

## **FIELD REPORT**

### **GRAND AUSTRALIA PART II: QUEENSLAND, VICTORIA & PLAINS-WANDERER**

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**A Marbled Frogmouth was one of our best nocturnal rewards at O'Reilly's.**

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Most participants continued on from Part I, and with some new faces onboard we transferred to Brisbane and then to O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat. Set in cool montane rainforest on the border of New South Wales and Queensland, the area is justifiably famous as a world birding site, not only for the diversity of beautiful birds found here but for their incredible tameness.



**Black and gold—the colors of the regency: a male Regent Bowerbird.**

A short walk upon arrival quickly cemented this fact, as White-browed and Yellow-throated scrubwrens, Eastern Whipbird, Satin and Regent bowerbirds, Australian King-Parrot, Crimson Rosella, Australian Logrunner, and Lewin's Honeyeater either fed at arm's-length from us or sometimes even landed on us! Not all the birds are this tame, but many other species gave point-blank views, like Wonga Pigeon, Australian Brush-turkey, White-throated Treecreeper, Gray Shrike-thrush, Golden Whistler, Large-billed Scrubwren, Brown Gerygone, Brown Thornbill, and Red-browed Firetail; and, as we eased into the next full day, we had racked up Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Topknot Pigeon, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Noisy Pitta, Eastern Shrike-tit, Rose Robin, Paradise Riflebird, and Green Catbird. With local guide Matt, we explored further downhill into the old growth Eucalypt forests and did quite well with scarce local specialties like Red-browed Treecreeper, Cicadabird, and White-naped and Scarlet honeyeaters combined with glamorous endemics like both Red-backed and Variegated fairywrens,

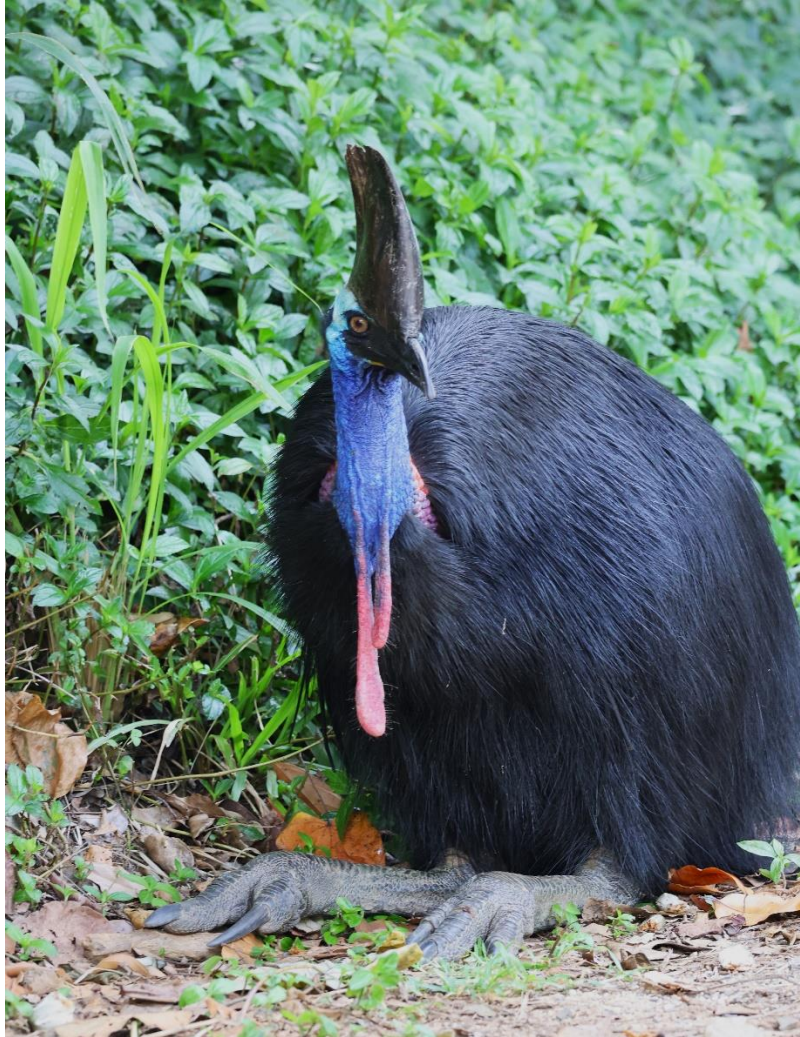


Black-faced Monarch, and Spotted Pardalote. We also enjoyed quite a raptor show with perched Gray Goshawk and in-flight Wedge-tailed Eagles, and a surprise White-bellied Sea-Eagle.



