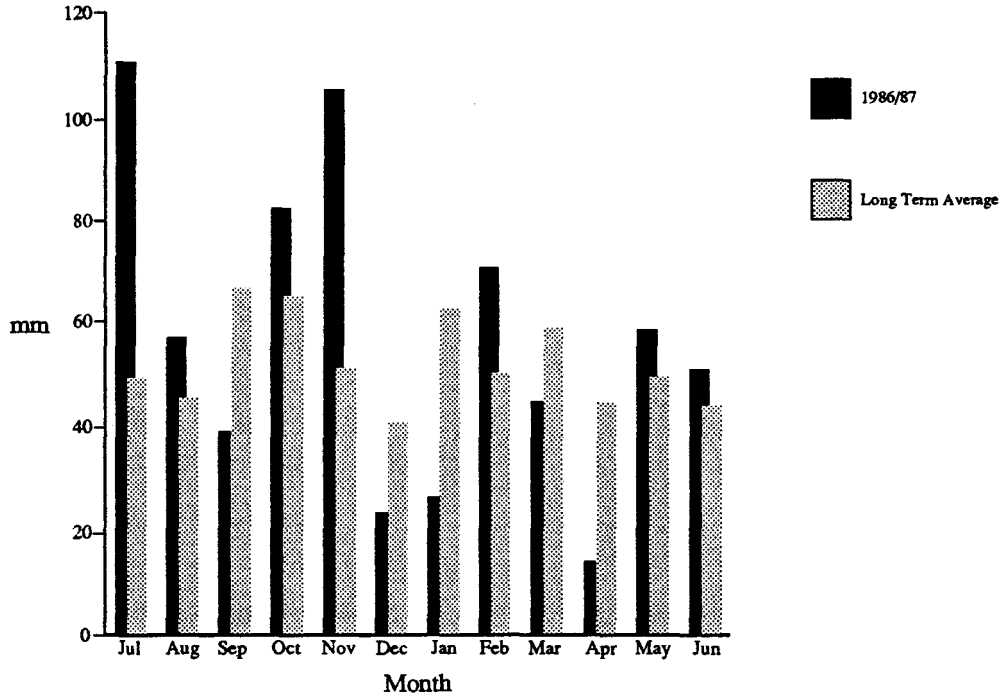
### MISCELLANEOUS AND ACT BIRD ATLAS RECORDS

The ABR has traditionally been the means of publishing results of the WBS and GBS plus miscellaneous records of interest (that is rarities), which would not otherwise be published. With the advent of the ACT Bird Atlas there was a reduction in these miscellaneous records for the ACT. However the category 3 bird reports accepted by the rarities panel, available non ACT records within the COG area, pre-atlas records and other 'interesting' reports are included in this section unless they are already part of the WBS. If they are part of the GBS they are included as part of the GBS statistics and not repeated in text.

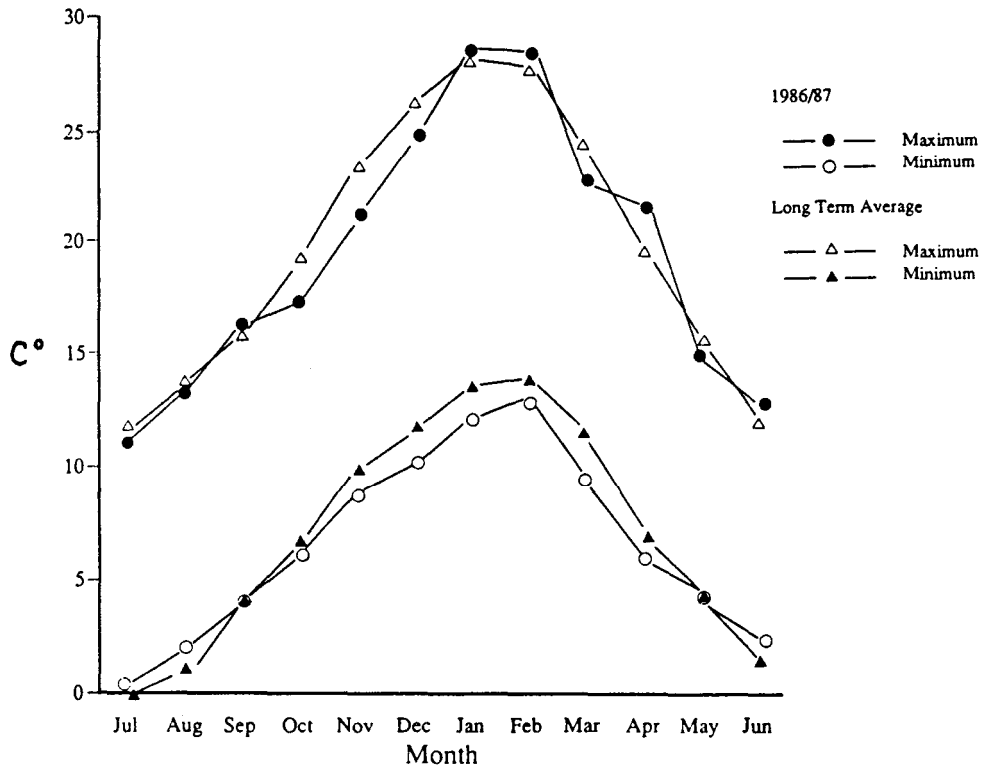
### GARDEN BIRD SURVEY

The Garden Bird Survey (GBS) is based on data collected on Garden Bird Charts. A description of survey techniques may be found in CBN 8(1):5. Eighty one charts were received for 1986/87, 79 of which were analysed. Two charts were received from country areas and were not included in the GBS analysis as trends in country areas may be different from those in the city, they are included in the miscellaneous records section. Survey sites are shown on page 61.

**Rainfall 1986/87 & Long Term Average**



**Temperature - 1986/87 & Long Term Average**



The following variables are shown for those species which were recorded often enough to warrant their inclusion

- A is the average number of birds of a particular species seen per garden per week over the year. The equivalent statistic per month is shown in the histograms. A is calculated by adding all weekly observations of a particular species and dividing the sum by the total number of weeks during which observations were made (3203 this year). E.g.  $A=5.1$  indicates that an average of 5.1 birds of that species were recorded per garden per week throughout the year. Each garden area is approx. 3 hectares.
- F - is the number of gardens in which the species was recorded at least once, expressed as the percentage of all gardens. If a species is described as 'F=10%', it was recorded at least once in 10% of sites.
- W - is the number of weeks during which the species was recorded on any chart. Resident species such as the Australian Magpie are present 52 weeks of the year ( $W=52$ ); but a migrant such as the Dollarbird is only present during 27 weeks ( $W=27$ ).
- R - is the recording rate, i.e., the number of observer-weeks on which a species was recorded, divided by the total number of observer-weeks (3203), expressed as a percentage. E.g., Australian Magpie was recorded during three quarters of the observer-weeks ( $R=75\%$ ). This means that on a typical chart, one could expect to record magpies on 75% of weeks during which observations were made.
- B - In 1986-87, a total of 54 charts contained breeding data for at least one species. This variable has been introduced to measure the relative frequency of breeding for a given species. The number of sites at which breeding activity was recorded (nests with eggs or young, and/or dependent fledglings) is expressed as a percentage of the total number of charts which contain breeding data (54). It is only given for species where breeding was recorded, elsewhere of course it equals zero.

These values for the 50 commonest species and the percent change on 1985-86 ( $dA$ ,  $dF$ ,  $dW$ ,  $dR$ ) are shown in Table 4. Histograms indicate the average number of individuals recorded in each GBS survey area per month. The



average number of individuals of all species over all observer weeks was 73.7.

The first and last records of nest (n) and dependent fledglings (f) are given and the areas where breeding activity was recorded are also listed. Similar data for 1984-85 may be found in *CBN* 11(2):26-88, for 1985-86 in *CBN* 12(2):30-83 and for Jul 1981 to Jun 1984 in 12(1):8-13.

**LOCATION OF GARDEN BIRD SURVEY SITES**

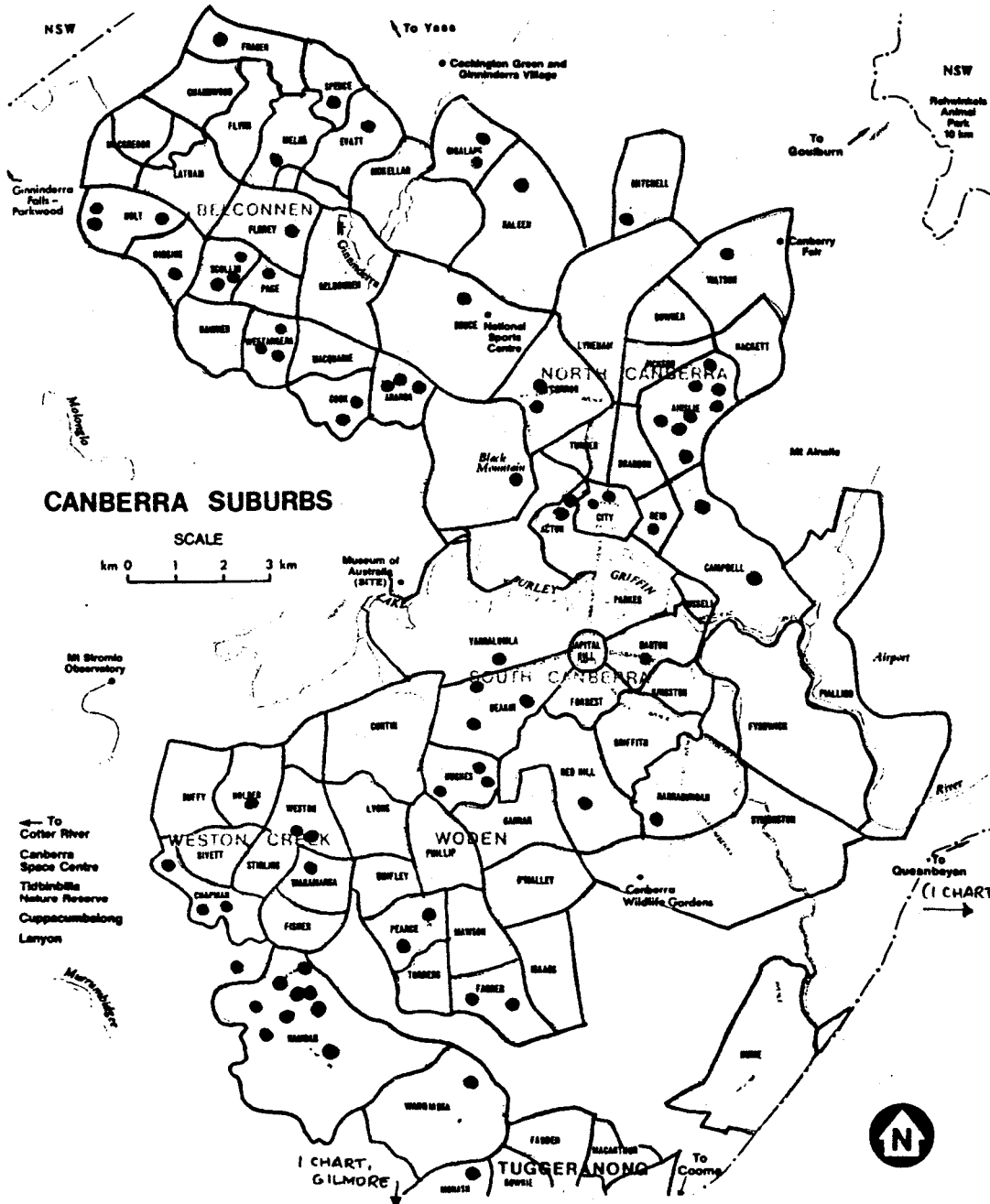


TABLE 4. GARDEN BIRD SURVEY SUMMARY

SPECIES	A	dA%	F	dF%	W	dW%	R	dR%
Common Starling	11.059	-12	87.64	-10	52	0	66.82	-8
House Sparrow	8.747	+3	85.39	-12	52	0	70.46	-7
Silvereye	6.447	+11	82.02	-14	52	0	61.47	-7
Galah	6.372	+8	86.52	-13	52	0	68.38	-5
Pied Currawong	3.920	-18	88.76	-11	52	0	63.46	-6
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	3.550	+5	87.64	-7	52	0	49.33	+2
Yellow-faced Honeyeater	3.455	-13	80.90	-13	52	0	32.21	+13
Australian Magpie	2.528	+11	89.89	-10	52	0	74.55	-6
Crimson Rosella	2.317	+4	86.52	-8	52	0	57.07	-4
Silver Gull	1.773	-15	12.36	-21	26	-16	1.08	-19
Blackbird	1.708	+22	83.15	-7	52	0	64.00	+4
Australian Magpie-lark	1.672	-4	88.76	-10	52	0	58.86	-4
Red Wattlebird	1.525	-10	86.52	-11	52	0	58.86	-9
Eastern Rosella	1.492	-7	84.27	-12	52	0	50.38	-7
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	1.289	-12	78.65	-10	52	0	29.54	-13
White-naped Honeyeater	1.206	+4	58.43	+37	36	+3	11.06	+71
Feral Pigeon	1.198	+8	56.18	-2	52	0	16.26	-6
Noisy Friarbird	1.026	-10	84.27	-7	47	+18	37.96	0
Australian King Parrot	0.865	+19	51.69	-6	52	+2	21.69	+3
Striated Pardalote	0.861	+26	71.91	-4	52	0	32.73	+17
Spotted Pardalote	0.821	-9	70.79	+2	52	0	25.87	-1
Common Myna	0.663	<b>+8</b>	34.83	+3	52	0	15.87	+1
Australian Raven	0.636	<b>+4</b>	79.78	-8	52	0	34.26	-4
Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike	0.589	+25	85.39	-8	52	0	33.84	+6

Superb Fairy-Wren	0.553	-17	49.44	-20	52	0	15.72	-16
Red-rumped Parrot	0.529	-15	41.57	-12	52	0	10.83	-2
Weebill	0.474	+11	35.96	+3	52	0	17.88	+10
European Goldfinch	0.471	+62	50.56	-8	52	0	11.86	+18
Gang-gang Cockatoo	0.463	-22	61.80	-18	52	0	15.33	-27
Laughing Kookaburra	0.431	+12	73.03	+5	52	0	21.44	+3
Eastern Spinebill	0.378	-5	74.16	-12	52	0	22.41	-8
Grey Fantail	0.323	+30	66.29	-11	52	0	18.82	+6
Striated Thornbill	0.290	+245	24.72	+29	52	+8	6.23	+143
White-winged Chough	0.268	-2	22.47	+11	47	+7	3.36	0
Straw-necked Ibis	0.242	+60	8.99	-38	12	-48	0.51	-49
Willie Wagtail	0.226	-25	74.16	-11	52	0	15.87	-26
Buff-rumped Thornbill	0.201	+35	13.48	-25	52	+11	3.84	+26
Brown Thornbill	0.199	+28	32.58	-15	52	+4	9.33	+23
White-plumed Honeyeater	0.181	-15	34.83	-14	52	0	8.87	-16
Rufous Whistler	0.172	+41	59.55	-13	51	+2	12.94	+26
Golden Whistler	0.170	+53	52.81	-2	52	+13	13.65	+40
Red-browed Firetail	0.168	-23	20.22	-5	41	-2	2.36	-20
Welcome Swallow	0.147	-25	39.33	-5	50	-2	6.62	-13
Double-barred Finch	0.147	+158	19.10	+21	48	+50	3.58	+158
Masked Lapwing	0.115	+15	37.08	-6	51	+2	5.32	+17
White-eared Honeyeater	0.104	+13	53.87	+14	33	+3	3.68	-48
Fuscous Honeyeater	0.102	+44	28.09	0	31	-18	3.75	-5
Noisy Miner	0.101	-26	17.98	-6	49	-2	3.07	-14
Scarlet Robin	0.089	+31	37.08	-8	43	+48	5.03	+8
White-browed Scrubwren	0.079	+8	13.48	+20	51	0	3.70	+95

ABBREVIATIONS

*General*

Note: these may appear in either upper or lower case depending on their position in a sentence.

