

LOCAL BIRD GUIDE

<p>AUSTRALIAN KING PARROT</p> 	<p><i>Alisterus scapularis</i></p> <p>Male head, neck, underparts brilliant scarlet. Prominent yellow eye. Back green; rump blue; tail blackish-blue. Dark green crescents on undertail coverts. Light green inner wing coverts. Female head & neck light green, usually no light shoulder stripe; otherwise like male.</p> <p>VOICE: - Loud "carrack-carrack" in flight; male gives far-carrying, piping whistle.</p> <p>SIZE: - 42 cm</p>	<p>AUSTRALIAN MAGPIE</p> 	<p><i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i></p> <p>Glossy black and white. Male black head separated from black back by wide white collar. White shoulder, wing band, rump, undertail coverts. White tail has black terminal band. Wing, underparts, black. Female collar, lower back light grey.</p> <p>VOICE: - Flute-like carolling.</p> <p>SIZE: - 36-44 cm</p>
<p>AUSTRALIAN RAVEN</p> 	<p><i>Corvus coronoides</i></p> <p>Black. Plumage glistens in sunlight. Long, floppy, pointed throat hackles. White eye. In hand, feather-bases grey; side of chin unfeathered.</p> <p>VOICE: - High, far-carrying, child-like wailing; a series of slow "aaa.." Notes with strangled, drawn out finish; quiet croaking.</p> <p>SIZE: - 52 cm</p>	<p>COMMON BLACKBIRD</p> 	<p><i>Turdus merula</i></p> <p>Male black. Bill, eye-ring orange-yellow. Female dark grey-brown. Pale chin. Faintly streaked breast.</p> <p>VOICE: - Complex, pleasant song; clucking alarm.</p> <p>SIZE: - 25 cm</p>
<p>COMMON STARLING</p> 	<p><i>Sturnus vulgaris</i></p> <p>Glossy oil-green; appears black in most lights. Bill straw-yellow. Br. Male bluish bill base; females pinkish. After post-breeding moult, bill black, body very speckled.</p> <p>VOICE: - Chattering twitters, whistles; mimicry.</p> <p>SIZE: - 20-22 cm</p>	<p>CRESCENT HONEYEATER</p> 	<p><i>Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera</i></p> <p>Dark grey with yellow patch on wing. Underside paler; broad, dark crescent across shoulder & side of breast, whitish line under it.</p> <p>Female similar but dull olive-brown; smaller.</p> <p>VOICE: - Loud "Egypt", melodic song.</p> <p>SIZE: - 14-17 cm.</p>
<p>CRIMSON ROSELLA</p> 	<p><i>Platycercus elegans</i></p> <p>Adult - rich crimson red with blue cheeks and wings.</p> <p>VOICE: - Brassy "kweek-kweek" (in flight); mellow piping whistles (perched).</p> <p>SIZE: - 35 cm</p>	<p>EASTERN YELLOW ROBIN</p> 	<p><i>Eopsaltria australis</i></p> <p>Head grey, back olive. Bill dark grey to black. Eye dark, pale brow. Whitish throat. Underparts yellow.</p> <p>Wings have pale bar; tail brown-grey. Legs brownish-black.</p> <p>VOICE: - Monotone piping; harsh "chit"; double "choop choop".</p> <p>SIZE: - 15 cm</p>
<p>EASTERN SPINEBILL</p> 	<p><i>Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris</i></p> <p>Male long thin bill. Head glossy black. Red eye. Chin, throat white with rufous centre. Black crescents over shoulders almost meet on breast. Back grey-brown; rufous nape. Wide white outer tail tips. Underparts cinnamon-brown. Female smaller, crown olive-grey.</p> <p>VOICE: - Rapid piping</p> <p>SIZE: - 13-16 cm</p>	<p>EASTERN ROSELLA</p> 	<p><i>Platycercus eximius</i></p> <p>Male red head, breast, white cheeks. Back yellow to lime-green, boldly marked black. Rump lime green. Tail blue-green, outer feather blue. Lower breast yellow; belly lime green; undertail coverts red. Female slightly smaller, duller.</p> <p>VOICE: - Piping "pee pit-ee" or slow "kwink kwink".</p> <p>High "clink-clink" in flight.</p> <p>SIZE: - 30 cm</p>
<p>GANG-GANG COCKATOO</p> 	<p><i>Callocephalon fimbriatum</i></p> <p>Male slate-grey; feathers pale-edged. Scarlet head, filamentous crest. Female grey head; upperparts barred lemon-grey.</p> <p>Crest; feathers of underparts edged salmon-pink.</p> <p>VOICE: - Distinctive "creaky door" screech.</p> <p>SIZE: - 34 cm</p>	<p>GALAH</p> 	<p><i>Elophus (Cacatua) roseicapillus</i></p> <p>Grey and pink cockatoo. Male brown iris. Female red iris.</p> <p>VOICE: - Shrill 'chi-chi'</p> <p>SIZE: - 36 cm</p>