**A male Dingo that gave a great view at O'Reilly's.**

We had two very memorable encounters, first with a pair of Dingos—the wolf of Australia, which is typically quite elusive and heavily persecuted. The following evening, a superb encounter with the rare and highly localized Marbled Frogmouth was a major highlight. On a couple of night walks we had good views of Mountain Brushtail and Common Ringtail, plus the small forest wallaby called the Red-necked Pademelon and, unusually, a Bush Thick-knee. Albert's Lyrebird gave us a right royal runaround, and only a few lucky group members got the angle on a singing male found by myself; as I hastily rounded up people, it had snuck off back downhill. The wet conditions that had engulfed all of eastern Australia were in full effect, and we birded in some solid deluges at times.



**A rare good view of the amazing stiletto claw on a female Southern Cassowary. Used in defense with powerful kicks, this species is one of the very few birds considered dangerous to humans.**

We flew a thousand miles north to Cairns to spend the next week exploring far north Queensland. Southern Cassowary was my main concern, as it is far from guaranteed and remains very much an endangered species. So, I was keen on driving south to Etty Bay, where a pair are semi-regular in the coastal rainforest at this location. Quite fortuitously just as we arrived, we connected with the giant female resting on her haunches and had an amazing experience as we watched her call-gulping in so much air it looked like she was going to regurgitate but inflating all of the air sacs in her densely boned body and vibrating at an ultra-low resonance. This was a rarely seen performance. As she stalked off into the dense rainforest, we re-found her at the top of the hill. What a bird—an audience with a theropod dinosaur. Such a tragedy that the moas and elephant birds were extirpated by early hominids. They would have been something else as well! On the coast we observed abundant Torresian Imperial-Pigeons, a few Australian Swiftlets, and quite a few Forest and Sacred kingfishers. With the day largely made, we drove well to the north to Julatten making some key stops for both Sarus Crane and Brolga near Malanda, Pied Monarch, and a delightful Green Ringtail with joey at the Curtain Fig. Next stop was

a large lagoon where Hardhead proved to be the only one of the entire tours! It needs to be reiterated that this wettest year in Australian history made many nomadic waterbirds exceptionally scarce. Then we settled in for a three-night stay at Kingfisher Park. Here, new birds came thick and fast as we enjoyed action at the feeders and in the old orchard with Pacific Baza, Pale-yellow Robin, Spectacled Monarch, Metallic Starling, Olive-backed Sunbird, Chestnut-breasted Munia, and Yellow-spotted, Cryptic, and Macleay's honeyeaters all seen well. On the drive to the pub for dinner we found a large Scrub Python about ten feet in length; we ushered it off the road so it would not get run over.



**A Torresian Striped Possum seen on a night walk at Kingfisher Park.**

A morning in the mountain rainforests at Mount Lewis is one of the highlights of the tour. As soon as we lifted our binoculars, we were straight onto a male Victoria's Riflebird, followed by key endemics like Bower's Shrike-thrush, Bridled Honeyeater, and Mountain Thornbill. Into the forest proper we enjoyed a steady procession of high-quality birds like the amazing Tooth-billed Bowerbird at its display court, the wildly-colored Wompoo Fruit-Dove, and point-blank looks at multiple Fernwrens and Atherton Scrubwrens, while Gray-headed Robins were a bit sneaky but numerous. Chowchilla was curiously absent apart from some distant calls. We had a few looks at the unusual Musky Rat-Kangaroo—the most ancient surviving macropod. After a siesta we dedicated the afternoon to some dry country birding with Australian Bustard, Diamond Dove, Red-tailed Black Cockatoo, Pale-headed Rosella, Red-winged Parrot, nesting Tawny Frogmouth, White-cheeked, White-throated, and Brown-backed honeyeaters, and Blue-



winged Kookaburra ensuring it was an action-packed session. Some of us went for a night walk and had a big hit with a great look at the scarce and amazingly patterned Torresian Striped Possum.

Having put a bit of a dent in the hoped-for target species, we legged it down to the Coral Coast for a boat trip on the Daintree River. A major surprise were four Spotted Whistling-Ducks—a first for this tour (which has operated more than 20 times). They are essentially a New Guinean species that is expanding its range into far north Queensland, yet are still quite a rarity. Great looks at Great-billed Heron, Radjah Shelduck, Magpie Goose, Pheasant Coucal, Pacific Koel, Little Bronze-Cuckoo, Azure Kingfisher, Large-billed Gerygone, and Papuan Frogmouth at the nest (making 3/3 frogmouths in four days) made for a good trip. Later, at Newell Beach, we tracked down a fine pair of Lovely Fairywrens and, after a bit of patience, some low-feeding Double-eyed Fig-Parrots. After the obligatory break post-lunch, I headed out to one of my favorite sites to track down some uncommon species and had instant success with Yellow-breasted Boatbill, Fairy Gerygone, and an amazing pair of Chestnut-breasted Cuckoos right at the extreme southernmost point of their range.

