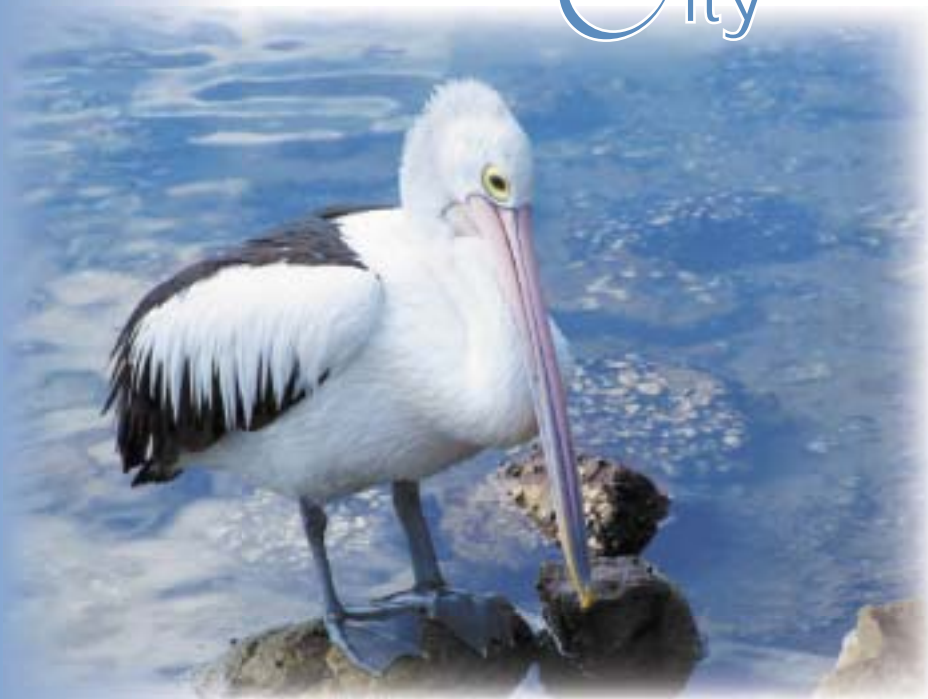


Birds of Shoalhaven City



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Bird Trails of the Shoalhaven Area

Walks –

1. Bomaderry Creek
2. Bens Walk
3. The Grotto
4. Bangalee Reserve
5. Comerong Island Nature Reserve / Shoalhaven Heads
6. Lake Wollumboola / Crookhaven Heads
7. Abrahams Bosom Reserve, Currarong
8. Greenfields Beach to Hyams Beach
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10. The National Botanic Gardens – Lake McKenzie
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13. Ulladulla Wildflower Reserve



Superb Fairy Wren

- Grades –** E = easy
M = moderate
H = hard

All distances and times are approximate only.

†VC = Shoalhaven Visitor Information Centre which is situated in Pleasant Way, Nowra. Turn left at 1st set of traffic lights after crossing Shoalhaven River Bridge.

To proceed north from VC, turn left at traffic lights into Princes Highway, right into Moss Street at 2nd set of traffic lights, right at roundabout into North Street, then right into Bridge Road.

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1. Bomaderry Creek

Travel north over Shoalhaven River Bridge to 2nd roundabout (1.9 km). Turn left into Narang Road, proceed 300 metres to tennis court carpark. There is a short walk (200 m) to a picnic area with covered picnic tables, toilets and an interpretation sign which gives details of the walks available.

The trackhead to each walk is well signposted.

(a) Return walk to Sheoak Crossing.

Distance: 6.9 km **Time:** 3 hours **Grade:** M/H

(b) Return walk to Weir Crossing.

Distance: 0.9 km **Time:** 1 hour **Grade:** M

Habitat: Eucalypt forest, sedge, wet heath, shrubland, rainforest.

Birds: Rock Warbler, Azure Kingfisher, Black-faced Monarch, Gang-gang Cockatoo, honeyeaters.



Rainbow Lorikett

2. Bens Walk

From †VC turn left into Princes Highway, then right at 2nd set of traffic lights into Worrige Street (1.2 km). Proceed along Worrige Street to Nowra Showground. Park at Hanging Rock Lookout, near Showground. Walking track is signposted from here.

