

Checklist S38726299

Location Lake Omanu, Horowhenua District County, Manawatu-Wanganui, NZ ([Map](#))

Date and Effort

Sat Aug 19, 2017 11:30 AM

Protocol: Area

Party Size: 10

Duration: 1 hour(s), 50 minute(s)

Area: 15.0 ha

Primary Habitat: Lakes and Ponds

Observers: **Peter Frost**

Comments: Area includes lakeside vegetation (willows, raupo, flax, grass) and some high producing exotic grassland

Species

32 species total

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96 Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*

91 Black Swan *Cygnus atratus*

Including 2 cygnets (medium-sized downy; class 1b)

3 Paradise Shelduck *Tadorna variegata*

Age & Sex	Juvenile	Immature	Adult	Age Unknown
Male			3	
Female				
Sex Unknown				

30 Australian Shoveler *Spatula rhynchotis*

Counted, despite the round number

Age & Sex	Juvenile	Immature	Adult	Age Unknown
Male			21	
Female			9	
Sex Unknown				

34 Mallard (Northern) *Anas platyrhynchos platyrhynchos/conboschas*

Some of the 'females' below could have been males still in eclipse plumage. Birds too far away and seen somewhat against the light to be certain of their sex.

Age & Sex	Juvenile	Immature	Adult	Age Unknown
Male			18	
Female			16	
Sex Unknown				

8 Grey Teal *Anas gracilis*

30 New Zealand Scaup *Aythya novaeseelandiae*

Counted, despite the round number

20 New Zealand Dabchick *Poliiocephalus rufopectus*

A minimum count that does not take into account birds underwater at the time of the visual sweep across the lake. This is not an exceptionally large number of birds for this site (I recorded 48 three years previously) or the region, a stronghold for this species. Non-breeding aggregations seems to be a feature of this species in this region.

16 Little Pied Shag *Microcarbo melanoleucos*

2 Black Shag *Phalacrocorax carbo*

1 White Heron *Ardea alba*

Another bird seen separately on an adjacent lake just to the north of Lake Omanu in the same period (Duncan Watson; Dianne Parker)

1	White-faced Heron <i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>
4	Australasian Harrier <i>Circus approximans</i> Two pairs; males giving courtship display calls
3	Pukeko <i>Porphyrio melanotus</i>
1	Spur-winged Plover <i>Vanellus miles</i>
5	South Black Backed Gull <i>Larus dominicanus</i>
X	Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) <i>Columba livia</i> (<i>Feral Pigeon</i>) Large flock seen in adjacent farmland, plus eight flew overhead in two groups (3, 5) - racing pigeons?
1	Sacred Kingfisher <i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>
1	Grey Warbler <i>Gerygone igata</i>
2	Australian Magpie <i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>
2	New Zealand Fantail <i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i>
1	Skylark <i>Alauda arvensis</i>
7	Welcome Swallow <i>Hirundo neoxena</i>
8	Silver-eye <i>Zosterops lateralis</i>
2	Eurasian Blackbird <i>Turdus merula</i>
1	Song Thrush <i>Turdus philomelos</i>
11	European Starling <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
4	Yellowhammer <i>Emberiza citrinella</i>
2	Chaffinch <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
26	European Greenfinch <i>Chloris chloris</i>
10	European Goldfinch <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>
12	House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i> A minimum number; others heard calling in distant stands of willow and other lakeside vegetation.

Are you submitting a **complete checklist** of the birds you were able to identify?

Yes