It was time to leave Kingfisher Park, and we bade farewell to Carol and Andrew, who had made our visit such a success. This day was spent traveling to different sites trying to Hoover up some key birds and mammals. We started out quite luckily with a pair of Squatter Pigeons and a small fast-flying flock of White-throated Needletails near Mareeba. A stop at Lake Barrine provided no Chowchilla joy, and for the first time ever I dipped on this species! Then we visited a key location for Platypus, and between heavy showers managed to get good views of this most bizarre aquatic monotreme. Buff-banded Rail and Comb-crested Jacana proved well handy. The rain and gloom came back, and by the time we were at the Crater it was heavily overcast and the birding slow, although a Gray-headed Robin that perched right out was well received by some, and we had views of two scarce subspecies of Satin Bowerbird and Crimson Rosella. Then down came the rain in a massive storm that lasted for a good ninety minutes. It finally eased off, so I rolled the dice one last time and had an amazing short run with first another Southern Cassowary (wow), a brief Superb Fruit-Dove, great looks at the scarce White-eared Monarch, and a tantalizing encounter with a pair of Red-necked Crakes. It was back down to the coast at Cairns for a lovely dinner and bed!

Our last full day in tropical Queensland, and this time our day on the Great Barrier Reef. Smooth seas and a low tide made for a pleasant trip, and for those who went snorkeling, the fish were on. Highlight fish included Yellow-mask and Emperor angelfish, Orange-fin Anemone Fish, Greensnout Parrotfish, Bird Wrasse, Chevron Barracuda, Orange-spine Unicorn, Orange-lined Triggerfish, and at least 100 other species! Michaelmas Cay provided point-blank views of many pantropical seabirds like Brown Booby; Great Frigatebird; Great Crested, Lesser Crested, Sooty, and Bridled terns; and Common Noddy, while more scanning turned up scarcer species like Black-naped and Roseate terns and a surprise first year Wandering Tattler. Green Turtles are always fun. On the esplanade we made the breakthrough with Varied Honeyeater and eight species of migratory shorebirds including Great Knot, Terek Sandpiper, and Eastern Curlew. An “Australian” Gull-billed Tern was also good. I had one last trick up my sleeve, and after a bit of detective work managed to get the whole group onto a family of Rufous Owls with two chicks that had just fledged. Boom! Queensland had been kind to us, and despite the rain we were on track for a very good tour. The news in Victoria was disheartening, though, as the state was largely under water, and I was deeply concerned that we could fulfill our itinerary.

So, the next morning we arrived in Melbourne, picked up a new bus, and opened maps to see 400 plus road closures! Crikey!! Thank goodness I had changed the itinerary while I was in Uganda and had us staying in Bendigo rather than Nhill, where the Little Desert Nature Lodge was a Covid casualty. We could get through on the highway and make a stop in some nice box woodlands at Crusoe Reservoir. It proved quite good birding, and the locals were enjoying a bit of sunshine after two weeks of getting pounded by the same storms we saw forming in the Northern Territory on Part I. We picked up Pallid Cuckoo; Eastern Rosella; Musk Lorikeet; Brown Treecreeper; Yellow-tufted, Fuscous, and Brown-headed honeyeaters; Rufous Whistler; Weebill; Olive-backed Oriole; Dusky Woodswallow; and enjoyed fabulous looks at the diminutive Yellow-footed Antechinus and a Swamp Wallaby. Not bad for a rather fraught travel day.



**The icy glare of a Rufous Owl with chicks fledged nearby—this bird was photographed in Cairns.**

The next day and it was a return of the bad weather—gales, subantarctic temperatures, and horizontal rain had me carefully picking my stops. Australian Shelduck and Long-billed Corella were both well received, and in one fortuitous stop we managed to conjure up White-fronted and Tawny-crowned honeyeaters and a fine male Western Whistler. At lunch we jagged a good close Australian Hobby. Proceeding north at Lake Tyrell, somewhat miraculously a pair of Rufous Fieldwrens made themselves available, and Greater Bluebonnets was able to provide good looks with patience. Another stop in now improving conditions beyond a cloud of mosquitoes proved fantastic for the exceptional Splendid

Fairywren—one of the great birds of the world. Mulga Parrot and Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo made for solid back-up. What looked to be like a day lost to weather was resurrected. We made it to Ouyen and set up for a two-night stay. As we headed to dinner, I twigged to a Pink Cockatoo feeding in an Aleppo Pine in town—very welcome indeed!