Ad	Adult	LTug	Tuggeranong Weir
ANU	Australian National Uni		/Village Dam
Blk Mtn	Black Mountain	M	Male
Blk Mtn Pen	Blk Mtn Peninsula	Max	Maximum
CBN	Canberra Bird Notes	MHH	Mulliondale Hs near Hall
E	Egg		
E	East	Mull Fl	Mulligans Flat (Gundaroo Rd)
F	Fledgling (dependent)		
Fem	Female	Min	Minimum
GBS	Garden Bird Survey	MTA	Mt Ainslie
Gung	CSIRO Div of Wildlife Research, Gungahlin	N	Nest (with eggs/young)
Hs	Homestead	nr	Near
Imm	Immature	NBG	National Botanic Gardens
Juv	Juvenile	NNP	Namadgi National Park
LBth	Lake Bathurst	Pr	Pair
LBM	Lake Bathurst Morass	Qbn	Queanbeyan
LBG	Lake Burley Griffin	R	River
LBGE	Lake Burley Griffin, East/Jerrabomberra Wetlands	Ra	Range/s
LBGW	Lake Burley Griffin West	Rec	Records
LGeo	Lake George	S	South
LGIN	Lake Ginninderra	TNR	Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve
		W	West
		WBS	Waterbird Survey

*Status*

Abundance			
C	common	R	rare
I	irregular	U	uncommon
L	localised	VC	very common
MC	moderately common	VR	very rare

Breeding status

BE	breeding escaped birds	PM	partial migrant
BM	breeding migrant	Psm	passage migrant
BN	breeding nomad	SU	status uncertain
BR	breeding resident	SV	summer visitor
BV	breeding visitor	0	over-wintering
BSM	breeding summer migrant	V	visitor
E	escaped bird	WM	winter migrant
N	nomad		

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BA Barbara Allan	JAR Jack & Andrea	NGi Neil Gillard
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BG Bill Graham	JAL Julia & Alan	NL Noel Luff
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GB Graham Browning	MC Mark Clayton	SW Steve Wilson
GBB Graham & Betty	MD Mike Doyle	TM Tim Marples
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GE Grahame Elliott	Butterfield	WM Bill Merrilees
GG George Guy	MG Marion Gunning	WMa Warren Martin
GR Gillian Redmond	MJ M. Johnstone	WO Bill Osborne
		WT Bill Tobin

SYSTEMATIC LIST

EMU

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Lowest numbers for several years, only 1 rec: 3 inc 1 juv?/5 Dec LBGE (DR).

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LTug	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	3	-	0	1	1
LBth	6	52	44	31	10	195	406	80	200	26	0	0

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LBG	-	1	-	0	-	0	-	16	-	52	-	3
LGIN	-	30	-	1	-	0	-	16	-	7	-	82
LTug	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
LBth	1	0	0	0	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0

PELICAN, DARTER & CORMORANTS

**Australian Pelican** *Pelecanus conspicillatus* MC.V/BR.

Urban lakes: Regular all lakes, max Dec LBG (WBS); LBGE regular all months (DR). LBth irregular max Nov (WBS).

**GBS:** occ. rec. overhead. A=0.016 F=12.36% W=15 R=0.45%

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	8	-	26	-	60	-	18	-	0	-	6
LGIN	-	3	-	1	-	5	-	0	-	2	-	0
LTug	-	4	3	-	2	0	-	0	-	1	0	0
LBth	1	0	1	2	14	0	1	0	5	0	0	0

**Darter** *Anhinga melanogaster* C.BR.

Urban lakes: Irregular, same birds LGIN and LBG? (WBS). Regular max 9 LBGE in Autumn/Winter LBGE (DR).

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LBG	-	1	-	0	-	0	-	16	-	52	-	3
LGIN	-	30	-	1	-	0	-	16	-	7	-	82
LTug	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
LBth	1	0	0	0	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0

PELICAN, DARTER & CORMORANTS

**Australian Pelican** *Pelecanus conspicillatus* MC.V/BR.

Urban lakes: Regular all lakes, max Dec LBG (WBS); LBGE regular all months (DR). LBth irregular max Nov (WBS).

**GBS:** occ. rec. overhead. A=0.016 F=12.36% W=15 R=0.45%

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	8	-	26	-	60	-	18	-	0	-	6
LGIN	-	3	-	1	-	5	-	0	-	2	-	0
LTug	-	4	3	-	2	0	-	0	-	1	0	0
LBth	1	0	1	2	14	0	1	0	5	0	0	0

**Darter** *Anhinga melanogaster* C.BR.

Urban lakes: Irregular, same birds LGIN and LBG? (WBS). Regular max 9 LBGE in Autumn/Winter LBGE (DR).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	1	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	7	-	10
LGIN	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	7	-	0	-	0

**Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo* C.BV.

Urban lakes: More common than last year, max Oct-Feb (WBS).  
 LBth irregular (WBS). **GBS:** 1/5w Apr and 1/1W Jun Evatt  
 (ML), 1/5w Jul Weston (BL), 1/2w May Aranda (KHRK). A=0.001  
 F=3.37% W=4 R=0.11%

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	7	-	57	-	53	-	44	-	9	-	15
LGIN	-	9	-	14	-	3	-	2	-	0	-	0
LTug	-	0	1	-	1	2	-	4	-	1	0	0
LBth	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

**Pied Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax varius* R.V.

Single record only: 1/22 April LBGE (DR).

**Little Black Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris* VC.BR.

Urban lakes: regular max LGIN Apr (WBS), 1-2 seen regularly  
 LBGE max 10/Apr (DR), LBth two rec (WBS).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	0	-	22	-	22	-	13	-	2	-	10
LGIN	-	8	-	0	-	23	-	8	-	57	-	3
LTug	-	3	0	-	1	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
LBth	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Little Pied Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax melanoleucos* VC.BR.

Urban lakes: numbers similar to last year (WBS), LBGE 2-3  
 every month max 8/May (DR). **GBS:** 1/1w Sep Barton (JTL).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	2	-	5	-	2	-	5	-	8	-	12
LGIN	-	2	-	3	-	0	-	11	-	15	-	6
LTug	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	-	0	1	2
LBth	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

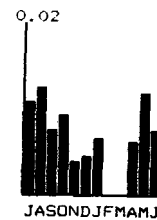
**HERONS, EGRETS & BITTERNS**

**Pacific Heron** *Ardea pacifica* R.BV?

2 rec only: 1/Feb LTug (WBS), 1/27 Dec LBGE (DR).

**White-faced Heron** *Ardea novaehollandiae* VC.BR.

In small numbers on all lakes (WBS), 3 feathered  
 young in tree being fed/16 Oct Canberra Grammar  
 School grounds (WMA), 1 ad + 1 juv Sullivans Ck  
 ANU/28 Nov (MLE). **GBS:** occ. rec many areas.  
 A=0.007 F=8.99% W=15 R=0.51%.





	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	0	-	0	-	2	-	5	-	0	-	0
LGIN	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	2	-	0
LTug	-	1	0	-	0	2	-	2	-	1	1	2
LBth	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0

**Cattle Egret** *Ardeola ibis* MC.V (LBGE), R.V (elsewhere).  
 Seen regularly (max 8), in breeding plumage Oct, Nov LBGE (DR), 1/Oct breeding plumage LGIN (WBS). **GBS:** 20/4w Apr Holt (GRE).

**Great Egret** *Egretta alba* C.V.  
 Fewer rec than previous years. 3 locally: 1-2 birds seen irregularly LBGE (DR), 1/Apr LBG, 1/Feb LGIN (WBS).

**\*Intermediate Egret** *Egretta intermedia* R.V.  
 Single rec only: 1/15 Mar LBGE (Kellys swamp)(PV).

**•Rufous Night Heron** *Nycticorax caledonicus* R.BR?  
 Single rec only: 1/22 Jan LBGE (DR).

**STORK, IBISES AND SPOONBILLS**

**Sacred Ibis** *Threskiornis aethiopica* C.V.  
 Urban lakes: regular LBG only but less than last year; max 10 regularly seen LBGE (DR); LBth rec after Jan only (WBS); 20/12 July Belconnen tip (AD). **GBS:** 5/2w Jul Barton (JTL), 9/1w Sep Spence (MR). A=0.004 F=2.25% W=2 R=0.06%.



	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	0	-	3	-	2	-	10	-	1	-	7
LBth	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	8	3	3	0	2

**Straw-necked Ibis** *Threskiornis spinicollis* C.V.  
 Urban lakes: numbers less than last year, seen regularly LBGE (DR); LBth rec after Jan only numbers greater than last year (WBS). **GBS:** Similar trend to 1985-86, mostly winter records. 18 rec, 9 in Hughes Jul to Aug, 500/5w Jul ANU (JGDM). A=0.242 F=8.99% W=12 R=0.51%.



	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	0	-	2	-	50	-	0	-	0	-	62
LTug	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	6
LBth	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	23	7	11	0	0

**Royal Spoonbill** *Platalea regia* U.V.  
 Urban lakes: 1/19 Oct, 2/26 Oct both rec of birds in breeding plumage LBGE (DR), LBth 1/Dec (WBS).

**Yellow-billed Spoonbill** *Platalea flavipes* U.V.  
 LBth regular obs during the Winter/Spring (WBS). No rec from urban lakes.

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBth	10	13	6	11	3	0	0	0	8	0	0	0

### SWAN, GEESE & DUCKS

#### Black Swan *Cygnus atratus* C.BR.

Urban lakes: low numbers similar to last year; LBth similar numbers to last year but a notable decline after Jan (WBS); 2 pair with 3 cygnets each/Oct LBGE (DR). **GBS:** 11/2w Jul Scullin (NWG).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG		0	-	7*	-	4	-	12	-	10	-	3
LGIN	-	0	-	0	-	1	-	1	-	7	-	1
LBth	362	593	341	320	205	280	278	45	94	75	20	65

#### Domestic Goose *Anser anser* E.

Single rec: 1/Dec LGIN (WBS).

#### Freckled Duck *Stictonetta naevosa* MC.L.V.

LBth after a max of 486 in Apr 1986 numbers declined markedly then remained fairly stable until Feb when they declined again (WBS).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBth	12	50	60	46	95	73	85	44	7	0	0	4

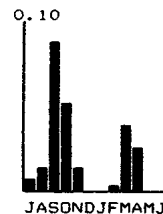
#### Australian Shelduck *Tadorna tadornoides* MC.BR.

Single rec only from urban lakes (WBS), LBGE no rec until Dec then 1/Dec, 1/Jan and regular obs Apr, May With max 6 (DR). LBth increase and subsequent decline in numbers over the summer months (WBS).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	-	0
LBth	43	0	7	3	291	373	466	440	39	17	15	6

#### Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa* VC.BR.

Numbers similar to last year (WBS). **GBS:** pattern is similar overall but numbers and weeks during which it was recorded are just above one half of 1985-86. A=0.021 F=8.99% W=16 R=0.82%.



	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	52	-	32*	-	77*	-	109	-	172	-	250
LGIN	-	17	-	10	-	55*	-	36*	-	25	-	12
LTug	-	25	20	-	45	83	-	107	-	73	50	30
LBth	8	0	10	9	10	17	58	16	7	7	22	4

**Mallard (Domestic Duck) *Anas platyrhynchos* BE.**

Numbers similar to previous years but increase on LTug (WBS). Note that there is confusion as to whether some of the domestic/feral ducks are of Mallard Duck or Muscovy Duck origin (see below).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	4	-	16*	-	2	-	17	-	4	-	1
LGin	-	2	-	3	-	1	-	2	-	0	-	0
LTug	-	3	4	-	0	1	-	1	-	0	0	0

**Grey Teal *Anas gibberifrons* C.BN.**

Urban lakes: Decline in numbers from last year, second year with no reports from LGin? (WBS), regular obs from LBGE (DR). LBth decline in numbers from last year (WBS), no breeding record for any lake.

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG		0	-	1	-	37	-	11	-	38	-	21
LTug	-	19	5	-	22	32	-	40	-	57	44	17
LBth	182	213	98	486	165	510	610	102	270	1240	195	177

**Chestnut Teal *Anas castanea* U.V. (urban), MC.BR (other).**

Urban lakes: First rec from LTug (WBS), interesting rec from LBGE where only 1/Dec, 1/Apr yet 117/31 May (DR). LBth: Greater number than last year. Highest reported number in March, since May 1984. Note: Captive pop at Gung producing free flying young since 1983.

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	0	-	0	-	1	-	0	-	1	-	1
LTug	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	2	-	0	0	0
LBth	0	9	32	44	68	73	55	60	500	4	10	10

**Australasian Shoveler *Anas rhynchotis* C.V.**

Urban lakes: regular on LBG, numbers less than last year (WBS), regular rec from LBGE with max numbers (60-70) in Apr, May (DR); LBth, a buildup in Summer with greatest number in Jan since Dec 83 (WBS).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	1	-	1	-	4	-	14	-	50	-	2
LTug	-	0	0	-	0	2	-	1	-	0	0	0
LBth	30	15	5	2	315	261	970	10	0	0	10	24

**Pink-eared Duck *Malacorhynchus membranaceus* MC.V.**

Urban lakes: regular on LBG but less than last year, first rec for LTug; LBth most common duck but less than last year (WBS).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG		0	-	10	-	9	-	1	-	3	-	5
LTug	-	0	2	-	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
LBth	1312	2840	510	1052	1670	497	1205	79	65	230	21	35

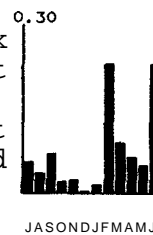
**Hardhead (White-eyed Duck) *Aythya australis* MC.BV.**

Urban lakes: regular but numbers reduced from last year (WBS); regular rec for LBGE max 61/Dec (DR); LBth a notable decline since last year (WBS).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	20	-	24	-	37	-	23	-	27	-	34
LBth	1	8	0	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

**Maned Duck *Chenonetta jubata* VC.BR.**

Urban lakes: numbers similar to last year with max Feb, LBth low numbers regularly but less than last year (WBS). **GBS:** most rec Feb and Jun but observed all months except Dec. Numbers almost double from previous year despite being observed from fewer sites. Nest/22 Sep ANU (IT). A=0.074  
 F=17.98% W=38 R=1.88% B=1.8%



	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	6	-	204*	-	474*	-	1098	-	347	-	214
LGIN	-	8	-	28	-	100	-	110	-	40	-	31
LTug	-	4	1	-	-	57	-	457	-	80	42	158
LBth	5	0	10	8	10	2	22	0	0	61	4	11

**Muscovy Duck (Feral Duck) *Cairina moschata* R.E.**

1 or more Village Creek LTug (LA, PV & JH). Probably others included within the count given for Mallard Duck.

