

Bird Book for Beginners



of the Avon River Pools



Beverley to Toodyay
Western Australia

Using This Book

The Birds in this booklet are grouped into:

Most Common	You will probably see
Common	You may see
Uncommon	You may get lucky
Rare	Highly unlikely to be spotted

The pages have colour coded borders.

The symbols:

Common name

* Scientific or Latin name

- The Aboriginal Noongar (supplied where possible, and may vary from place to place)

This Booklet is designed to introduce people to the Wonderful World of Birds.

The Avon Valley - particularly in the region of the Avon River is a bird biodiversity hotspot. The South West of Western Australia is a United Nations listed biodiversity "Hotspot". This means that as far as birds are concerned, the Avon Valley is a 'hotspot' within a 'hotspot'.

Of the approximately 900 species of birds in Australia, 170 (19%) have been spotted in the Avon Valley from Beverley to Toodyay.

Birds are normally divided between
Residents —which live in the area all the time
irruptive—which occasionally visit
migrants— which tend to arrive seasonally.



Little Pied Cormorant
 * *Microcarbo melanoleuos*
 - Kokoko



Little Black Cormorant
 * *Phalacrocorax*
 - Karacut



Hoary Headed Grebe
 * *Poliiocephalus poliocephalus*
 - Wyooda



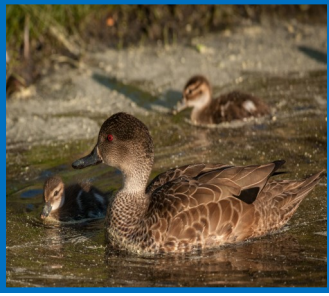
Mute Swan
 * *Cygnus olor*
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Australian Shelduck
 * *Tadoma tadomoides*
 - Koorak



Pacific Black Duck
 * *Anas superciliosa*
 - Yait



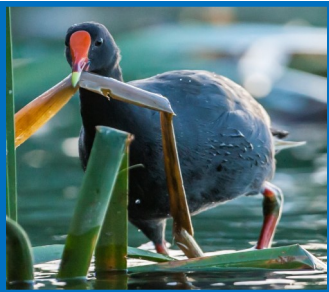
Grey Teal
* *Anus gracilis*

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Australian Wood Duck
* *Chenonetta jubata*

- Mannanganna



Dusky Moorhen
* *Gallinulla tenebrosa*

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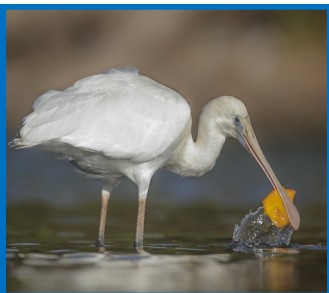
Eurasian Coot
* *Fulica*

- Kidjibroom



White Faced Heron
* *Egretta noveahollandiae*

- Wyan



Yellow Billed Spoonbill
* *Platalea favipes*

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Silver Gull
* *Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae*
- Djidinook



Rock Dove
* *Columba livia*
-



Laughing Dove
* *Streptopelia senegalensis*
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Galah
* *Eolophus rieicapilla*
- Brako



