

230 Dyers Road, Bromley (Dogwatch Swamp)

Avifauna and Lizard species list

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Introduction

This report provides an overview of birdlife and lizards occurring at the Dogwatch property, 230 Dyers Road, Bromley, Christchurch. The site comprises grassy paddocks, a steep sandy slope (the former edge of the Bromley sand dunes) and an ephemeral wetland basin (old dune lake?) which is best described as a seasonally wet swamp forest. The habitat is currently dominated by a mature willow canopy and dense exotic weed growth in the understorey and forest floor. The site lies adjacent to high value wildlife habitats administered by CCC – The Bromley Oxidation Ponds and the Linwood Paddocks.

Up to 18 indigenous bird species; 19 introduced bird species and one lizard species are considered likely to occur at the site. Habitat enhancement and predator control would increase this list substantially.



Figure 1: Dogwatch Swamp.







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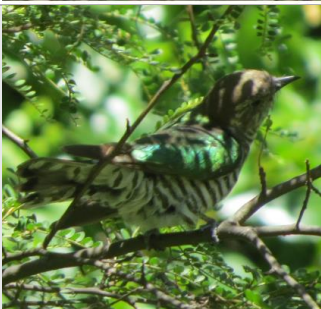


Bird and Lizard species recorded at Dogwatch Swamp and immediate environs

Indigenous and Migratory Bird species

Species	Image	Threat Category	Status
Paradise shelduck		Not Threatened	Visitor, potentially resident and breeding (in tree cavities)
Grey teal		Not Threatened	Visitor, potentially resident and breeding (in tree cavities)



Species	Image	Threat Category	Status
Little cormorant		At Risk - Relict	Occasional visitor
White-faced heron		Not Threatened	Visitor, potentially resident and breeding in tops of trees
Swamp harrier		Not Threatened	Resident in surrounding area

Pukeko		Not Threatened	Resident
Marsh crake		At risk - Declining	Unlikely to occur currently, but may occur after habitat restoration and predator control
Spotless Crane		At risk - Declining	Unlikely to occur currently, but may occur after habitat restoration and predator control
Pied stilt		Not Threatened	Visitor
Spur-winged plover		Not Threatened	Visitor
Black-backed gull		Not Threatened	Resident in surrounding area







Black-billed gull		At Risk - Declining	Visitor
Red-billed gull		At Risk - Declining	Visitor
Shining cuckoo		Not Threatened	Seasonal or regular visitor
New Zealand kingfisher		Not Threatened	Resident with seasonal influxes
Grey warbler		Not Threatened	Resident with seasonal influxes
Bellbird		Not Threatened	Resident with seasonal influxes





South Island fantail		Not Threatened	Resident with seasonal influxes
Silvereye		Not Threatened	Resident with seasonal influxes
Welcome swallow		Not Threatened	Resident in surrounding area

Introduced Bird species


Species	Image	Threat Category	Status
Canada goose		Introduced	Resident in surrounding area
Mallard		Introduced	Visitor, potentially resident and breeding in ground vegetation.

Mallard x Grey duck hybrids		hybrid	Potentially resident and breeding (in tree cavities)
California quail		Introduced	Visitor
Feral rock pigeon		Introduced	Visitor
Little owl		Introduced	Resident in surrounding area
Australian white-backed magpie		Introduced	Resident with seasonal influxes
Eurasian skylark		Introduced	Resident in surrounding area
Eurasian blackbird		Introduced	Resident with seasonal influxes

Song thrush		Introduced	Resident with seasonal influxes
Common starling		Introduced	Resident with seasonal influxes
House sparrow		Introduced	Resident with seasonal influxes
Dunnock		Introduced	Resident with seasonal influxes
Chaffinch		Introduced	Resident with seasonal influxes
European goldfinch		Introduced	Resident with seasonal influxes

European greenfinch		Introduced	Resident with seasonal influxes
Common redpoll		Introduced	Resident with seasonal influxes
Yellowhammer		Introduced	Resident with seasonal influxes
Cirl bunting		Introduced	Irregular visitor

Lizard Species

Species	Image	Threat Category	Status
Southern grass skink		At Risk - Declining	Resident in surrounding area.

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