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# Bird Count Walkthrough: July 9, 2021

Helen reports...

Very little activity at the entrance but soon the blackbirds appeared, and the fantail joined in once I was in the picnic area. Then it was Pukekos and paradise shelducks out by the yards. Numbers were down a bit today - 13 species and 61 birds seen or heard. It was good to see 2 Kereru.

I decided to walk up towards the sand trap past the pines and then on to Upper Bush. I see that the pines are getting the chop.

Happily, little nikaus (see: <https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/rhopalostylis-sapida/>) are appearing (photo below). I also remember seeing many chaffinches in this area when I was doing the bird count there. Now there seem to be far fewer, probably due to the changes in vegetation over time - floods and tempests!

The treat for me was entering the Upper Bush and hearing the bird song - so many bellbirds, tuis and silvereyes all making the most of the end of the kohekohe flowering. The forest there is wonderful - some huge kohekohe and tawa, and more! The planting between the two bush areas (Matai and Upper) is impressive and has been very successful.

Great to see the *Rhabdothamnus* flowering! (see: <https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/rhabdothamnus-solandri/>)



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Taken between Matai Bush and Upper Bush, looking east-ish, toward Upper Bush



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A bit of data crunching from the attached table (28 walkthrough visits up to and including 9.07.21)

- On July 9, 2021: 13 species & 61 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 not been seen once 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% (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 (225), Chaffinch (201), Fantail (179), Goldfinch (119), Silvereyes (226), Sparrow (121), Tui (212)

- 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)

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BIRDS RECORDED at Whareroa Farm, 'Walk Through' – Occasional Report																																								
Date	Begin Time	End Time	Bellbird	Blackbacked Gull	Blackbird	California quail	Chaffinch	Dunnoek	Eastern rosella	Falcon	Fantail	Goldfinch	Greenfinch	Greywarbler	Harrier	Kereru	Kingfisher	Magpie	Mallard	Paradise shelduck	Pheasant	Pukeko	Redpoll	Rock Pigeon	Shining Cuckoo	Silvereye	Sparrow	Spurwinged Plover	Starling	Swallow	Thrush	Tui	White faced Heron	Yellowhammer	Total Birds	Species Count				
09. Aug 18	14.00	15.50	1		10		10				12	4		1				2		5		3	1												3		62	14		
08. Sep 18	9.45	12.30	2		2		10	1	4		4			2		2	1			6		3				7	12		2	4	2	5					69	17		
10. Okt 18	9.40	11.30			8		18		2		2	14	6	1	2	2		2		4		5								1		2					69	14		
21. Nov 18	9.30	11.00	1		7		8	1			6	7	1	2				1	1	1	5	2				3	6		5	4	2	6		1			70	20		
21. Feb 19	9.35	11.15		3	7	1	1				6	2		2	1	1	2	3			1					10	12		3			4					59	16		
18. Mär 19	10.38	12.50	3	2	2	1			4		7	8		4		1		4		2		3				11	29	1	20				8				110	17		
08. Mai 19	9.45	12.50	3		2		2		3	2	6			3			2	3		4	3	13				2	1		2		3	10		1			65	18		
10. Jun 19	10.00	11.58	1		6		3	2	2		10			1	2			4		4	1	3				3	5		2	1		9					57	16		
22. Jul 19	9.30	11.15	3		7	2	18	1	2		7			3			2	1				6				15	2	2	6		5	15		3			100	18		
15. Aug 19	10.05	11.45	1		12		10		1		3		1	4	3		1	1	1	5	2	4				1				1	5	5					61	18		
20. Sep 19	10.03	11.58	4		19		8		1		12			13	4			2		4	4	3				12	4				5	8					103	15		
15. Nov 19	9.08	10.30			14	8	14		2		7	6	3	5		1		1		4	3					17	4		1	3	4	7					104	18		
06. Dez 19	9.30	10.50	2		10	4	12		2		5	7	2	3			2				5	2				2	2	4	5		5	4			1			79	19	
17. Jan 20	9.30	11.05	3		12	7	9		4		8	5	2	3		1	2	1			1	2				10	4		22			2			1			99	19	
28. Feb 20	9.30	11.40	1	5	7	4	5		1		5			8		1		3		1		8				27	16			12		10			2			116	17	
30. Apr 20	9.40	11.30			4		2		3	1	4							1	7		4		6				10		2		1		10	2				57	14	
28. Mai 20	11.20	1.05	1		9		7				16	2		1		2	1				2					40					4	9						94	12	
20. Jul 20	10.15	11.45	4		6		4				7	11		3		3	1	1		6	1	16				5	1		7		7	6						89	17	
10. Aug 20	10.04	12.08	3		8	4	8				3			5	1	2		4		4	2	4				6				1		5	1		1			61	16	
12. Sep 20	1.20	3.30	2		11	4	6				6	40	6	5	1	1	1	1	1	3	6	4	3			2	5	4		3	1	11			4			130	23	
09. Okt 20	1.47	3.40	2		6	4	5				5			4	1	1	1	2		6	3	2				4				1	7							54	16	
20. Nov 20	9.56	12.40	4		10	6	17		2		2			9		2	2	6		6	8	1	3		2	5	2		5		6	9			6			113	21	
05. Jan 21	9.55	11.50	5	13	14	8	10				3		2	2		4		2			1	4				5			12	5	1	17						108	17	
17. Feb 21	9.48	11.29		1	10	7	2		2		4	7		3	1	1		4				9			1	3	6	2	6	1	3							73	19	
06. Apr 21	9.40	11.45	1		5		1				3	5		5			1	5		2		3				13	6			2		13							65	14
06. Mai 21	1.20	3.15	2		5		3		1		7	1		4		3	1			2		9				5	3			1	7								54	15
11. Jun 21	10.22	12.14	2		4		2		1		13			5	1			3		2		4				3	1		3	3	6	11						64	16	
09. Jul 21	10.25	12.37	4		8		6				6			3		2				6		7				5			5		1	7			1				61	13