

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

## **NPA PHOTOGRAPHIC SESSION – BOAT HARBOUR**

**Party:** Brian Everingham (i/c), Esther Chow, Kevin Cliffe, Ken Griffiths, Philippa Thomas, Gary Schoer and Ken Griffiths.

**Weather:** Showers out to sea and occasional onto the party but most dry, with onshore winds

**Distance:** 2km

**Grade 2** (sand and rocks)



But first a peek at the Woollooware Wader Lagoon! It has changed its name!

There is still way too much weed around the edges but it would appear that some action is now occurring to correct this issue. Water levels were too high for it to be judged on its ability to provide for waders.



Dainty Swallowtail



Welcome Swallow

Meanwhile over at the Greenhills site the sediment ponds were doing their work and providing excellent habitat for birds. There were Hardheads, Chestnut Teals, Eurasian Coot, Australian White Ibis, Dusky Moorhen, Pacific Black Duck, Australasian Little Grebe and a Japanese Snipe!



Snipe escapes (Ken will understand)



Soon enough we all gathered at the end of Sir Joseph Stephens Drive and not long after that we tried valiantly to capture the raptors above!



White Bellied Sea Eagle



Australian Raven battles Australasian Kestrel





Boat Harbour



Rock patterns



And after what appeared at first sight to be a dead end we finally found our waders!



Red-necked Stint, above, and Crested Terns and Golden Plovers, below





Little Terns



Reef Egret



Sooty Oystercatcher and afternoon nibbles



Ruddy Turnstones, Golden Plovers and one lonely Grey-tailed Tattler (second from right)



Pied Oystercatchers flanked by Crested Terns



Sooty Oystercatcher and Golden Plover