

Bird Count Walkthrough

January 17, 2022

Helen Reports...

Happy New Year Greetings! Finally made it to Whareroa on a hot summers day - 2022!

Tuis and kereru were the main players today. Eighteen tuis at least - and families of them, which is so great to see.

For the first time I saw more than one or two kereru - they kept appearing, mostly in the Ti Kouka area - six in total. That was another great moment. *[Ed: these birds are seen to multi-task nests: <https://nzbirdsonline.org.nz/species/new-zealand-pigeon>]*

Also saw a family of piwakawaka - I get a real buzz out of that. *[Ed: fantails have been seen without tails? <https://www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz/species/new-zealand-fantail>]*

Today's total was eighteen species and ninety-eight birds recorded. Noted absence of Paradise shelduck.

Despite the dry conditions it is impressive to see such healthy forest emerging. The growth is phenomenal (do I always say this?)



The mowed tracks are wonderful, especially with the grass being so long. Denys was busy there today - thanks, Denys! It was so nice to see all the streams cleared out of parsnip weed (celery weed), the result of the December flooding.

We walked up the Ramaroa track and found the old track. Also saw an tree with great bunches of fruit , see pic, can you name it? Answer on the next page!

Downside of things was spotting a weasel at the picnic area near the entrance - by the first picnic table. Nasty moment :- (*[Ed: Ann noted that mustelids (weasels, stoats) are still around despite our trappers' best efforts. Last week she has spotted kereru very active around the Dell last week with bellbird and ruru at the same time up by the caravan about 8.30pm]*

Until next time,
Helen

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Thanks to Ann's identification skill, the answer to the "mystery" tree: Japanese walnut. They are holding the stream bank together, so we are leaving them alone - they don't seem to be spreading.

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A bit of data crunching from the attached table (32 walkthrough visits up to and including 17.1.22)

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 Jan 17, 22: 18 species & 98 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 63% (20 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 (249), Chaffinch (238), Fantail (201), Goldfinch (132), Pukeko (142), Silvereyes (237), Sparrow (131), Tui (253)
- 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	Duncock	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	1	1	2	3			1				3	6						5	4	2	6			59	16
18. Mär 19	10.38	12.50	3	2	2		1				4		7	8		4		1		4		2		3				11	29	1	30				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	
10. Aug 20	10.04	12.08	3		8		4		8				3			5	1	2		4		4	2	4				6				1		5	1				61	16	
12. Sep 20	1.20	3.30	2		11		4		6				6	40	6	5	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
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20. Sep 21	1.40	3.27	5		3				4		3		4	4		5		2	2			1	4	1				4	4		3	3		4		1				57	18
17. Jan 22	9.00	11.20	2	16	6				6		1		8	5		3		6	1	4				7					1		9	2	1	18		2				98	18

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