**Hidden in a maze of porcupine grass—the critically endangered Mallee Emuwren is a tough bird to find.**

I made contact with local guide Ricky, and we planned to try to get to his family property in the late afternoon, giving the roads a chance to dry out and floodwaters to recede. So, first thing, we explored around the edge of the town and had luck finding a Budgerigar, more Pink Cockatoos, and a bunch of different bushbirds like White-browed Babbler, Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater, and the cute Yellow-rumped Thornbill. Heading further afield to Hattah we could access a smidgeon of the park, but what a good smidgeon it was, with Regent Parrot, Emu, Little Eagle, Striped Honeyeater, and Apostlebird all filling valuable blanks on the map. Thanks to a hot tip from a traveling birder, we gave it another rev further north again, and after a relatively short search hit the goods with a rare Mallee Emuwren giving a great look at this most critically endangered species. The afternoon arrived, and Ricky came out and escorted us to his remote bush block; we successfully got the bus through a few sticky mud wallows, and all was good except for the unbelievable hordes of mosquitoes. Our luck was in, though, and there was a plump male Malleefowl right in front of the group within two minutes of arrival. Phew! We managed to get great looks at a male Red-capped Robin, Purple-backed Fairywren, and for a few who endured the mosquitoes a bit longer, a shy party of Chestnut-crowned Babblers. As we drove out, we flushed up a Stubble Quail.





**Our best Malleefowl sighting near Ouyen.**

We returned to Hattah the next morning. Wandering out into some remote dune country, we had luck with the elusive Chestnut Quail-thrush and finally pinned down the cheery Yellow-plumed Honeyeater. The Gray Currawong was another of our most wanted before we hit drive time and headed east into NSW and the Riverina town of Deniliquin. The volumes of roadside water were epic, but we only hit one area where the water was over the road for a few hundred meters. We stopped here and there when we encountered some interesting birds, and they included Red-necked Avocet, Hoary-headed Grebe, Cockatiel, nesting Brown Falcons, Black-tailed Native-hens, Plumed Whistling-Ducks, and White-winged Fairywrens.

The next morning, I caught up with old mate Philip Maher after a three-year gap, and we hatched our plans for one of the great birding days in the world. The entire Gulpa Forest was under water, and we had the unusual sighting of swimming kangaroos! Birding along the edges, though, was well worthwhile, as Superb Parrot performed very well; we flushed a Painted Buttonquail; we saw our only Swamp Harrier, Little Friarbird, Buff-rumped Thornbills, Western Gerygone, and Rufous Songlark; discovered an Eastern Brown Snake under a tile; and at the last gasp found a pair of smart White-backed Swallows perched on a wire on the outskirts of town. After lunch and a break, we drove out to the north to the Hay Plains. Everyone was delighted to see the ultra-cute and rather mammalian Australian Owlet-nightjar that had led us on a fruitless chase in O'Reilly's. Then some luck with a Banded Lapwing on the road. There were Emus, Magpie Geese, Red Kangaroos, close Wedge-tailed Eagles, our only Pink-eared Ducks, dapper little White-fronted Chats, and we ate our dinner as we awaited darkness. Once fully dark we headed out to the plains and walked out following Philip with his thermal camera. After several Australian Pipits, we hit ornithological gold, first with a male Plains-wanderer followed almost immediately after by a fine female Plains-wanderer that commenced "mooing" in front of us—the first

time I have seen this most unusual bird vocalize. Almost immediately after this we found a Little Buttonquail. What a roll we were on. As we drove out, we jagged both a Barn Owl and a fast Southern Boobook. A great day it had been.



**The luminous male Superb Parrot, one of several seen near Deniliquin.**

All that remained was to drive back to Melbourne. Truck driver advice was that we could get through, and so it was that we manged to sneak through Moama, Echuca, and Rochester, where the water had been more than five feet across the road only two days before. We made a stop near Heathcote, where in gales, rain, and cold temps again, we had a good run with some entertaining bush birds including lovely Varied Sittellas, a pair of Speckled Warblers, a pair of Restless Flycatchers, and a glowing male Scarlet Robin. This finished up our very successful series of mainland Australian tours with a lovely dinner at our convenient airport hotel in Melbourne. Many participants continued on to Tasmania while others jetted home.

A big thank you to all those who traveled with myself, Janene, and VENT. I hope to see you birding in the future. Safe travels until then.



