

Trip Report: Sydney, Australia

Christmas 2007 through New Year 2008 (David Southall)

This report briefly summarises sightings during our Sydney vacation in December 2007 and January 2008. We made no dedicated birding trips during the visit, however we saw many interesting species during our various activities - e.g. various water birds and parrots during rounds of golf at Long Reef and Pymble Golf Clubs; Little Penguins whilst sailing on Sydney Harbour and Pittwater; a wide variety of forest birds (including Superb Lyrebird) on morning walks in the Ku-ring-gai municipality bush reserve in suburban Sydney; and various scrub birds on a visit to a friend's property at Blaxland's Ridge to the northwest of the city. In addition we saw various parrots in suburban Melbourne gardens (e.g. Musk Lorikeet) during a brief visit to the city, and on a family property at Yass near Canberra saw several other species (e.g. Superb Parrot).



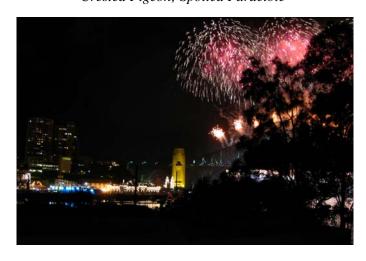
Rainbow Lorikeet and Banksia



Tawny Frogmouth



Crested Pigeon; Spotted Pardelote



New Years Eve Celebrations on Sydney Harbour

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1. Trip Bird List¹

(Confirmed personal sightings only for DJS – excludes birds heard only unless otherwise indicated; in order of appearance on the plates of Pizzey & Knight's The Field Guide to the Birds of Australia)

Australian Brush-Turkey

Maned (Australian Wood-) Duck * Black Swan

Pacific Black-Duck *

Chestnut Teal

Little Penguin *

Great Cormorant *
Pied Cormorant

Australian Pelican

Sacred (Australian White) Ibis

White-bellied Sea-Eagle Wedge-tailed Eagle Nankeen Kestrel * Whistling Kite

Dusky Moorhen
Purple Swamphen
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Eurasian Coot
Masked Lapwing

Silver Gull *

Spotted (Turtle-) Dove Peaceful Dove

Common Bronzewing Crested Pigeon *

Galah

Long-billed Corella Sulphur-crested Cockatoo Rainbow Lorikeet *

Musk Lorikeet *

Australian King-Parrot

Superb Parrot
Crimson Rosella *

Eastern Rosella

Channel-billed Cuckoo *

Tawny Frogmouth *

Laughing Kookaburra *
Sacred Kingfisher *

Superb Lyrebird

Superb Fairy-Wren Spotted Pardelote * White-browed Scrubwren Brown Thornbill Yellow-rumped Thornbill

Red Wattlebird
Noisy Friarbird *

Noisy Miner

Lewin's Honeyeater
Yellow-faced Honeyeater
White-plumed Honeyeater
White-cheeked Honeyeater

Eastern Whipbird Rufous Whistler Willie-wagtail

Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike

Gray Butcherbird Magpie-Lark * Australasian (Australian) Magpie Pied Currawong * Australian Raven

Satin Bowerbird

Double-barred Finch *
Red-browed Firetail (Finch)
European Goldfinch *
Welcome Swallow

European (Common) Starling Common Myna

Combined total: 65, with 24 confirmed "first time ever" species for DJS ...

First sighting ever for DJS; * = photo available from trip