<p>HOODED PLOVER</p> 	<p><i>Thinornis (Charadrius) rubricollis</i></p> <p>Red bill, black tip. Red eye-ring. Black head; white collar. Lower neck, side of breast black. Back pale grey-brown. Broad white wing bar.</p> <p>Tail, rump black, edged white.</p> <p>VOICE: - Short piping calls.</p> <p>SIZE: - 19-21 cm.</p>	<p>LAUGHING KOOKABURRA</p> 	<p><i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i></p> <p>Massive bill, black above, horn below. Large cream-white head; brown marks on Crown. Brown eye-stripe. Back, wings brown; mottled blue on wings. Male often has Blue patch on rump. Tail barred rufous-brown & black, margined white. Female brown Rump; head more buff. VOICE: - Raucous "laughter".</p> <p>SIZE: - 45 cm</p>
<p>MASKED LAPWING</p> 	<p><i>Vanellus miles</i></p> <p>Brown above; white below. Prominent yellow facial wattles; wing spurs. Black crown, flight feathers.</p> <p>VOICE: - Loud "kerr-kick-ki-ki-ki"; single "kek".</p> <p>SIZE: - 35cm</p>	<p>NEW HOLLAND HONEYEATER</p> 	<p><i>Phylidonyris novaehollandiae</i></p> <p>Streaked black & white with yellow wing patch. White Iris.</p> <p>Short eyebrow commences above eye; small white ear patch; white "beard". Fine white tail tip. Female smaller.</p> <p>VOICE: - Strong, high-pitched, sharp.</p> <p>SIZE: - 16-19 cm</p>
<p>RED WATTLEBIRD</p> 	<p><i>Anthochaera carunculata</i></p> <p>Slender grey-brown bird, white streaks. Crown blackish; silvery-white face. Dark red iris. Dark pink wattle at ear. Belly yellow. Legs pink.</p> <p>Female smaller.</p> <p>VOICE: - Raucous "tobacco box", "chokk".</p> <p>SIZE: - 31-39 cm</p>	<p>RUFIOUS BRISTLEBIRD</p> 	<p><i>Dasyornis broadbenti</i></p> <p>Pale eyebrows, lores. Rich rufous crown, nape, ear coverts. Throat, breast pale grey, with dark scaly pattern. Back greyish or darker brown, tinted olive. Centre wing, rump cinnamon-brown. Tail dark brown.</p> <p>Female smaller.</p> <p>VOICE: - Penetrating, repetitive call; squeaking variations; short, sharp "tik".</p> <p>SIZE: - 23-27 cm</p>
<p>SATIN BOWERBIRD</p> 	<p><i>Ptilonorhynchus violaceus</i></p> <p>Male glossy blue-black. Bill, legs whitish. Eye blue. Female dull green;</p> <p>rufous wings, tail. Underparts off-white, washed greenish, scalloped brown-grey; Throat dull. Bill, legs dark.</p> <p>VOICE: - 2 note whistle, hissing, buzzing, mimicry.</p> <p>SIZE: - 27-33 cm.</p>	<p>SILVER GULL</p> 	<p><i>Larus novaehollandiae</i></p> <p>Body white. Soft parts red. Iris white. Mantle grey. Upper wings, inner primaries grey. Outer wing region from carpal white, with black sub-terminal band formed by white tipped black primaries. These become white mirrors (spots) when wings folded.</p> <p>VOICE: - Harsh, variable; soft mewings.</p> <p>SIZE: - 41 cm.</p>
<p>SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO</p> 	<p><i>Cacatua galerita</i></p> <p>White. Erectile sulphur forward-curving crest. Underwing, undertail washed yellow.</p> <p>VOICE: - Distinctive, extremely raucous screech; calls in flight.</p> <p>SIZE: - 45-52 cm</p>	<p>SUPERB FAIRY-WREN</p> 	<p><i>Malurus cyaneus</i></p> <p>Male bill black. Crown, upper back, ear coverts bright blue. Breast, nape, lower back black. Tail dark blue. Underparts buffy-white.</p> <p>Female brown; bill, lores, eyebrows reddish-brown. Tail brownish.</p> <p>VOICE: - Thin zizzing musical thrills.</p> <p>SIZE: - 14 cm</p>
<p>WELCOME SWALLOW</p> 	<p><i>Cheramoeca leucosternus</i></p> <p>Glossy blue-black upperparts. Whitish to dull grey-brown below. Browner on wings. Deeply forked tail. White band on inner of longest tail feathers. Undertail coverts with dusky chevrons.</p> <p>VOICE: - Twittering chatter</p> <p>SIZE: - 14-15 cm</p>	<p>WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE</p> 	<p><i>Aquila audax</i></p> <p>Sooty black with tawny hackles on nape. Pale brown wing coverts and undertail coverts. Feathered legs. Tail long and wedge-shaped. Female larger.</p> <p>VOICE: - Feeble yelps and squeals</p> <p>SIZE: - Female, 89-104 cm. Male, 87-91 cm; wingspan 210cm approx.</p>
<p>WILLIE WAGTAIL</p> 	<p><i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i></p> <p>Eye, bill, legs black. White eyebrow. Lower cheek stripe spotted white. Head, upperparts, upper chest and (long) tail glossy black; brown tinge to wings. Underparts otherwise white.</p> <p>VOICE: - scolding 'chick-a-chick-a-chick'. A chattering, musical song (traditionally) 'sweet, pretty creature. Rattling alarm call.</p> <p>SIZE: - 19-21.5 cm</p>	<p>YELLOW-TAILED BLACK COCKATOO</p> 	<p><i>Calyptorhynchus funereus</i></p> <p>Yellow tail panels, cheek patches. Most body feathers edged pale yellow. Male dark bill. Pink eye-ring; small cheek patch. Female pale bill, grey eye-ring; larger cheek patch.</p> <p>VOICE: - Wailing "Kee-ow". Juveniles with parents call continuously.</p> <p>SIZE: - 56-66 cm</p>

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