

Eaglehawk Neck Pelagic Trip 10th Feb 2012

Els Wakefield

Participants:

Rae Clark, Wendy Cope, Michael Hancock, Sandra Henderson, Julienne Kamprad, Judy Leitch, Philip Maher (leader), Gabrielle Rees, Judith Spence, Esther Townsend, Els Wakefield.

Conditions:

About 50% cloud, light north-easterly breeze less than 10knot, low swell less than 2m so very comfortable with nobody suffering from mal de mer.

Activity:

Left Pirates Bay on The Pauletta at 7:00am, heading south-east to the Hippolytes. Did a circuit of Little Hippolyte and then Big Hippolyte before heading to the Continental Shelf. Stopped at 43 08 028 148 12 67 from 9:32am and drifted while burleying. Then motored to a second stop at 43 06 225 48 16 362 where we drifted from 11:01am till 12:22 when we headed back along our burley trail to stop for a third time (no lat longs taken), before heading back towards shore, following the cliffs below the blowholes towards Pirates Bay, arriving at 3pm.

Shore to Hippolyte

Shy Albatross 3
Black-faced Cormorant 16
Short-tailed Shearwater 4
Silver Gull 1
Common Dolphin circa 30
Bullers Albatross 7
Caspian Tern 1
Sunfish 1
Fairy Prion 1
Gannet 1

Little Hippolyte

Kelp Gull 1
Australian Fur Seals. Several on the rocks and loafing in the water but not counted.
Australasian Gannet 1
Black-faced Cormorant 49

Big Hippolyte

Black-faced Cormorant 100s
Australasian Gannet 50
Australian Fur Seals. Many on the rocks and in the sea. No numbers taken.
Silver Gull 4
Pacific Gull 1 juv.

Big Hippolyte to Shelf

Short-tailed Shearwater 100s

Australasian Gannet 1
Shy Albatross 2
Wandering Albatross 1
Common Dolphin circa 10
White-faced Storm-Petrel 2
First Stop Shelf:
White-chinned Petrel 2
Shy Albatross 15
Short-tailed Shearwater 5
Bullers Albatross 10
Wandering Albatross 1 imm
Wandering Albatross 1 ad.
White-faced Storm-Petrel 3
Crested Tern 1
Black-browed Albatross 1 imm

Second Stop Shelf:
White-faced Storm-Petrel 10
Mako Shark 1
White-chinned Petrel 30
Great-winged Petrel 1
Bullers Albatross 7
WANDERING ALBATROSS 1 imm (BANDED 64B)
Short-tailed Shearwater 1
Grey-backed Storm-Petrel 1
Shy Albatross 10

Back along Burley Trail
Wandering Albatross 1 ad.

Third Stop to Shore:
White-chinned Petrel 20
Bullers Albatross 10
Shy Albatross 10
Common Dolphin 3
Mako Shark 1
Australian Fur Seal 1
Marlin 1
Short-tailed Shearwater 1000s
Common Diving Petrel 1
Fluttering Shearwater 2

Along Shore to Pirates Bay:
Kelp Gull 20 ad
Kelp Gull 2 juv
Fluttering Shearwater 1
Australasian Gannet 2
Crested Tern 30
Pacific Gull 2 ad
Pacific Gull 1 juv

Welcome Swallow 1