

## **Sixth Creek Catchment Group Cherryville Caper 11/10/09**

*Birds seen by Chris "Dylan" Armstrong (brother of local resident, Hugh Armstrong)*

Red Wattlebird  
New Holland Honeyeater  
Yellow-faced Honeyeater  
White-naped Honeyeater  
Eastern Spinebill  
Grey Fantail  
Superb Fairy-wren  
Striated Pardalote  
Goldfinch  
Red-browed Finch  
Grey Currawong  
Silvereye  
Tree Martin  
Australian Magpie  
Little Raven  
Rufous Whistler  
Sacred Kingfisher  
Great Cormorant  
Wedge-tailed Eagle  
Brown Goshawk  
Fantail Cuckoo  
Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo  
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo  
Crimson Rosella (Adelaide)  
Galah  
Grey Shrike-thrush

### **Comments**

Great to see so many small birds. The little ones are the first to feel the pinch when a part of the landscape is changed and as long as the small birds are around then the country can be considered in good health in terms of its biodiversity.

I know that fire hazard reduction is part of the regime in "The Hills" but the undergrowth is also part of the landscape and is home to more than just birds, bracken or blackberries. The KIMM principle should apply to part of any landholding....Keep It Messy Mate. This will serve to protect the smaller members of the wildlife community and is especially important when land managers are looking at remnant vegetation and connectivity between patches of remnant veg. Just having trees is not the answer.....the understorey is just as important, more so in many instances.

Keep it in mind and keep up the great work. You are part of a great little community and would be the envy of many districts where there are a lot of people with small holdings.