Appendix 2

BUNGONIA VISIT BIRD LIST

Canberra Ornithologists Group (COG)/Goulburn Field Naturalists Society (GFNS) joint outing on 7th October 2006

Bungonia Village (13:30 to 7:45 on 7-8/10/06)

Bungonia Village		
Australian Wood Duck	Magpie-Lark	Weebill
Australian Magpie	Masked Lapwing (nest)	Welcome Swallow
Australian Raven	New Holland Honeyeater	White-browed Scrub-wren
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Noisy Friarbird	White-eared Honeyeater
Brown-headed Honeyeater	Pacific Black Duck	White-naped Honeyeater
Brown Thornbill	Pied Currawong	White-plumed Honeyeater
Buff-rumped Thornbill	Purple Swamphen	White-throated Tree-creeper
Clamorous Reed-warbler	Red-browed Finch	Willie Wagtail
Common Bronzewing	Red-rumped Parrot	Yellow-faced Honeyeater
Crested Pigeon	Red Wattlebird	Yellow-rumped Thornbill
Crimson Rosella	Red Wattlebird	Yellow Thornbill
Darter	Restless Flycatcher	
Double-barred Finch	Rufous Whistler	
Dusky Moorhen	Satin Bowerbird	
Eastern Spinebill	Sacred Kingfisher	
Galah	Shining Bronze-cuckoo	
Grey Butcherbird	Silvereye	
Grey Fantail	Striated Thornbill (fed young)	
Grey Shrike-thrush	Striated Pardalote	Common Blackbird
Jacky Winter	Southern Boobook	Common Starling
Laughing Kookaburra	Spotted Pardalote	Common Myna
	Superb Fairy-wren	House Sparrow
	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	•
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REPORT ON OUTING TO BUNGONIA, SATURDAY -SUNDAY 7-8 OCTOBER 2006

The relatively small COG group who joined me on this joint outing with the Goulburn Field Naturalists Society (GFNS), were more than compensated by the numbers of GFNS members as well as local Bungonia residents. After setting up camp we set off for a survey of the birdlife in the Bungonia Village Park, the adjacent Bungonia Creek, and the nearby TSR. It was a warm though comparatively still afternoon, and bird activity along the creek was particularly good with many species using the pools of water to bathe or drink. This allowed for relatively relaxed birding as we sat or lingered in the shade, letting the birds come to us. In the later part of the afternoon we also examined some of the local sights in this historic village, such as the oldest still functioning Catholic church on the Australian mainland, and the ruins of an old inn and associated buildings such as a bakery and forge. Many GFNS members then joined us for a BBQ on a perfectly still warm moonlit evening, to top off a wonderful afternoon's activity.

By nightfall we had already managed to pick up 47 species, and with some further birding early in the morning managed to increase this to 57. Highlights were good views of both Yellow Thornbill and Clamorous Reed-warbler, as well as Shining Bronze-cuckoo, Restless Flycatcher, Double-barred Finch and Grey Butcherbird either seen or heard. The Jacky Winter, so prominent on a recce only 6 weeks earlier, was relatively quiet, perhaps nesting, and a Sacred Kingfisher only called a few times and stayed out of view. The lighter sleepers managed to hear the clear calls of the Southern Boobook closeby at about 4 am, though almost everyone heard the Willie Wagtail, known to have a nest nearby, as it called all night, typical for this species when it's full moon. The local Peacock also called regularly, but the dawn chorus seemed to me to be predominately Yellow-faced Honeyeater, which together with the White-plumed, were very abundant along the creek line.