Distance: 4.5 km **Time:** 2.5 hours **Grade:** M

Habitat: Riparian, grassland, sandstone cliffs and tall, open forest.

Birds: Southern Emu-Wren, Rock Warbler, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Tawny Frogmouth, kingfishers.



Red Wattle Bird

3. The Grotto

Travel north over Shoalhaven River Bridge, turn left at 1st set of traffic lights into Illaroo Road, North Nowra. Turn left at roundabout into McMahons Road, left into Hansons Road, right into Gunyuma Crescent, then left into Yurunga Drive, park near trackhead. A small sign gives details of the walks.

(a) The Grotto Walk

Distance: 2 km **Time:** 1 hour **Grade:** M

(b) Yurunga Drive Walk

Distance: 3 km loop **Time:** 1.5 hours **Grade:** E

Habitat: Riparian, river, grassland, rainforest, sandstone cliffs, heath with low, open forest.

Birds: Green Catbird, Glossy Black-Cockatoo, Peregrine Falcon, Golden & Rufous Whistlers, Rock Warbler, Satin Bowerbird, Cormorants, Darter.



Common Koel

4. Bangalee Reserve

Travel north over Shoalhaven River Bridge, turn left at 1st set of traffic lights into Illaroo Road, North Nowra. Turn right at roundabout, follow Illaroo Road through Bangalee and Tapitallee and turn left into Koloona Drive (approx. 7 km). Follow Koloona Drive for 3.49 km, look out for the entrance to the Bangalee Reserve carpark (1 km of dirt road). A small sign near carpark gives directions to 3 separate walks, each worth exploring. The picnic area has barbecue and toilet facilities.

(a) Condies Walk.

Distance: 2 km **Time:** 1 hour **Grade:** E

(b) Weirs Walk.

Distance: 4 km **Time:** 2 hours **Grade:** M

(c) Forest Walk.

Distance: 4.5 km **Time:** 2-5 hours **Grade:** M

Habitat: Riparian, open forest, rainforest.

Birds: Bassian Thrush, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Green Catbird, Wonga Pigeon, seasonal cuckoos, Yellow-throated Scrubwren, Satin Bowerbird, robins, wrens and honeyeaters.

5. Comerong Island Nature Reserve / Shoalhaven Heads

From †VC turn left into Princes Highway, left into Moss Street at the 1st set of traffic lights (0.6 km) - Follow Moss Street into Terrara Road through Terrara and Numbaa villages, continuing on along Comerong Island Road until the ferry is reached (11 km from Nowra). Tickets for ferry available from machine at stand near ferry (\$4.00 return per vehicle - coins only).



Darter

(a) After leaving ferry, continue on dirt road to the Comerong Island Reserve sign (3.6 km from ferry). Park and look for an overgrown entrance to a walking track which skirts the lagoon on the western side.

Birds: White-fronted Chat, Golden-headed Cisticola, waders, cormorants, terns, water fowl.

(b) From (a), drive a further 0.9 km and park in the Reserve carpark. Follow walking track east of carpark, turn right into old 4WD track, continue along this track until a steel gate is reached. Turn left off the main track which leads to the surf beach. This left-hand track gives access to sand dunes and the Shoalhaven River, and is a **major stopover area for migratory birds**.

Birds: Excellent viewing of waders, shorebirds, water fowl, White-bellied Sea Eagle.

(c) Start from the Reserve carpark. Walk (or 4WD) back along the entrance road, take the turning to the left (150 metres). This sandtrack leads to the old Coal Wharf at the far end of the island where a picnic area, toilet and carpark are located (4.3 km). Follow track from carpark 300 metres to the surf beach and the breakwater which defines the entrance to the Crookhaven River. Walk back along the beach until the Reserve carpark is reached. A good round walk.

Distance: 9 km **Time:** 3-4 hours **Grade:** E/M

Birds: Bar-shouldered Dove, Scarlet Honeyeater, Pied and Sooty Oystercatchers, herons, egrets.

(d) For a shorter loop walk, take the Coal Wharf Road, but turn left 1 km along road. This leads to a picnic area (250 metres) and gives access to the surf beach. Walk back along the beach to Reserve carpark.