**Blue-billed Duck *Oxyura australis* R.BV.**

No rec as usual from urban lakes; LBth max Aug with no rec from Feb onwards.

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBth	4	143	33	15	36	34	8	0	0	0	0	0

**Musk Duck *Biziura lobata* C.BR.**

Urban lakes: a low number of rec from LBG. The young seen on LGIN may have flown in, so do not necessarily constitute the first breeding rec (WBS). Single rec only from LBGE 2/9 Feb (DR). LBth in mach small numbers than previous year.

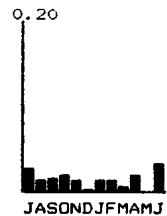
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	0	-	1	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0
LGIN	-	9	-	9	-	10	-	8*	-	2*	-	7
LBth	2	54	44	20	12	4	4	0	17	10	3	1



**HAWKS AND ALLIES**

**Blackshouldered Kite** *Elanus notatus* C.BR.

1-2 occasionally LBGE (DR), 1 irregularly MHH (AB), 1 pr incubating (later deserted) Nov Reef Hill Curtin (BL). **GBS:** more rec than 1985-86, mainly from Kambah with others from Chapman, Tuggeranong and Belconnen, no rec Dec or May, no seasonal pattern this year. A=0.015 F=10.11% W=33



- Black Kite (Fork-tailed Kite)** *Milvus migrans* VR.V. 1/24 Feb Pine Island (RAn).

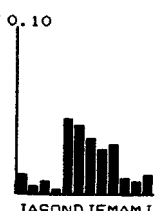
•**Whistling Kite** *Haliastur sphenurus* U.BR.

[1/10 Oct Googong area (BL)], 1/17 Sep ANU (MLe), 1/5 Oct MtA (MLe), 1/23 Nov Burbong (on Molonglo R)(GW), 1/15 Feb Castle Hill (IT), 1/13 Mar Casuarina Sands (DR), 1/13 Mar O'Connor (MLi), 2/16 Mar nr Uriarra Crossing (DMa), 2/17 Apr - 8 May MHH (AB), 1 imm/19 Apr Pt Hut Crossing (PV), 1/17 May Castle Hill (IT), 1/5 Sep Molonglo Gorge (GE), 1/14 Sep Parkwood area (GE).

**Brown Goshawk** *Accipiter fasciatus* C.BR.

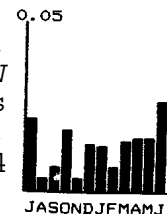
Irregularly Apr & May LBGE (DR), 1 pr/Sep-Jun (bred +2 juvs 1-2w Dec) MHH (AB) (See CBN

12(3):99), 1 pr/20 Sep Gigerline (BL), 1/15 Nov (with Magpie-lark nestling) Reef Hill Curtin (BL), Pr with 2F/14 Dec Uriarra Crossing (PV, TR & COG), 1/21 Dec Larrys Ck nr TNR (BL), 1/2 Jan Mt Burra (BL), 1/15 Feb Mull Fl (JBo+BL), present/23 Mar Booroomba Rocks (WO), present/12 Dec Smokers Trail (WO), 1/16 Mar Naas Valley (BL+MD). **GBS:** up 50% on 1985-86, but still below 1984-85. Numbers peaked through Nov to Mar rather than late summer as in previous years, unusual urban breeding records f/3w Dec Hughes (IA) and f/2w May Ainslie (BF). A=0.019 F=17.98% W=30 R=1.45% B=3.7%.



**Collared Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter cirrocephalus* U.BR.

1/8 Apr LBGE (DR), 1/1 Dec Evatt (TR) (See CBN 12(3):101), 1/9 Nov Condor Ck (LB&BL). **GBS:** as with previous species numbers up 50% on 1985-86, many rec from Ainslie, Watson and Kambah. A=0.014 F=19.10% W=34 R=1.28%



- Grey (Varied) Goshawk** *Accipiter novaehollandiae* VR.V. 1 (white morph)/16 Mar Uriarra Crossing (PG), 1 (grey morph)/2 Dec Farrer (MLe); 1 (white morph)/ 15 Mar-15 Jul Pialligo (DR). **GBS:** 1 (white morph)/4W Mar Holt (GRE), 1/2w Dec and 1/2W Jan Farrer (DRe). A=0.001 F=2.25% W=3 R=0.09%.

**Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus***

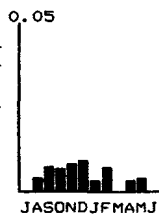
[1/16 Apr LBGE (DR)], 1/12 Oct Kaleen (MC), [Pr/19 Apr Kaanigra Hs (JM)], [1 imm/19 Feb LBGE (TRz)], [1 imm/23 Aug nr Qbn (BL)].

**Wedgetailed Eagle *Aquila audax* C.BR.**

Regular max 10/3w Apr MHH (AB), 2/3w Apr Calogoma HS nr Gundaroo (BM), 5/23 Nov Michelago (SB+BL), 1/12 Dec Googong area (EL), 2/2 Jan Williamsdale (BL), 2/1 Mar nr Currawang (BL), Pr bred (first egg 7 Jun, first nestling 2 Aug, 1 juv left nest, 25 Oct) nr Fitz's Hill (AEt). **GBS:** 1/3w Feb Cook (MBr), 1/2w Oct Kambah (PV), rec well down on 1985-86 (A=0.006) to more normal levels. A=0.001 F=2.25% W=2 R=0.06%.

**Little Eagle *Hieraaetus morphnoides* C.BR.**

1/2 Apr & 7 May LBGE (DR), 1/17 Aug Gundaroo Rd (BL), 1/14 Dec Symonston (BL), 1/28 Dec Googong area (BL), 1-2 regularly MHH (AB), 1/2w + 4w Jan Calogoma Hs nr Gundaroo (BM). **GBS:** many more rec than 1985-86. rec in Kaleen (MC), Wanniasa (JAL), Weston (BL), Gilmore (BG) and Kambah (SW). A=0.004 F=5.62% W=12 R=0.37%.



**Spotted Harrier *Circus assimilis* U.V.**

Fewer rec than in 1985-86: 1/26 Feb Pt Hut turnoff, 1/1 May Gungahlin (GE).

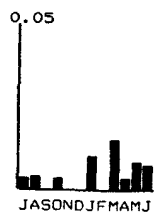
**Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus* MC/L.BR(?)**

**GBS:** 1/4w Jul Weston (BL).

**FALCONS**

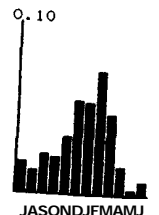
**Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* C.BR.**

1/19 Oct LBth (MLe), 1/21 Dec MtA (MLe), 1/26 Dec Cotter R in Pierces Ck Pine Plantation (BL), 1/27 Dec LBGE (DR), Pr/4 Jan Capital Hill (BL), 1/2 Jan Haig Park Braddon (MLe), 1/30 Jun ANU (MLe). **GBS:** numbers continue to climb (A=0.003 1984-85, A=0.004 1985-86). Most rec from Kambah (KG). A=0.005 F=4.49% W=15 R=0.43%.



**Australian Hobby *Falco longipennis* C.BR.**

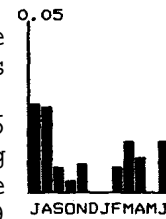
1/21 Jul, 7 Dec & 6 Apr LBGE (DR), 1/1 Dec Evatt (TR), 1/2 Sep Mitchell (BL), 1/23 Sep mobbing Wedge-tailed Eagle Tinderry Ra (BL + SB), 1/28 Dec Googong (BL), 1/13 Jan O'Connor Ridge (BL), 1/16 Mar Naas Valley (MD ± BL), occasional Woden (PV). **GBS:** numbers slightly lower than 1985-86 (A=0.036), seasonal variation unchanged. Regular



rec many areas. Fledgling recorded 3w Mar Chapman (GBB). A=0.030 F=28.09% W=38 R=2.5% B=1.8%.

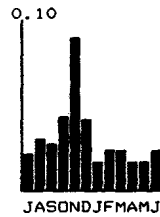
**Brown Falcon** *Falco berigora* C.BR.

1 occasionally LBGE (DR), records from Hall, Lake George, Weston, Tinderry Ra, Mull Fl, Googong, Naas Valley etc. (various); 10/3W Jan MHH (AB). **GBS:** numbers (especially summer rec) Well down on 198586 (A=0.036) but still above prior year's recording levels. The Jul-Aug peak was a continuation of the unusual May-Jun peak of 1986. A=0.010 F=8.99% W=19 R=0.71%.



**Australian Kestrel** *Falco cenchroides* C.BR.

**GBS:** more than in 1985-86 (A=0.023) but still below 1984-85 level (A=0.063) seasonal variation unchanged. A=0.030 F=24.72% W=44 R=2.67%.



**QUAILS AND PHEASANT**

**Stubble Quail** *Coturnix novaezelandiae* C.BR?

Addendum: 2/20 May 1985 Black Mt Pen (RB), 1/20 Jul LBth N (JPa+BL), 3/15 Feb Mull Fl (JBo + BL), 3/2 Sep, 1/27 Sep and 1/26 Oct MtA (MLe).

**Brown Quail** *Coturnix australis* R.BR?

2/3 Sep Kambah Pool Rd (RA), 6/1 Sep LGin (RM), 1+/26 Nov - 2 Dec Mt Taylor (GG), 6/1 Sep LTug (JH).

**Common (Ringnecked) Pheasant** *Phasianus colchicus* E.

1 Fem/1 Jul-6 Aug Charnwood (GD+GBa), [1m/23 Apr & 4 May LBGE (DR)].

**BUTTON-QUAIL, RAILS AND WATERHENS**

**Painted Button-quail** *Turnix varia* MC.BR.

Addendum: 1+/3 Jan 1986 MtA (RB), common 4.5km NE Sutton (KL), 1/1 Feb MtA (MLe).

**Buffbanded Rail** *Rallus philippensis* R.BSM?

1/28 Dec Kambah (JH), 1/Feb LTug (WBS), 1/15 Feb Kellys swamp (NGi), 3/22 Feb LTug (GBa).

**Australian Crake (Spotted Crake)** *Porzana fluminea* U.BSM?

Two rec only: 2/Aug, 1/Sep LTug (WBS).

**Dusky Moorhen** *Gallinula tenebrosa* VC.BR.

Urban lakes: pattern similar to last year but with lower numbers (WBS).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	35	-	26	-	16	-	29	-	36	-	54
LGin	-	43	-	36	-	45*	-	39	-	10	-	38
LTug	-	8	5	-	4	2	-	6	-	2	4	0

**Purple Swamphen** *Porphyrio porphyrio* C.BR.

Urban lakes: pattern similar to previous years (WBS).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	40	-	13*	-	31	-	63*	-	43	-	118
LGIN	-	25	-	33*	-	16*	-	29	-	35	-	29
LTug	-	9	8	-	5	3	-	3	-	1	5	3

**Eurasian Coot** *Fulica atra* VC.BR.

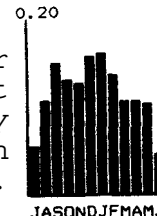
Urban lakes: No obvious change in number through the year. LBth showed a big variation with a max in Aug-Sep. Overall the lowest numbers in the region for many years (WBS). **GBS:** 1/1w Nov ANU (JGDM), 5/4w Mar ANU (IT). A=0.002 F=2.25% W=2 R=0.06%.

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	425	-	497	-	213	-	387	-	491	-	499
LGIN	-	565	-	276	-	318	-	498	-	310	-	449
LTug	-	14	10	-	9	8	-	5	-	0	5	7
LBth	0	380	380	315	113	14	60	2	37	0	1	0

**LAPWINGS, PLOVERS AND DOTTEREL**

**Masked Lapwing** *Vanellus miles* VC.BR.

Urban lakes and LBth: pattern and numbers similar to last year (WBS). Large group 69 nr Dairy Flat Bridge/30 Apr (IT). **GBS:** overall numbers slightly increased from previous year (A=0.10), more common spring-summer. Breeding (?) 2w Sep Florey (JJS). A=0.115 F=37.08% W=51 R=5.32 B=1.8%.



	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	4	-	11	-	18	-	47	-	18	-	47
LGIN	-	2	-	2	-	8	-	2	-	2	-	4
LTug	-	0	2	-	6	16	-	6	-	11	3	6
LBth	132	41	28	88	82	120	104	74	109	58	68	86

**Banded Lapwing (Banded Plover)** *Vanellus tricolor* R.BR.

LBth: numbers and pattern similar to last year with few birds present Summer and Autumn (WBS).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBth	0	0	7	27*	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	9

**Lesser Golden Plover** *Pluvialis dominica* VR.SV.

LBth: larger numbers but similar pattern to last year With birds present during the spring and summer only (WBS).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBth	0	0	0	24	9	0	10	0	0	0	0	0



**Red-kneed Dotterel** *Erythrogonys cinctus* U.SV.

No rec from urban lakes or LBth (WBS). Three rec from LBGE only 2/13 July, 3/21 July, 1/6 Sept (DR).

**Double-banded Plover** *Charadrius bicinctus* MC.WM.

LBth: Numbers and pattern similar to previous years with birds present during the cold months only (WBS).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBth	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		28 18	125

**Red-capped Plover** *Charadrius ruficapillas* C.BR.

LBth: May count largest since Aug 82 otherwise numbers similar to previous years (WBS).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBth	99	17	16	60	114*	47	150	84	218	235	510	492

**Black-fronted Plover** *Charadrius melanops* C.BR.

Urban Lakes: No rec from LGin since single obs Feb 85, most favoured spot is LTug (WBS). LBGE 1-2 seen most months, max 4/Feb (DR).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	0	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	0	-	0
LTug	-	4	2	-	2	15	-	11	-	16	5	15
LBth	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**STILTS AND AVOCET**

**Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus* MC.SV.

Urban lakes: Three single rec Feb LBGE (WBS,DR). LBth: A slight increase in numbers since the low of last year (WBS).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	-	0	-	0
LBth	5	0	0	4	0	1	19	0	0	5	9	4

**'Red-necked Avocet** *Recurvirostra novaehollandiae* R.V.

Less numbers recorded than last year, present during the cold months (WBS).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBth	56	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0 78	87

**SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES**

Common Sandpiper *Tringa hypoleucos* R.SV.  
Atlas rec only?

Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* R.V.  
2/19 Oct (where ?) (MD), 5 LTug 22 Nov (JAL).

