

## BIRDWATCHING AROUND CAMBRIDGE

There has been a remarkable upsurge in interest and commitment to the role of nature conservation in urban areas. The residents of Cambridge are fortunate that large areas of bushland, coast and open parkland have been retained for passive recreation and a home for native plants and animals.

This brochure has been prepared to introduce you to these habitats and to provide some information about the native birds that have been recorded in Cambridge.

### 1. FLOREAT, CITY BEACHES

The Floreat, City Beach area is popular for swimming and recreation with facilities for visitors.



**White-winged Fairy-wren**  
*Malurus leucopterus*

The dunes are also a good area for White-browed Scrub-wren and the less common Variegated Fairy-wren.

White-winged Fairy-wren are quite common and roam widely in groups of eight to twelve among the dune plants at Floreat Beach near Hale Road.



**Caspian Tern**  
*Sterna caspia*

They breed on islands near Perth.



**White-browed Scrub-wren**  
*Sericornis frontalis*

A beach search may yield sea and shore birds including Caspian and Crested Tern.

### 2. BOLD PARK

The entrance to the office of the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority which controls and manages the park is from Oceanic Drive, just east of Reabold Hill.

Here also in Perry House are the headquarters of the Western Australian Group of Birds Australia and the Western Australian Wildflower Society. You are welcome to visit all three offices for information and maps of the park.



The most abundant birds in the park are the honeyeaters. In the western section, numbers increase when the red-flowering *Templetonia* (One-sided Bottlebrush) are in bloom.



**Short-billed Black-Cockatoo**  
*Calyptrorhynchus latirostris*

Bold Park occupies an area of over 150 ha. There are several landforms, soil types and diverse vegetation and sixty-five species of bush birds have been recorded as residents, visitors or migrants.



**White-checked Honeyeater**  
*Phylidonyris nigra*

The Banksia woodland is a good area for Grey Butcherbird and Red and Little Wattlebird.



**Grey Butcherbird**  
*Cracticus torquatus*



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**Great Crested Grebe**  
*Podiceps cristatus*

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**TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE**

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### BOLD PARK (continued)

The Tuart Woodland provides nesting hollows for many birds including the Striated Pardalote. Listen for its loud call, 'chip-chip'. They feed among the higher branches.



**Striated Pardalote**  
*Pardalotus striatus*

Some small insectivorous species such as the Grey Fantail and Western Gerygone move northwards through the metropolitan area in winter and are then abundant in Bold Park.



**Grey Fantail**  
*Rhipidura fuliginosa*

Grey Fantails are more common from April to November. They are very inquisitive and will often come close to intruders.

In summer the migrant Rainbow Bee-eaters come down from the north. They breed in their underground tunnels.

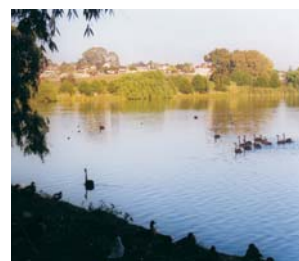


**Rainbow Bee-eater**  
*Merops ornatus*

### 3. LAKE MONGER

Along Lake Monger Drive there are shaded lawns with facilities for visitors.

Take a walk westwards along the lake and you will reach a small island in the lake which is a good place for watching the many different species of water birds.



### 4. PERRY LAKES

The lakes area is popular for passive recreation with picnic facilities and parking. The lakes and surrounding Flooded Gums provide an excellent habitat for water and bush birds.



**Purple Swamphen**  
*Porphyrio porphyrio*

The open water provides good views of ducks, swans, grebes and coots.

The rushes around the eastern lake are home and breeding area for birds including Purple Swamphen and Dusky Moorhen.



**Magpie-lark**  
*Grallina cyanoleuca*

As the lakes dry out, waders may be seen feeding along the edges of the lakes. They may include Black-winged Stilts, Black-fronted Dotterels and Common Greenshanks.



**Common Greenshank**  
*Tringa nebularia*

Look among the Flooded Gum for Western Gerygone, Galah and Magpie-lark.

### LAKE MONGER (continued)

Further north along the lake you will come to sedges and bulrushes which provide a habitat for such species as Little Grassbird and Clamorous Reed-Warbler.



