



Biodiversity Solutions

biodiversity planning - strategy – surveys - monitoring – evaluation

Bird surveys at Dog Rock Flora and Fauna Sanctuary and Honey Woodland 20 March 2021

As part of the Batesford, Fyansford, Stonehaven Landcare Group's Lower Moorabool Bio-link Project Biodiversity Grant, expert bird observers and volunteers has performed regular bird surveys, collecting data to monitor the responses of woodland birds to the establishment of the biolink and its interaction with remnant bush.

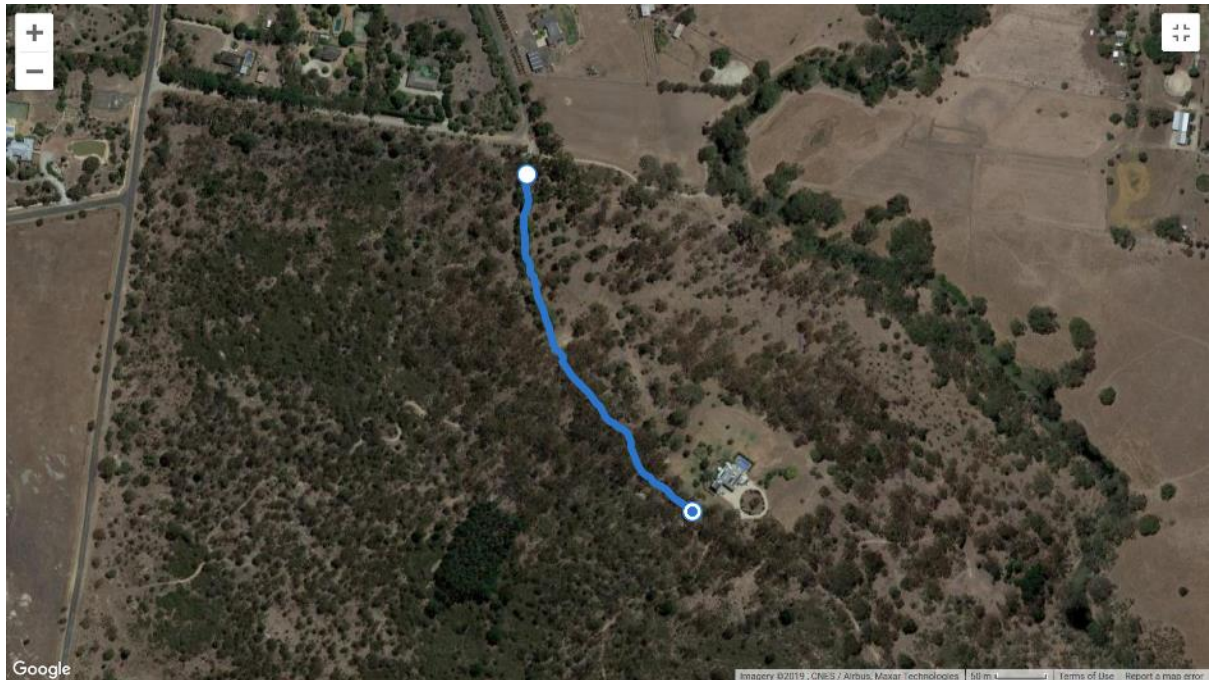
A late summer / early autumn survey was undertaken on 20 March 2021.

Numbers of each species counted on various legs of the survey are given below:

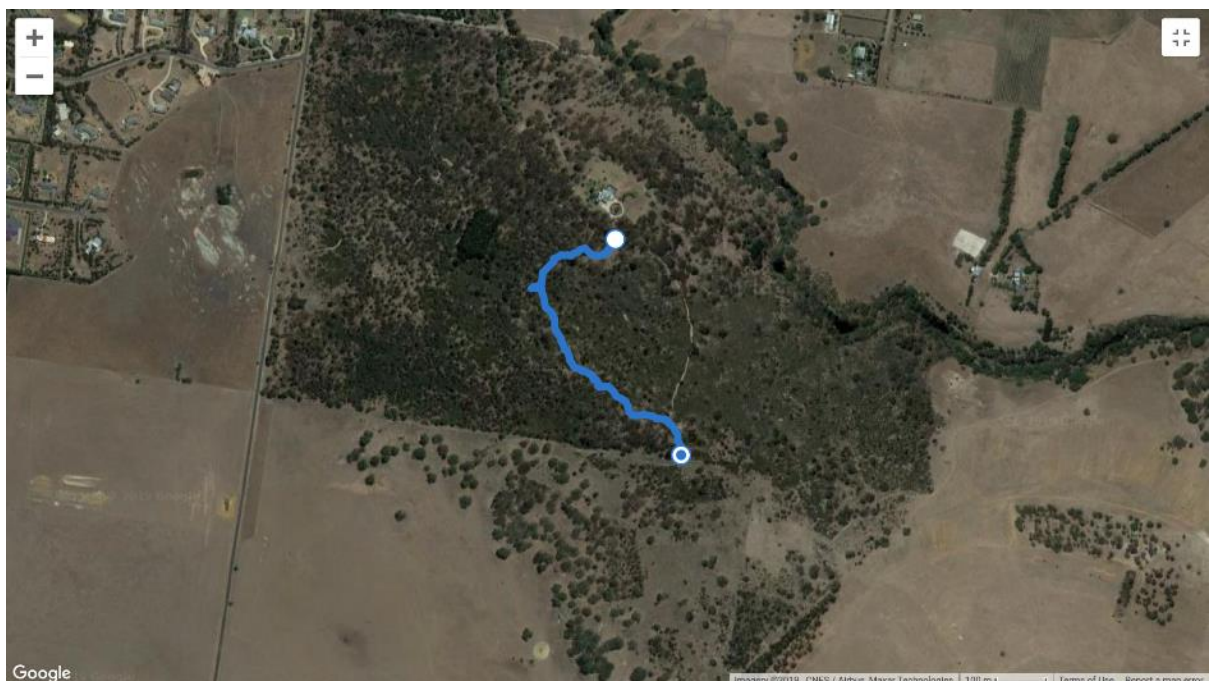
Bird species	Number recorded (individuals heard or seen)						
	Route 1	Route 2	Route 3	Route 4	Route 5	Route 6	River Reserve
Australian Wood Duck			4				
Pacific Black Duck			12				2
Grey Teal			22				
Australasian Grebe			3				
Common Bronzewing	1						
Crested Pigeon			2				
Dusky Moorhen			1				6
Eurasian Coot			2				
Masked Lapwing			4				
Little Pied Cormorant							1
Wedge-tailed Eagle			4				
Brown Goshawk			1				
Collared Sparrowhawk		1	1				
Black Kite			1				
Laughing Kookaburra	2						2
Brown Falcon		2					
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	2						
Galah	4		2				
Eastern Rosella		5	16				6
Red-rumped Parrot			26		2		12
Purple-crowned Lorikeet	4		2		3		

Rainbow Lorikeet	20	8	8				
Superb Fairywren	6	6	10	2			10
Noisy Miner			4				
Red Wattlebird	8	4	2		6		
White-plumed Honeyeater		2	20		6		12
New Holland Honeyeater	6	5	10		2		8
Brown-headed Honeyeater	4						
Spotted Pardalote	3	6	4		4		5
Striated Pardalote	4	6	4				2
White-browed Scrubwren		2					
Brown Thornbill	2	2					
Yellow-rumped Thornbill						2	
Weebill	2	10			2		2
Black-faced Cuckooshrike			2				1
Crested Shrike-tit			2				
Grey Shrikethrush		3	1				3
Rufous Whistler	3	3					
Dusky Woodswallow			16		7		
Australian Magpie	6		6				8
Pied Currawong	1	16	1				
Grey Currawong	1	2					
Willie Wagtail			4		2		
Grey Fantail	4	9	2	2	7		2
Magpie-lark			4				
Little Raven	2	1	2	8	2		
Eastern Yellow Robin			1				
Welcome Swallow			70			2	
Silvereye	2	4					
Common Starling	1	1	2				
Common Blackbird			1				
Mistletoebird	1		1				
Red-browed Finch		6	2				

Appendix: Maps showing standardised routes for bird surveys



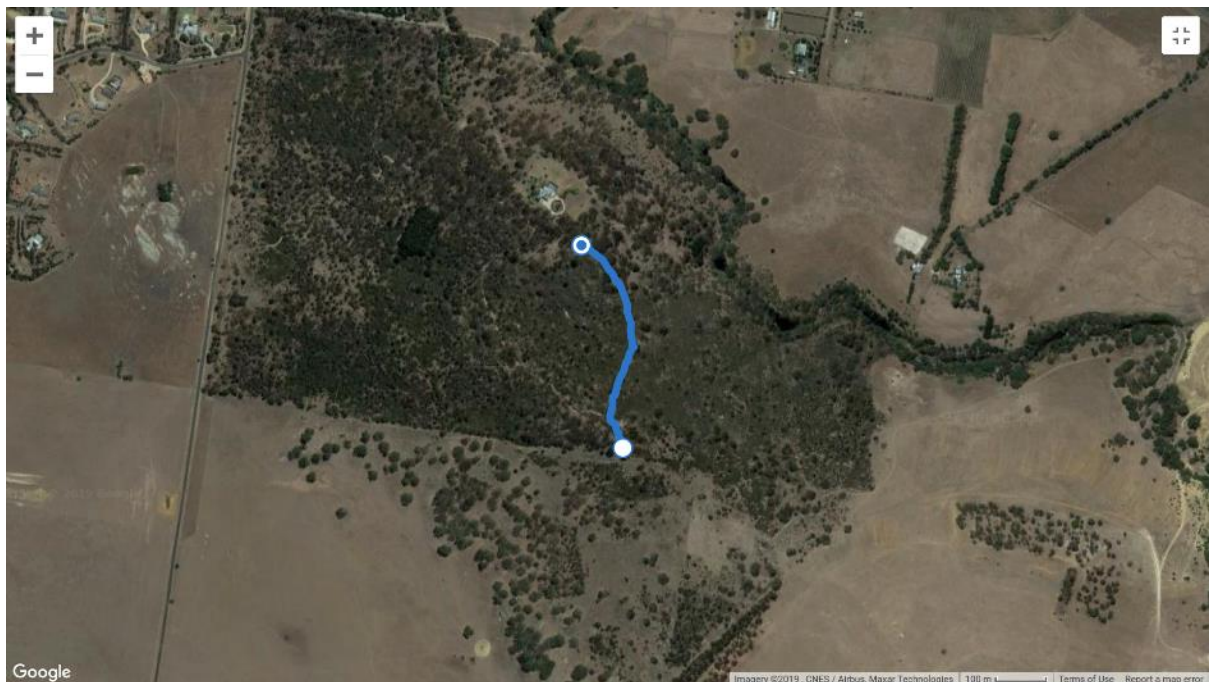
Route 1 of standardised Landcare bird surveys; along road from gate to house. Fly-overs and other birds not using the Dog Rock Sanctuary were excluded.



