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Database of Western Australian Birds

Records of Esperance birdwatchers.

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CODE

First column	Breeding records	B	
Second column	Species		
Third column	Relative abundance	C	Common
		M	Moderately common
		U	Uncommon
		Ra	Rare
Fourth column	Ecological status	R	Resident
		M	Migrant
		Vi	Visitor
		N	Nomad
		V	Vagrant
Fifth column	Preferred habitat	F	Farmland, mallee
		H	Heath, shrublands
		L	Lakes, swamps
		C	Coastal, estuaries
		O	Oceans
		also A of R	- species found on mainland and Archipelago of Recherche also recorded

NOTES

ROBIN

B	Jacky Winter	U	R	F	
	Scarlet Robin	Ra	R	F	
	Red-capped Robin				Telegraph Rd
	Hooded Robin				Mt Ragged
	Western Yellow Robin				Beaumont Reserves
	Southern Scrub-robin				Mt Heywood

OLD WORLD WARBLER

B	Australian Reed-Warbler	U	R	L	
	Little Grassbird	Ra	R	L	Shark L. '59. Cape le Grand '63
	Rufous Songlark	Ra	N	F	Pine Hill (Cape Arid Nat Park)
B	Brown Songlark	C	N	F	

WHITE-EYE

B	Silvereye	C	R	F	also A of R
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SWALLOW, MARTIN

	White-backed Swallow	U	N	F	
	Welcome Swallow	C	R	FH	also A of R
	Fairy Martin	Ra	N	F	
	Tree Martin	C	Vi	FH	

STARLING

	Common Starling	Ra	FH		(70) 8 km S of Condingup '93 Coyle APB First reported (1) Esperance '70 (shot)
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FLOWERPECKER

	Mistletoebird	U	Vi	F	north of Peak Charles - Israelite Bay
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FINCH

B	Red-eared Firetail	U	R	FH	also A of R
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PIPIT, WAGTAIL

B	Australasian Pipit	C	R	FH	also A of R
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B	Emu	U	R	F/H	
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MOUNDBUILDER

B	Malleefowl	U	R	F/H	North of Peak Charles - Mt. Ridley - Pt. Malcolm
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QUAIL, PHEASANT

B	Stubble Quail	U	Vi	F/H	also North Twin Peak I
B	Brown Quail	M	R	H	breeding A of R

WATERFOWL

B	Musk Duck	C	N	L	
	Freckled Duck	R	N	L	(6) L. Gore '86 Ewert. (10) Nambarup Sw '86 Jaensch (51) L Mortijinup (11) L Wheatfield '86 Jaensch
B	Cape Barren Goose	C	R	C/L	A or R Ewan's Lake, L. Warden
B	Black Swan	C	Vi	L	
B	Australian Shelduck	C	R	L/F	
B	Australian Wood Duck	C	Vi	L	
B	Pink-eared Duck	U	Vi	L	(1) breeding report Munglinup
B	Australasian Shoveler	U	Vi	L	(1) breeding report L. Gore
B	Grey Teal	C	Vi	L	
B	Chestnut Teal	U	R	L	(1) breeding report L. Gore
B	Pacific Black Duck	C	Vi	L	
	Hardhead	U	Vi	L	
B	Blue-billed Duck	Ra	Vi	L	Nest L. Mortijinup '86

GREBE

B	Australasian Grebe	C	R	L	
B	Hoary-headed Grebe	C	R	L	(1) breeding report Thomas R.
	Great Crested Grebe	M	Vi	L	

PIGEON, DOVE

	Rock Dove				Esperance Jetty
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	Laughing Dove			Warden Wetland
B	Common Bronzewing	C	R	F
B	Brush Bronzewing	U	R	F/H also A of R
B	Crested Pigeon	C	R	F/H

FROGMOUTH

B	Tawny Frogmouth	C	R	F
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NIGHTJAR

	Spotted Nightjar	U	R	F
	Australian Owlet-nightjar	U	R	F

SWIFT

	Fork-tailed Swift	U	Vi	F/H
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STORM-PETREL

B	White-faced Storm-Petrel	M	M	O well offshore. Breeding A of R. (1) Woody Island '95 Dawson
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ALBATROSS

	Black-browed Albatross	M	Vi	OC sometimes close to shore. (1) Stokes Inlet '89 Newby
	Shy Albatross	U	Vi	OC sometimes close to shore
	Yellow-nosed Albatross	M	Vi	OC

PETREL, PRION, SHEARWATER

	Southern Giant-Petrel	Ra	Vi	O
	Northern Giant-Petrel	Ra	V	O (2) Cape Le Grand, Banded Macquarie I. as nestlings
B	Flesh-footed Shearwater	C	Vi	O breeds A of R
B	Short-tailed Shearwater	C	Vi	O breeds A of R
B	Little Shearwater	M	Vi	O breeds A of R
B	Great-winged Petrel	M	Vi	O breeding A of R

CUCKOO-SHRIKE, TRILLER

B	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	C	R	F also A of R
B	White-winged Triller	U	Vi	F