**Latham's Snipe** *Gallinago hardwickii* C.SV.

Urban lakes: Oct-Feb with max LBG Feb but less than last year (WBS). LBGE 1/1 Feb (DR).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	0	-	2	-	0	-	13	-	0	-	0
LTug	-	0	0	-	1	0	-	3	-	0	0	0

**Red Knot** *Calidris canutus* VR.SV.

First records for area. 3/11 Nov LBth (MLE & others).

**Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** *Calidris acuminata* MC.SV.

Urban lakes: Three rec (WBS). LBGE 6/19 Sept (DR). LBth: less rec than last year, largest number in Oct, similar to last year (WBS).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	0	-	6	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0
LTug	-	0	1	-	1	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
LBth	3	1	32	210	5	0	45	0	40	0	0	0

**Red-necked Stint** *Calidris ruficollis* VR.V. (urban), MC.V (others).

LBth: Absent Jul-Aug only, max Apr (WBS). No urban rec.

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBth	0	0	16	5	4	0	69	0	16	181	14	31

**Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea* U.V.

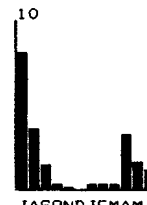
LBth: More rec than last year, an unusually large number in Apr (WBS).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBth	0	1	22	0	0	0	2	0	0	190	0	0

**GULL AND TERNS**

**Silver Gull** *Larus novaehollandiae* VC.BR.

Urban lakes: Less rec than last year, no actual counts for LGIN. LBth max number during the winter months. No marked increase during the breeding season (WBS). **GBS:** many rec of up to 1000, mostly overhead, inner North Canberra and Belconnen. Numbers down from 1985-86 (A=2.088). Clear maxima in colder months. A=1.773 F=12.36% W=26 R=1.08%



	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LBG	-	150	-	915	-	908	-	366	-	785	-	649
LGIN	-	many	-	many	-	many	-	0	-	30	-	many
LBth	1000+	2000	600	560	392	103	270	113	215	183	610	900

**Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida* U.BV.

Only recorded in area from Oct-Nov as in last year (WBS).

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LGin	-	0	-	3	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0
LTug	-	0	0	-	1	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
LBth	0	0	0	45	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogne caspia* VR.V. First rec since 1979: 1/19 Oct LBG (MM+GB).

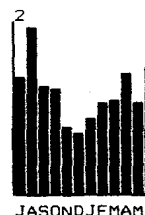
**PIGEONS**

**Superb Fruit-Dove** *Ptilinopus superbus* SU.

First record for the Canberra District; 1Fem (found injured)/3 May Page (RA+NP).

**Feral Pigeon** *Columba livia* VC.BR/E.

Regular max 80 LBGE (DR), 1/28 Dec Googong area (BL), 1/1w Nov MHH (AB). **GBS:** numbers have increased slightly (1985-86 A=1.108) while the proportion of gardens recording the species and the recording rate per observer have decreased. Seasonal variation is similar to previous year. First n/lw Aug Ainslie (MLe), last n/lw Nov Ainslie (IT). A=1.198 F=56.18% W=52 R=16.26% B=3.7%.



**Peaceful Dove** *Geopelia placida* VR.BR (rural), E (urban)?

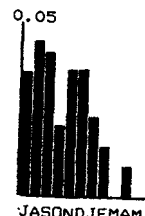
5/14 Jan Kirawin Hs area (COG), 1/7 Nov Watson (BF), 1/1 Nov Watson (BH), 1/30 Oct Canberra Yacht Club (MDW), 3/24 Jan Cotter Rd (AHW), 2/19 Oct Canberra Yacht Club (KH).

**Diamond Dove** *Geopelia cuneata* VR.BR (rural), E (urban)?

1/15 Jan Commonwealth Park (GRE), [Pr/18 Jan Bango Ck, c.5km N Yass (MC+BL)], 1/20 Oct Kaleen (KHu).

**Common Bronzewing** *Phaps chalcoptera* MC.BR.

1 occasionally Calogoma Hs nr Gundaroo (BM), 2-3 pr regularly Mull Fl (JBo+BL), 1/22 Oct, 27 Nov & 2/30 Jun ANU (MLe). **GBS:** numbers 30% down on 1985 86 (A=0.035) with marked reduction towards end of year. Unusual urban breeding rec 3w Sep to 1w Oct Cook (MBr), nest abandoned. A=0.022 F=5.62 W=36



**Brush Bronzewing** *Phaps elegans* R.BR (Ra).

First records since 1979: 1M/7 Feb Mt Franklin Rd (IT + CDw), 1M/5 Feb Bendora Dam (NR).

**Crested Pigeon** *Ocyphaps lophotes* U/L.BR.

5/10 Jul MHH (AB), 4/30 Jul Watson (AB), 2pr/1 Oct-30 Nov Richardson (HS), 1/21 Aug Stockdill Dr (EL), 2/5 Apr North Lyneham (BL), 1/21 Jan Kambah (AEa), 2/18 Feb Holt (JI).

**GBS:** recording rate for this species continues to increase. 1/3w Aug and 1/2W Oct Holder (RT), 1/3w Jan Holt (GRE), 4/3w Apr and 2/4w May Holt (DC), 2/5w Apr and 2/2w Jun Chapman (JAH). A=0.004 F=4.49% W=7 R=0.20%.

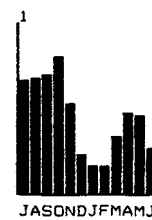
**Wonga Pigeon** *Leucosarcia melanoleuca* U.BR (Ra).  
1/8 Feb Bullock Head Flats (LB + BL), present/15 Apr Booroomba Rocks (WO).

**COCKATOOS**

**Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo** *Calyptorhynchus funereus* MC.BR/V.

4/28 Nov Mt Coree (RC), 1/29 Dec LBGE (DR), 2/2 Jan Pine Island (JBo), 3/8 Jan Murrumbidgee S. of Angle Crossing (PMO), c.8/16 Feb Ginini Flats (IM), regular and numerous TNR Pierces Ck/Corin Forest area (various), 2/24 Mar 2.5 km S Tharwa (MLi), 2/24 Mar 2.5 km S Mt Bimberi (MLi), 2/15 Apr Burra Hill (IA), 10/20 Apr Burra Park (IA), 3/16 Oct Kambah (SW), 3/19 Oct W Slopes Mt Kelly (MLi), c.15/30 Oct nr Blue Gum Ck Booroomba Hs area (RMO), 4/12 Dec Mt Ginini (JBo), 10-12/17 Jan Mt Franklin (LA), 3/2 Jan Booroomba Rocks (NG), 130+/16 Oct Woods Reserve (WT).

**Gang-gang Cockatoo** *Callocephalon fimbriatum* C.BR  
1/31 May LBGE (DR), 1/28 Mar feeding juv ANU (IT) 15/21 Apr CSIRO Blk Mtn (BL). **GBS:** fewer numbers recorded than 1985-86 (A=0.590) seasonal variation similar to previous years, except that post summer peak is less than pre summer peak for first time since 1981-82. A=0.463 F=61.80% W=52 R=15.33%.

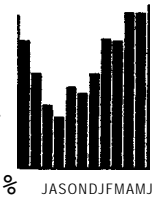


**Galah** *Cacatua roseicapilla* VC.BR.

Regular max 260 LBGE (DR), 2/12 Apr Brayshaws Hut (SE Boboyan Hill) NNP (LA, JBo + BL).

**GBS:** 1<sup>st</sup>

slightly higher numbers (A=5.925) but recorded in fewer gardens (F=100%) than 1985-86, seasonal variation unchanged. First n/4w Aug Kambah (RB), ANU (IT); last n/3w Nov, Kambah (SW), first f/3w Nov Hughes (IA) and Kambah (KG); last f/4w Feb Farrer (DRe). A=6.372 F=86.52% W=52 R=68.38% B=14.8%.



**Long-billed Corella** *Cacatua tenuirostris* R.V/E.

1/7 Sep Lanyon (JPr), 2/27 Dec - 5 Jan Watson (BH), 2/13 Jan & 14 Jan Hall (RJP), 1/28 Mar Richardson (MS), 1/7 Sep Lanyon Hs (MJ). **GBS:** A=0.001 F=1.12% W=2 R=0.06%.

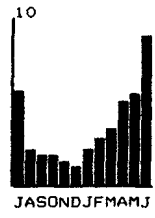
**Little Corella** *Cacatua sanguinea* R.V/E.

**GBS:** 1/2W Oct Weston (BL) - previous last rec: 1983.

**Pink Cockatoo (Major Mitchell)** *Cacatua leadbeateri* VR.V/E.

One rec only: 1/20 Oct Campbell (GW).

**Sulphurcrested Cockatoo** *Cacatua galerita* VC.BR.  
 Irregular max 200 LBGE (DR), Pr + 1 juv/8 Feb  
 Bullock Head Flats (LB+BL), 35 (roosting)/3 Feb  
 Campbell St Ainslie (MLe). **GBS:** numbers continue  
 to increase slowly, seasonal variation unchanged.  
 Urban breeding record n/4w Aug ANU (IT), f/3w May  
 Kambah (PV). A=3.550 F=87.64% W=52 R=49.33%  
 B=3.7%.



**LORIKEETS**

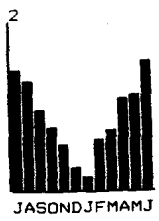
•**Rainbow Lorikeet** *Trichoglossus haematodus* R.V/E.  
 1/21 Oct Ainslie (IT), 2/2 Jun Campbell (RWa), 2/1 Jun  
 Ainslie (MLe), 2 (red-collared form)/23 Feb Chapman (JH).  
**GBS:** many rec, most in Weston (BL) where 2 birds were  
 observed from Jan to Feb and 1 in Apr and May. Other rec  
 2/3w Jul Aranda (PO), 1/3w Jan 1/1w Feb and 1/3w Feb Ainslie  
 (IT), 2/1w, 1/2w and 2/3w Jun Ainslie (MLe) and 1/2w Oct  
 O'Connor (HN). A=0.022 F=5.62 W=36 R=1.11%.

**Scalybreasted Lorikeet** *Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus* SU.  
 Unusual rec: 6/12 Apr Pt Hut Crossing (JH + COG).

•**Little Lorikeet** *Glossopsitta pusilla* R.V. 2/11 Jan  
 MtA (MLe), 2/14 Jun Mt Franklin Rd (GG+IT).

**PARROTS**

**Australian KingParrot** *Alisterus scapularis* C.BR.  
**GBS:** numbers continue to increase (A=0.636 1984-  
 85, A=0.725 1985-86), seasonal variation unchanged.  
 First f/1w Feb Weston (BL), last f/3w Mar Weston  
 (BL), fewer breeding records than last year  
 (B=5.6%). A=0.865 F=51.69% W=52 R=21.69% B=1.8%.



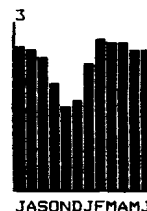
**Superb Parrot** *Polytelis swainsonii* U.V/E.  
 8/1w Jan Calogoma Hs, nr Gundaroo (BM), 28/1-2w Sep & 6/8  
 Oct Wallaroo Rd Hall (PR), 3/28 Oct Murrumbateman (MLe).

•**Cockatiel** *Nymphicus hollandicus* R.V/E.  
 1M/26 Jan Weston Creek (RB1+SM); 1 fem/9 Jan - 15 Feb Lyneham  
 (JHn), 2/22 May Natex (PO). **GBS:** 1/3w May Holder (RT),  
 1/2w Mar Kambah (RA+NP), 5/4w Feb Kambah (PV). A=0.002  
 F=3.37% W=3 R=0.09%.

•**Budgerigar** *Melopsittacus undulatus* VR.V./E.  
**GBS:** rec of single birds presumed excapers from Kambah (4),  
 Ainslie, Weston, Yarralumla and Aranda (1 each). A=0.002  
 0.72 W=7 R=0

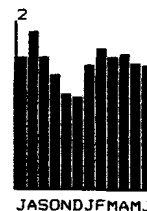


**Red-capped Parrot** *Purpureicephalus spurius* E.  
One rec only: 1/10 Feb ANU (IT).



**Crimson Rosella** *Platycercus elegans* VC.BR.  
**GBS:** numbers and seasonal variation unchanged.  
First f/5W Oct Campbell (CR), last f/2w Feb Ainslie (BF'). A=2.317 F=86.52% W=52 R=57.07% B=12.9%.

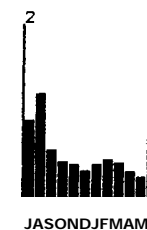
**Eastern Rosella** *Platycercus eximius* VC.BR.  
**GBS:** overall numbers slightly lower and fewer breeding rec (B=14.8%) than 1985-86 (A=1.612) but seasonal variation unchanged. First f/3w Dec Cook (MBr), last f/4W Jan ANU (IT). A=1.492 F=84.27% W=52 R=50.38% B=7.4%.



Mallee **Ringneck** *Barnardius barnardi* E? First rec since 1976: 1/22-28 Jun Holt (DC).

-**Port Lincoln Ringneck** *Barnardius zonarius* R.BR/E. 1/5 Dec Holt (IA), 1-2/Mar-Jun Holt (DC), 1 O'Connor (HN).

**Red-rumped Parrot** *Psephotus haematonotus* C.BR.  
Regular max 50 LBGE (DR); irregular max 20 MHH (AB). **GBS:** numbers continue to decline (A=0.624 1985=86, A=0.675 1984-85) with summer peak almost absent this year. N/2w Sep to 5w Oct ANU (IT), 4f/2 Jan ANU (IT). Fewer breeding rec than last year (B=5.6%). A=0.529 F=41.57% W=52 R=10.85% B=1.8%.



**Peachface Lovebird** *Agapornis roseicollis* E.  
2/6 Dec Giralang (V0). **GBS:** 2/3w Nov Kambah (LA), 1/4W Oct, 1/2w Nov and 1/5W Jan Holder (RT), 1/24 Dec Holt (GRE), 1/31 Mar Ainslie (IT). A=0.002, F=4.49% W=6 R=0.17%. (Observers should investigate possibility of Lovebirds being of other Lovebird species).

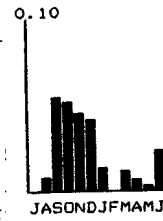
## CUCKOOS

**Pallid Cuckoo** *Cuculus pallidus* C.BSM.  
Pr/25 Nov Hall (BL), 1M/23 Nov Calabash Hs Tinderry Ra (SB + BL). **GBS:** significant drop in rec from 1985-86 (about 15% of total number and 50% of weeks). First rec 1/3w Aug (usual) Florey (JJS), last rec 1/3w Nov (unusually early) Fraser (JP). A=0.009 F=14.61% W=13 R=0.80%.



