

Bird Count Walkthrough

April 11, 2022

Helen reports...



Rather a grey day and not much going on - except I did catch sight of Suzie (?) on the mower which seemed a very good idea. The picnic area is very much in need of a mow.

I headed off up the farm race herding a bunch of sheep up to the hub.

The stream (SE Whareroa) which crosses the path near the entrance to the Dell was the lowest I have ever seen.

Then I followed on into the Carex Valley.

Here there were many fantails and silvereyes. I watched 6 silvereyes all enjoying a bath in the stream, which was fun.

There was quite a bit of activity around the gums and beyond - tuis, bellbird, chaffinches and blackbirds.



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I became diverted by the track on the western side of the valley - it was a track that Tony was always keen about and years ago we walked it from the Lookout. So I had a moment of nostalgia and climbed up to the top.

Not many birds in the bush on the way up but near the top there were plenty of blackbirds, silvereyes and goldfinches. But I didn't include them in my count - it could have been because I was out of breathe!

I was rewarded by a great view of Mt Wainui and down into Whareroa with patches of planting areas on the top of the hills.

So my numbers were down a bit today, 14 species seen and 58 counted. A good day out though - and very energetic!

Until next time,
Helen

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A bit of data crunching from the attached table (34 walkthrough visits up to and including 11.4.22)

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.

Helen records on average, a total number of 80 birds per walkthrough (the average has ranged from 54 to 130).

- On April 11, 22: 14 species & 58 birds recorded (seen or heard).
- 3 species have been seen during every walk-through: Blackbird, Tui & Fantail (Grey Warblers have not been seen once during separate visits, otherwise they would be in this exclusive group too, Silvereyes & Chaffinches have not been seen twice)
- 15 species were sighted during at least 62% (21 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 (262), Chaffinch (243), Fantail (211), Goldfinch (153), Pukeko (160), Silvereyes (257), Starling (145), Tui (265)
- 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		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		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			
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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		
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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		
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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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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
11. Apr 22	8.43	10.30	1		7				5		2		7	1		2						2		4					18		1	1	2		5							58	14

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