Route 2 of standardised Landcare bird surveys; along 4WD track house to fence along western half of the loop. Fly-overs and other birds not using the Dog Rocks Sanctuary were excluded.



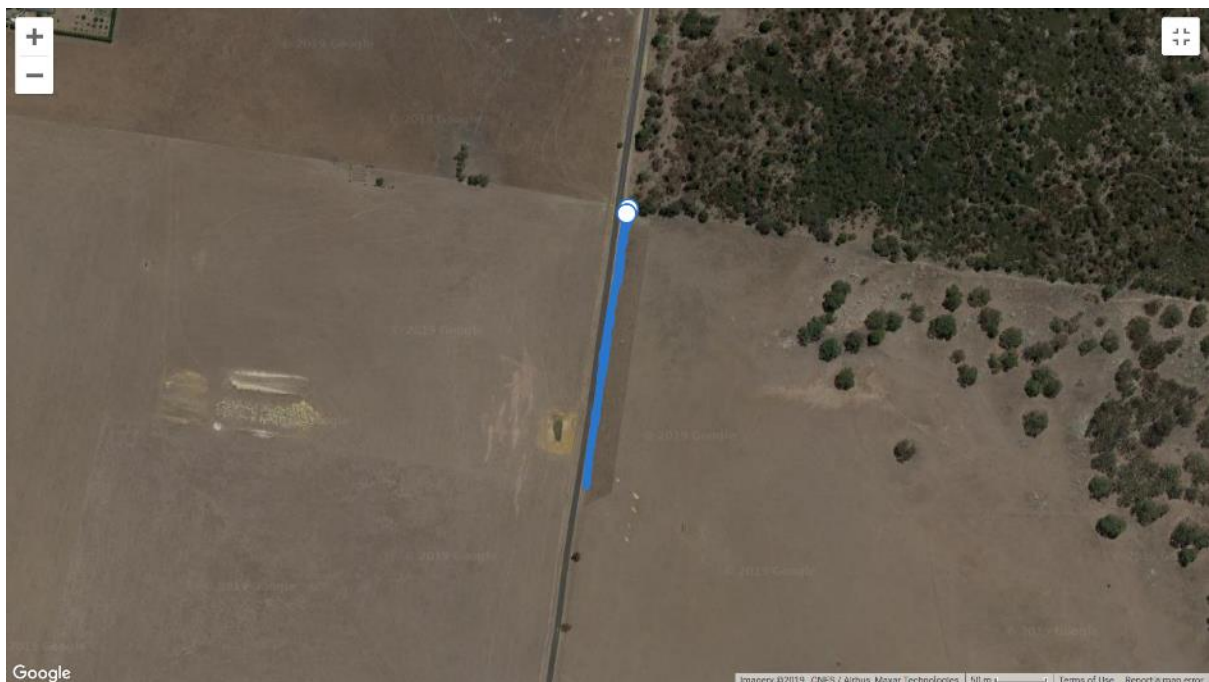
Route 3 of standardised Landcare bird surveys; loop around Honey woodlands to overlook dam and back. Fly-overs and other birds not using the paddock were excluded.



Route 4 of standardised Landcare bird surveys; along 4WD track from fence back to house along eastern half of the loop. Fly-overs and other birds not using the Dog Rocks Sanctuary were excluded.



Route 5 of standardised Landcare bird surveys; from house to overlooking the river. Individual birds seen on the return leg as well as the outward leg, fly-overs and other birds not using the Dog Rock Sanctuary were excluded.



Route 6 of standardised Landcare bird surveys; along road beside the revegetation corridor, and back. Individual birds seen on the return as well as the outward leg, fly-overs and other birds not using the revegetation corridor were excluded.

Incidental records of birds using the area but not recorded on any of the standardised routes were recorded separately.