**As we watched, this female Plains-wanderer commenced calling, “mooing” like a cow.**



**Peek-a-boo: an Australian Owlet-nightjar comes to a hollow entrance to see what all the fuss is.**



## BIRDS

Southern Cassowary (*Casuarius casuarius*)

Emu (*Dromaius novaehollandiae*)

Magpie Goose (*Anseranas semipalmatus*)

Plumed Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna eytoni*)

Wandering Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna arcuata*)

Spotted Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna guttata*)

Black Swan (*Cygnus atratus*)

Radjah Shelduck (*Radjah radjah*)

Australian Shelduck (*Tadorna tadornoides*)

Maned Duck (*Chenonetta jubata*)

Australasian Shoveler (*Spatula rhynchotis*)

Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*)

Australian Grey Teal (*Anas gibberifrons*)

Pink-eared Duck (*Malacorhynchus membranaceus*)

Hardhead (*Aythya australis*)

Australian Brush-Turkey (*Alectura lathami*)

Malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellata*)

Orange-footed Scrubfowl (*Megapodius reinwardt*)

Stubble Quail (*Coturnix pectoralis*)

Australasian Grebe (*Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*)

Hoary-headed Grebe (*Poliocephalus poliocephalus*)

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) Introduced  
White-headed Pigeon (*Columba leucomela*)  
Spotted Dove (*Streptopelia chinensis*) Introduced  
Brown Cuckoo-Dove (*Macropygia phasianella*)  
Pacific Emerald Dove (*Chalcophaps longirostris*)  
Common Bronzewing (*Phaps chalcoptera*)  
Crested Pigeon (*Ocyphaps lophotes*)  
Squatter Pigeon (*Geophaps scripta*)  
Wonga Pigeon (*Leucosarcia melanoleucos*)  
Diamond Dove (*Geopelia cuneata*)  
Peaceful Dove (*Geopelia placida*)  
Bar-shouldered Dove (*Geopelia humeralis*)  
Wompoo Fruit-Dove (*Ptilinopus magnificus*)  
Superb Fruit-Dove (*Ptilinopus superbus*)  
Torresian Imperial-Pigeon (*Ducula spiliorhoa*)  
Topknot Pigeon (*Lopholaimus antarcticus*)

Australian Bustard (*Ardeotis australis*)

Pheasant Coucal (*Centropus phasianinus*)  
Pacific Koel (*Eudynamys orientalis*)  
Channel-billed Cuckoo (*Scythrops novaehollandiae*)  
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx basalis*)  
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx lucidus*)  
Little Bronze-Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx minutillus*)  
Pallid Cuckoo (*Cacomantis pallidus*)  
Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo (*Cacomantis castaneiventris*)  
Fan-tailed Cuckoo (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*)  
Brush Cuckoo (*Cacomantis variolosus*) Heard only

Tawny Frogmouth (*Podargus strigoides*)

Marbled Frogmouth (*Podargus ocellatus*)

Papuan Frogmouth (*Podargus papuensis*)

Australian Owlet-nightjar (*Aegotheles cristatus*)

White-throated Needletail (*Hirundapus caudacutus*)

Australian Swiftlet (*Collocalia terraereginae*)

Buff-banded Rail (*Gallirallus philippensis*)

Black-tailed Native-hen (*Tribonyx ventralis*)

Dusky Moorhen (*Gallinula tenebrosa*)

Eurasian Coot (*Fulica atra*)

Australasian Swamphen (*Porphyrio melanotus*)

Red-necked Crake (*Rallina tricolor*)

Sarus Crane (*Antigone antigone*)

Brolga (*Antigone rubicunda*)

Bush Thick-knee (*Burhinus grallarius*)

Pied Stilt (*Himantopus leucocephalus*)

Red-necked Avocet (*Recurvirostra novaehollandiae*)

Banded Lapwing (*Vanellus tricolor*)

Masked Lapwing (*Vanellus miles*)

Plains-wanderer (*Pedionomus torquatus*)



Comb-crested Jacana (*Irediparra gallinacea*)

Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*)

Far Eastern Curlew (*Numenius madagascariensis*)

Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*)

Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*)

Great Knot (*Calidris tenuirostris*)

Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*)

Terek Sandpiper (*Xenus cinereus*)

Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*)

Wandering Tattler (*Tringa incana*)

Grey-tailed Tattler (*Tringa brevipes*)

Painted Buttonquail (*Turnix varius*)

Little Buttonquail (*Turnix velox*)

Silver Gull (*Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae*)

Brown Noddy (*Anous stolidus*)

Sooty Tern (*Onychoprion fuscatus*)

Bridled Tern (*Onychoprion anaethetus*)

Little Tern (*Sternula albifrons*)

Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*)

Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*)

Whiskered Tern (*Chlidonias hybrida*)

Roseate Tern (*Sterna dougalli*)

Black-naped Tern (*Sterna sumatrana*)

Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*)

Great Crested Tern (*Thalasseus bergii*)

Lesser Crested Tern (*Thalasseus bengalensis*)

Great Frigatebird (*Fregata minor*)

Brown Booby (*Sula leucogaster*)

Australasian Darter (*Anhinga novaehollandiae*)

Little Pied Cormorant (*Microcarbo melanoleucos*)

Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*)

Little Black Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*)

Australian Pelican (*Pelecanus conspicillatus*)