Distance: 3 km **Time:** 1-2 hours **Grade:** E/M

Habitat: Mud flats, sand dunes, coastal forest, littoral rainforest, mangrove swamp.

Shoalhaven Heads

Walking access to Comerong Island and the lagoon from Shoalhaven Heads is often available as the entrance to the Shoalhaven River is regularly blocked by sand.

6. Lake Wollumboola / Crookhaven Heads

From †VC turn left into Princes Highway, then left at 4th set of traffic lights into Kalandar Street/Greenwell Point Road (2 km) [sign: Currarong, Greenwell Point]. Follow road through Worrige and Brundee until Pyree Lane turnoff is reached (9 km). Turn right into Pyree Lane [sign: Culburra Beach]*. Follow road to Culburra (9 km). Follow The Lake Circuit into Penguin Head Road, to Duke Street. Turn right into Duke Street, then right into Eastbourne Avenue which continues to the carpark on left at Lake Wollumboola. Toilet facilities available. Walk south around the lake for good views of seasonal migratory birds. Watch out for Little Tern nesting areas in Spring/Summer.

Grade: E

Habitat: Coastal dunes, lake and mudflat.

Birds: Seasonal migratory waders, shorebirds, Little Tern, White-bellied Sea-Eagle.

Crookhaven Heads

From Lake Wollumboola, return along Penguin Head Road and follow road north until the Lighthouse Reserve carpark is reached. Walk along the walking track to the old Crookhaven Heads Light. There are several viewing platforms along the way.

Distance: 3 km **Time:** 1.5 hours **Grade:** M

Habitat: Coastal heath, woodlands.

Birds: Waders, Oystercatchers, Pelican, Cormorants.



Crimson Rosella

7. Abrahams Bosom Reserve, Currarong

Directions as for 6. to *. Follow road towards Culburra, turn right at Coonemia Road (14 km). Follow signs to Currarong (20 km). This road leads into Fishery Road, turn right into Piscator Avenue, left into Jervis Street, then right into Beecroft Parade and proceed to Abraham's Bosom Reserve carpark. Walk across bridge for approx. 300 metres till an interpretation sign is reached and track diverges.

(a) Take either Coomies Track or Mermaids Walk as the trail is circular.

Distance: 9 km loop Time: 3 hours Grade: M

(b) Alternatively, there is a short return walk to the wreck on the point.

Distance: 2.5 km Time: 1 hour Grade: E

Habitat: Coastal heath, woodlands.

Birds: Ground Parrot, Southern Emu-wren, honeyeaters, Australasian Gannet, waders.

8. Greenfields Beach to Hyams Beach, Jervis Bay National Park

From †VC turn left into Princes Highway, travel south to Jervis Bay Road turnoff (13.6 km from Nowra) . Turn left into Jervis Bay Road and follow road until the roundabout is reached. Turn left into The Wool Road and continue to the next roundabout **. Turn right into Elizabeth Drive, left into Sutton Street, and park in Greenfield Beach carpark. Interpretation sign, barbecue, picnic and toilet facilities are available. From Greenfield Beach follow "Scribbly Gum Walk" loop to Hyams Beach. Return along coastal track.

Distance: 2.8 km Time: 1 hour Grade: E

Note: To access heath area, take the right-hand track at the top of the "Scribbly Gum Walk" loop. Return by the same route to "Scribbly Gum Walk".

Habitat: Coastal heath, rock platform and bay, open woodland.

Birds: Sooty Oystercatcher, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, parrots, lorikeets, Eastern Spinebill, Spotted Pardalote, White-browed Scrubwren, White throated Treecreeper.

Heath Area: Ground Parrot, honeyeaters, Glossy Black-Cockatoo.



