

## October Bird Watching Notes by Astrid



Samphire Cove has been very quiet lately. The quietness shattered by the visiting Red-tailed Black Cockatoos who are eating the nuts on the She-oaks, pruning the trees and making a mess on the paths and bridge.

The Magpie Lark has had a baby.

The Galahs are still in the nesting hollows with the parents coming out around mid-morning for a rest and feed.

The male Crested Pigeon was putting on a tail-show trying to impress the female.

The Kingfishers have gone north.

A few migratory birds have returned.

On the sandbar today there were two Whimbrels, two Bar-tailed Godwits and two Common Sandpipers.

These were feeding along with many very dirty looking Australian Ibis and a White-faced Heron.

Last week six Sharp-Tailed Sandpipers and one Grey-Tailed Tattler were observed, but these appear to have moved on.