**Brush Cuckoo** *Cuculus variolosus* U.BSM.  
1/20 Sep Gigerline (BL), 1/7 Dec MtA (MLe).

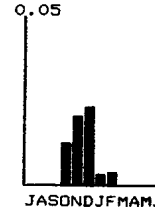
**Fan-tailed Cuckoo** *Cuculus pyrrhophanus* C.BSM.  
Unusual winter rec: 1/25 Aug Kanigra Hs (JM), 1/7 Aug Ainslie (IT). **GBS:** double the very small number of rec in 1984-86, (cf Pallid Cuckoo) seasonal variation similar to previous year, but with unusual high recording rate in June. First rec 1/3W Aug (slightly late) Ainslie (BF), last rec 2/4w Jun (overwintering?) Farrer (SCh). 1f/2w Jan Ainslie (IT). A=0.022 F=19.10% W=30 R=1.85% B=1.8%.



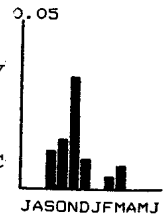
**Black-eared Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx osculans* R.V.  
Very unusual record, first since 1969 and only 3rd rec ever. 1/6 Dec Spence (GC).

**Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx basalis* C.BSM.

**GBS:** only half the rec for recent years. First rec 1/5W Oct in Ainslie (BF), Aranda (PO), Giralang (GBa) and Qbn (LT) (unusually late), last rec 1/4W Feb Kambah (PV) (normal). A=0.005 F=6.74% W=9 R=0.45%.



**Shining Bronze-Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx lucidus* C.BSM.  
1/5 Aug ANU (IT), 1 juv/28 Dec Googong (possibly reared by Yellow-rumped Thornbills)(BL). **GBS:** Numbers and seasonal variation similar to 1985-86. First rec: 1/3w Sep Weston (BL) (usual), last rec 1/1w Mar Ainslie (BF), O'Connor (HN) (early). A=0.007 F=10.11% W=12 R=0.60%.



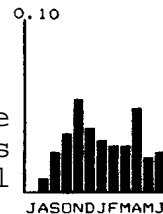
**Common Koel** *Eudynamis scolopacea* R.SV.  
1M/27 Nov Narrabundah (DR). **GBS:** same bird to 1w Jan at Narrabundah (DR). A=0.002 F=1.12% W=5 R=0.14%.

## OWLS

**Powerful Owl** *Ninox strenua* U.BR (Ra).

Atlas rec only?

**Southern Boobook** *Ninox novaeseelandiae* C.BR?  
1/4w Jul - 2W Aug MHH (AB), 1 juv/7 Jan Ainslie (MLe). **GBS:** Numbers declined in previous 2 years but have remained static for this year. Seasonal pattern similar to 1985-86. A=0.028 F=19.10% W=40 R=2.47%.



**Barking Owl** *Ninox connivens* R.V?

1 juv/28 Feb Hospital Hill NNP (GG), [1/5w Jan Calogoma Hs nr Gundaroo (BM)]. **GBS:** 1 most weeks from 2w Jul to 4w Aug Mt AraWang Kambah (RB). A=0.002 F=1.12% W=6 R=0.17%.

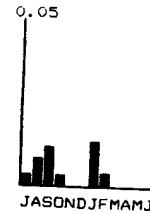
**Barn Owl** *Tyto alba* MC/I.BR?

**GBS:** 1/1w and 1/2w May Kambah (RA + NP), 1/3w Feb O'Connor (HN). A=0.001 F=2.25% W=3 R=0.09%.

**FROGMOUTH AND ALLIES**

**Tawny Frogmouth** *Podargus strigoides* MC.BR.

1/26 Dec Cotter R in Pierces Ck Pine plantation (BL), 1/10 May Mull Fl (JBo + BL). **GBS:** several rec Sep, Oct and Jan Qbn (LT) and Jul, Aug and Jan Ainslie (BF), 1/3w Feb O'Connor (HN). A=0.004 F=3.37% W=11 R=0.34%.



**Australian Owlet-nightjar** *Aegotheles cristatus* MC.BR? 1/21 May Smokers Trail (WO). **GBS:** 1/1w Jan Qbn (LT), 1/1w, 2w and 3w Feb and 1/5W Apr Ainslie (BF). A=0.002 F=2.25% W=5 R=0.14%.

**White-throated Nightjar** *Caprimulgus mystacalis* R.SV?

1/14 Dec 2km N Uriarra Hs (GC), 1 imm (injured)/Mar Kambah (RA+NP).

**SWIFT**

**White-throated Needletail** *Hirundapus caudacutus* C.SV.

**GBS:** first rec/1w Jan, last rec/4W Mar. Largest flock 40/3w Feb Kambah (RB) (rather low number). Many more Feb rec than 1985-86. Total numbers lower than 1985-86 (A=0.10). A=0.066 F=17.98% W=11 R=0.65%.



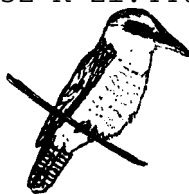
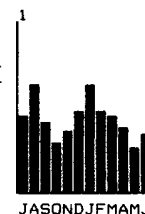
**KINGFISHERS, BEE-EATER AND DOLLARBIRD**

**Azure Kingfisher** *Ceyx azurea* R.V.

First rec since 1984. 1/31 Oct ANU (MLe).

**Laughing Kookaburra** *Dacelo novaeguineae* VC.BR.

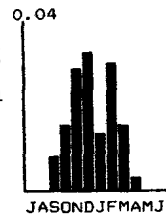
**GBS:** numbers recovered from drop in 1985-86 (A=0.384) but not to 1984-85 levels (A=0.505). I Seasonal variations unchanged. N/4w Sep ANU (IT), First f/4W Nov Chapman (JAH), last f/3w Jan Ainslie (BF). A=0.431 F=73.03% W=52 R=21.44% B=7.4%.





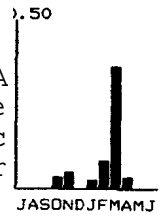
**Sacred Kingfisher** *Halcyon sancta* C.BSM.

**GBS:** numbers slightly higher than 1985-86 (A=0.010). First rec 1/2w Sep Aranda (PO) (a little early), last rec 1/1w Apr Melba (MM) (late). A=0.012 F=20.22% W=23 R=1.08%.



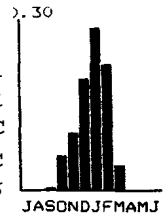
**Rainbow Beeeater** *Merops ornatus* C.BSM.

Early rec 6/27 Sep MtA (MLe), Pr + 1 juv/15 Jan MtA (MLe). **GBS:** 4 times as many rec in twice the number of weeks than in recent years. First rec 3/2w Oct Kambah (KG) (usual), last rec 10/1w Apr Kambah (KG) (late). A=0.048 F=10.11% W=14 R=0.63%.



**Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis* C.BSM.

1/8 Oct HaWker (NM). **GBS:** numbers and seasonal variation largely unchanged from 1985-86. First rec 1/4w Sep Cook (CZAD) (very early), last rec 1/4w Mar Ainslie (IT) (usual). No breeding rec compared to B=7.4% in 1985-86. A=0.076 F=37.08% W=27 R=3.9%.



**LYREBIRD**

**Superb Lyrebird** *Menura novaehollandiae* MC.BR (Ra).

Unusual breeding rec: 1 incubating/23 Aug Woods Reserve (MG), 1M/6 Jul Kambah Pool (PV).

**LARKS**

► **Singing Bushlark** *Mirafra javanica* U.BR.

See CBN 12(3):108 re status change. Winter rec: 1/24 Jul Stirling (BL), 2/9 Nov S Kambah (JH), 4/9 Nov W Tuggeranong (JH), 3/22 Feb Tuggeranong Silt Trap (GBa).

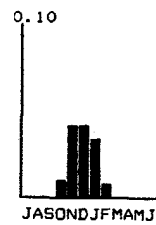
**Skylark** *Alauda arvensis* MC.BR.

Irregular max 4 LBGE (DR), 2/2W Dec and 1/1W Jan MHH (AB), 1 ad + 2 nestlings/27 Sep nr Oakey Hill Reserve Lyons (BL), c. 10 Coul Park Hs (W Michelago) (SB + BL). **GBS:** 1/4w Sep, 1/3w Nov and 1/1w Jun Mitchell (GR). N/4w Sep and 1w Oct, f/2w Oct to 5W Oct Weston (BL). A=0.001 F=1.12% W=3 R=0.09%

B=1.8%.



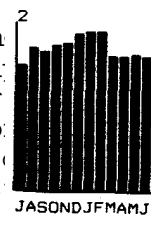
**White-winged Triller** *Lalage sueurii* C.BSM.  
 1/5 Sep Wells Station (IT). **GBS:** Numbers continue to decline with a reduction of 20% from 1985-8E levels (A=0.015) which were 50% below 1984-85 (A=0.030). First rec 1/1W Oct ANU (IT)(usual), last rec 1/1w Feb Manuka (BLi) and ANU (IT)(usual), f/4w Jan Manuka (IT) A=0.011 F=7.87% W=15 R=0.62 B=1.8%.



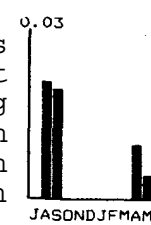
**THRUSHES, FLYCATCHERS AND ALLIES**

**White's Thrush** *Zoothera dauma* C.BR (Ra), U.WM (city). Atlas rec only?

**Blackbird** *Turdus merula* VC.BR (urban), U.BR (Ra). Regular max 9 LBGE (DR), 1M/10 Aug + 27 Jun Googon (BL), 1M/21 Dec Larrys Ck nr TNR (BL), 1M/31 Mar Flea Ck, 6 km N Brindabella Hs (BL). **GBS:** Number continue to increase steadily, seasonal variation unchanged. First n/3w Aug Giralang (GBa) and Ainslie (BF), last n/5w Jan O'Connor (JV), first f/2W Oct Warramanga (ET), last f/4W Feb O'Connor (JV). Less breeding rec than 1985-86 (B=40.7%). A=1.708 F=83.15% W=52 R=64.0% B=27.7%.



**Rose Robin** *Petroica rosea* C.BSM (Ra), O.V. (city) 1M/20 Jul NBG (GBa), 1M/8 Feb Bullock Head Flats (LB + BL), 1M/19 Jul NBG (JBo), 1M (banded)/1986 St George Hill LGeo Scarp (KL). **GBS:** typical spring and autumn rec, first rec 1/3w Aug (usual), then regularly to 1/4w Sep Ainslie (BF). First Autumn rec 1/2w Apr (late), last rec 1/3w May Kambah (RA+NP) (early). A=0.004 F=5.62% W=10 R=0.40%.



**Pink Robin** *Petroica rodinogaster* U.WM. 1M/26 Apr Brindabella Ra (SB+GBa). **GBS:** Unusual urban rec 1/3W and 1/5W Jul, 1/1w and 1/2w Aug and 1/3w and 1/4w Jun all at Aranda (PO). A=0.002 F=1.12% W=6 R=0.17%.

**Flame Robin** *Petroica phoenicea* C.BSM (Ra), MC.WM (other). Regular May-Jul max 6 LBGE (DR), Pr/20 Jul LBth W

(JPa + BL), Pr + 3 newly fledged juv/20 Sep Gigerline (BL), Pr + nest with 2e, Pr + nest with c. 2-3 nestlings/23 Nov Tinderry Ra (SB+BL), 1M+10Fem/12 Apr Mt Clear (LA, JBo+BL). **GBS:** Overall numbers similar to previous years but fewer spring rec. Last spring rec 1/1w Sep (very early), first Autumn rec 1/1w Apr (usual). A=0.015 F=7.87%



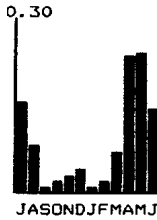
W=11 R=0.40%.



**Scarlet Robin** *Petroica multicolor* C.BR (Ra), 0.30

MC.WM (city).

1-2 regularly/3w Jun to 1w Aug MHH (AB), c.30/28 Mar nr Uriarra Pine Forest (MFB). **GBS:** A 30% increase in numbers from 1985-86, With records in all months for first time. Same pattern of Autumn and Winter peaks shown. A=0.089 F=37.08% W=43 R=5.03%.



**Redcapped Robin** *Petroica goodenovii* R.BR.

2/15-16 Oct Hawker (MF), 1M/27 Nov (where ?) (NM), 1/21 Sep Hawker (MF), 1Fem/11 Sep nr Mt Majura (IT), 1Fem/11 Apr-31 Jul LGin (BA).

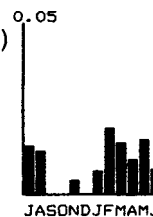
**Hooded Robin** *Melanodryas cucullata* U.BR (rural).

Common resident 4.5 km NE - Sutton (KL + MC), 1M + 2Fem/15 Sep N. NNP (SCh), 1/11 Oct Pt Hut Crossing (KH), 1M/21 Apr W Gudgenby Hs (JF), 1/31 Oct Riversdale Hs (NH), [1M/1 Mar CurraWang (BL)], [Pr/18 Apr 6 km S. Gunning (BL)], Breeding resident, Mull Fl (JBo + BL), Pr/23 Aug 3km SE Qbn (BL), 1Fem/7 Sep 7.5km W Williamsdale (IT), 1/7 Sep Top Naas

(JHh).

**Eastern Yellow Robin** *Eopsaltria australis* C.BR (Ra)

**GBS:** Only recorded in one suburban garden, 1-2 regular Ainslie (BF), including nest/5W Jan. Similar pattern to 1985-86. A=0.09 F=1.12% W=24 R=0.68% B=1.8%.



**Jacky Winter** *Microeca leucophaea* U.BR/PM?

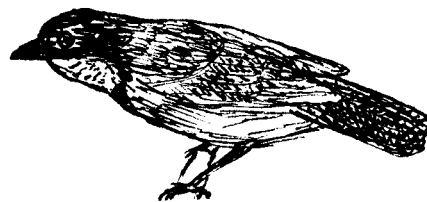
5/1 Jun & 2/28 Sep 4.5 km NE Sutton (MC), 1/25 Oct N Belconnen (JK), 2/9 Nov E slopes MtA (JB), 1/26 Nov Sutton (MLe), Pr + 2 juv/16 Nov - 21 Dec MtA (MLe), 1/8 Feb Uriarra Hs (LA, JBo + BL), 1/11 Sep Narrabundah (GG), 1/20 Sep 10 km N Mt Majura (RCD), 3/13 Jul Kirawin Hs (COG), Occasional Mull Fl (JBo + BL), [c.5/18 Apr 6 km S Gunning (BL)]. **GBS:** Recorded in only one suburban garden Ainslie (DB) with 9 rec of 1 bird in Jul, Aug, Oct, Apr, May and Jun. A=0.003 F=1.12% W=9 R=0.26%.

**Crested Shriketit** *Falcunculus frontatus* U.BR (Ra).

Uncommon resident 4.5 km NE Sutton (MC + KL), Pr + 1juv/15 Feb, 5/21 Jun Mull Fl (JBo + BL).

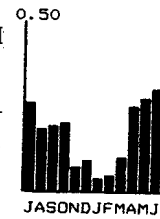
**Olive Whistler** *Pachycephala olivacea* U.BR (Ra).

1/12 Oct Brindabella Ra (GBa), 1Fem/26 Oct Bogong Ck NNP (MDo), 1M/12 Oct Brindabella Ra (TM), 2/2&6 Nov Ginini Flats (IT+MD), 2/10 Jan + 24 Jan Brindabella Ra (AM).

