

Walkthrough: 5.01.2021

Diary Of A Bird Watching Addict And Other Notes From Whareroa Farm

Whareroa Guardians Community Trust

Date	5 Jan 2021	20 Nov 2020	9 Oct 2020	12 Sept 2020	10 Aug 2020	20 Jul 2020	May 28 2020	Apr 30 2020	Feb 28 2020	Jan 17 2020	Dec 6 2019	Nov 15 2019	Sep 20 2019	Aug 15 2019	Jul 22 2019	Jun 10 2019	May 8 2019	Mar 18 2019	Feb 21 2019	Nov 21 2018	Oct 10 2018	Sep 8 2018	Aug 9 2018
Begin Time	9.55	9.56	1.47	1.20	10.04	10.15	11.20	9.40	9.30	9.30	9.30	9.08	10.03	10.05	9.30	10.00	9.45	10.38	9.35	9.30	9.40	9.45	14.00
End Time	11.50	12.40	3.40	3.30	12.08	11.45	1.05	11.30	11.40	11.05	10.50	10.30	11.58	11.45	11.15	11.58	12.50	12.50	11.15	11.00	11.30	12.30	15.50
Bellbird	5	4	2	2	3	4	1		1	3	2		4	1	3	1	3	3		1		2	1
Blackbacked Gull	13								5										2	3			
Blackbird	14	10	6	11	8	6	9	4	7	12	10	14	19	12	7	6	2	2	7	7	8	2	10
California quail	8	6	4	4	4				4	7	4	8		2				1	1				
Chaffinch	10	17	5	6	8	4	7	2	5	9	12	14	8	10	18	3	2		1	8	18	10	10
Dunnock								3	1	4	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	4			1		1
Eastern roseella	2							1														2	4
Falcon								1															
Fantail	3	2	5	6	3	7	16	4	5	8	5	7	12	3	7	10	6	7	6	6	2	4	12
Goldfinch				40		11	2				5	7	6					8	2	7	14		4
Greenfinch	2			6					2	2	3			1						1	6		
Greywarbler	2	9	4	5	5	3	1		8	3	3	5	13	4	3	1	3	4	2	2	1	2	1
Harrier			1	1	1														1	1		2	
Kereru	4	2	1	1	2	3	2		1	1		1						1	1			2	
Kingfisher	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2				1	2			2	2			1	
Maggie	2	6	2	1	4	1		7	3	1		1	2	1	1	4	3	4	3	1	2		2
Mallard				3										1						1			
Paradise shelduck		6	6	6	4	6		4	1			4	4	5		4	4	2		1	4	6	5
Pheasant	1	8	3		2	1	2			1	5	3	4	2		1	3		1	5			
Pukeko	4	1	2	4	4	16		6	8	2	2		3	4	6	3	13	3		2	5	3	3
Redpoll		3		3																			1
Rock Pigeon																							
Shining Cuckoo		2																					
Silvereye	5	5	4	2	6	5	40	10	27	10	2	17	12	1	15	3	2	11	10	3		7	
Sparrow	2			5		1			16	4	2	4	4		2	5	1	29	12	6		12	
Spurwinged Plover				4				2			4				2				1				
Starling	12	5				7				22	5	1			6	2	2	2	3	5		2	
Swallow	5			3	1			1	12			3		1		1		20	3	4	1	4	3
Thrush	1	6	1	1	7	4					5	4	5	5	5		3			2		2	5
Tui	17	9	7	11	5	6	9	10	10	2	4	7	8	5	15	9	10	8	4	6	2	5	2
White faced Heron					1			2															
Yellowhammer		6		4					2	1	1				3		1			1			3
Total Birds	108	113	54	130	61	89	94	57	116	99	79	104	103	61	100	57	65	110	59	70	69	69	62
Species Count	17	21	16	23	16	17	12	14	17	19	19	18	15	18	18	16	18	17	16	20	14	17	14

A bit of data crunching from the above table (23 walkthrough visits up to and including 05.01.21) ...

- 17 Species sighted. Usually between 14 and 20 species have been sighted during most walk-throughs. September 12, 2020 was a big day with 23 species (on May 28, 2020 only 12 were sighted - nature can be fickle...)
- 3 species have been seen at each walk-through: Blackbird, Tui & Fantail (Chaffinches and Grey Warblers have been off shopping during separate visits, otherwise they would be in this exclusive group too)
- 12 species were sighted during at least 65% (15 or more) of visits: Bellbird, Blackbird, Chaffinch, Fantail, Grey Warbler, Magpie, Paradise Shelduck, Pukeko, Silvereye, Sparrow, Thrush & Tui
- Most sighted: Silvereyes (197), Blackbird (193), Chaffinch (187), Tui (171), Fantail (146), Goldfinch (106), Sparrow (105).
- Not yet sighted by Helen during these walk-throughs (but have been sighted in past years in Whareroa): Rock Pigeon.

January 5, 2021

Helen Reports: Here is the first 'walkthrough' report of 2021!

A beautiful day to be in at Whareroa, first opportunity for a few weeks.

All the vegetation seemed to have doubled in size, very impressive, and was looking glossy-leaved and green.

The birds were active, many tui and blackbirds - chaffinches very vocal (*I heard* more than I *saw*).

I see that the swallows are again nesting in the information shelter, very busy coming and going but not letting out any secrets!

In all, 17 species were heard or seen and a count of 108.

It was marvellous to see four kereru - one of which was in the Tawa tree in the Dell feasting on the berries then sitting heavily in the next-door Ngaio – see photos below.

The Dell bellbird was in residence as usual in the old kanaka beside the kamahi.

The blackbacked gulls were about today enjoying the northerly air lifts above.

On our way back through the kohekohe forest we found titoki seeds/fruit on the ground - so brightly coloured (photo).

Thanks to Ann for the identity of the **amazing** trees with big bunches of bright red berries providing an amazing spectacle (just east of the Dell below Bernard`s track up to the East Ridge): they are two swamp maire - planted about 10-12 years ago, in the myrtle family so potentially at risk of myrtle rust - so far ok, photo below

Best wishes for 2021!!



Tawa berries just sitting there and attracting Kereru



A Kereru digesting Tawa berries



Titoki seeds



Amazing sight of swamp maire berries (just east of the Dell below Bernard's track up to the East Ridge)