Yellow Tailed Black-Cockatoo





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Legend

-  National Parks & Nature Reserves
-  Towns

- ① Bomaderry Creek
- ② Bens Walk
- ③ The Grotto
- ④ Bangalee Reserve
- ⑤ Comerong Island N.R.
- ⑥ Lake Wollumboola
- ⑦ Abrahams Bosom Reserve
- ⑧ Greenfield Beach / Hyams Beach
- ⑨ Murrays Beach / Goveners Head
- ⑩ National Botanic Gardens
- ⑪ Florence Head / Rusden Head
- ⑫ South Coast Heathland Walk - Ulladulla
- ⑬ Ulladulla Wildflower Reserve

SHOALHAVEN BIRD WALKS LOCATION MAP



Morton National Park
PORTERS CK DAM RD
11
Barnunj State Recreational Area
12
ULLADULLA
13

BEACH RD
Seven Mile Beach National Park
SHOALHAVEN HEADS
5
SHOALHAVEN RIVER
BOMADERRY
3
NOWRA
2
Comerong Island Nature Reserve
GREENWELL PT.
CULBURRA
6
LAKE WOLLUMBOOLA
New South Wales Jervis Bay National Park
7
CURRAGO
Jervis Bay
HUSKISSON
VINCENTIA
8
THE WOOL RD
ST. GEORGES BASIN
9
JERVIS BAY RD
Booderee National Park
10

9. Murrays Beach / Governor's Head Booderee National Park

Directions as for 8. to **, but drive straight ahead at the Wool Road roundabout. Continue along Jervis Bay Road to the Entrance Station at Booderee National Park, where an entry fee is required. [Booderee Visitor Centre is located nearby (☎ 02 44430977).] Follow Jervis Bay Road until the carpark at Murrays Beach is reached (7.5km from Entrance Station).



Laughing Kookaburra

(a) The circular walking trail starts at the rear of carpark.

Distance: 5.5 km Time: 2.5 hours Grade: E

(b) For a shorter return walk, take the left turn to Governor's Head.

Distance: 2 km Time: 40 mins Grade E

Habitat: Open coastal forest and heath, rock platform, bay and beaches.

Birds: Little Penguin, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Australasian Gannet, Eastern Bristlebird, honeyeaters.

10. The National Botanic Gardens – Lake McKenzie

Situated in Booderee National Park, turn into Cave Beach Road, which is the 2nd turnoff on the right after Entrance Station. The Botanic Gardens entrance is signposted on the right-hand side. Interpretation sign and brochures give information on the several easy walking tracks. Toilets are located near the carpark; barbecues, picnic facilities available in gardens.



Spotted Pardalote

Habitat: Woodland and coastal rainforest, native gardens, lake and wetland.

Birds: Gang-gang Cockatoo, Eastern Whipbird, Rufous Fantail, thornbills, ducks, grebes, honeyeaters.

11. Florance Head /Rusden Head Morton National Park

From †VC, travel south along Princes Highway (52.1 km). Turn right into Porters Creek Road [sign: Porter's Creek Dam 14 km, Pointer Gap Lookout]. Follow road up the mountain to a "T" intersection, turn left, continue to another "T" intersection, turn left and proceed to the Little Forest Walking Track carpark (65 km). Walk to the end of the formed walking track. A sign gives directions for each walk.

(a) Florance Head Track

Distance: 6 km Time: 2.5 hours Grade: E

(b) Rusden Head Track

Distance: 8 km Time: 3 hours Grade: M

Habitat: Heath, woodland.

Birds: Ground Parrot, Beautiful Firetail, Southern Emu-wren, Striated Fieldwren, Chestnut-rumped Heathwren.

12. South Pacific Heathland Reserve, Ulladulla

This Reserve is located 1.3 km south of Ulladulla Information Centre along the Princes Highway, turn left into Dowling Street. Main entrance with interpretation sign is located 0.3 km along this road on right-hand side.

Good display of wildflowers in Spring.

Distance: 2 km Time: 45 mins. Grade: E

Habitat: Coastal heath, woodlands.

Birds: Honeyeaters, oceanic birds, oystercatchers.



Sulphur Crested Cockatoo

13. Ulladulla Wildflower Reserve

This Reserve is located in Warden Street, Ulladulla. Travelling south along the Princes Highway, turn right just after the Ulladulla Tourist Information Centre (on right) into Greens Road. Continue for approx. 500 m, then turn left into Warden Street. The Reserve carpark and entrance are on the right-hand side where an interpretation sign gives information on the track.



Crested Pigeons

- Distance:** 900 m. short loop Time: 30 mins. Grade E
1320 m. long loop Time: 45 mins. Grade E
- Habitat:** Wet forest.
- Birds:** Scarlet Honeyeater, thornbills, wrens, robins.