Little corella
* *Cacatua sanguinea*
- Birra



Western Corella
* *Cacatua passinator*
- Many



Australian Ringneck
* *Barnardius zonarius*
- Dowarn



Striated Pardalote
* *Pardalotus striatus*
- Wee-Dup Wee-Dup



Yellow Rumped Thornbill
* *Acanthiza uropygialis*
- Dyibotjita



Red Wattle Bird
* *Anthochaera carunculata*
- Wodjalock



Singing Honeyeater
* *Gravicalis virescens*
- Doorumdoorum



Brown Honeyeater
* *Lichmera indisticta*
- Kyelt



New Holland Honeyeater
* *Phylidonytis noveahollandie*
- Bandin



Grey Strike Thrush
* *Colluricincla harmonica*
- Koodelong



Rufous Whistler
* *Pachycephala rufvenyris*
- Bamboon



Grey Fantail
* *Rhipidua fuliginosa*
- Kedjat



Willy Wagtail
* *Rhipidura leusophrys*
- Chitti Chitti



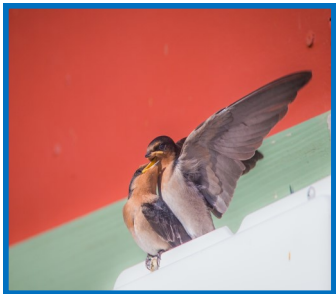
Magpie Lark
* *Grallina cyanoleuca*
- Dilabot



Australian Magpie
 * *Gymnorhina Tibicen*
 - Koorbat



Australian Raven
 * *Corvus coronoides*
 - Kard Kado



Welcome Swallow
 * *Hirundo neoxena*
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Silvereye
 * *Zosterops Lateralis*
 - Julawedelu



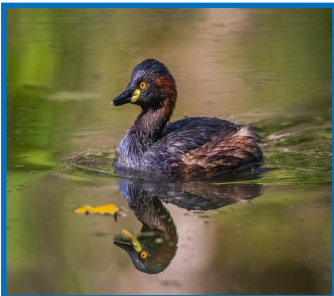
Tree Martin
 * *Petrochelidon nigricans*
 - Kybot



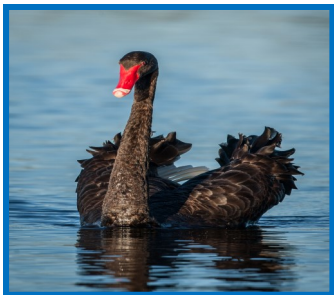
Australian Pelican
 * *Pelecanus conspicillatus*
 - Nerimba



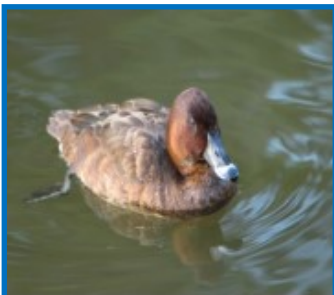
Australian Darter
 * *Ahinga noveahollandiae*
 - Mimil



Australian Grebe
 * *Tachybaptus novae hollandia*
 - Nyoonan



Black Swan
 * *Cygnus Atratus*
 - Koltjak



Hardhead
 * *Aythya australis*
 - Erooto



White Necked Heron
 * *Ardea pacifica*
 - Nanto



Great Egret
* *Ardea alba*

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Nankeen Night Heron
* *Nycticorax caledonicus*

- Nygalganing



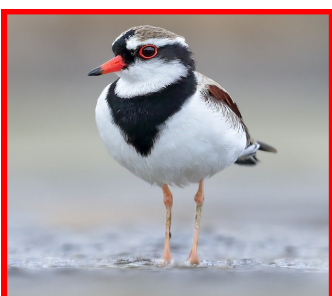
Australian White Ibis
* *Threskiornis moluccus*

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Common Sandpiper
* *Actitis hypoleucos*

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Black Fronted Dotteral
* *Elsayonis melanops*

- Nidcolyorong



Black Winged Stilt
* *Himantopus leucocephalus*

- Djandjarak



Brown Goshawk
 * *Accipiter fasciatus*
 - Djiljil



Nankeen Kestrel
 * *Falco cenchroides*
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Carnaby's Black Cockatoo
 * *Zanda latirosstris*
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Pallid Cuckoo
 * *Heteroscenes pallidus*
 - Djoodorn



