

The Hay Plain And Kalyarr National Park

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Maude and the flight



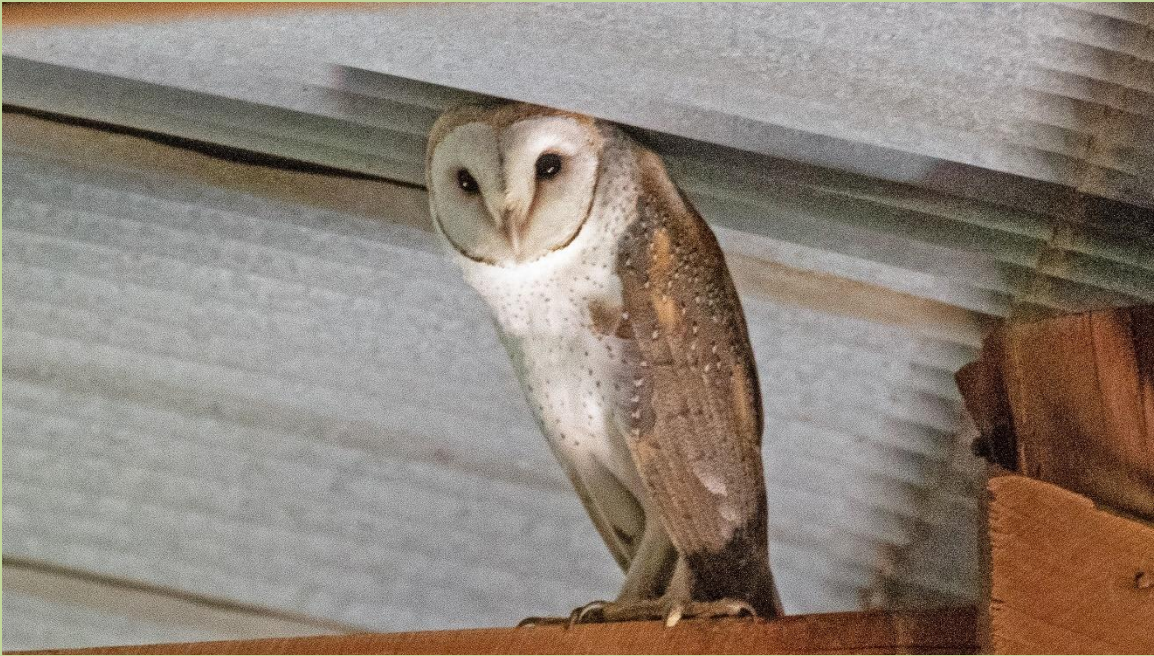
NPA Party: Valerie Atkinson, Faye Bingham, Brian Everingham, Deb Little, David Noble, John and Barbara Prats

Supported by: Phil Wilson (the pilot) Susan Dye (out guide on Thelangerin), Sally Ware at the LLS Office in Hay and Glen Currie at Oolambeyan

1. Emu
2. Australian Pelican
3. Little Pied Cormorant
4. Great Cormorant
5. Little Black Cormorant
6. Australasian Grebe
7. Black Swan
8. Pacific Black Duck
9. Grey Teal
10. Pink-eared Duck
11. Australian Wood Duck
12. Freckled Duck
13. Black-tailed Native Hen
14. Spotless Crake
15. Dusky Moorhen
16. Eurasian Coot
17. White-necked Heron
18. White-faced Heron
19. Great Egret
20. Little Egret
21. Cattle Egret
22. Nankeen Night Heron
23. Australian White Ibis
24. Straw-necked Ibis
25. Royal Spoonbill
26. Yellow-billed Spoonbill
27. Latham's Snipe
28. Masked Lapwing
29. Black-winged Stilt
30. Whiskered Tern
31. Black-shouldered Kite
32. Black Kite
33. Whistling Kite
34. White-bellied Sea Eagle
35. Wedge-tailed Eagle
36. Collared Sparrowhawk
37. Spotted Harrier
38. Australian Hobby
39. Brown Falcon
40. Australasian Kestrel
41. Rock Dove (e)
42. Peaceful Dove
43. Crested Pigeon
44. Galah
45. Little Corella
46. Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
47. Rainbow Lorikeet
48. Superb Parrot
49. Cockatiel
50. Yellow Rosella
51. Eastern Rosella
52. Australian Ringneck
53. Red-rumped Parrot
54. Blue Bonnet
55. Fan-tailed Cuckoo
56. Barn Owl
57. Laughing Kookaburra
58. Sacred Kingfisher
59. Brown Treecreeper
60. Superb Fairywren
61. Variegated Fairywren
62. Striated Pardalote
63. Yellow-rumped Thornbill
64. Southern Whiteface
65. Red Wattlebird
66. Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater
67. Little Friarbird
68. Noisy Miner
69. Yellow-throated Miner
70. Singing Honeyeater
71. White-plumed Honeyeater
72. Grey Shrike-thrush
73. Rufous Whistler
74. Grey Fantail
75. Willie Wagtail
76. Magpie-lark
77. Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
78. White-winged Triller
79. Black-faced Woodswallow
80. Grey Butcherbird
81. Pied Butcherbird
82. Australian Magpie
83. Australian Raven
84. Little Raven
85. White-winged Chough
86. Apostlebird
87. Welcome Swallow
88. Tree Martin
89. Fairy Martin
90. Australian Pipit
91. Singing Bushlark
92. Australian Reed-warbler

93. House Sparrow (e)
94. Double-barred Finch
95. Silvereye

96. Common Blackbird (e)
97. Common Starling (e)



Barn Owl (above) and Yellow-rumped Thornbill (below)



Friday 16th September 2022

Our first day as a group began badly. We found the road to Darcoola but the mud was seriously sticky and both cars were picking up layers on tyres and underneath the cars. If we had persisted, we would have lost traction and/or discovered that there was so much mud the wheels would not move.

But by then, at least, we had already found some nice birds for Dave to photograph (he had a desire to capture Black Kites) and when we turned around, we also stopped and enjoyed the plants.







We opted to drive into Maude rather than risk more problems but we did stop off at a site near a flooded creek with some good box woodland.





Yellow-billed Spoonbill





The billabong at Maude proved exciting for Faye, Deb, Dave and me and Valerie met up with a number of people who were in her family circle.





Grey Shrike-thrush (above) and White-plumed Honeyeater (below)



Nankeen Night Heron





Tree Martins





Nardoo



The gates are all open



Swainsona species



And after a quick visit to the pub, we then drove to the Hay Weir!



Acacia pendula



Whistling Kite



Ironbark – *Eucalyptus sideroxylon*



Fairy Martin nests



And so, to our one-hour flight this afternoon, a flight that saw me with my head in a spew bag, ridding myself of whatever was in my stomach and, well, exhausting myself.





The agribusinesses are beginning to dominate the Hay Plain.



But the waters in the Lachlan and associated swamps truly blur the boundaries





The reed beds of the Great Cumbung Swamp



Back on firm ground, sick bag, disposed of, exhausted. But happy.

With thanks to Phil Wilson, our pilot who spoilt us on behalf of Valerie!