

BIRD SPECIES SEEN ON VARANUS ISLAND APRIL - MAY 1956

<u>WEDGE TAIL SHEARWATER</u>	
<u>PIED CORMORANT</u>	<u>COMMON keeps to the edge</u>
<u>REEF HERON</u>	<u>4 1 pair nested northern end of island</u>
<u>SPOTTED HARRIER</u>	<u>3 each in different plumage, 1 adult 2 young.</u>
<u>BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE</u>	<u>1 only in April</u>
<u>WHITE BREASTED SEA EAGLE</u>	<u>1 only mobbed by the OSPREYS</u>
<u>BROWN FALCON</u>	<u>1 only MAY 14</u>
<u>NANKEEN KESTREL</u>	<u>about 4 seen regularly around camp</u>
<u>OSPREY</u>	<u>3. One pair sit each day on the ariel</u>
<u>POMARINE SKUA</u>	<u>1 only, looks exhausted in April but now fit MAY 14.</u>
<u>SILVER GULL</u>	<u>The most common bird.</u>
<u>BRIDLED TERN</u>	<u>5 so far, I expect many more later</u>
<u>CASPIAN TERN</u>	<u>6, Three pairs</u>
<u>CRESTED TERN</u>	<u>Common, has attempted to nest at south end</u>
<u>EASTERN CURLEW</u>	<u>1 lonesome bird seen 24/APRIL</u>
<u>WHIMBREL</u>	<u>2 seen once on 26/APRIL</u>
<u>BAR TAILED GODWIT</u>	<u>2-3 Regular sightings</u>
<u>PIED OYSTERCATCHER</u>	<u>Approx 8 4 pairs</u>
<u>GREENSHANK</u>	<u>5-6 Regular sightings</u>
<u>TURNSTONE</u>	<u>Approx 12 regular sightings</u>
<u>SANDERLING</u>	<u>1 seen with Turnstones 23/APRIL</u>
<u>RED CAPPED DOTTEREL</u>	<u>2 infrequent sightings</u>
<u>GREY PLOVER</u>	<u>1 seen 23/4 &amp; again 14/5</u>
<u>LARGE SAND PLOVER</u>	<u>2 seen 14/5</u>
<u>BEACH STONE CURLEW</u>	<u>1 only, seems to be resident on the island</u>
<u>BAR SHOULDERED DOVE</u>	<u>Common Approx 70 one nest found</u>
<u>BUDGERIGAR</u>	<u>1 bird seen below Laundry 25/4 then 4 birds on 26/4</u>
<u>TREE MARTIN</u>	<u>1st flock arrived 5/5 now seen regularly at N end.</u>
<u>WELCOME SWALLOW</u>	<u>Regular sightings, seems to be about 8-4 pair.</u>
<u>SACRED KINGFISHER</u>	<u>1 seen frequently by the mangroves, April, now absent</u>
<u>GREY FANTAIL</u>	<u>1 seen only once in the mangroves 26/4</u>
<u>PIED FANTAIL</u>	<u>Regular sightings 4 pairs seem to be residents</u>
<u>GOLDEN HEADED CISTICOLA</u>	<u>1 bird only seen 14/5</u>
<u>AUSTRALIAN PIPIT</u>	<u>Common, One nest found 23/4</u>
<u>BROWN HONEYEATER</u>	<u>3-4 seen at N end 24/4</u>
<u>SINGING HONEYEATER</u>	<u>2 at N end 24/4</u>
<u>WHITE FRONTED HONEYEATER</u>	<u>1 at N end 26/4</u>
<u>YELLOW SILVEREYE</u>	<u>Common resident around mangroves and N end</u>
<u>WHITE BREASTED WOOD SWALLOW</u>	<u>4 - 2 adult &amp; 2 young, nested in mangroves.</u>

HORSFIELDS BRONZE CUCKOO

1 By the laundry 17 May 1986

RED BACKED KINGFISHER

2 Bds first seen 17 May last seen 6th June

BLACK OYSTERCATCHER

2 at low tide in the bay by the jetty 22/MAY

LITTLE TERN

2 Flew over the laundry 5/JUNE

BLACK FACED CUCKOO SHRIKE

1 Only at the north end 6/JUNE