

# Walkthrough: 16.04.2021

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

### Whareroa Guardians Community Trust

A bit of data crunching from the detailed table (25 walkthrough visits up to and including 06.04.21) ...

- As in April 2020, “only” 14 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, Silvereyes have not been seen twice)
- 12 species were sighted during at least 64% (16 or more) of visits: Bellbird, Blackbird, Chaffinch, Fantail, Grey Warbler, Magpie, Paradise Shelduck, Pukeko, Silvereye, Sparrow, Thrush & Tui
- Most sighted (Top 7 in alphabetical order): Blackbird (208), Chaffinch (190), Fantail (153), Goldfinch (118), Silvereyes (213), Sparrow (117), Tui (187).
- Least sighted in this series of reports (in alphabetical order, how often sighted, total number): Dunnock (3, 3), Falcon (2, 3), Mallard (3, 5), Redpoll (3, 7), Shining Cuckoo (2, 3), White Faced Heron (2, 3), Rock Pigeon (0, 0)

#### April 6, 2021

*Helen Reports:* Today (April 6) was back to summer - hot and windless!

However, it was a day of relative quiet on the bird front. For the first time ever, apart from two blackbirds, I saw no birds from the entrance to the yards! Most unusual.

From there it was very still and very quiet. However, in the end, the tuis won the day with most bird seen or heard - noted particularly at the Matai Bush.

Today`s vocal prize would have to go to the magpie.

As always, I was delighted to see and hear the bellbird in the Dell in his usual spot in the old kanaka. Number of species today 14, birds seen or heard 65.

Heading back, I admired, and found very user-friendly, the lovely stepping stones across the stream. This definitely enhances the diversion to the kohekohe forest, now that the bridge is out of bounds. I noticed a few buds appearing on the kohekohe trees - I wonder how the flowering will be this year.

It`s good to see the sheep munching away at the long grassy paddocks :-)





**BIRDS RECORDED at Whareroa Farm,  
'Walk Through' – Occasional Report**

Date	6 April 2021	17 Feb 2021	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	9.40	9.48	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	11.45	11.29	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
Belbird	1		5	4	2	2	3	4	1		1	3	2		4	1	3	1	3	3		1		2	1
Blacbacked Gull		1	13								5								2	3					
Blackbrd	5	10	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		7	8	6	4	4	4				4	7	4	8			2			1	1				
Chaffinch	1	2	10	17	5	6	8	4	7	2	5	9	12	14	8	10	18	3	2		1	8	18	10	10
Dunnock																1						1			1
Eastern rosella		2		2						3	1	4	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	4			2	4	
Falcon										1									2						
Fantaail	3	4	3	2	5	6	3	7	16	4	5	8	5	7	12	3	7	10	6	7	6	6	2	4	12
Goldfinch	5	7				40		11	2			5	7	6						8	2	7	14		4
Greenfinch			2			6						2	2	3			1					1	6		
Greywarbler	5	3	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								4	3		2				1	2		
Kereru		1	4	2	1	1	2	3	2		1	1		1						1	1		2	2	
Kingfisher	1			2	1	1		1	1	1		2	2			1	2		2		2			1	
Maggpie	5	4	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	2			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	3	9	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		1		2																					
Silvereye	13	3	5	5	4	2	6	5	40	10	27	10	2	17	12	1	15	3	2	11	10	3		7	
Sparrow	6	6		2		5		1			16	4	2	4	4		2	5	1	29	12	6		12	
Spurwinged Plover						4				2			4				2			1					
Starling		2	12	5				7				22	5	1			6	2	2	20	3	5		2	
Swallow	2	6	5			3	1			1	12			3		1		1				4	1	4	3
Thrush		1	1	6	1	1		7	4				5	4	5	5	5	3				2	2	2	5
Tui	13	3	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	65	73	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	14	19	17	21	16	23	16	17	12	14	17	19	19	18	15	18	18	16	18	17	16	20	14	17	14