

Whiteman Park Birds



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Whiteman Park is home to a significant number of bird species and offers visitors an excellent opportunity to see a range of native birds easily. Many species are residents here year-round, while others follow changes brought about by the seasons. Our three bush trails and the Children's Forest are all good places to spot birdlife, although some species can be readily seen within the parklands as well.



You can use this checklist to help identify and record the birds you observe when visiting Whiteman Park.

Australian robins

- Hooded robin – *Melanodryas cucullata*
- Red-capped robin – *Petroica goodenovii*
- Scarlet robin – *Petroica boodang*
- Western yellow robin – *Eopsaltria gkara*

Barn owls

- Barn owl – *Tyto alba*

Bee-eaters

- Rainbow bee-eater – *Merops ornatus* ○

Broad-tailed parrots

- Australian ringneck – *Barnardius zonarius*
- Elegant parrot – *Neophema elegans*
- Purple-crowned lorikeet – *Glossopsitta porphyrocephala*
- Rainbow lorikeet – *Trichoglossus moluccanus* ◆
- Red-capped parrot – *Purpureicephalus spurius*
- Western rosella – *Platycercus icterotis*

Bustards

- Australian bustard – *Ardeotis australis* P4

Button-quails

- Painted button-quail – *Turnix varius* E

Cassowaries, emus

- Emu – *Dromaius novaehollandiae*

Cockatoos

- Baudin's black cockatoo – *Zanda baudinii* CR
- Carnaby's black cockatoo – *Zanda latirostris* E
- Forest red-tailed cockatoo – *Calyptorhynchus banksii naso* V
- Little corella – *Cacatua sanguinea* ◆
- Long-billed corella – *Cacatua tenuirostris* ◆
- Pink and grey galah – *Eolophus roseicapilla*

Cormorants

- Great cormorant – *Phalacrocorax carbo*
- Little pied cormorant – *Microcarbo melanoleucos*

Crakes and rails

- Black-tailed native-hen – *Tribonyx ventralis*
- Buff-banded rail – *Hypotaenidia phillipensis*
- Dusky moorhen – *Gallinula tenebrosa*
- Eurasian coot – *Fulica atra*
- Purple swamphen – *Porphyrio porphyrio*

Cuckoos

- Fan-tailed cuckoo – *Cacomantis pyrrhophanus*
- Horsfield's bronze-cuckoo – *Chalcites basalus*
- Pallid cuckoo – *Cacomantis pallidus*
- Shining bronze-cuckoo – *Chalcites lucidus* ○

Cuckoo-shrikes

- Black-faced cuckoo-shrike – *Coracina novaehollandiae*
- White-winged triller – *Lalage sueurii*

Ducks, geese and swans

- Australian shelduck – *Tadorna tadornoides*
- Australasian shoveler – *Anas rhynchotis*
- Black swan – *Cygnus atratus*
- Blue-billed duck – *Oxyura australis*
- Grey teal – *Anas gracilis*
- Hardhead white-eyed duck – *Aythya australis*
- Maned duck – *Chenonetta jubata*
- Pacific black duck – *Anas superciliosus*
- Pink-eared duck – *Malacorhynchus membraneus*

Fairy-wrens

- Purple-backed fairy-wren – *Malurus assimilis*
- Splendid fairy-wren – *Malurus splendens*
- White-winged fairy-wren – *Malurus leucopterus*

Falcons

- Australian hobby – *Falco longipennis*
- Brown falcon – *Falco berigora*
- Nankeen kestrel – *Falco cenchroides*
- Peregrine falcon – *Falco peregrinus* ○

Finches

- Red-eared firetail – *Stagonopleura oculata*

Flycatchers and fantails

- Australian magpie-lark – *Grallina cyanoleuca*
- Grey fantail – *Rhipidura fuliginosa*
- Willie wagtail – *Rhipidura leucophrys*

Frogmouths

- Spotted nightjar – *Eurostopodus argus*
- Tawny frogmouth – *Podargus strigoides*

Grebes

- Australasian grebe – *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*
- Hoary-headed grebe – *Poliiocephalus poliocephalus*



○ Migratory ◆ Naturalised ◆ Introduced CR Critically endangered E Endangered V Vulnerable P WA Priority species

This list specifies the birds species that have been officially documented as living in or visiting the habitats of Whiteman Park. It is in no way exhaustive or indicative of what may be seen here. If you see a banded bird in the Park or a species that is not listed here, we would love to hear from you! Send your sightings to wildlife@whitemanpark.com.au - photos will help us confirm the correct species identification.

