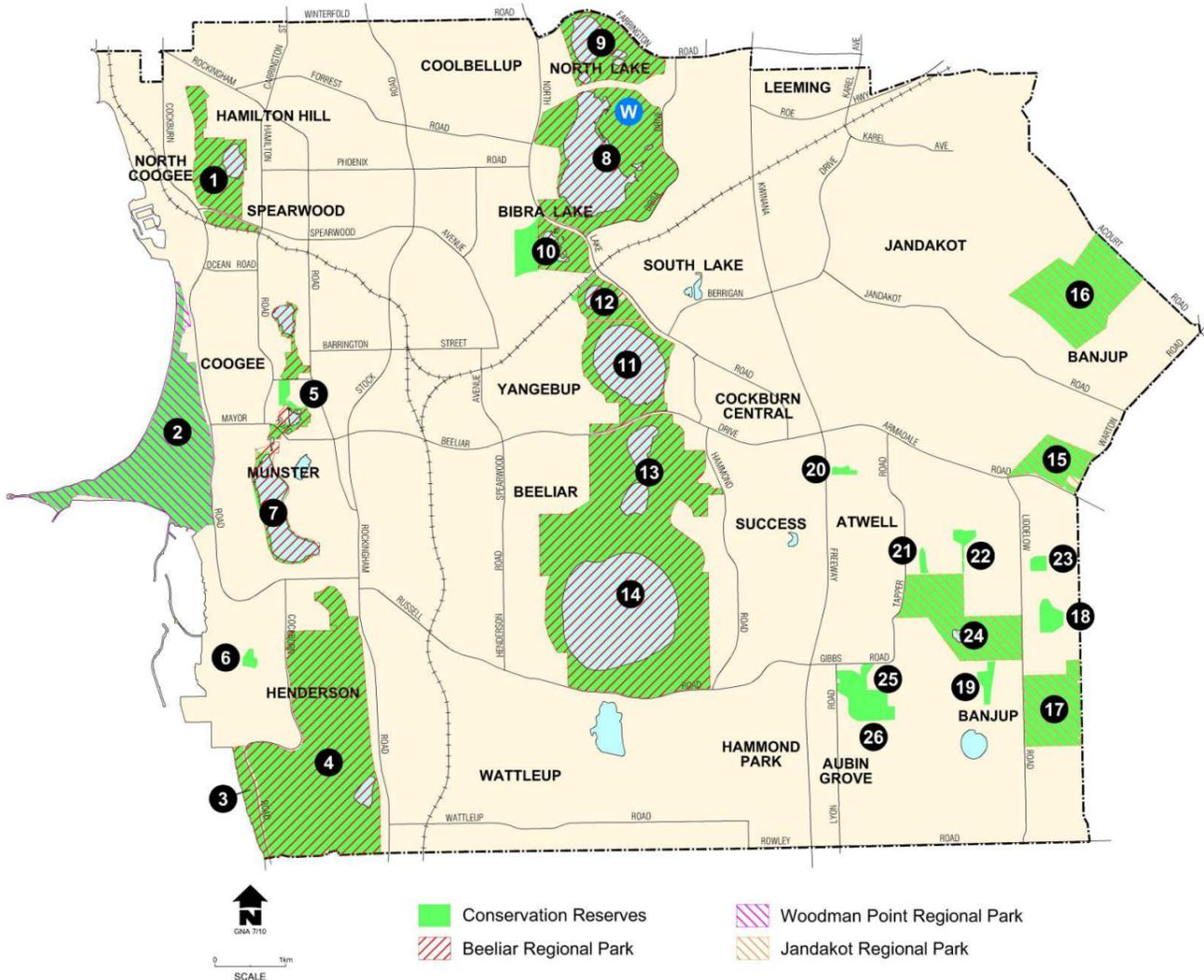


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WATERFOWL

Musk Duck Mw Res
Stiff-tailed duck. Dives for prey in deeper water. When courting, the male splashes and whistles, while inflating a leathery lobe beneath his bill.