Key:	
C	Common
MC	Moderately Common
U	Uncommon
Res	Resident
R	Rare
Vis	Visitor
M	Migrant
S	Spring/Summer
W	Winter
B	Breeding
O	Oceanic
Vul	Vulnerable Species
E	Endangered Species
*	Introduced Species
**	Introduced from outside the area

List of Shoalhaven Birds –

COMMON NAME	STATUS	✓
EMU **	R	
STUBBLE QUAIL	MC	
BROWN QUAIL	MC	
AUSTRALIAN WOOD [Maned] DUCK	C	
FRECKLED DUCK	R Vul	
BLUE-BILLED DUCK	R Vul	
MUSK DUCK	U Vis	
BLACK SWAN	C	
AUSTRALIAN SHELDUCK	U	
HARDHEAD	MC	
MALLARD *	U	
PACIFIC BLACK DUCK	C	
AUSTRALASIAN SHOVELER	R Vis	
PINK-EARED DUCK	R Vis	
GREY TEAL	MC	
CHESTNUT TEAL	C B	
GREAT CRESTED GREBE	R	
HOARY-HEADED GREBE	MC	
AUSTRALASIAN GREBE	C	
LITTLE PENGUIN	U B	
WEDGE-TAILED SHEARWATER	O	
SOOTY SHEARWATER	O	
SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER	O	
FLESH-FOOTED SHEARWATER	O Vul	
FLUTTERING SHEARWATER	O	
HUTTON'S SHEARWATER	O	
LITTLE SHEARWATER	O Vul	
COMMON DIVING-PETREL	O	
WANDERING ALBATROSS	O E	
BLACK-BROWED ALBATROSS	O Vul	
YELLOW-NOSED ALBATROSS	O	
SHY ALBATROSS	O Vul	
BULLER'S ALBATROSS	O	
GREY-HEADED ALBATROSS	O	
WILSON'S STORM-PETREL	O	
WHITE-FACED STORM-PETREL	O	
GREY-BACKED STORM-PETREL	O	
AUSTRALASIAN GANNET	C Res	
DARTER	U	

COMMON NAME	STATUS	✓
GREAT CORMORANT	C Res	
LITTLE BLACK CORMORANT	C Res	
PIED CORMORANT	U Res	
LITTLE PIED CORMORANT	C Res	
BLACK-NECKED STORK [Jabiru]	E R	
AUSTRALIAN PELICAN	C	
WHITE-NECKED [Pacific] HERON	MC	
WHITE-FACED HERON	C	
CATTLE EGRET	C WM	
LITTLE EGRET	U	
EASTERN REEF EGRET	U Res	
GREAT EGRET	C	
INTERMEDIATE EGRET	R	
NANKEEN NIGHT HERON	MC	
LITTLE BITTERN	R	
STRIATED HERON	R	
BLACK BITTERN	R Vul	
AUSTRALASIAN BITTERN	U Vul	
GLOSSY IBIS	U Vis	
STRAW-NECKED IBIS	C WVis	
AUSTRALIAN WHITE [Sacred] IBIS	C WVis	
ROYAL SPOONBILL	U	
YELLOW-BILLED SPOONBILL	R Vis	
BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE	C Res	
LETTER-WINGED KITE	R	
PACIFIC BAZA	U	
WHISTLING KITE	C Res	
SQUARE-TAILED KITE	R Vul	
COLLARED SPARROWHAWK	U Res	
BROWN GOSHAWK	C Res	
GREY GOSHAWK	U Res	
OSPREY	R Vul	
WHITE-BELLIED SEA-EAGLE	C B	
LITTLE EAGLE	U Res	
WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE	MC	
SPOTTED HARRIER	R	
SWAMP HARRIER	U WM	
BROWN FALCON	C Res	
NANKEEN KESTREL	C Res	

