

Walkthrough: 11.06.2021

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

Helen reports...

Helen's latest Bird walk-through report from Friday, June 11, is posted here - not only about birds, but also about one of the less visited but very beautiful areas of bush on the Ramaroa Track!

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Tony (Ed: Helen's trusty side-kick) and I went for a leisurely amble today along the Ramaroa track and then through the wonderful 'secret forest' - a superb day, calm and sunny.

It was a good decision. Beautiful bird song all the way, especially in the 'forest' where the kohekohe were flowering (see photo attached).

Here were countless tuis and bellbirds giving a great recital and filling the canopy with their flapping wings and the odd squawk of territorial irritation.

My count will not be very inaccurate I fear! (16 species and 64 birds seen or heard)

The start of the day on the Ramaroa track found us counting many fantails, grey warblers and song thrush, and saw chaffinches with their deepening breeding plumage.

The fantails love to accompany us which is always fun, though we have to be careful not to step on them!

I have attached a couple of photos - the red toadstools are so pretty now, under the pines, and the kohekohe bridal veils are always an irresistible photo opportunity!

A bit of data crunching from the attached table (27 walkthrough visits up to and including 11.06.21)

- On June 11, 2021: 16 species & 64 birds recorded (seen or heard).

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 recorded

- 3 species have been seen during every 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 66% (18 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 (217), Chaffinch (195), Fantail (173), Goldfinch (119), Silvereyes (221), Sparrow (121), Tui (205)

- 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), Rock Pigeon (0, 0), Shining Cuckoo (2, 3), White Faced Heron (2, 3)





BIRDS RECORDED at Whareroa Farm,																												
'Walk Through' – Occasional Report																												
Date	11 June 2021	6 May 2021	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	10.22	1.20	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	12.14	3.15	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	
Bellbird	2	2	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						
Blackbird	4	5	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	2	3	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	1	1		2		2						3	1	4	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	4			2	4		
Falcon												1									2							
Fantail	13	7	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		1	5	7				40		11	2			5	7	6						8	2	7	14		4	
Greenfinch					2			6					2	2	3				1					1	6			
Greywarbler	5	4	5	3	2	9	4	5	5	3	1		8	3	5	13	4	3	1	3	4	2	2	1	2	1	1	
Harrier	1			1			1	1	1								4	3		2			1		2			
Kereru		3		1	4	2	1	1	2	3	2		1	1		1						1	1		2	2		
Kingfisher		1	1			2	1	1		1	1	1		2	2				1	2		2		2		1		
Magpie	3		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	2	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	4	9	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	3	5	13	3	5	5	4	2	6	5	40	10	27	10	2	17	12	1	15	3	2	11	10	3		7		
Sparrow	1	3	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	3			2	12	5				7				22	5	1				6	2	2	3	5		2		
Swallow	3		2	6	5			3	1			1	12			3		1		1		20	3	4	1	4	3	
Thrush	6	1		1	1	6	1	1		7	4			5	4	5	5	5		3			2		2	5		
Tui	11	7	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	64	54	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	16	15	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	