White-necked Heron (*Ardea pacifica*)

Great-billed Heron (*Ardea sumatrana*)

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)

Intermediate Egret (*Ardea intermedia*)

White-faced Heron (*Egretta novaehollandiae*)

Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*)

Pacific Reef-Heron (*Egretta sacra*)

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)

Striated Heron (*Butorides striatus*)

Australian White Ibis (*Threskiornis moluccus*)

Straw-necked Ibis (*Threskiornis spinicollis*)

Royal Spoonbill (*Platalea regia*)

Black-shouldered Kite (*Elanus axillaris*)

Pacific Baza (*Aviceda subcristata*)  
Little Eagle (*Hieraeetus morphnoides*)  
Wedge-tailed Eagle (*Aquila audax*)  
Swamp Harrier (*Circus approximans*)  
Gray Goshawk (*Accipiter novaehollandiae*)  
Brown Goshawk (*Accipiter fasciatus*)  
Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*)  
Whistling Kite (*Haliastur sphenurus*)  
Brahminy Kite (*Haliastur indus*)  
White-bellied Sea-Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucogaster*)

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*)

Rufous Owl (*Ninox rufa*)  
Southern Boobook (*Ninox novaeseelandiae*)

Azure Kingfisher (*Ceyx azureus*)  
Laughing Kookaburra (*Dacelo novaeguineae*)  
Blue-winged Kookaburra (*Dacelo leachii*)  
Forest Kingfisher (*Todiramphus macleayii*)  
Sacred Kingfisher (*Todiramphus sanctus*)

Rainbow Bee-eater (*Merops ornatus*)

Dollarbird (*Eurystomus orientalis*)

Nankeen Kestrel (*Falco cenchroides*)  
Australian Hobby (*Falco longipennis*)  
Brown Falcon (*Falco berigora*)



Red-tailed Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus banksii*)

Pink Cockatoo (*Lophochroa leadbeateri*)

Galah (*Eolophus roseicapilla*)

Long-billed Corella (*Cacatua tenuirostris*)

Little Corella (*Cacatua sanguinea*)

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (*Cacatua galerita*)

Cockatiel (*Nymphicus hollandicus*)

Superb Parrot (*Polytelis swainsoni*)

Regent Parrot (*Polytelis anthopeplus*)

Australian King-parrot (*Alisterus scapularis*)

Red-winged Parrot (*Aprosmictus erythropterus*)

Mallee Ringneck (*Barnardius zonarius*)

Crimson Rosella (*Platycercus elegans*)

Yellow Rosella (*Platycercus [elegans] flaveolus*)

Pale-headed Rosella (*Platycercus adscitus*)

Eastern Rosella (*Platycercus eximius*)

Greater Bluebonnet (*Northiella haematogaster*)

Red-rumped Parrot (*Psephotus haematonotus*)

Mulga Parrot (*Psephotus varius*)

Double-eyed Fig-Parrot (*Cyclopsitta diophthalma*)

Musk Lorikeet (*Glossopsitta concinna*)

Rainbow Lorikeet (*Trichoglossus haematodus*)

Scaly-breasted Lorikeet (*Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus*)

Noisy Pitta (*Pitta versicolor*)

Albert's Lyrebird (*Menura alberti*)

Spotted Catbird (*Ailuroedus melanotis*)

Green Catbird (*Ailuroedus crassirostris*)

Tooth-billed Bowerbird (*Scenopoeetes dentirostris*)

Regent Bowerbird (*Sericulus chrysocephalus*)

Satin Bowerbird (*Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*)

Great Bowerbird (*Chlamydera nuchalis*)

White-throated Treecreeper (*Cormobates leucophaea*)

Brown Treecreeper (*Climacteris picumnus*)

Red-browed Treecreeper (*Climacteris erythrops*)

Mallee Emuwren (*Stipiturus mallee*)

Purple-backed Fairywren (*Malurus assimilis*)

Variegated Fairywren (*Malurus lamberti*)

Lovely Fairywren (*Malurus amabilis*)

Splendid Fairywren (*Malurus splendens*)

Superb Fairywren (*Malurus cyaneus*)

White-winged Fairywren (*Malurus leucopterus*)

Red-backed Fairywren (*Malurus melanocephalus*)

Eastern Spinebill (*Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*)

Yellow-spotted Honeyeater (*Meliphaga notata*)

Lewin's Honeyeater (*Meliphaga lewini*)

Cryptic Honeyeater (*Microptilotis imitatrix*)

Yellow Honeyeater (*Stomiopera flava*)

White-fronted Honeyeater (*Purnella albifrons*)

Yellow-faced Honeyeater (*Caligavis chrysops*)

Yellow-tufted Honeyeater (*Lichenostomus melanops*)