Splendid Fairy Wren
 * *Malurus splendens*
 - Djarrdjilya



Western Gerygone
 * *Gerygone fusca*
 - Warybodang



Weebill
 * *Smicrornis brevirostris*
 - Geah-ter-but



Chestnut Rumped Thornbill
 * *Acanthiza uropugialis*
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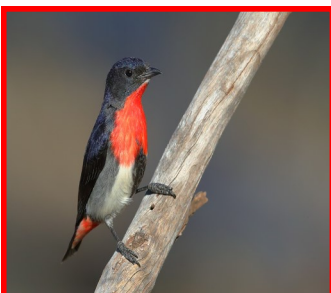
Red Capped Robin
 * *Petroica goodenovii*
 - Minekedan



Black-Faced Cookoo-Shrike
 * *Coracina noveahollandiae*
 - Ngoolaka



White-Winged Triller
 * *Lalage tricolor*
 - Koomolkolong



Mistletoebird
 * *Diceum hirundinaceum*
 - Moo-ne-je-tang



Chestnut Teal
* *Anus castanea*

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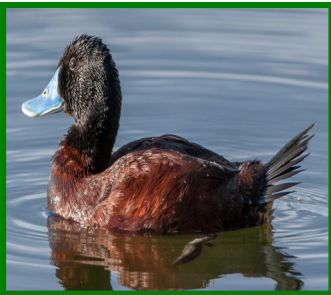
Australian Shoveller
* *Spatula rhyncholis*

- Barddoongooba



Pink-eared Duck
* *Malacorhynchus membranaceus*

- Wimbin



Blue-billed Duck

* *Oxyura australis*

- Boodoo



Black-tail Native Hen

* *Tribonix ventralis*

- Ngalyang



Little Egret

* *Egretta garzetta*

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Straw-necked Ibis
* *Threskiornis spinicollis*

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Red-kneed Dotteral
* *Erythrogonyn cinctus*

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Red-capped Plover
* *Charadrius ruficapillus*

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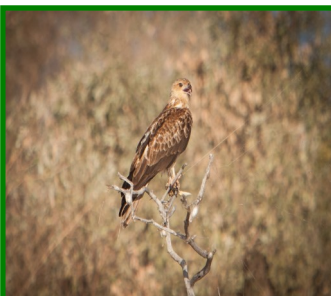


Red-necked Avocet
* *Recurvirostra novaehollandiae*
- Yadjinkorong

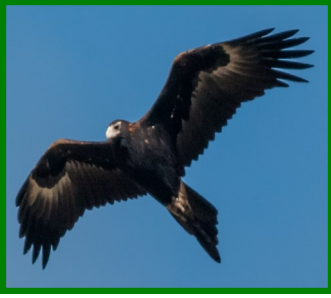


Black-shouldered Kite
* *Elanus axillaris*

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Whistling Kite
* *Haliastur sphenurus*
- Djanto



Wedge-tailed Eagle
* *Aquila audax*
- Waldja



Collared Sparrowhawk
* *Accipiter cirrocephalus*
- Mimi



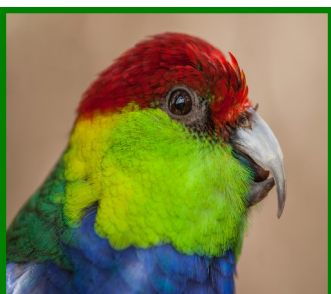
Australian Hobby
* *Falco longipennis*
- Wowo



Common Bronzewing
* *Streptopelia chinensis*
- Oo-da



Crested Pidgeon
* *Ocyphaps lophotes*
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Red-capped Parrot
* *Papueicephalus spurius*
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Fan-tailed Cuckoo
* *Cacomantis flabelliformis*
- Dyular



Horsefields Bronze Cuckoo
* *Chalcites balalis*
- Djorit



Laughing Kookaburra
* *Dacelo novaeguineae*
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Sacred Kingfisher
* *Todiramphus*
- Kandimak



Rainbow Bee-eater
* *Merops ornatus*
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Western Thornbill
* *Acanthiza inorta*
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Yellow Plumed Honeyeater
* *Ptilotuba ornate*

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Brown Headed Honeyeater
* *Melithreptus brevirostris*

