

## **BIRD IDENTIFICATION**

- As requested, here are the species of birds I recorded in 2 surveys on Red Hill in the stringybark and Australian Blackthorn hilltop section on 26/9/16 and 5/4/17. Bird species of conservation significance including threatened species are shown in bold. Hope these assist.
- Spring 2016 - 26/9/16 (1550-1720 hours, cold, light SW wind, overcast, 9 deg. C):

Grey Fantail 6

Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike 2

White-throated Gerygone 2

Yellow-faced Honeyeater 7

**White-browed Scrubwren 4 (2 pairs, likely breeding) (declining species on New England Tableland thus of local conservation significance)**

White-naped Honeyeater 2

Crimson Rosella 6

Eastern Rosella 5

Superb Fairy-wren 8

White-throated Treecreeper 2

Grey Shrike-thrush 1

Fan-tailed Cuckoo 1

**Varied Sittella 6 (threatened species in NSW – 2 birds were observed building a nest in a stringybark on southern edge of remnant)**

**Satin Flycatcher 1 (male called – declining species on New England Tableland thus of local conservation significance)**

Red Wattlebird 2

Australian Magpie 7

Sacred Kingfisher 1

**Speckled Warbler 2 – male & female, potentially breeding in Blackthorn thickets (threatened species in NSW)**

Spotted Pardalote 1

Brown Thornbill 4 (breeding)

Eastern Spinebill 2 (foraged on flowering mistletoe)

Rufous Whistler 3 (female, 2 adult males)

Torresian Crow 4

Eastern Yellow Robin 2 (likely nesting) (local conservation significance as has declined in NE Tableland)

Noisy Friarbird 1

**Dusky Woodswallow 2 (threatened species in NSW)**

Silvereye 2

Yellow-rumped Thornbill 8

Galah 2

Little Corella 1

Pied Currawong 1

Golden Whistler 1 (male)

Willie Wagtail 1

**Total: 100 individual birds from 33 species incl. 6 conservation-significant species (3 listed as threatened [vulnerable] in NSW)**

Autumn 2016 survey – 5/4/17 (1710-1800), mild 15 deg C It-moderate NE, mostly sunny.

White-throated Treecreeper 1

Black-faced Woodswallow 2

White-browed Scrubwren 6 (territory-called in Blackthorn thickets, likely young birds so bred)

Eastern Spinebill 2

Striated Thornbill 2 (local conservation significance in very fragmented NE Tableland)

Brown Thornbill 3 (likely bred in Blackthorn thickets)

Eastern Yellow Robin 2

Spotted Pardalote 2

Superb Fairy-wren 5

Galah 2

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo 1

Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike 1

Dusky Woodswallow 43 (flock soared & perched on stringybarks on hill)

Grey Fantail 4

Grey Shrike-thrush 1 (immature bird)

Crimson Rosella 7

Forest Raven 2

Brown Goshawk 1

Willie Wagtail 1

Grey Butcherbird 1

**Total: 89 birds from 20 species incl. 4 conservation-significant species (1 listed threatened species)**

Overall total (both surveys): 189 birds (some would have been counted twice across both surveys) from 40 species incl. 7 conservation-significant species (3 listed as threatened in NSW species – Speckled Warbler, Varied Sittella and Dusky Woodswallow).

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