

# **The Hay Plain And Kalyarr National Park**

## **Volume 2 Thelangerin and Norwood**



## Bird List – Riverina

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





**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

And so, we set out for Thelangerin today! Held by the McFarland family since 1872, Thelangerin was one of the Riverina's original sheep stations before becoming part of Kalyarr National Park. One of the family, Susan Dye (nee, McFarland) spent the entire day with us. It was her Country, as Norwood is Valerie's!

We drove up the Cobb Road. The “must-stop” spot was the spot for sunsets!



Of more interest was the One Tree Hotel<sup>1</sup>, the site for one of the “Mad Max” movies!

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<sup>1</sup> Located between Hay and Booligal on Cobb Highway is the famous and historic One Tree Hotel. The hotel was built in 1862 by Alexander Finch. Originally known as Finch Inn, it was renamed the One Tree Hotel later when purchased by William Clark. It was named because of a lone large gum tree growing on a clay pan near a shallow freshwater well, about half a mile away. The hotel was a thriving business in the days until the licence was allowed to lapse in 1942. One Tree was a staging post for the Cobb & Co Coach.







With a resident guard!



On the road over to Thelangerin we came across a huge mob of sheep on the “long paddock”. They had been displaced from their own properties because the properties were under water. The shepherds used drones to keep an eye on them!





The Lachlan is full!!!!







Acacia



Flowering box





The lignum is saturated



Back to the woolshed of Thelangerin!





Susan Dye









*Disphyma crassifolium ssp. clavellatum* or Round Baby Pigface



It was time to explore the box and saltbush country!!!!





*Poranthera microphylla*







We didn't get very far into the box.







*Swainsona murrayana* - Slender Darling Pea





*Disphyma crassifolium ssp. clavellatum* or Round Baby Pigface



*Goodenia pinnatifida*





The two highlights here were the many Black-tailed Native Hens and a flock of Cockatiels. I photographed neither.

For Susan, the low part was getting bogged! We were eventually rescued by using a tow rope that Valerie had in her car.



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

It was Norwood's turn today and I am sure that Valerie enjoyed showing people her childhood home.



Ruby Saltbush – *Enchylaena tomentosa*







And so, we arrive, Valerie pointing the way!







The cattle yard and Ita Lake







Juvenile Black-winged Stilt







Scar tree









The homes on Norwood





Gun Shearer











For breaking in horses



The hanger













Camp ground







Black-tailed Native Hen on the edge of Ita Lake







Blue Bonnet



Ita Hut













Grey Box in flower

And at the end of the day the party dined in comfort at the Crown Hotel in Hay, bringing business to the town via the national park visits. There are local politicians who do not wish to acknowledge this.