- Dijork



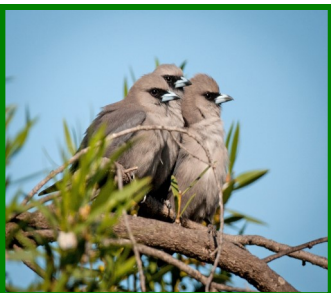
Spiny Cheeked Honeyeater
* *Acanthagenys rufogularis*

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White Browed Babbler
* *Pomatostomus superciliosus*

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Black-faced Wood Swallow
* *Atarmus cinereus*

- Bewoen



Grey Butcherbird.
* *Cracticus torquatus*

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Pied Butcherbird
* *Cracticus nigrogularis*

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Fairy Martin
* *Petrochelidon ariel*

- Bodibodi

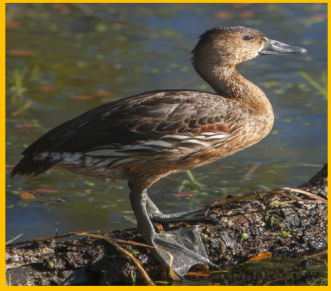


Yellow Throated Miner
* *Manorina flavigular*

- Bilyourga



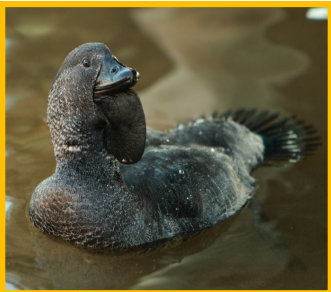
Pied Cormorant
* *Phalacrocorax varius*
- Madi



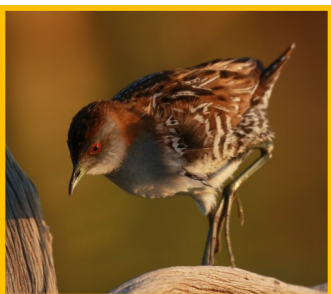
Wandering Whistling Duck
* *Dendrocygna arcuata*
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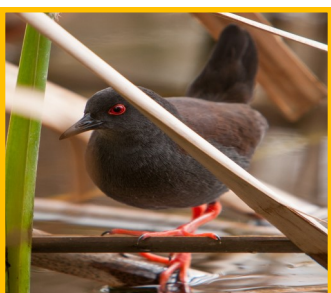
Freckled Duck
* *Stictonetta naevose*
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Musk Duck
* *Biziura lobata*
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Ballions Crake
* *Zapornia pusills*
- Warradja



Spotless Crake
* *Zapornia tabuensis*
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Purple Swamphen
* *Porphyrio porphyrio*
- Kiwilora



Royal Spoonbill
* *Platalea regia*
-



Glossy Ibis
* *Plegadis falcinellus*
-



Red-necked Stint
* *Calidris ruficollis*
-



Banded Stilt
* *Cladorhynchus leucocephalus*
-



Whiskered Tern
* *Chlidonias hybrid*
- hybrida



Little Eagle
* *Hieraaetus morphnoides*

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Brown Falcon
* *Falco berigora*

- Don don



Spotted Dove
* *Streptopelia chinenis*

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Red Tailed Black Cockatoo
* *Calyptorhynchus baanski*

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Southern Boobook
* *Ninox boobook*

- Koorkoda



Barn Owl
* *Tyto alba*

- Yondya



Inland Thornbill
* *Acanthiza apicalis*

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White Fronted Honeyeater
* *Purnella albifrons*

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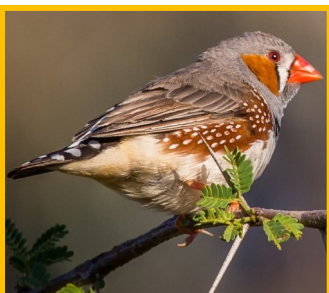
Little Grassbird
* *Poodytes gramineus*