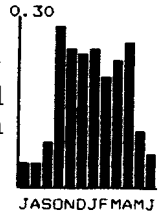


**Golden Whistler** *Pachycephala pectoralis* C.BSM (Ra), MC.WV (city).

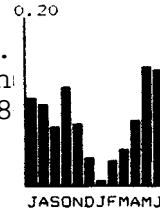
**GBS:** Numbers still growing strongly, more than doubled from 1983-84. Rec every week for first time, many more summer rec. A=0.170 F=52.81% W=52 R=13.65%.



**Rufous Whistler** *Pachycephala rufiventris* C.BSM/O. 1M/25 Aug Ainslie (MLe). **GBS:** Numbers almost 50% up from 1985-86 (A=0.122) but distribution reduced back to 1984-85 levels, more summer rec. N/3W Jan Giralang (GB). A=0.172 F=59.55% W=51 R=12.94% B=1.8%.

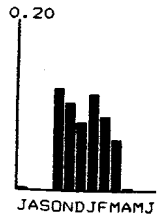


**Grey Shrike-Thrush** *Colluricincla harmonica* C.BR. **GBS:** Overall numbers and seasonal variation similar to previous years. A=0.077 F=35.96% W=48 R=6.0%.

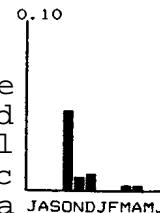


•**Black-faced Monarch** *Monarcha melanopsis* R.V. 1/29 Sep Ainslie (CDV), 1 imm/9 Mar-16 Mar Ainslie (BF), 1/22 Mar Ainslie (BMc).

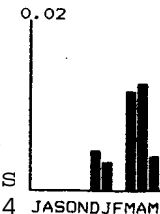
**Leaden Flycatcher** *Myiagra rubecula* C.BSM. Regular max 4/5W Oct - 4w Feb MHH (AB), 1Fem/8 Apr NBG (BL), 1 imm M/1 Oct ANU (MLe). **GBS:** Overall numbers double the levels of recent years and more widespread. First spring rec 1W/Oct and last rec 1/3W Apr Aranda (DMa) are both usual. N/4w Nov Hughes (IA), f/4w Jan Ainslie (BF). A=0.049 F=23.6% W=28 R=3.01% B=3.7%.



**Satin Flycatcher** *Myiagra cyanoleuca* C.BSM (Ra), MC.PsM (city). Delete rec of this species for Qbn in 1985-86 these refer to Leaden Flycatcher. 1M/12 Apr Boboyan Rd (LA, JBo + BL). **GBS:** Overall numbers and seasonal variation similar to previous years. First rec 1/1w Oct Ainslie (BF), last rec 1/1w Apr Weetangera (NG). A=0.007 F=8.99% W=11 R=0.51%.

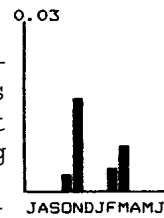


**Restless Flycatcher** *Myiagra inquieta* U.BM/PM. Occasional max 3 MHH (AB), present/12 Mar Blue Gum Ck nr Booroomba Hs (WO), 1M/13 Jul Kirawin Hs (BL), 1/20 Sep Gigerline (BL), 1/23 Nov Boolboolma Crossing on Qbn R (Tinderry Ra) (SB + BL), 1/18 Apr 6 km S Gunning (BL). **GBS:** Overall numbers similar but no rec until 1/1w Dec. A=0.004 F=7.87% W=9 R=0.34%.



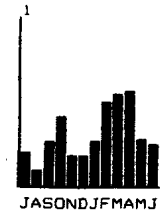
**Rufous Fantail** *Rhipidura rufifrons* C.BSM (Ra), U.PsM (city).

1/2 Nov LBGE (DR), 2/8 Feb Bullock Head Flats (LB + BL), 1/30 Nov, 1/7 Dec MtA (MLe). **GBS:** Numbers and seasonal pattern same as previous years. First spring rec 1/2W Oct Cook (MBr)(usual), last spring rec 1/4w Nov Page (BA) and Ainslie (BF)(usual). First autumn rec 1/4w Feb Melba (MM)(usual), last autumn rec 1/3w Mar Hughes (IA) (early). A=0.002 F=8.99% W=7 R=0.23%.



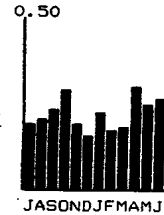
**Grey Fantail** *Rhipidura fuliginosa* VC.BSM (Ra), 0. (city).

**GBS:** Numbers fluctuate (A=0.289 1984-85, A=0.249 1985-86). Fewer Winter and more summer rec than 1985-86. Typical seasonal pattern but less marked this year. A=0.323 F=66.29% W=52 R=18.82%.



**Willie Wagtail** *Rhipidura leucophrys* VC.BR/PM. **GBS:**

Numbers continue to decline (A=0.343 1984-85, A=0.302 1985-86). Slight spring and autumn peak this year. N/22 Oct to 4w Nov ANU (IT), f/4w Jan and 2w Feb ANU (IT). A=0.226 F=74.16% W=52 R=15.87% B=1.8%.



## WHIPBIRD AND QUAIL-THRUSH

**Eastern Whipbird** *Psophodes olivaceus* U.BR (Ra).

1 imm/29 Mar Lees Ck (BL).

**Spotted Quailthrush** *Cinnclosoma punctatum* U.BR.

2 Pr/12 Apr Boboyan Rd (LA, JBo + BL), present/12 Feb Smokers Trail (WO), 1 + nest + 2e/17 Nov nr Corin Dam (JHn).

## OLD WORLD WARBLERS

**Clamorous Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus stentoreus* C.BSM.

Regular Sep-Apr max 100 LBGE (DR), 1-2M/23 Nov Boolboolma Crossing Qbh R (Tinderry Ra) (SB + BL), 1/26 Dec Cotter R nr Pierces Ck Pine Plantation (BL), 1/17 Mar plantings outside National Library (BL).

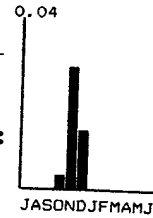
**Little Grassbird** *Megalurus gramineus* MC.BR.

Regular max 10 LBGE (DR), 1/16 Jan Acacia Inlet LBG (MLe).

**Goldenheaded Cisticola** *Cisticola exilis* MC.BR.

Regular max 7 LBGE (DR), regular Gungahlin (BL), 5-6M/9 Jan Norwood Park Crem (BL), 5-6 + 1 pr + nest With c.2-3 nestlings Symonston (BL), 1/25 Dec Gooroomon Ponds Ck Hall (BL), 5/13 Apr Wallaroo Rd (BL), 2/5 Apr Point Hut (BL+IT).

**Rufous Songlark** *Cinchorhamphus mathewsi* C.BSM. Less numerous than in 1985-86. 1/25 Sep Gungaderra Hs (IT), 1Mo26 Oct Reef Hill Curtin (BL), 2M/25 Nov Hall (BL), regular & numerous Mull Fl (JBo + BL), 1M/21 Dec Larrys Ck nr TNR (BL), 2-3M/2 Jan Waterhole Ck Mt Burra (BL), 1M/9 Jan opposite Gung (BL). **GBS:**

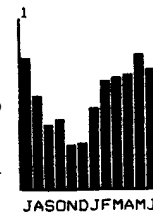


Regular only in Chapman (GBB) and Fraser (JP). No Jan rec and back down to normal levels after high 1985-86 levels. A=0.003 F=2.25% W=8 R=0.31%.

**Brown Songlark** *Cinchorhamphus cruralis* R.BSM. Atlas rec only?

## WRENS, THORNBILLS AND ALLIES

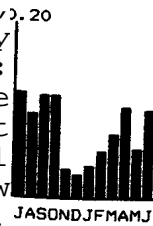
**Superb Fairywren** *Malurus cyaneus* VC.BR. Regular max 22 LBGE (DR). **GBS:** Overall numbers still declining from 1984-85 high. Seasonal variation similar to previous years but no late summer peak or autumn decline this year. N/4W Sep and 1W Oct ANU (IT), first f/3w Sep Spence (MR), last f/2w Feb ANU (IT). Fewer breeding rec than 1985-86 (B=9.3%) A=0.553 F=49.44% W=52 R=15.72% B=3.7%.



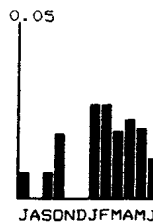
**Pilotbird** *Pycnoptilus floccosus* U.BR (Ra). Atlas rec only?

**Whitebrowed Scrubwren** *Sericornis frontalis* C.BR (Ra), U.BR (city).

Occasional max 4 LBGE (DR), 1 in remnant *Eucalyptus pauciflora* With bracken understory surrounded by open grassland/20 Jul LBth (JPa + BL). **GBS:** Numbers continue the steady climb evident since 1982, seasonal variation is reminiscent of last year's pattern for the first time but still obscure. First n/1w Sep Ainslie (BF), last n/3w Oct Ainslie (BF). F/1W and 2W Oct ANU (IT). A=0.079 F=13.48% W=51 R=3.70% B=3.7%.

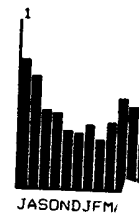


**Speckled Warbler** *Sericornis sagittatus* MC.BR. Common resident 4.5 km NE Sutton (KL), regular Mull Fl (JBo + BL), 1/15 Mar Redwood plantation near Canberra Airport (BL), late nest: pr + nest + 2-3 nestlings/10 Apr CSIRO Black Mtn (BL) (See CBN 12(3):98), present/23 Aug 4 km WSW Tharwa (WO). **GBS:** Continuing trend of mostly summer and autumn records. Overall numbers higher than 1985-86 (A=0.006) With 1-2 regularly at Campbell (CR), Ainslie (BF) and Hughes (IA) with 2/1w Jul Kambah (SW). A=0.014 F=4.49% W=24 R=0.77%.



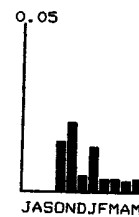
**Weebill** *Smicrornis brevirostris* C.BR.

**GBS:** Numbers continue to increase (A=0.323 1984-85, A=0.426 1985-86). Variation does not appear to be seasonal. First n/3w Aug Ainslie (BF), last n/2w Oct CCAE (KH). F/3w Oct CCAE (KH). A=0.474 F=35.96% W=52 R=17.88% B=9.3%.



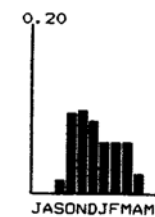
**Western Gerygone** *Gerygone fusca* U.BSM/PM?

1/28 Sep 4.5 km NE Sutton (MC), 3/5 Oct & Pr + 2 juv/31 Jan MtA (MLe), 1-2/Nov-Mar Mull Fl (JBo+BL), 1/25 Nov Hall (BL), 1/15 Mar Redwood Plantation nr Canberra Airport (BL). **GBS:** Overall numbers recovered by 30% on 1985-86 (A=0.004) which were 60% down on 1984-85 (A=0.009). Distribution up by 50% (F=5.62 1985-86) up to 1984-85 levels. Variation apparently not seasonal. A=0.006 F=10.11% W=14 R=0.51%.



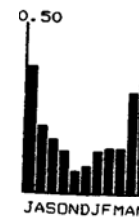
**White-throated Gerygone (Warbler)** *Gerygone olivacea* C.BSM.

8+/5 Oct MtA (MLe), 1/1 Oct Gung (MC), present/16 Mar 4 km WSW Tharwa (WO), regular Nov-Mar Mull Flat (JBo+BL), 1/2 Jan Mt Burra (BL), 1/1 Mar Currawanc (BL). **GBS:** Numbers again rose by 30% as they did in 1985-86. Seasonal variation similar. First rec 1/4w Sep Ainslie (DB)(very late), last rec 1/5w Apr O'Connor (JV)(usual). N/1w Dec to 1w Jan Qbn (LT) (2 eggs laid but nest abandoned without hatching). F/1w Feb Kambah (RA+NP). A=0.042 F=21.35% W=3 R=3.61% B=3.7%.



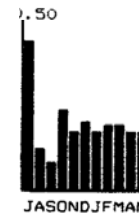
**Brown Thornbill** *Acanthiza pusilla* C.BR/N?

**GBS:** Numbers continued to climb (20% increase over 1985-86 which was 60% more than 1984/85), seasonal variation similar to 1985-86 but unpredictable in previous years. N/3W and 5w Jul Ainslie (BF), f4w Sep to 2w Oct Aranda (PO). A=0.199 F=32.58% W=52 R=9.33% B=3.7%.



**Buff-rumped Thornbill** *Acanthiza reguloides* C.BR.

3 nests all within 100m of each other/25 Nov Hall (BL). **GBS:** Numbers increasing from recent years and recorded every week this year, although at fewer sites. High Jul figure is just a continuation of 1985-86 peak. F/1w Dec Ainslie (BF). A=0.201 F=13.48% W=52 R=3.84% B=1.8%.



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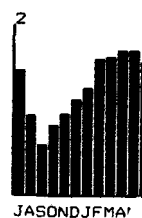
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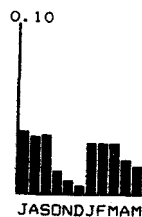
**Yellow-rumped Thornbill***Acanthiza chrysorrhoa*

C.BR.

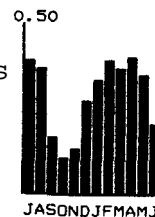
1 juv/5 Aug ANU (IT). **GBS:** Numbers continue slow decline since 1984-85 peak, seasonal variation similar. First n/2W Aug Kambah (KG), last n/1W Jan Farrer (DRe). First f/1W Oct Mitchell (GR), last f/2w Feb ANU (IT). A=1.289 F=78.65% W=52 R=29.54% B=18.5%.

**Yellow Thornbill** *Acanthiza nana* U.BR.

1 Pr + 1 juv/16 Jan Yarralumla Nursery/Golf Course (MLe), 3/26 Jun MtA (MLe). **GBS:** 2 regularly O'Connor (HN), rec also from Higgins (RH), Ainslie (BF) and Kambah (RA+NP and RB). Overall numbers similar to recent years but distribution narrowed (F=12.36 1985-86). Seasonal variation unchanged. A=0.024 F=5.62% W=38 R=1.14%.

**Striated Thornbill** *Acanthiza lineata* C.BR/N? **GBS:**

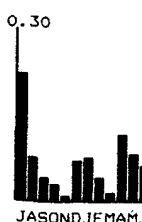
Marked increase in numbers from previous years (A=0.092 1984-85, A=0.084 1985-86), variation is not seasonal. A=0.290 F=24.72% W=52 R=6.23%.

**Southern Whiteface** *Aphelocephala leucopsis* VU.BR.

Regular in small numbers 4.5km NE Sutton (KL, MC), Pr/23 Aug nest building in *Leptospermum* SE of Qbn (BL), 2/28 Dec Googong (BL), 2/10 May Mull Fl (JBo + BL).

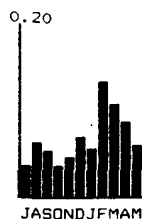
**SITTELLA AND TREECREEPERS****Varied Sittella** *Daphoenositta chrysoptera* MC.BR.