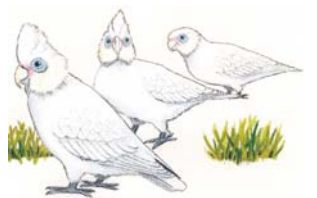
**Little Grassbird**  
*Megalurus gramineus*



**Yellow-billed Spoonbill**  
*Platalea flavipes*

Look among the trees for bush birds. You should see a flock of Little Corella. These flocks began as cage escapees.

Lake Monger is a good spot to look for the Great Egret, Yellow-billed Spoonbill and Great Crested Grebe.



**Little Corella**  
*Cacatua sanguinea*



**Nankeen Kestrel**  
*Falco cenchroides*

Several raptors visit the area including the Australian Hobby, Brown Goshawk and Nankeen Kestrel. They are often seen hovering in their search for food.



# BIRDS of the TOWN of CAMBRIDGE

## Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa*



QUAILS		
Stubble Quail	4	U
WATERFOWL		
Blue-billed Duck	4	C
Musk Duck	4	C
Freckled Duck	4	R
Black Swan	3,4	C
Australian Shelduck	3,4	C
Australian Wood Duck	3,4	U
Mallard	4	C
Pacific Black Duck	3,4	C
Australasian Shoveler	3,4	C
Grey Teal	3,4	C
Chestnut Teal	4	U
Pink-eared Duck	4	C
Hardhead	4	C



**Musk Duck**  
*Biziura lobata*



**Australian Shelduck**  
*Tadorna tadornoides*



**Little Pied Cormorant**  
*Phalacrocorax melanoleucus*

GREBES		
Australasian Grebe	3,4	C
Hoary-headed Grebe	4	M
Great Crested Grebe	4	M

PELICANS, CORMORANTS		
Darter	4	M
Little Pied Cormorant	4	C
Pied Cormorant	1	M
Little Black Cormorant	?	C
Great Cormorant	4	C
Australian Pelican	4	C

HERONS, IBIS		
White-faced Heron	3,4	M
Little Egret	4	U
White-necked Heron	3	U
Great Egret	3,4	C
Nankeen Night Heron	4	U
Little Bittern	4	R
Glossy Ibis	4	R
Australian White Ibis	4	U
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	4	M



**White-faced Heron**  
*Egretta novaehollandiae*



**Brown Goshawk**  
*Accipiter fasciatus*

HAWKS, EAGLES, FALCONS		
Osprey	4	U
Black-shouldered Kite	?	M
Whistling Kite	*	U
Swamp Harrier	4	R
Brown Goshawk	2,3	M
Collared Sparrowhawk	2	R
Little Eagle	2,3	U
Brown Falcon	2	R
Australian Hobby	*	U
Peregrine Falcon	4	U
Nankeen Kestrel	*	M

CRAKES, RAILS		
Buff-banded Rail	4	M
Australian Spotted Crake	4	M
Spotless Crake	4	M
Purple Swampphen	3,4	C
Dusky Moorhen	3,4	C
Black-tailed Native-hen	3,4	U
Eurasian Coot	3,4	C



**Painted Button-quail**  
*Turnix varia*



**Australian Spotted Crake**  
*Porzana fluminea*

BUTTON-QUAILS		
Painted Button-quail	2	M

This list has been prepared from the records of the Western Australian Group of Birds Australia. We would appreciate reports of sightings of rarer birds or any not recorded in this list.

### WHAT IS BIRDS AUSTRALIA?

Birds Australia's national organisation for the study, preservation and enjoyment of Australian birds.

The WA Goup of Birds Australia has over 800 members statewide with a wide range of activities and services for members.

Programs include excursions, camp-outs, bird surveys and social activities.

We have a library, books for sale and information about birds.

### INTERESTED?

We are in the Town of Cambridge and would like to meet you:

### Birds Australia - WA Group

71 Oceanic Drive  
Floreat WA 6014 Week days 9:30 - 12:30pm  
Phone: (08) 9383 7749  
Fax: (08) 9387 8412



### CODE

#### Location

1. Floreat Beach and coastal vegetation.
  2. Bold Park.
  3. Perry Lakes.
  4. Lake Monger.
- \* Recorded at all locations.

Numbers after each bird indicates where each has been recorded most frequently.