Australian Shelduck Cw Res/N
Large boldly marked duck, common on fresh or salt water. Feeds by sifting mud and water for food or by grazing on grasslands.



Australian Wood Duck Uw Res
Numbers have increased with the development of farm dams and pastures. Often seen on grassy areas close to water.



Australasian Shoveler Mw N
Uses spoon-shaped bill fringed with lamellae to filter small aquatic animals.



Blue-billed Duck Uw Res
Another stiff-tailed duck, usually found in deeper fresh water. Dives for plants and insects. In breeding plumage, male's bill is a striking blue.



Australasian Grebe Uw Res
Found in fresh or brackish water. Usually dives to escape danger. Builds a floating nest of water-weeds. Yellow eye.



Hoary-headed Grebe Uw Res/N
Lighter in colour with dark nape stripe and white eye.

PIGEON, DOVE

Laughing Dove* C Res
From Asia. Smaller and more common than the Spotted Dove.



Spotted Dove* M Res
From Africa/India. Slightly larger with spotted collar.



FROGMOUTH

Tawny Frogmouth Ub Res
Easily overlooked. Mottled plumage blends perfectly with habitat; sits motionless by day. Active at dusk.



CORMORANT

Australasian Darter Uw Res
Specially jointed neck enables it to suddenly stab at prey (fish) or to submerge with barely a ripple. Breeds in colonies.



Little Pied Cormorant Ccw Res
Has a stubby yellow bill. Usually fishes alone. Perches to dry wings, which are not water-proofed like ducks'.



Great Cormorant Uw Res/N
Usually in small groups. Has a conspicuous yellow facial patch.

Little Black Cormorant Mw Res
Similar to Little Pied Cormorant but all black. Sometimes fishes in flocks.

HERON, IBIS, ALLIES

Eastern Great Egret Mw Res
Stately bird, usually found singly. Waits, motionless, before making a lightning thrust at prey.



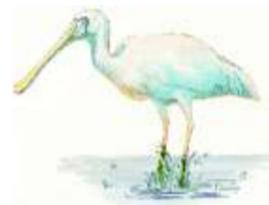
White-faced Heron Cw Res
Feeds in shallow wetlands or in open grassy areas. Builds a nest of sticks in a tree.



Australian White Ibis Cw Res
Gradual movement south from the Kimberley since 1952. Feeds by stirring water with open bill or probes waterlogged areas for small aquatic animals.



Yellow-billed Spoonbill Mw Res
In shallow water, sweeps its bill from side to side, in search of small aquatic animals. Feeds solitarily or in small groups.



RAPTOR

Whistling Kite U Res
Searches for small prey and carrion. Note paler leading wing edge.



Swamp Harrier M Res
Large dark raptor with a pale rump. Cruises over lakes or swamps, searching for prey. Nests on the ground or in low vegetation.

CRAKE, RAIL, ALLIES

Purple Swamphen Cw Res
Feeds on tender reed stems; also grazes some distance from water. Often seen clambering noisily through melaleucas along water's edge.



Dusky Moorhen Cw Res
Grazes aquatic vegetation by up-ending like a duck. Also feeds on land plants, insects and frogs. Prefers fresh water.

Eurasian Coot Cw Res
Has flattened lobed toes and feeds in water or on land. Its call is a sharp 'kyik'.



SHOREBIRD



Black-fronted Dotterel Mw N
Feeds on shallow margins, mudflats. Runs, bobs its head, tips and runs. Nests on ground, relying on cryptic colouring and distraction displays for protection.

Black-winged Stilt Mw MiSu-Au
Feeds on aquatic plants, insects and shrimps. Breeds in Australia.



Common Greenshank Ucw MiSp-Au
Found solitarily along the water's edge, searching for insects and molluscs. Its call is a haunting 'tew-tew-tew'.