Hawk owls

- Southern boobook – *Ninox novaeseelandiae*

Hérons and egrets

- Australasian bittern – *Botaurus poiciloptilus* **E**
- Great egret – *Ardea alba*
- White-faced heron – *Egretta novaehollandiae*
- White-necked heron – *Ardea pacifica*

Honeyeaters

- Brown-headed honeyeater – *Melithreptus brevirostris*
- Brown honeyeater – *Lichmera indistincta*
- Little wattlebird – *Anthochaera chrysoptera*
- New Holland honeyeater – *Phylidonyris novaehollandiae*
- Red wattlebird – *Anthochaera carunculata*
- Singing honeyeater – *Gavicalis virescens*
- Tawny-crowned honeyeater – *Gliciphila melanops*
- Western spinebill – *Acanthorhynchus superciliosus*
- White-cheeked honeyeater – *Phylidonyris nigra*
- White-fronted chat – *Epthianura albifrons*
- Yellow-throated miner – *Manorina flavigul*

Ibis and spoonbills

- Australian white ibis – *Threskiornis molucca*
- Glossy ibis – *Plegadis falcinellus* **O**
- Straw-necked ibis – *Threskiornis spinicollis*
- Yellow-billed spoonbill – *Platalea flavipes*

Kingfishers

- Laughing kookaburra – *Dacelo novaeguineae* **V**
- Sacred kingfisher – *Halcyon sancta*

Kites, hawks, eagles

- Black-shouldered kite – *Elanus axillaris*
- Brown goshawk – *Accipiter fasciatus*
- Collared sparrowhawk – *Accipiter cirrhocephalus*
- Little eagle – *Hieraaetus morphnoides*
- Square-tailed kite – *Lophoictinia isura*
- Whistling kite – *Haliastur sphenurus*
- Wedge-tailed eagle – *Aquila audax*

Lapwings, plovers

- Banded lapwing – *Vanellus tricolor*
- Black-fronted dotterel – *Eelseyornis melanops*
- Red-kneed dotterel – *Erythronyris cinctus*
- Masked lapwing – *Vanellus miles*

Old world warblers

- Rufous songlark – *Cincloramphus mathewsi*

Pardalotes

- Inland thornbill – *Acanthiza apicalis*
- Spotted pardalote – *Pardalotus punctatus*
- Striated pardalote – *Pardalotus striatus*
- Weebill – *Smicronis brevirostris*
- Western gerygone – *Gerygone fusca*
- Western thornbill – *Acanthiza inornata*
- White-browed scrubwren – *Sericornis frontalis*
- Yellow-rumped thornbill – *Acanthiza chrysorrhoa*

Pelicans

- Australian pelican – *Pelecanus conspicillatus*

Pigeons and doves

- Common bronzewing – *Phaps chalcoptera*
- Crested pigeon – *Ocyphaps lophotes*
- Laughing turtle-dove – *Spilopelia senegalensis* **D**
- Spotted turtle-dove – *Spilopelia chinensis* **D**

Pipits, true wagtails

- Richard's pipit – *Anthus novaeseelandiae*

Ravens and crows

- Australian raven – *Corvus coronoides*

Sittellas

- Varied sittella – *Daphoenositta chrysoptera*

Stilts, avocets

- Black-winged stilt – *Himantopus himantopus*

Stone-curlews, thick-knees

- Bush-stone curlew – *Burhinus grallarius*

Swallows

- Tree martin – *Petrochelidon nigricans*
- Welcome swallow – *Hirundo neoxena*

Swifts

- Fork-tailed swift – *Apus pacificus*

Whistlers

- Crested bellbird – *Oreoica gutturalis*
- Golden whistler – *Pachycephala pectoralis*
- Grey shrike-thrush – *Colluricincla harmonica*
- Rufous whistler – *Pachycephala rufiventris*

White-eyes

- Silvereye – *Zosterops lateralis*

Woodswallows

- Australian magpie – *Gymnorhina tibicen*
- Black-faced woodswallow – *Artamus cinereus*
- Dusky woodswallow – *Artamus cyanopterus*
- Grey butcherbird – *Cracticus torquatus*
- Masked woodswallow – *Artamus personatus*



TIP: We recommend that keen birders refer to sources such as the [Atlas of Living Australia](#) and [eBird Australia](#) for the latest records and to report unusual sightings. [BirdLife Australia](#) is a great resource for learning more about Australian birds.

SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Please stay on the tracks at all times.
- Take rubbish away with you for recycling or disposal.
- Feeding of wild birds and animals is prohibited.
- The birds' wellbeing should always be maintained – do not chase, spook or flush them.
- Never physically touch a bird without extreme cause. If you come across an injured bird or animal, please call the Wildcare Helpline on 9474 9055 or Park management on 9209 6000.
- All native plants and animals are protected by law. Please do not disturb them in any way.
- The Park's bush trails are closed for public safety during Extreme and Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating days.



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