



Bird surveys 2006 & 2009

Twenty observation points have been established within the Park and 5 min bird counts were recorded at each station in November 2006 and 2009.

In 2009, a total of 21 species were recorded. The most commonly counted species was the blackbird, followed by silvereyes. Other common introduced species included chaffinch, starling, goldfinch, thrush and skylark (in open areas only). Common natives were silvereyes, grey warbler, tui and fantails. (Note: some birds are more observable and/ or distinctive than others, so total count may not always reflect relative abundance).

Blackbirds were recorded at all stations. Grey Warblers were recorded at 16 of the 20 stations. Silvereyes were recorded at 14 of 20 stations, being largely absent from open areas.

We are always interested to hear about your bird observations in the Park, particularly native species not seen frequently. Contact us [here](#) with details of what you observed and when.

Native		2006	2009
Australasian Harrier (occasional visitor)	<i>Circus approximans</i>		•
Black-backed gull (occasional visitor)	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	•	
Fantail	<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i>	•	•
Grey Warbler	<i>Gerygone igata</i>	•	•
Kaka (may be visiting only, not breeding here)	<i>Nestor meridionalis</i>		•
Kereru (rare – pair in Trickle Falls valley)	<i>Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae</i>		
North Island robin (rare)	<i>Petroica australis longipes</i>		
Pipit	<i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i>	•	•
Shining cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>	•	•
Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	•	•
Tui	<i>Prosthemadera novaseelandiae</i>	•	•
Whitehead	<i>Mohoua albicilla</i>	•	
Bellbird? (rare)	<i>Anthornis melanura</i>		
North Island tomtit? (rare)	<i>Petroica macrocephala</i>		
Welcome swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica neoxena</i>		
Ruru/Morepork	<i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>		
NZ falcon	<i>Falco novaeseelandiae</i>		
Introduced			
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	•	•
California quail	<i>Callipepla californica</i>	•	•
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	•	•
Dunnock / hedge sparrow	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	•	•
Eastern Rosella (rare)	<i>Platycercus eximius</i>		
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	•	•

Greenfinch (rare)	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	•	
House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	•	•
Magpie	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>	•	•
Mallard duck	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	•	•
Pheasant (rare)	<i>Phasianus colchius</i>		
Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	•	•
Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	•	•
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	•	•
Spur-winged plover (occasional)	<i>Vanellus miles</i>		
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	•	•
Turkey (very rare)	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>		
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	•	•