COMMON NAME	STATUS	✓
PEREGRINE FALCON	U Res	
AUSTRALIAN HOBBY [Little Falcon]	MC	
BUFF-BANDED RAIL	MC	
LEWIN'S RAIL	U	
SPOTLESS CRAKE	U	
AUSTRALIAN SPOTTED CRAKE	U	
BAILLON'S CRAKE	U	
DUSKY MOORHEN	C Res	
PURPLE SWAMPHEN	C Res	
EURASIAN COOT	C Res	
BUSH STONE-CURLEW	R E	
BEACH STONE-CURLEW	R Vis E	
PAINTED BUTTON-QUAIL	U	
LATHAM'S SNIPE	U SM	
BAR-TAILED GODWIT	C SM	
BLACK-TAILED GODWIT	U SM Vul	
EASTERN CURLEW	C SM	
WHIMBREL	U SM	
COMMON GREENSHANK	MC SM	
MARSH SANDPIPER	R SM	
WOOD SANDPIPER	R SM	
COMMON SANDPIPER	R SM	
GREY-TAILED TATTLER	U SM	
WANDERING TATTLER	R SM	
TEREK SANDPIPER	U SM Vul	
RUDDY TURNSTONE	R SM	
RED KNOT	U SM	
GREAT KNOT	R SM Vul	
SANDERLING	R SM Vul	
RED-NECKED STINT	C SM	
SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER	MC SM	
PECTORAL SANDPIPER	R SM	
BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER	R SM	
CURLEW SANDPIPER	U SM	
BUFF-BREADED SANDPIPER	R SM	
RUFF [REEVE]	U SM	
RED-NECKED PHALAROPE	SM	
COMB-CRESTED JACANA	U Vul	
PAINTED SNIPE	R	
PIED OYSTERCATCHER	U Vul	
SOOTY OYSTERCATCHER	U Vul	

COMMON NAME	STATUS	✓
BLACK-WINGED [Pied] STILT	U	
PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER	C SM	
GREY PLOVER	R SM	
RINGED PLOVER	R SM	
RED-CAPPED PLOVER	C SBM	
DOUBLE-BANDED PLOVER	C WM	
LESSER [Mongolian] SAND PLOVER	U SM Vul	
GREATER SAND PLOVER	R SM Vul	
ORIENTAL PLOVER	R SM	
HOODED PLOVER	R E	
RED-KNEED DOTTEREL	R Vis	
BLACK-FRONTED DOTTEREL	MC Res	
MASKED LAPWING	C Res	
BANDED LAPWING	R Vis	
GREAT SKUA	O	
ARCTIC JAEGER	O	
PACIFIC GULL	R	
SILVER GULL	C Res	
WHISKERED TERN	U WM	
WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN	R SM	
CASPIAN TERN	C WM	
GULL-BILLED TERN	U SBM	
CRESTED TERN	C Res	
WHITE-FRONTED TERN	R WM	
COMMON TERN	R SM	
ARCTIC TERN	O	
LITTLE TERN	SBM E	
SPOTTED TURTLE-DOVE *	C Res	
FERAL PIGEON *	C Res	
DIAMOND DOVE	R	
PEACEFUL DOVE	U Res	
BAR-SHOULDERED DOVE	U Res	
BROWN CUCKOO-DOVE	U Res	
TOPKNOT PIGEON	U WM	
EMERALD DOVE	R Res	
COMMON BRONZEWING	C Res	
BRUSH BRONZEWING	U Res	
WONGA PIGEON	MC Res	
CRESTED PIGEON	C Res	
WHITE-HEADED PIGEON	C Res	
SUPERB FRUIT-DOVE	R Vul	