WHISTLER, SHRIKE-THRUSH

	Crested Shrike-tit			Crystal Lake
	Gilbert's Whistler			Nth Peak Charles
B	Golden Whistler	C	R	F also A of R
	Rufous Whistler	U	Vi	F
B	Grey Shrike-thrush	C	R	F
B	Crested Bellbird	U	R	F N of line Upper Dalyup - Point Culver

WOODSWALLOW

	Masked Woodswallow	U	Vi	F
	Black-faced Woodswallow	U	R	F
	Dusky Woodswallow	M	R	F

BUTCHERBIRD, CURRAWONG

B	Grey Butcherbird	C	R	F also A of R
	Pied Butcherbird	Ra	R	F extreme north
B	Australian Magpie	C	R	FH
B	Grey Currawong	U	R	F

FANTAIL

	Grey Fantail	M	Vi	F
B	Willie Wagtail	C	R	F

RAVEN, CROW

B	Australian Raven	C	R	F also A of R
	Little Crow	Ra	Vi	F Summer visitor

FLYCATCHER, MONARCH

B	Restless Flycatcher	U	R	F Breeding L. Mortijinup '95 Esp Birdwatchers
B	Magpie-lark	C	R	F/L

B Inland Thornbill C R F

PARDALOTE

B Spotted Pardalote U Vi F also A of R
Striated Pardalote U Vi F

HONEYEATER, CHAT

B Western Spinebill C R FH
B Singing Honeyeater M R FH also A of R
White-eared Honeyeater M R FH
Purple-gaped Honeyeater U R F Thomas River
Yellow-plumed Honeyeater U R F
White-fronted Honeyeater U N FH Israelite Bay
B Yellow-throated Miner C R F
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater U N F South to Mt Ridley,
very casual further S.
B Western Wattlebird C R FH
B Red Wattlebird C R FH
Crimson Chat Ra N FL
B White-fronted Chat C N FLH
Tawny-crowned Honeyeater C R H
B Brown Honeyeater C R F
New Holland Honeyeater C R FH also A of R
White-cheeked Honeyeater U N FH
B Brown-headed Honeyeater M R F Scadden
White-naped Honeyeater M R F Stokes Inlet

BABBLER

White-browed Babbler M R F

QUAILTHRUSH, ALLIES

B Chestnut Quail-thrush M R F N of Peak Charles - Mt Ridley
- Junana Rock
Varied Sittella U R F N of line Pyramid L. - Sheoak Hill
- Junana Rock

PENGUIN

B Little Penguin C R CO breeding A of R - coast

GANNET, BOOBY

Australasian Gannet U Vi OC

CORMORANT

Australasian Darter Ra Vi CL
Little Pied Cormorant M R CL
Great Cormorant L Wheatfield
Little Black Cormorant M R CL casual A of R
Pied Cormorant U R C
B Black-faced Cormorant C R CO A of R breeding

HERON, IBIS, ALLIES

Australian Pelican U N C/L
Australasian Bittern Ra N L (4) Charsley's Swamp
'88 Jaensch
B White-necked Heron U N L Breeding report - 6 nests
Coolinup Swamp '84
B Eastern Great Egret M N L Breeding report - 6 nests
Coolinup
Cattle Egret R Vi F/L Condingup '83. Esperance '59
B White-faced Heron C Vi L casual A of R
Little Egret Ra V L (1) L. Gore Jaensch '86
(1) L. Windabout
(1) L. Warden - Dawson, Burgess
Eastern Reef Egret U N C Possible resident A of R.
Only grey phase reported
Swamp '84
B Nankeen Night-Heron U N L 60 nests Coolinup Swamp
'89 Vervest - Jaensch '83, '85
Glossy Ibis Ra V L three east of Esperance -
Hobcroft '84
Australian White Ibis Ra V L Shark Lake '83. Usually
single birds

Straw-necked Ibis	U	V	
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	U	V	L (1) Coolinup Swamp '89 Jaensch. Mullet L. 83 Daw

RAPTOR

B Black-shouldered Kite	C	R	F
Square-tailed Kite	U	N	F
Black-breasted Buzzard	Ra	V	F (1) Peak Charles '90 Nevill
B White-bellied Sea-Eagle	C	R	O/C also A of R
B Whistling Kite	C	R	F
Brown Goshawk	M	R	F also A of R
Collared Sparrowhawk	U	R	F
Spotted Harrier	U	V	F Israelite Bay
Swamp Harrier	C	R	L Mullet L.
Wedge-tailed Eagle	C	R	F/H also A of R
Little Eagle	U	F	F S to Circle Valley
B Nankeen Kestrel	C	R	F/H also A of R. Nesting granite
Brown Falcon	M	R	F Charlie Is
Australian Hobby	U	N	F Israelite Bay
B Peregrine Falcon	M	R	C also A of R limestone crevices

