

Meantime I had draped all my belongings around on the trees to dry. After breakfast we had a good walk and returned to camp to pack up to leave. Our fishing boat arrived early in the afternoon and sent a dinghy ashore to take us off. In spite of a few discomforts I would like to have stayed on the islands much longer -- so much to see and do there. We arrived safely back at Queenscliff about four p.m. and luckily I was offered a ride back to Melbourne as I looked altogether too much a wreck to travel on the train.

When the Convener's official report and summary arrived, I was amazed to discover that we had banded 1260 birds and had counted 7659 individuals of 48 species. Besides the ones already mentioned, we saw Bar-tailed Godwits, Marsh Sandpipers, a White-headed Stilt, Pacific Gulls, Australian Pelicans, Arctic Skuas, Swamp Harrier, Peregrines, Murre Ducks, Spine-tailed Swifts, a Narrow-billed Bronze Cuckoo, Australian Pipits, Ground-Larks, Skylarks, Goldfinch (these last are introduced birds), Starlings and House Sparrows.

(Editor's notes: The Above report was taken from letters from Mrs. North to Mrs. Stanley S. Dickerson of Spotswood, N.J. Many EBBA members will remember Mrs. North as an indefatigable worker for two years at Island Beach. In spite of her 72 years, she put "Island Beachers" to shame with her boundless energy and her faultless record-keeping. EMD)

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