Bell Miner (*Manorina melanophrys*) Heard only  
Noisy Miner (*Manorina melanocephala*)  
Yellow-throated Miner (*Manorina flavigula*)  
Bridled Honeyeater (*Bloemoreus frenatus*)  
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater (*Acanthagenys rufogularis*)  
Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculata*)  
Varied Honeyeater (*Gavicalis versicolor*)  
Singing Honeyeater (*Gavicalis virescens*)  
Yellow-plumed Honeyeater (*Ptilotula ornata*)  
Fuscous Honeyeater (*Ptilotula fusca*)  
Brown-backed Honeyeater (*Ramsayornis modestus*)  
White-fronted Chat (*Epthianura albifrons*)  
Dusky Myzomela (*Myzomela obscura*)  
Scarlet Myzomela (*Myzomela sanguinolenta*)  
Tawny-crowned Honeyeater (*Gliciphila melanops*)  
Brown Honeyeater (*Lichmera indistincta*)  
New Holland Honeyeater (*Phylidonyris novaehollandiae*)  
White-cheeked Honeyeater (*Phylidonyris nigra*)  
White-eared Honeyeater (*Nesoptilotis leucotis*)  
Blue-faced Honeyeater (*Entomyzon cyanotis*)  
White-throated Honeyeater (*Melithreptus albogularis*)  
White-naped Honeyeater (*Melithreptus lunatus*)  
Brown-headed Honeyeater (*Melithreptus brevirostris*)  
Macleay's Honeyeater (*Xanthotis macleayanus*)  
Striped Honeyeater (*Plectorhyncha lanceolata*)  
Little Friarbird (*Philemon citreogularis*)  
Helmeted Friarbird (*Philemon buceroides*)  
Noisy Friarbird (*Philemon corniculatus*)

Spotted Pardalote (*Pardalotus punctatus*)

Striated Pardalote (*Pardalotus striatus*)

Fernwren (*Oreoscopus gutturalis*)

Yellow-throated Scrubwren (*Sericornis citreogularis*)

White-browed Scrubwren (*Sericornis frontalis*)

Atherton Scrubwren (*Sericornis keri*)

Large-billed Scrubwren (*Sericornis magnirostra*)

Speckled Warbler (*Pyrrholaemus sagittatus*)

Rufous Fieldwren (*Calamanthus campestris*)

Buff-rumped Thornbill (*Acanthiza reguloides*)

Mountain Thornbill (*Acanthiza katherina*)

Brown Thornbill (*Acanthiza pusilla*)

Inland Thornbill (*Acanthiza apicalis*)

Yellow-rumped Thornbill (*Acanthiza chrysorrhoa*)

Chestnut-rumped Thornbill (*Acanthiza uropygialis*)

Yellow Thornbill (*Acanthiza nana*)

Striated Thornbill (*Acanthiza lineata*)

Weebill (*Smicrornis brevirostris*)

Fairy Gerygone (*Gerygone palpebrosa*)

Large-billed Gerygone (*Gerygone magnirostris*)

Brown Gerygone (*Gerygone mouki*)

Western Gerygone (*Gerygone fusca*)

Southern Whiteface (*Aphelocephala leucopsis*)

White-browed Babbler (*Pomatostomus superciliosus*)

Chestnut-crowned Babbler (*Pomatostomus ruficeps*)

Australian Logrunner (*Orthonyx temminckii*)



Chowchilla (*Orthonyx spaldingii*) Heard only

Chestnut Quail-thrush (*Cinclosoma castanotum*)

Barred Cuckoo-shrike (*Coracina lineata*)

White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike (*Coracina papuensis*)

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

Varied Triller (*Lalage leucomela*)

Common Cicadabird (*Edolisoma tenuirostre*)

Varied Sittella (*Daphoensitta chrysoptera*)

Eastern Whipbird (*Psophodes olivaceus*)

Crested Bellbird (*Oreoica gutturalis*) Heard only

Eastern Shrike-tit (*Falcunculus frontatus*)

Bower's Shrike-thrush (*Colluricincla boweri*)

Grey Shrike-thrush (*Colluricincla harmonica*)

Rufous Shrike-thrush (*Colluricincla rufogaster*)

Western Whistler (*Pachycephala fuliginosa*)

Golden Whistler (*Pachycephala pectoralis*)

Grey Whistler (*Pachycephala simplex*)

Rufous Whistler (*Pachycephala rufiventris*)

Olive-backed Oriole (*Oriolus sagittatus*)

Green Oriole (*Oriolus flavocinctus*)

Australasian Figbird (*Sphecotheres vieilloti*)

Yellow-breasted Boatbill (*Machaerirhynchus flaviventer*)

White-breasted Woodswallow (*Artamus leucorhynchus*)

Dusky Woodswallow (*Artamus cyanopterus*)

