

Birds of the City of Joondalup

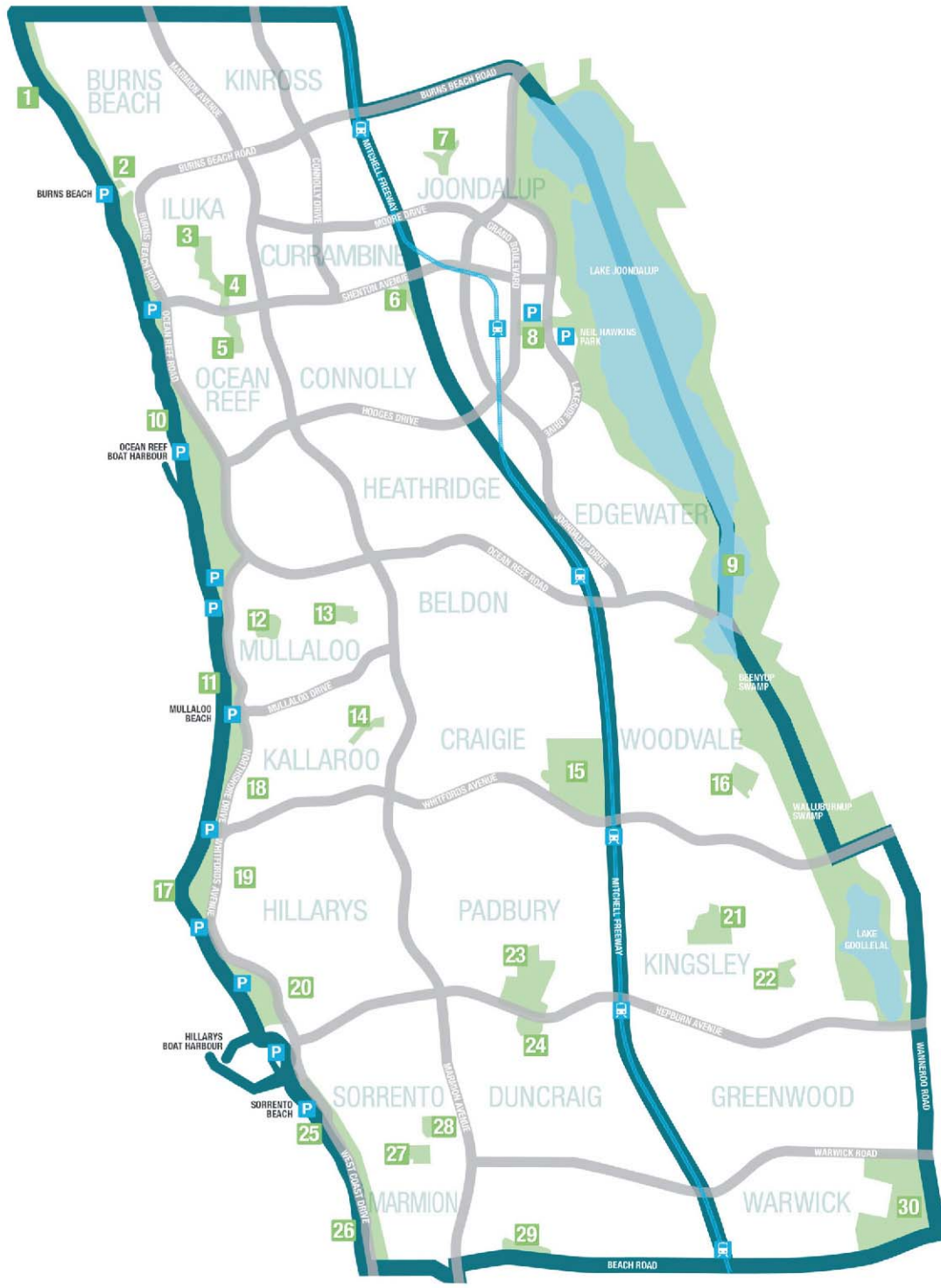


White-winged Fairy-wren



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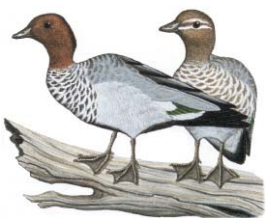
WATERFOWL

Musk Duck Uw 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 Uw 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 Uw N
Uses massive bill fringed with lamellae to filter small aquatic animals.

Blue-billed Duck Rw Res
Another stiff-tailed duck. Dives for plants and insects. In breeding plumage, male's bill is a striking blue.