Present/23 Aug 4km WSW Tharwa (WO), 6/3 Aug nr HMAS Harman (BL), c.6/23 Nov Boolboolma Crossing Qbn R Tinderry Ra (SB + BL), 5-6/20 Apr Gidleigh Stn nr Bungendore (BL). **GBS:** Numbers similar to 1985-86 which were lower than previous years. Jul max is continuation of the usual autumn max of 1986. F/4w Dec and 5w Jan Ainslie (BF). A=0.070 F=15.75% W=26 R=1.14% B=1.8%.

**White-throated Treecreeper** *Climacteris leucophaea*

C.BR.

**GBS:** Numbers increasing to pre 1983-84 levels after significant drop in that year. Seasonal variation similar, but with higher spring and early summer recording levels. A=0.065 F=20.22% W=52 R=5.06%.

**Red-browed Treecreeper** *Climacteris erythroptera* U.BR (Ra). 1/2

Mar Lees Ck (BL), Pr/8 Feb Bullock Head Flats (LB + BL).



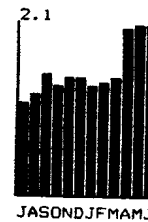
**Brown Treecreeper** *Climacteris picumnus* U.BR.

Present/23 Aug 4 km WSW Tharwa (WO), regular Googong (BL), 2/20 Sep Gigerline (BL), 3/2 Jan Waterhole Ck Mt Burra (BL), 1/18 Apr 6 km S Gunning (BL), regular bred Mull Fl (JBo + BL).

**HONEYEATERS**

**Red Wattlebird** *Anthochaera carunculata* VC.BR. **GBS:**

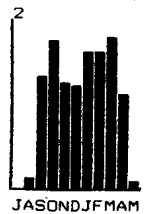
Numbers and distribution slightly reduced on high 1985-86 levels (A=1.703 F=97.75%). Seasonal variation as usual but with higher May rec and no Jun reduction this year. First n/19 Sep ANU (IT), last n/3w Nov Higgins (RH)(second brood). First f/lw Oct ANU (IT) and Higgins (RH) last f/3w Feb Melba (MM). A=1.525 F=86.52% W=52 R=58.86% B=35.2%.



**Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater** *Acanthagenys rufogularis* R.V. First rec since 1982: 1/28 Oct 16 km S Tharwa (NH). **GBS:** 1/4w Dec and 1/1w Jan Kambah (KG).

**Noisy Friarbird** *Philemon corniculatus* C.BSM.

62 in one flock/mid Apr Cook (MBr), 1/7 Aug ANU (IT). **GBS:** Unusual Winter rec 1/2w Jul Wanniasa (JAL) and 2w Aug. Most arrivals 1-2w Sep (usual). Last rec 2/4w Jun Campbell (CR). Seasonal variation unchanged. Numbers and distribution reduced slightly but reported in more weeks than 1985-86 (A=1.146 F=91.01% W=40). First n/2w Oct and last n/4w Jan Chapman (JAH). First f/2w Dec Chapman (JAH), last f/3w Feb Chapman (JAH) and Giralang (GBa). A=1.026 F=84.27% W=47 R=37.96% B=29.6%.



**Little Friarbird** *Philemon citreogularis* R.SV.

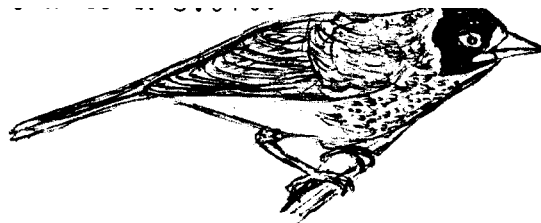
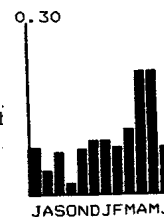
1/10 Dec opposite Norwood Park Crem. (BL) (CBN 12(3):95).

**Regent Honeyeater** *Anthomyza phrygia* R.BV.

Pr/30 Nov Mull Fl (JBo + BL) (CBN 13(2):42), 1/27 Apr NE Watson (CB), 2 ad + 2 juv/5-8 Feb Campbell (JC).

**Noisy Miner** *Manorina melanocephala* C/L.BR.

Rec from Mt Burra, Fairbairn, Mull Fl, Kirawin Hs & Naas Ck (various). **GBS:** Numbers slightly lower than for previous 2 years. Little seasonal variation except for the usual autumn peak. A=0.101 F=17.98% W=49 R=3.07%.



**Yellow-faced Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus chrysops* C. BSM  
 Migrating at rate of c.6000 per hr/26 Mar E along N edge of Stromlo Pine Plantation towards Glenloch Interchange (IT). **GBS:** Slightly lower numbers than 1985-86 (A=3.968) with restricted distribution (F=93.26%). Seasonal variation unchanged. F/3w Jan Kambah (RA+NP). A=3.455 F=80.90% W=52 R=32.21% B=1.8%.



**White-eared Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus leucotis*  
 C.BSM (Ra), C.WM (city).

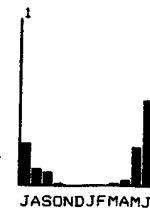
**GBS:** Departure began 1w Sep, a number of unusual summer rec 4w Nov and 2w & 3w Dec, first autumn rec 2w Mar, most returned in Apr as in previous years. Numbers continued to climb (13% increase over 1985-86 which was 30% more than 1984-85). Seasonal pattern returned to normal after high Jul-Aug rec 1985-86. A=0.104 F=53.87% W=33 R=3.68%.



**Yellow-tufted Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus melanops* R.BSM. **GBS:**  
 1/4w May Holt (DC), 1/3w and 1/4w Jun O'Connor (HN).

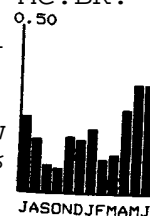
**Fuscous Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus fuscus* MC.BSM  
 (Ra), MC.PsM (city).

Present/23 Aug 4 km WSW TharWa (WO), 3-4/2 Jan Waterhole Ck Mt Burra (BL), 1/13 Jun Mt Stromlo (BL), 6/29 Jul, 4/23 Sep ANU (MLe). **GBS:** Last spring rec 2w Oct (usual), unusual summer rec 3w Dec, first autumn rec 1w Mar (usual), regular from 3w Apr. Overall numbers 30% up from low level last year (A=0.071 1985-86) but winter-spring rec remain low. A=0.102 F=28.09% W=31 R=3.75%.



**White-plumed Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus penicillatus* MC.BR.

Pr + n + 2 e/11 Oct Mull Fl (BL). **GBS:** Overall numbers 15% lower than very high 1985-86 levels, with more restricted distributions (A=0.214 F=40.45). Seasonal distribution unchanged. F/3w and 4w Jan ANU (IT). A=0.181 F=34.83 W=52 R=8.87% B=1.8%.

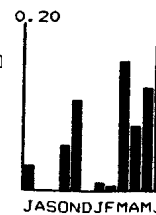


**Brown-headed Honeyeater** *Melithreptus brevirostris* MC.BR  
 (open forest), U.V. (city).

Pr + 1 juv/31 Jan MtA (MLe), c.8 ad + juv/9 Nov

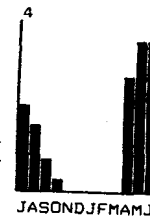
Bulls Head (BL), c.6/8 Feb Bullock Head Flats (LB + BL), occasional Mull Fl (JBo + BL), 1 + 2 juv/1 Mar Currawang (BL), 10-12/20 Apr Gidleigh Str Bungendore (BL), c.10/18 Apr 6 km S Gunning (BL).

**GBS:** Many more rec than last three years, all from Kambah, Chapman and Qbn. Variation does not appear to be seasonal, spring records have not been noted before. F/1w Mar Qbn (LT). A=0.061 F=5.62% W=28 R=1.42% B=1.8%.



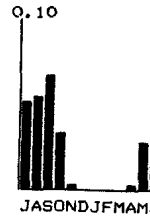
**White-naped Honeyeater** *Melithreptus lunatus* C.BSM  
(Ra), VC.PsM (city).

**GBS:** Sporadic rec after October, some summer rec not showing on graph (due to scale). First autumn rec 4w Mar (usual), peak migration 3w Apr - 4w May but unusual high Jun rec. A=1.206 F=58.43% W=36 R=11.06%.



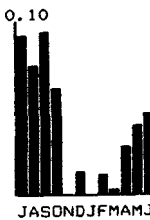
**Crescent Honeyeater** *Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera*  
MC.BR (Ra), MC.WM (city).

1 juv/1 Jun CSIRO Blk Mt (BL). **GBS:** Last spring rec 1/1w Nov, first autumn rec 1/5w Apr (late). Numbers remain at high 1985-86 levels. A=0.025 F=11.24% W=28 R=1.73%.



**New Holland Honeyeater** *Phylidonyris novaehollandiae* C.BR.

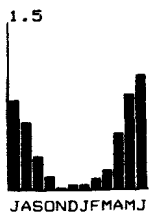
Regular & numerous NBG (BL). **GBS:** Numbers continue to decline (A=0.106 1984-85, A=0.068 1985-86) and summer minimum more pronounced than in previous years but with usual winter-spring peak. A=0.039 F=14.61% W=33 R=1.65%.



**Tawny-crowned Honeyeater** *Phylidonyris melanops* R.V.  
1/1 Nov LGin (BA).

**Eastern Spinebill** *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*  
C.BR (Ra), C.WM (city).

**GBS:** Numbers and seasonal variation unchanged. A=0.378 F=74.16% W=52 R=22.41%.



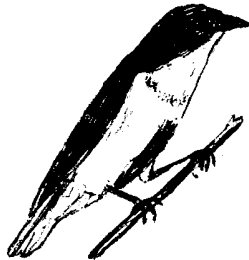
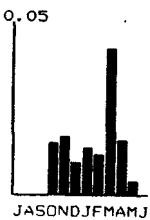
### CHAT, MISTLETOEBIRD, PARDALOTES AND SILVEREYE

**White-fronted Chat** *Ephthianura albifrons* U.BR.

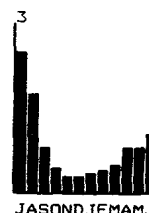
8/19 Oct LBth W (BL), 1 ad + 1 juv/24 Jun LBth (MLe), occasional LTug (JH+PV).

**Mistletoebird** *Dicaeum hirundinaceum* MC.BSM/O.

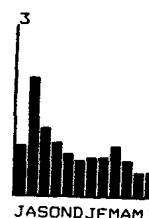
**GBS:** First rec 1/2W Oct Ainslie (BF) (a little late), last rec 1/2W May Kambah (KG) (late). A=0.011 F=11.24% W=24 R=1.00%.



**Spotted Pardalote** *Pardalotus punctatus* C.BR/N. **GBS:**  
 Numbers slightly lower than high rec in 198586  
 (A=0.906) Without the autumn peak which has  
 occurred in prior years. First n/2w Sep ANU (JGDM),  
 last n/1w Dec Hughes (IA), only f/5w Oct Chapman  
 (JAH). A=0.821 F=70.79% W=52 R=25.87% B=5.5%.

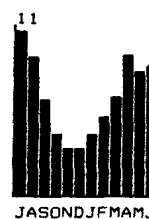


**Striated Pardalote** *Pardalotus striatus* C.BR/N. **GBS:**  
 Numbers continued to climb (25% increase over 1985-  
 86 (A=0.685) which was 15% higher than 1984-85  
 (A=0.596)), with similar seasonal variation but the  
 usual late Winter-spring and autumn peak was  
 minimal. Fewer rec Feb-Mar. First n/2w Oct Aranda  
 (PO), last n/1w Mar Barton (JTL)(second brood).  
 First f/4w Oct Kambah (SW), last f/2w Mar Barton  
 (JTL)(second brood). A=0.861 F=71.91% W=52  
 R=32.73% B=5.5%.



**Silvereeye** *Zosterops lateralis* VC.BR.

**GBS:** Numbers 10% higher than level for the last 5  
 years but finished year with lower numbers than at  
 start. Seasonal pattern maintained though less  
 widely reported (F=95.5% 1985-86). First n/30 Sep  
 ANU (IT), last n/2w Nov Melba (MM) and Giralang  
 (GBa), first f/13 Oct ANU (IT), last f/4w Feb  
 Kambah (KG) and Ainslie (IT). A=6.447 F=82.02%  
 W=52 R=61.47% B=22.5%.



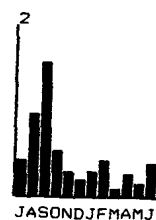
## FINCHES AND SPARROWS

- **Canary** *Serinus canarius* E.

First rec since 1982: 1/late Oct Googong (BL).

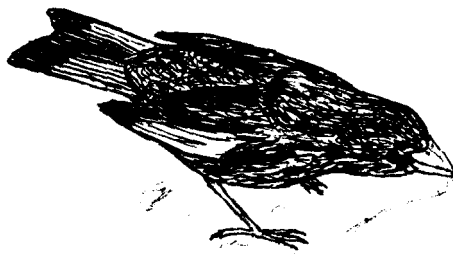
**European Goldfinch** *Carduelis carduelis* C.BR.

Regular max 140 LBGE (DR). **GBS:** Marked increase  
 in numbers from previous 2 years (A=0.311 1984-85,  
 A=0.290 198586). Seasonal variation similar.  
 F/1w Feb and 3w Feb Weston (JBo). A=0.471 F=50.56%  
 W=52 R=11.86% B=1.8%



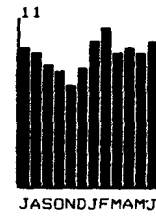
**European Greenfinch** *Carduelis chloris* R/L.BR.

5/6 Sep, 2/28 Nov, 1/4 Dec LBGE (DR), 10+/7 Dec LBGW (BL),  
 1/5 Dec Haig Park (MLe), 3/16 Jan Scrivener Dam (MLe). **GBS:**  
 1/3w Dec Manuka (BLi).



**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* VC.BR.

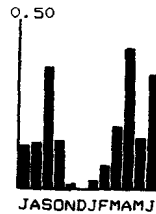
Regular max 50 LBGE (DR): 6/23 Nov Calabash Hs Tinderry Ra (SB & + BL), 6/14 Jun Kirawin Hs (BL). **GBS:** Numbers and seasonal variation unchanged. First n/3w Sep Page (BA), last n/1w Feb Turner (JBa). First f/2w Oct Holt (GRE), last f/1w Feb Giralang (GBa) and Pearce (CME). A=8.747 F=85.39% W=52 R=70.46% B=31.5%



**Java Sparrow** *Padda oryzivora* E. First record: **GBS:** 1/1w Oct Kambah (RB).

**Red-browed Firetail** *Emblema temporalis* C.BR.

**GBS:** Numbers continue the decline which began 1983-84. Seasonal pattern similar to 1981-82 and 82-83. F/4w Jan Ainslie (BF). A=0.168 F=20.22% W=41 R=2.36% B=1.8%.