COMMON NAME	STATUS	✓
GLOSSY BLACK-COCKATOO	U Res Vul	
YELLOW-TAILED BLACK-COCKATOO	C Res	
GANG-GANG COCKATOO	C Res	
GALAH	C Res	
LITTLE CORELLA	U Res	
SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO	C Res	
RAINBOW LORIKEET	C Res	
SCALY-BREADED LORIKEET	U Vis	
LITTLE LORIKEET	U Res	
MUSK LORIKEET	C Res	
SWIFT PARROT	R WM E	
AUSTRALIAN KING-PARROT	C Res	
CRIMSON ROSELLA	C Res	
EASTERN ROSELLA	C Res	
TURQUOISE PARROT	U	
GROUND PARROT	R Res Vul	
ORIENTAL CUCKOO	R Vis	
PALLID CUCKOO	U SBM	
FAN-TAILED CUCKOO	C SBM	
BRUSH CUCKOO	MC SBM	
HORSFIELD'S BRONZE-CUCKOO	MC SBM	
SHINING BRONZE-CUCKOO	U SBM	
COMMON KOEL	C SBM	
CHANNEL-BILLED CUCKOO	C SBM	
PHEASANT COUCAL	U	
POWERFUL OWL	U Res Vul	
BARKING OWL	R Vul	
SOUTHERN BOOBOOK	C Res	
SOOTY OWL	R Res Vul	
BARN OWL	C Res	
MASKED OWL	U Vul	
TAWNY FROGMOUTH	C Res	
AUSTRALIAN OWLET-NIGHTJAR	MC Res	
WHITE-THROATED NIGHTJAR	R SBM	
FORK-TAILED SWIFT	U SM	
WHITE-THROATED NEEDLETAIL	MC SM	
AZURE KINGFISHER	U Res	
LAUGHING KOOKABURRA	C Res	
SACRED KINGFISHER	C SBM	
RAINBOW BEE-EATER	R SBM	
DOLLARBIRD	C SBM	

COMMON NAME	STATUS	✓
SUPERB LYREBIRD	C Res	
WHITE-THROATED TREECREEPER	C Res	
RED-BROWED TREECREEPER	U Res	
SUPERB FAIRY-WREN	C Res	
VARIEGATED FAIRY-WREN	C Res	
SOUTHERN EMU-WREN	U Res	
SPOTTED PARDALOTE	C Res	
STRIATED PARDALOTE	MC Vis	
EASTERN BRISTLEBIRD	R Res E	
ROCK WARBLER [Origma]	U Res	
PILOTBIRD	R Res	
WHITE-BROWED SCRUBWREN	C Res	
YELLOW-THROATED SCRUBWREN	U Res	
LARGE-BILLED SCRUBWREN	U Res	
CHESTNUT-RUMPED HEATHWREN	U Res	
STRIATED FIELDWREN	U Res Vul	
BROWN GERYGONE	C Res	
WHITE-THROATED GERYGONE	SBM	
BROWN THORNBILL	C Res	
BUFF-RUMPED THORNBILL	MC Res	
YELLOW-RUMPED THORNBILL	C Res	
STRIATED THORNBILL	C Res	
YELLOW THORNBILL	C Res	
LITTLE [Brush] WATTLEBIRD	C Res	
RED WATTLEBIRD	C Res	
NOISY FRIARBIRD	C SBM	
REGENT HONEYEATER	R Vis E	
BELL MINER	R	
NOISY MINER	C Res	
LEWIN'S HONEYEATER	C Res	
YELLOW-FACED HONEYEATER	C Res	
WHITE-EARED HONEYEATER	MC Res	
YELLOW-TUFTED HONEYEATER	C Res	
FUSCOUS HONEYEATER	C WM	
WHITE-PLUMED HONEYEATER	U WM	
BROWN-HEADED HONEYEATER	U Res	
WHITE-NAPED HONEYEATER	C SM	
NEW HOLLAND HONEYEATER	C Res	
WHITE-CHEEKED HONEYEATER	U Res	
CRESCENT HONEYEATER	U Res	
TAWNY-CROWNED HONEYEATER	MC Res	

COMMON NAME	STATUS	✓
EASTERN SPINEBILL	C Res	
SCARLET HONEYEATER	SM	
WHITE-FRONTED CHAT	MC Res	
JACKY WINTER	C Res	
FLAME ROBIN	U WM	
SCARLET ROBIN	U WM	
ROSE ROBIN	U WM	
PINK ROBIN	R WM Vul	
EASTERN YELLOW ROBIN	C Res	
LOGRUNNER	R Res	
EASTERN WHIPBIRD	C Res	
SPOTTED QUAIL-THRUSH	MC Res	
VARIED SITTELLA	U Res	
RED-WHISKERED BULBUL	C Res	
CRESTED SHRIKE-TIT	U Res	
OLIVE WHISTLER	R Vis Vul	
GOLDEN WHISTLER	C Res	
RUFIOUS WHISTLER	C SBM	
GREY SHRIKE-THRUSH	C Res	
BLACK-FACED MONARCH	U SBM	
LEADEN FLYCATCHER	C SBM	
SATIN FLYCATCHER	U SBM	
RESTLESS FLYCATCHER	U SM	
WILLIE WAGTAIL	C Res	
RUFIOUS FANTAIL	U SBM	
GREY FANTAIL	C Res	
BLACK-FACED CUCKOO-SHRIKE	C Res	
WHITE-BELLIED CUCKOO-SHRIKE	R SM	
CICADABIRD	U SBM	
WHITE-WINGED TRILLER	R SBM	
OLIVE-BACKED ORIOLE	SBM	
FIGBIRD	U SM	
WHITE-BROWED WOODSWALLOW	R SBM	
MASKED WOODSWALLOW	U SM	
DUSKY WOODSWALLOW	MC SBM	
GREY BUTCHERBIRD	C Res	
MAGPIE-LARK	C Res	
AUSTRALIAN MAGPIE	C Res	
PIED CURRAWONG	C Res	
GREY CURRAWONG	R Res	
SPANGLED DRONGO	U SBM	