#### Abundance

- C. Common  
M. Moderately common  
U. Uncommon  
R. Rare

#### Status

- R. Resident  
V. Visitor  
N. Nomadic  
M. Migratory

#### WADERS

Common Greenshank	3,4	U
Wood Sandpiper	3	R
Common Sandpiper	4	U
Curlew Sandpiper	3	U
Black-winged Stilt	3,4	M
Banded Stilt	4	U
Red-necked Avocet	3,4	U
Red-capped Plover	1	U
Black-fronted Dotterel	4	C
Red-kneed Dotterel	3,4	U
Australian Pratincole	4	R



**Black-fronted Dotterel**  
*Elsayornis melanops*

#### SKUAS, GULLS, TERNS

Silver Gull	*	C
Caspian Tern	1	M
Crested Tern	1	C
Whiskered Tern	4	R
White-winged Black Tern	4	R



**Laughing Turtle-dove**  
*Streptopelia Senegalensis*

#### PIGEONS, DOVES

Rock Dove	*	M
Laughing Turtle-dove	*	C
Spotted Turtle-dove	*	U-M



**Red-capped Parrot**  
*Purpurecephalus spurius*

#### CUCKOOS

Pallid Cuckoo	2	U
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	2,3	U
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	2,3	M

COCKATOOS, PARROTS		
Short-billed Black-Cockatoo	2,3,4	M
Galah	*	M-C
Long-billed Corella	*	R
Little Corella	2,3,4	C
Rainbow Lorikeet	*	C
Purple-crowned Lorikeet	3	U
Regent Parrot	4	R
Australian Ringneck	*	C
Red-capped Parrot	2,3	U



**Southern Boobook**  
*Ninox novaeseelandiae*

#### OWLS, FROGMOUTH

Southern Boobook	2	U
Tawny Frogmouth	2	U



**Sacred Kingfisher**  
*Todiramphus sanctus*



**Inland Thornbill**  
*Acanthiza apicalis*



**Western Spinebill**  
*Acanthorhynchus superciliosus*

#### WHISTLERS, FLYCATCHERS

Golden Whistler	2	R
Rufous Whistler	2,3	C
Magpie-lark	*	M
Grey Fantail	2,3	M
Willie Wagtail	*	C



**Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike**  
*Coracina novaehollandiae*

KINGFISHERS, ALLIES		
Laughing Kookaburra	2,3,4	C
Sacred Kingfisher	2,3,4	C
Rainbow Bee-eater	2,3	M



**Variegated Fairy-wren**  
*Malurus lamberti*

#### FAIRY-WRENS

Splendid Fairy-wren	2	R
Variegated Fairy-wren	1,2	M
White-winged Fairy-wren	1,2	M

#### PARDALOTES, THORNBILLS

Spotted Pardalote	2,3	U
Striated Pardalote	2,3	C
White-browed Scrubwren	1,2	M
Weebill	2,3	C
Western Gerygone	2,3,4	C
Inland Thornbill	2	M,U
Western Thornbill	2	U
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	2,3	N

#### HONEYEATERS

Red Wattlebird	*	C
Little Wattlebird	2,3	M
Singing Honeyeater	*	C
White-naped Honeyeater	2	R
Brown Honeyeater	*	C
New Holland Honeyeater	2,3	R
White-cheeked Honeyeater	2,3,4	C
Tawny-crowned Honeyeater	2	R
Western Spinebill	2,3	C
White-fronted Chat	4	U
Varied Sittella	2	M



**Rufous Whistler**  
*Pachycephala rufiventris*

#### CUCKOO-SHRIKES

Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	*	M
White-winged Triller	4	R

#### WOODSWALLOWS

Black-faced Woodswallow	3	R
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#### BUTCHERBIRDS

Grey Butcherbird	2,3	C
Australian Magpie	*	C

#### RAVENS, CROWS

Australian Raven	*	C
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Richard's Pipit	2,3,4	U
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Mistletoebird	2	U
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**Australian Magpie**  
*Gymnorhina tibicen*

**Welcome Swallow**  
*Hirundo neoxena*



#### SWALLOWS, MARTINS

White-backed Swallow	2,3	R
Welcome Swallow	*	C
Tree Martin	*	C

#### OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Clamorous Reed-warbler	3,4	C
Little Grassbird	3,4	M
Silvereye	*	C

**Tree Martin**  
*Hirundo nigricans*