**Diamond Firetail** *Emblema guttata* U/L.BR. (rural).

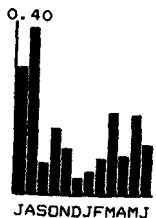
Common resident 4.5 km NE Sutton (MC + KL), 1/27 Sep MtA (MLE), 1 juv/31 Jan MtA (MLE), 2/7 Dec, 1/10 Jan 5 km NW Canberra Airport (FW), 5/15 Feb 1/22 Feb Naas Hs area (FW), 1/21 Mar NE Canberra Airport (FW), 1/2 Jan Waterhole Ck Mt Burra (BL), occasional breeding Mull Fl (JBo + BL), 5-6/18 Apr 6 km S Gunning (BL). **GBS:** 3/3w and 6/4w Aug, 4/1w Sep, 6/1w Mar, 2/1w and 2/4w Jun Kambah (RBn). A=0.007 F=1.27% W=6 R=0.19%.

**Zebra Finch** *Poephila guttata* R.BV/E.

2/5 Dec McGregor (PH), no numbers/1 Jan Kaleen (MC), 2Fem/18 Mar Village Ck Kambah (JH), 2Fem/4 Apr Kambah (JAL), Pr/2 May MtA (JM), 20/5 Sep Pialligo (DR). **GBS:** 2/3w Jul and 2/3w Dec Deakin (PM).

**Double-barred Finch** *Poephila bichenovii* MC/L.BR.

Occasional max 28 MHH (AB), regular Gung (BL), c.5/3 Aug nr HMAS Harman (BL), c.10/15 Mar Fairbairn (BL). **GBS:** Overall number double 198586 (A=0.057) after long period of gradual decline. More spring-summer rec. Big rise in numbers in Jun, the same occurred in 1983, yearly pattern quite similar to 1985-86. A=0.147 F=19.10% W=48 R=3.58%.



**Chestnut-breasted Mannikin** *Lonchura castaneothorax* E?

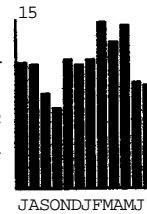
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## STARLING AND MYNA

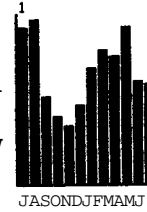
### Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* VC.BR.

Regular max 400+ LBGE (DR), 1-2 inside Woden Plaza (BL + PV). **GBS:** Although still by far the commonest species, numbers continue the decline which began in 1983-84 and have dropped from A=13.1 in 1984-85 and now only recorded on two thirds of observer Weeks. Less Widely distributed than previous years (usually F=99%). Are these real trends or are observers failing to record them? Please be accurate in noting numbers on GBS. First n/1w Sep Hughes (IA), last n/3W Dec Turner (JBa). First f/3W Oct Farrer (DRe), last f/1W Feb Weston (JBo) - more breeding rec than last year (B=31.5%). A=11.059 F=87.64% W=52 R=66.82% B=38.9%.



### Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis* C/L.BR.

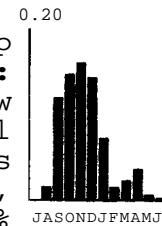
**GBS:** Numbers continue to increase (A=0.584 1984-85, A=0.615 1985-86) but finished the year with lower numbers than at the start, for the first time. More winter-spring rec, fewer May-Jun. N/3w Oct Warramanga (ET), first f/4W Nov Weston (JBo), last f/4W Dec Pearce (CMe). A=0.663 F=34.83 W=52 R=15.87% B=7.4%.



## ORIOLE AND BOWERBIRD

### Olive-backed Oriole *Oriolus sagittatus* C.BSM.

Pr + 2 juv/2 Jan Haig Park Braddon (MLe), 1M/18 Sep Coleman Court Weston (BL), bred NBG (FW). **GBS:** First rec 1/2w Aug ANU (JGDM)(early), last rec 1/3w Jun Weetangera (MF). Numbers double more normal 1985-86 levels (A=0.030) but seasonal pattern was typical. Nest rec/2w Nov to 1w Dec Hughes (IA), f/5w Oct and 4w Dec Cook (MBr). A=0.062 F=33.71% W=39 R=4.98% B=3.7%.



### Satin Bowerbird *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus* C.BR 0.04 (Ra).

**GBS:** 1/2w Sep, 1/1w Oct, 2/4w Oct and 1/4w Jun Holder (RT), 1/4w May Chapman (GBB). Young male with bower reported in Duffy. Similar seasonal pattern to 1985-86. A=0.002 F=2.53% W=3 R=0.16%.

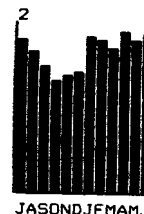
## MUDNEST-BUILDERS

### White-winged Chough *Corcorax melanorhamphos* C.BR.

**GBS:** Numbers and seasonal variation unchanged. A=0.268 F=22.47% W=47 R=3.36% B=1.8%.



**Australian Magpie-Lark** *Grallina cyanoleuca* VC.BR.  
**GBS:** Numbers slightly down and distribution less widespread than 1985-86 (A=1.731, F=98.88%). Seasonal variation unchanged. First n/2W Aug Ainslie (MLe), last n/3W Jan Weston (BL) First f/1w Oct Ainslie (MLe), last f/5w Jan at 4 localities. A=1.672 F=88.76% W=52 R=58.86% B=22.2%.

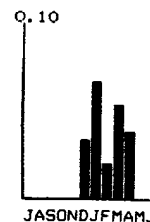


## WOODSWALLOWS

- **Masked Woodswallow** *Artamus personatus* R.BSM.  
4/22 Oct Black Mtn (NL).

**White-browed Woodswallow** *Artamus superciliosus* U.BSM. Winter rec 1/6 Jun B1 Mtn (WM). **GBS:** 1/3W Oct Weetangera (MF).

**Dusky Woodswallow** *Artamus cyanopterus* C.BSM.  
 Regular spring-summer max 9 LBGE (DR). **GBS:** First rec 3/3w Dec Hughes (IA) (extremely late - usually arrive late Aug-early Sept), last rec 2/3W Apr Cook (CZAD) (early). Numbers down from 1985-86 (A=0.027) and season unusually restricted with very late arrival and early departure. A=0.018 F=4.49% W=12 R=0.37%.

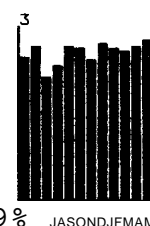


## BUTCHERBIRD, MAGPIE AND CURRAWONGS

**Grey Butcherbird** *Cracticus torquatus* MC.BR (Ra)  
 Present /1 May, 23 Mar, 15 Apr Booroomba Rocks (WO), present/16 Mar WSW Tharwa (WO), 1/12 Jul 4.5km NE Sutton (RA), 1/20 Jul Gilmour Rd LBth Township (JPa + BL), 1/10 Aug, 10 Jun, 27 Jun Googong (BL), 1/3 Nov Bruce (BL). **GBS:** 1/5w Apr, 1/1w May and 1/3w Jun Qbn (LT), 2/4w Feb Kambah (RA+NP), 1/2w Aug Ainslie (IT) and 1/4w Jul Weston (JBo). A=0.002 F=4.49% W=6 R=0.17%.

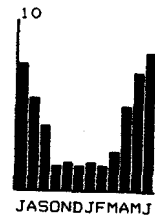
**Australian Magpie** *Gymnorhina tibicen* VC.BR.

Regular max 31 LBGE (DR), 31 in one flock/11 Oct Stray Leaf Hs (BL). **GBS:** Numbers continue to increase after 1982-83 drop. Less widely recorded than usual (normally recorded in all gardens), seasonal variation unchanged with early spring dip in numbers. First n/2w Aug at 3 localities, last n/1w Nov Red Hill (GSL). First f/4w Sep Chapman (JW), last f/5W Jan ANU (IT). A=2.528 F=89.89% W=52 R=74.55% B=61.1%.



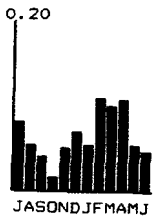
**Pied Currawong** *Strepera graculina* VC.BR (Ra), VC.O (city).

**GBS:** Numbers higher than 1985-86 (A=3.336), but still below 1984-85 (A=4.22). Seasonal variation unchanged. First n/4 Sep O'Connor (HN), last n/1w Dec ANU (IT), first f/3w Oct Waramanga (ET), last f/1w Mar Aranda (JHRK). A=3.920 F=88.76% W=52 R=63.46% B=38.8%.



**Grey Currawong** *Strepera versicolor* C.BR.

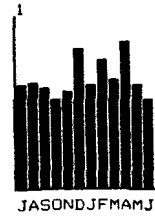
1-2 occasionally Calogoma Hs nr Gundaroo (BM), present/27 Aug Honeysuckle Ck (WO), present/23 Aug 4 km WSW Tharwa (WO), present/12 Dec Smokers Trail (WO), Pr/10 Aug Mt Majura (BL), 1/9 Mar Weston (BL), 1-2 occasionally Mull Fl (JBo + BL). **GBS:** Numbers continue to decline from an unusual high in 1982-83 (down from A=0.108 in 1984-85). Showed usual seasonal pattern although started year with low numbers, also more summer records than usual. First f/4w Dec Aranda (DMa), last f/3w Feb Ainslie (BF) and (IT). A=0.064 F=23.60% W=49 R=4.78% B=7.4%.



### RAVENS

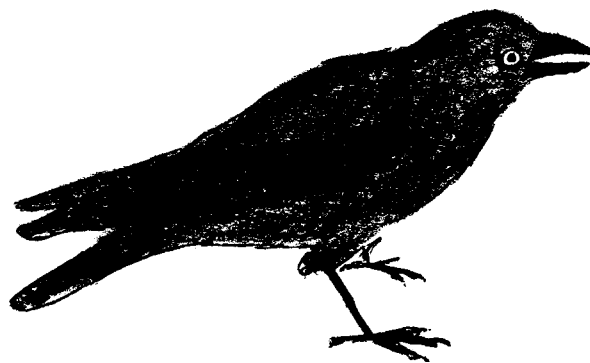
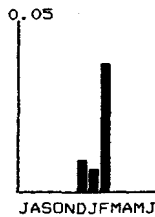
**Australian Raven** *Corvus coronoides* VC.BR.

Bred (3 juv) Oakey Hill Lyons (BL) and Woden cemetery (PV). **GBS:** Numbers slightly higher after small drop in 1985-86. Shows typical minimal monthly variation although a suggestion of the usual spring dip and autumn peak. N/3w Aug Kambah (RB) and 3w Oct CCAE (KH), f/4w Oct CCAE (KH). A=0.636 F=79.78% W=52 R=34.26% B=5.5%.



**Little Raven** *Corvus mellori* MC.BR (rural), U.V. (city).

2/15 Mar Fairbairn (BL), c.50/16 Nov nr Bungendore (BL), 2-3/9 Nov Bulls Head (BL), 3-4 occupied nests/19 Oct nr LBth (BL + HN). **GBS:** 2/3w Dec, 2/1 Jan and 2/1w Feb Kambah (SW), 8/1w Feb Chapman (GBB). A=0.004 F=2.53% W=3 R=0.12%.





### APPENDIX: Old Records

This year the main species list includes only those species recorded from July 1986 to June 1987. The many old records that have been included in previous ABR's are listed separately here with the year of last record noted. Some of the older records in this list are highly questionable.

Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	1983
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	1985
Australasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus poiciloptilus</i>	1978
Black-necked Stork	<i>Xenorhynchus asiaticus</i>	1981
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	1985
Magpie Goose	<i>Anseranas semipalmata</i>	1967
Cape Barren Goose	<i>Cereopsis novaehollandiae</i>	
Plumed Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna eytoni</i>	1978
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1982
Letter-Winged Kite	<i>Elanus scriptus</i>	1977
Square-tailed Kite	<i>Lophoictinia isura</i>	1969
Black-breasted Buzzard	<i>Hamirostra melanosternon</i>	1970
Black Falcon	<i>Falco subniger</i>	1986
Grey Falcon	<i>Falco hypoleucos</i>	1976
King Quail	<i>Coturnix chinensis</i>	1985
Red-backed Button-quail	<i>Turnix maculosa</i>	1973
Little Button-quail	<i>Turnix velox</i>	1969
Red-chested Button-quail	<i>Turnix pyrrhothorax</i>	1970
Plains-Wanderer	<i>Pedionomus torquatus</i>	1964
Lewin's Rail	<i>Rallus pectoralis</i>	1986
Baillon's Crake	<i>Porzana pusilla</i>	1986
Spotless Crake	<i>Porzana tabuensis</i>	1986
Black-tailed Native-hen	<i>Gallinula ventralis</i>	1969
Brolga	<i>Grus rubicundus</i>	1978
Australian Bustard	<i>Ardeotis australis</i>	1920
Bush Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus magnirostris</i>	1976
Painted Snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	1978
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	1985
Banded Stilt	<i>Cladorhynchus leucocephalus</i>	1983
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	1985
Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	1983
Little Curlew	<i>Numenius minutus</i>	1982
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	1978
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	1985
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	1979
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	1977
Australian Pratincole	<i>Stiltia isabella</i>	1983
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucoptera</i>	1962
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	1985
Spotted Turtle-Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	1986
Barbary Dove	<i>Streptopelia risoria</i>	1983
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus lathami</i>	1983
Musk Lorikeet	<i>Glossopsitta concinna</i>	1986
Red-winged Parrot	<i>Aprosmictus erythropterus</i>	1981
Swift Parrot	<i>Lathamus discolor</i>	1985
?ale-headed Rosella	<i>Platycercus adscitus</i>	1961

Blue Bonnet	<i>Northiella haematogaster</i>	1980
Blue-winged Parrot	<i>Neophema chrysostoma</i>	1965
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	1985
Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	1985
Masked Owl	<i>Tyto novaehollandiae</i>	1960
Eastern Grass Owl	<i>Tyto longimembris</i>	1983
*Fork-tailed Swift	<i>Apus pacificus</i>	1986
Red-backed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon pyrrhopygia</i>	1981
White-backed Swallow	<i>Cheramoeca leucosternum</i>	1980
White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina papuensis</i>	1985
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	1943
Grey-crowned Babbler	<i>Pomatostomus temporalis</i>	1975
White-browed Babbler	<i>Pomatostomus superciliosus</i>	1950
Chestnut-rumped Hylacola	<i>Sericornis pyrrhopygius</i>	1975
Brown Gerygone	<i>Gerygone mouki</i>	1986
Chestnut-rumped Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza uropygialis</i>	1974
Little Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera chrysoptera</i>	1974
Blue-faced Honeyeater	<i>Entomyzon cyanotis</i>	1943
Singing Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus virescens</i>	1975
Painted Honeyeater	<i>Grantiella picta</i>	1978
Scarlet Honeyeater	<i>Myzomela sanguinolenta</i>	1983
Crimson Chat	<i>Ephthianura tricolor</i>	1981
Yellow-rumped Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus xanthopygus</i>	1965
Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	1969
Beautiful Firetail	<i>Emblema bella</i>	?
Plum-headed Finch	<i>Aidemosyne modesta</i>	1960
Nutmeg Mannikin	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	1986
Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>	1980
Apostlebird	<i>Struthidea cinerea</i>	1948
Pied Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i>	1982



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