

Bird Count Walkthrough

November 20, 2021

Helen Reports...

Back to the farm for a very relaxed 'walkthrough' bird count.

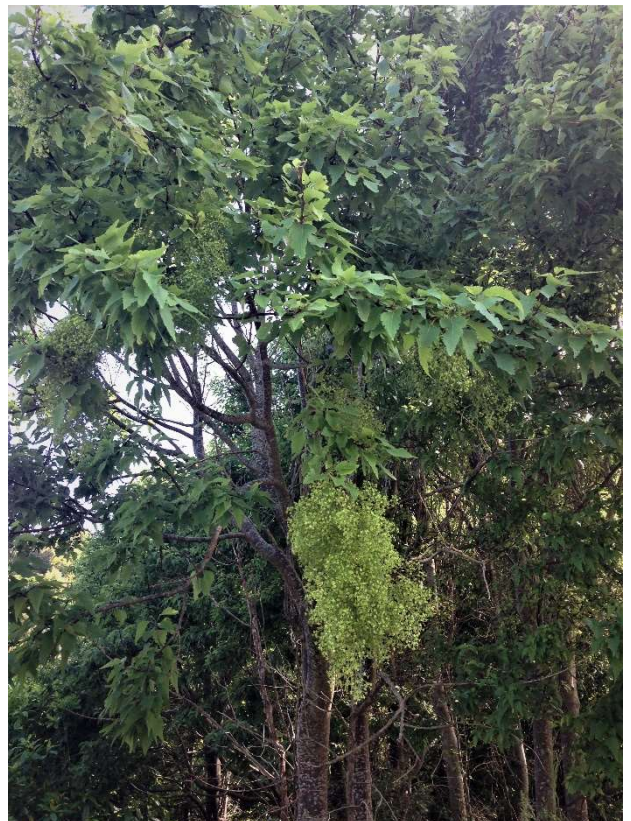


All so remarkably green and lush - the years of plantings looking very established. The cabbage trees are in full flower and scenting the air with their sweet fragrance.

The silvereyes seemed to be enjoying that.

The ribbonwoods everywhere are really lovely at the moment with great bunches of what I think are spent flowers (?) They obviously love being in Whareroa.

Eighteen species were seen or heard, the most vocal all the way around were the chaffinches - I counted eleven but there were many more I could hear.



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Also many grey warblers, letting their parasitic cousins, the shining cuckoo, know where to find them.

They too were in evidence - somewhere near the gum plantation - always good to hear them now while they are still in residence.

There were three pairs of Paradise shelduck, one with 6 teenage ducklings.

Tuis were everywhere - soon they will be tucking into the flax flowers.

Today I only heard one bellbird and saw no kereru, but that is unusual.

It was a good day and as always, great to be in Whareroa again!

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A bit of data crunching from the attached table (31 walkthrough visits up to and including 19.11.21)

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

- On Nov 19, 2021: 18 species & 88 birds recorded (seen or heard).
- 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)
- 15 species were sighted during at least 61% (19 or more) of visits: Bellbird, Blackbird, Chaffinch, Eastern Rosella, Fantail, Grey Warbler, Kereru, Magpie, Paradise Shelduck, Pukeko, Silvereye, Sparrow, Starling, Thrush & Tui
- Most sighted / Top 8 in alphabetical order: Blackbird (243), Chaffinch (232), Fantail (193), Goldfinch (127), Pukeko (135), Silvereyes (236), Sparrow (131), Tui (235)
- 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 (4, 7), 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	Black Swan	California quail	Canada Goose	Chaffinch	Dunmook	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	5	2		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	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		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	
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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	
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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	
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19. Nov 21	9.16	11.30	1		7				11		1		6	4		6			1	3		14	2	5			1	6			6		2	10		2	88	18	

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