CRAKE, RAIL, ALLIES

B Purple Swamphen	M	N	L
Buff-banded Rail	Ra	R	L A of R - Shark L. (3) Cape Le Grand, '94 Rose
Baillon's Crake	U	R	L
Australian Spotted Crake	U	R	L
Spotless Crake	U	R	L also A of R
B Black-tailed Native-hen	U	N	L
B Eurasian Coot	C	R	L

BUSTARD

Australian Bustard	U	N	F
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Pallid Cuckoo	U	Vi	F
B Fan-tailed Cuckoo	C	R	F also A of R

OWL

Southern Boobook	U	R	F Recorded Cape Arid NP - north of Mt Ridley - SE to coast Shelly Beach
B Eastern Barn Owl	U	N	F also A of R

KINGFISHER

B Sacred Kingfisher	C	Vi	L
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BEE-EATER, ROLLER

B Rainbow Bee-eater	C	M	F/L
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TREECREEPER

Rufous Treecreeper	U	R	F N of Kumarl - Dingo Rock - Junana Rock
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FAIRY-WREN, GRASSWREN

Splendid Fairy-wren	Ra	R	F/H L. Wheatfield '50 Sedgewick
B Blue-breasted Fairy-wren	C	R	F/H
B Southern Emu-wren	U	R	H From Cape Le Grand east.

SCRUBWREN, ALLIES

B White-browed Scrubwren	C	R	H also A of R
Shy Heathwren	U	R	F/H Scadden
Rufous Fieldwren	U	R	F/H Dalyup Inshore Is. - Israelite Bay
Redthroat	M	R	HF North of Peak Charles area - 90 Mile Tank Kumarl - Junana Rock
Weebill	U	R	F
Western Gerygone	Ra	Vi	F
B Yellow-rumped Thornbill	C	R	F
Chestnut-rumped Thornbill	C	R	H N of Peak Charles - Kumarl - L Wheatfield

NODDY, TERN, GULL

B Fairy Tern	U	M	C	also A of R. Breeding Stokes Inlet
Caspian Tern	M	R	CL	
Whiskered Tern	M	Vi	L	
Arctic Tern	Ra	M	C	(1) Esperance - passage migrant
Crested Tern	C	R	C	
B Pacific Gull	C	R	CL	
Kelp Gull	U	Vi	C	single birds Esperance
Franklin's Gull	Ra	V	C	(1) New Jetty '95 Dawson
B Silver Gull	C	R	CL	also A of R

COCKATOO, PARROT

Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	U	R	F	
Galah	U	R	F	Northern area. No record up to '76.
Purple-crowned Lorikeet	U	N	F	
Regent Parrot	U	N	F	Esperance rare. N of line Young River - Mt Beaumont
Western Rosella	Ra	R	F	South to Peak Charles - Red Lake
B Australian Ringneck	C	R	F	
B Red-capped Parrot	U	R	F	
Mulga Parrot	Ra	V	F	South to Kumarl - Sheoak Hill
Budgerigar	Ra	N	F	Irregular - wet years. Junana Rock - Sheoak Hill
Elegant Parrot	U	R	F	
Rock Parrot	C	R	C	also A of R
Ground Parrot	U	R	C	Mount Arid

CUCKOO

B Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	U	Vi	F	
Black-eared Cuckoo	Ra	M	F	N of Pine Hill - Salmon Gums. (1) Peak Charles Napier '94
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	U	M	F	

SHOREBIRD

B Australian Pied Oystercatcher	M	R	C	
B Sooty Oystercatcher	C	R	C	also A of R
Black-winged Stilt	M	Vi	LC	
Banded Stilt	C	Vi	LC	(10 000) L. Gore '83 Jaensch
B Red-necked Avocet	M	Vi	L	
Pacific Golden Plover	Ra	M	LC	(1) L. Gore 81-85 surveys
Grey Plover	U	M	C	Mullet Lake - casual
B Red-capped Plover	C	R	C	
B Black-fronted Dotterel	C	R	L	
B Hooded Plover	C	RM	LC	
Red-kneed Dotterel	Ra	N	L	
Banded Lapwing	C	N	F	Middle I. casual
Masked Lapwing	Ra	V	C	(1) Stokes Inlet '86
Bar-tailed Godwit	U	M	L	
Whimbrel	Ra	M	CL	(9) records - single birds - Woody L. '82 Daw
Common Sandpiper	M	M	CL	
Grey-tailed Tattler	Ra	M	C	
Common Greenshank	M	M	LC	
Wood Sandpiper	M	M	LC	
Ruddy Turnstone	U	M	C	
Great Knot	U	M	CL	
Sanderling	M	M	C	(13) Lake Gore '83 Jaensch
Red-necked Stint	C	M	LC	
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	M	M	LC	
Curlew Sandpiper	M	M	LC	

BUTTON-QUAIL

Painted Button-quail	U	R	H	Cape Arid - Newbey. Cape Le Grand - Dell '75. 40 km E of Esperance - Hobcroft
Little Button-quail	U	N	F	Cape Arid

SKUA, JAEGER

Brown Skua	U	Vi	O	usually single
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