COMMON NAME	STATUS	✓
AUSTRALIAN RAVEN	C Res	
LITTLE RAVEN	U Res	
WHITE-WINGED CHOUGH	C Res	
GREEN CATBIRD	U Res	
SATIN BOWERBIRD	C Res	
RICHARD'S PIPIT	C Res	
SINGING BUSHLARK	U SBM	
COMMON SKYLARK *	U	
DOUBLE-BARRED FINCH	U Res	
RED-BROWED FINCH	C Res	
ZEBRA FINCH	U	
BEAUTIFUL FIRETAIL	R Res	
DIAMOND FIRETAIL	U Vul	
CHESTNUT-BREADED MANNIKIN	R	
EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH *	U	
HOUSE SPARROW *	C Res	
MISTLETOEBIRD	C Res	
WELCOME SWALLOW	C Res	
TREE MARTIN	C SBM	
FAIRY MARTIN	U SBM	
CLAMOROUS REED-WARBLER	U SBM	
TAWNY GRASSBIRD	R SBM	
BROWN SONGLARK	R SM	
RUFIOUS SONGLARK	U SM	
LITTLE GRASSBIRD	U Res	
GOLDEN-HEADED CISTICOLA	C Res	
SILVEREYE	C Res	
COMMON BLACKBIRD *	U	
BASSIAN THRUSH	U Res	
COMMON STARLING *	C Res	
COMMON MYNA *	C Res	

Regarding the Classification of Bird Species

Karl von Linne (1707-1778) was the Swedish founder of systematic biological classification. Birds were listed according to the Linnean Classification of all bird species of the world, in taxonomic order in the class *Aves*, which was divided up into 23 orders, 142 families, 2,057 genera and 9,702 species, based on body structure, size and function, plumage and colour.

In 1926 the Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union (RAOU) produced “the Official Checklist of the Birds of Australia”, which was subsequently updated in 1975.

In the 1970's, DNA comparison of thousands of bird species by several biologists, in particular Prof. Charles Sibley and Jon Ahlquist of the Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale University, demonstrated that Australian birds had developed from ancestors present on this continent, and not from Northern Hemisphere birds as originally thought. This new science of molecular biology was not readily accepted throughout the world as it challenged traditional thinking and procedures. It was not until the 1990s that the new 'official' Australian list was produced.

“The Taxonomy and Species of Birds of Australia and its Territories”, instigated by the RAOU, was produced in 1994. This Australian Bird List is in Taxonomical Order for observers. The nomenclature and taxonomic order of the list was prepared by Leslie Christidis, Curator of Birds at the Museum of Victoria, and Walter E. Boles of the Australian Museum, Sydney. This is now the definitive list of Australian Birds and is divided into 20 orders. A list of the orders, families and species of Australian birds can be found on the web site of the Museum of Victoria - www.museum.vic.gov.au/birdresearch/birds.

All modern Field Guides for Birds throughout the world follow the Taxonomical Order of birds, including Australia. It is therefore necessary that any bird lists should also follow this order, as it facilitates navigating the list easily. Not to do so would appear as unprofessional.

With regard to your suggestion of placing the bird list in alphabetical order, this is not really necessary. The majority of birdwatchers carry Field Guides with them when birdwatching, and there is an alphabetical index in each guide.



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