Grey Butcherbird (*Cracticus torquatus*)

Pied Butcherbird (*Cracticus nigrogularis*)

Black Butcherbird (*Cracticus quoyi*)

Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*)

Pied Currawong (*Strepera graculina*)

Grey Currawong (*Strepera versicolor*)

Northern Fantail (*Rhipidura rufiventris*)

Willie-wagtail (*Rhipidura leucophrys*)

Rufous Fantail (*Rhipidura rufifrons*)

Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura albiscapa*)

Spangled Drongo (*Dicrurus bracteatus*)

Paradise Riflebird (*Ptiloris paradiseus*)

Victoria's Riflebird (*Ptiloris victoriae*)

White-eared Monarch (*Carterornis leucotis*)

Black-faced Monarch (*Monarcha melanopsis*)

Spectacled Monarch (*Symposiachrus trivirgatus*)

Pied Monarch (*Arses kaupi*)

Magpie-lark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*)

Leaden Flycatcher (*Myiagra rubecula*)

Satin Flycatcher (*Myiagra cyanoleuca*)

Restless Flycatcher (*Myiagra inquieta*)

Shining Flycatcher (*Myiagra alecto*)

White-winged Chough (*Corcorax melanorhamphos*)

Apostlebird (*Struthidea cinerea*)

Torresian Crow (*Corvus orru*)

Little Raven (*Corvus mellori*)

Australian Raven (*Corvus coronoides*)

Jacky-winter (*Microceca fascians*)

Scarlet Robin (*Petroica boodang*)

Rose Robin (*Petroica rosea*)

Red-capped Robin (*Petroica goodenovii*)

Pale-yellow Robin (*Tregallasia capito*)

Eastern Yellow Robin (*Eopsaltria australis*)

Grey-headed Robin (*Heteromyias cinereifrons*)

Southern Scrub-Robin (*Drymodes brunneopygia*) Heard only

Australasian Bushlark (*Mirafra javanica*)

Little Grassbird (*Megalurus gramineus*) Heard only

Brown Songlark (*Megalurus cruralis*)

Rufous Songlark (*Megalurus mathewsi*)

Welcome Swallow (*Hirundo neoxena*)

Fairy Martin (*Petrochelidon ariel*)

Tree Martin (*Petrochelidon nigricans*)

White-backed Swallow (*Cheramoeca cheramoeca*)

Silver-eye (*Zosterops lateralis*)

Metallic Starling (*Aplonis metallica*)

Common Myna (*Acridotheres tristis*) Introduced

European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) Introduced

Eurasian Blackbird (*Turdus merula*) Introduced

Mistletoebird (*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*)

Olive-backed Sunbird (*Cinnyris jugularis*)

Red-browed Finch (*Neochmia temporalis*)

Chestnut-breasted Munia (*Lonchura castaneothorax*)

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) Introduced

Australasian Pipit (*Anthus novaeseelandiae*)

European Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*)

## **MAMMALS**

Platypus (*Ornithorhynchus anatinus*)

Yellow-footed Antechinus (*Antechinus flavipes*)



Mountain Brushtail (*Trichosurus caninus*)

Striped Possum (*Dactylopsila trivirgata*)

Common Ringtail (*Pseudocheirus peregrinus*)

Green Ringtail (*Pseudochirops archeri*)

Musky Rat-Kangaroo (*Hypsiprimnodon moschatus*)

Western Grey Kangaroo (*Macropus fuliginosus*)

Red Kangaroo (*Macropus rufa*)

Agile Wallaby (*Macropus agilis*)

Eastern Grey Kangaroo (*Macropus giganteus*)

Swamp Wallaby (*Wallabia bicolor*)

Red-necked Pademelon (*Thylogale thetis*)

Red-legged Pademelon (*Thylogale stigmatica*)

Spectacled Flying-fox (*Pteropus conspicillatus*)

Bush Rat (*Rattus fuscipes*)

European Rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) Introduced

European Hare (*Lepus europaeus*) Introduced

## **REPTILES**

Saw-shelled Turtle (*Elseya latisternum*)

Green Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*)

Northern Leaf-tailed Gecko (*Phyllurus cornutus*)

Shingleback (*Tiliqua rugosa*)

Eastern Water Skink (*Eulamprus quoyi*)

Eastern Bearded Dragon (*Pogona barbata*)

Scrub Python (*Liasis amethystinus*)

Green Tree Snake (*Dendrelaphis punctulatus*)

Small-eyed Snake (*Cryptophis nigrescens*)

Eastern Brown Snake (*Pseudonaja textilis*)

White-lipped Tree Frog (*Litoria infrafrenata*)

Graceful Tree Frog (*Litoria gracilentata*)

Jungguy Frog (*Litoria jungguy*)