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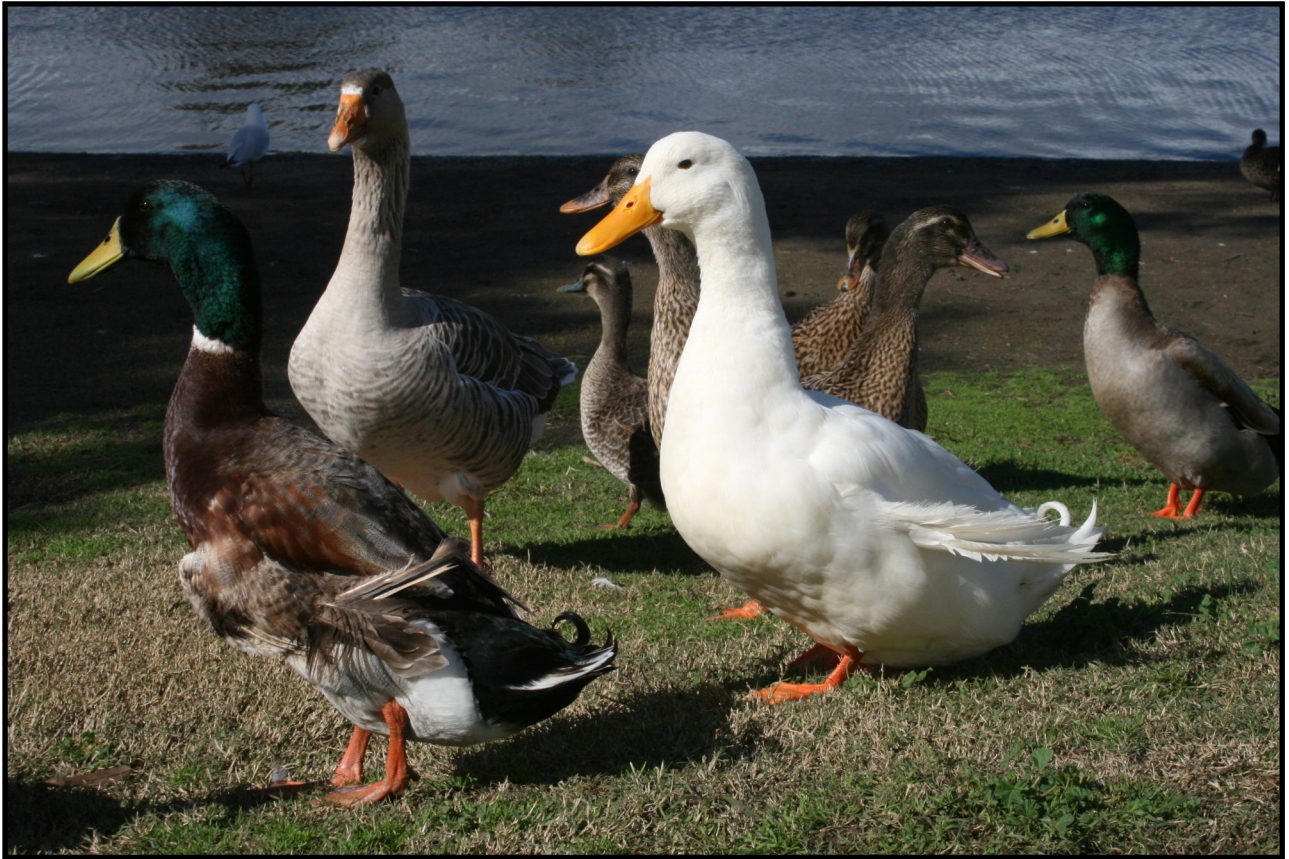
Australian Reed Warbler
* *Acrocephalus australis*

- Koorajikoye



Zebra Finch
* *Taeniopygia guttata*

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The above birds are introduced domestic ducks and a goose. These are not native to Australia. They have interbred with native birds to produce Hybrids. Unfortunately, they may be the first birds you notice.

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