NODDY, TERN, GULL

Caspian Tern Uc N
Largest of the local terns. Heavy red bill is diagnostic. Patrols stretches of water, plunging for prey.



Crested Tern Uc Res
Note yellow bill and shaggy black fringe on back of head. Also plunges spectacularly.

COCKATOO, PARROT



Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo E Mb MiSu-Au
Declining in numbers. Breeds inland and moves to the coast in autumn. Feeds on pine and banksia seeds.

Red-capped Parrot Mb Res
Its bill is adapted for feeding from Marri nuts. Silent feeder but also has a soft chattering call. Male especially, is more colourful than the common, mostly green Australian Ringneck.



CUCKOO



Shining Bronze-Cuckoo Ub MiSp-Au
Arrives in late winter. Typical cuckoo in that it relies on a host species (often a thornbill) to raise its young.

KINGFISHER

Sacred Kingfisher Ub MiSp-Su
Returns each September. Nests in hollows. Feeds on insects and small reptiles.



BEE-EATER, ROLLER

Rainbow Bee-eater Ub MiSp-Su
Arrives in October. Excavates a nesting tunnel in sandy ground. Eats bees and other insects caught in flight.



FAIRY-WREN, GRASSWREN



Splendid Fairy-wren C Res
The breeding male is perhaps Australia's most brilliantly coloured bird. Prefers dense habitat. Nest built low in a shrub.

SCRUBWREN, ALLIES

Western Gerygone C Res
Tiny bird more easily located by slow, dreamy call. Usually seen singly, searching for insects among foliage.



Yellow-rumped Thornbill M Res
Small bird; largest of the thornbills with bright yellow rump. Feeds in small parties in low foliage or on the ground.

PARDALOTE

Striated Pardalote C Res
Colourful small bird. Searches for leaf bugs among Eucalypt foliage. Listen for its 'chip-chip' call.



HONEYEATER, CHAT

Red Wattlebird C Res
Largest of the local honeyeaters with yellow belly and fleshy red neck wattles. Noisy and aggressive.



New Holland Honeyeater C Res
Note yellow wing-patch and high-pitched call. Often occurs in noisy groups.

CUCKOO-SHRIKE

Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike Mb Res
Diet of insects, berries and seeds. Wings are shuffled each time the bird lands.



WHISTLER, SHRIKE-THRUSH



Rufous Whistler Mb Res
Strikingly coloured bird with spirited song, especially when breeding. Female is much plainer than the male illustrated.

BUTCHERBIRD, CURRAWONG

Grey Butcherbird Cb Res
Sits quietly on a perch before diving on its prey. Song is a mellow piping.



FANTAIL

Grey Fantail Mb Res/MiSp-Au
Present all year; more numerous in winter-spring. Inquisitive. Catches insects in flight.



FLYCATCHER, MONARCH



Magpie-lark C Res
Mud nest builders which retain same mate and territory for life. Forages on ground.

OLD WORLD WARBLER

Australian Reed-Warbler Cw Res
Lives among tall freshwater reeds. Not easily seen but in spring its strong rich call is conspicuous.



WHITE-EYE



Silvereye C Res/N
Moves in flocks searching for grubs, aphids, berries and nectar. Has a number of thin, high calls.

SWALLOW, MARTIN

Tree Martin C Res/MiWi-Sp
Most abundant in summer. Breeds in hollows. Look for a pale rump and only slightly forked tail to distinguish it from the equally common **Welcome Swallow** C Res



CODES

| Abundance | | Status | |
|-----------|-------------------|--------|------------|
| C | Common | Res | Resident |
| M | Moderately common | Mi | Migrant |
| U | Uncommon | N | Nomadic |
| Wi | Winter | Sp | Spring |
| Su | Summer | Au | Autumn |
| c | coastal areas | E | Endangered |
| w | wetlands | * | Introduced |
| b | bushland areas | | |

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