

CREERY ISLAND WATERBIRD SURVEY

By Alan Clarke 16/11/96 0830hrs

There were no Banded Stilt at the Creery Island wetlands. Other birds recorded include:

Australian Shelduck 21
Pacific Black Duck 23
Little Pied Cormorant 4
White-faced Heron 2
Great Egret 3
Black-winged Stilt 24
Bar-tailed Godwit 22
Greenshank 40
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper 22
Silver Gull 76

BOUNDARY ISLAND PELICAN SURVEY

50 Pelicans were standing on the beach adjacent to the breeding area. 20 Pelicans were standing halfway between the breeding area and the top of the viewing hill. There were no Pelicans in the breeding area.

WATERBIRD SURVEY OF THE EAST SIDE OF AUSTIN BAY

Using a telescope I was able to view a large area of Peel Estuary. There were no Banded Stilt further out at Austin Bay where John Blyth had recently recorded large numbers. There were however three small groups of Banded Stilt along the shore towards the first point before Boggy Bay. The first group contained eight birds, five with 0-50% breast band development and three with 70%. This group as well as the second group, another 400m away, were feeding close to shore in the shallows. The second group contained thirty birds of which nine had breast band development of only 0-20%, the remainder had 100% breast bands. The third group containing forty birds, twenty eight having 90% breast band development with the rest having 100% breast bands. These birds were roosting on a sand spit which has developed along the east side of the Coolup Drain mouth. Other waterbirds on the spit included, 80 Black Swans including a brood of 6, 50 Australian Shelduck, 50 Pacific Black Duck, 200 Grey Teal, 18 Little Pied Cormorant, 50 Silver Gull and 3 Australian Pelican.

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permanently Banded Stilt :
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