GREBE

Australasian Grebe Uw Res
Tiny diving bird of fresh or brackish water. Builds a floating nest of water-weeds. Yellow eye.

Great Crested Grebe Uw Res/N
Largest local grebe. Conspicuous white neck. Elaborate courtship ritual.



PIGEON, DOVE

Laughing Dove* Ma Res
From Asia. Smaller and more common than the Spotted Dove.
Spotted Dove* Ua Res
From Africa/India. Slightly larger with spotted nape.



FROGMOUTH

Tawny Frogmouth Rb Res
Easily overlooked. Mottled plumage blends perfectly with habitat; sits motionless by day. Active at dusk. Try Lakes Goollelul or Joondalup.



CORMORANT

All perch to dry wings which are not water-proofed.



Little Pied Cormorant Ucw Res
Has a stubby yellow bill. Usually fishes alone.



Great Cormorant Rw Res/N
Large black bird with conspicuous yellow facial patch. Usually seen singly or in small groups. Breeds in colonies.

Little Black Cormorant Uw Res
All black. Seen on both fresh and brackish water. Sometimes fishes in flocks.

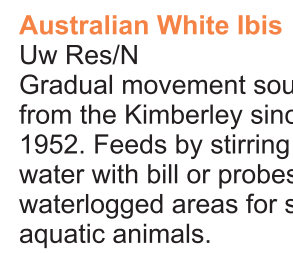
Pied Cormorant Rc Res/N
Larger than Little Pied Cormorant. Longer, finer, horn-coloured bill. Black flank mark sometimes visible.

HERON, IBIS, ALLIES

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



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



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



Yellow-billed Spoonbill Uw Res/N
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 Ubw Res
Searches for small prey and carrion. Note paler leading wing edge.



Swamp Harrier Uw 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**

Uw Res
Feeds on tender reed stems; also grazes some distance from water. Often seen clambering noisily through Melaleucas along water's edge.

**Dusky Moorhen**

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

**Eurasian Coot**

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

**SHOREBIRD****Black-winged Stilt**

Uw MiSu-Au
Feeds on aquatic plants, insects and shrimps. Breeds in Australia.

Black-fronted Dotterel

Rw Res
Small, active. Feeds on shallow margins, mudflats. Nests on ground, relying on cryptic colouring and distraction displays for protection.

**NODDY, TERN, GULL****Caspian Tern** Rc N

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

**Crested Tern** Rc Res

Note yellow bill and shaggy black fringe on back of head. Also plunges spectacularly.

COCKATOO, PARROT**Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo**

E Ub MiAu-W
Declining in numbers. Breeds inland and moves to the coast in autumn. Feeds on pine and banksia seeds.

**Red-capped Parrot** Rb 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.

**OWL****Southern Boobook**

Rb Res
Small owl of woodland areas. Roosts in thick foliage during the day; sometimes flushed accidentally. From dusk it sits watchfully, ready to dive on insects. Two note call: 'boo-book'.

**KINGFISHER****Sacred Kingfisher**

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

**BEE-EATER, ROLLER****Rainbow Bee-eater**

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

**FAIRY-WREN, GRASSWREN**

Three species of Fairy-wren – Splendid, Variegated and White-winged - occur in the city. All are possible at Iluka Foreshore.

Splendid Fairy-wren

Ub Res
Prefers dense habitat. Nest built low in a shrub. Breeding males are brilliantly coloured.

**SCRUBWREN, ALLIES****Western Gerygone**

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

**Yellow-rumped Thornbill** Ub Res

Small bird; largest of the thornbills with bright yellow rump. Feeds in small parties in low foliage or on the ground.

**Inland Thornbill**

Ub Res
Small birds, usually alone or in pairs; sometimes in mixed feeding flock. The only thornbill that cocks its tail like a wren.

**PARDALOTE****Striated Pardalote**

Ub Res
Colourful small bird. Searches for bugs among Eucalypt foliage. Listen for its 'chip-chip' call.

**HONEYEATER, CHAT****Singing Honeyeater** Ca Res

Common garden bird. Feeds on nectar, insects. Note black stripe through eye.

**Red Wattlebird**

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

New Holland Honeyeater

Ua Res
Note yellow wing-patch and high-pitched call. Often in noisy groups. **White-cheeked Honeyeater** is similar with larger cheek patch.

**CUCKOO-SHRIKE****Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike**

Ub Res
Diet of insects, berries and seeds. Wings are shuffled each time the bird lands.

**WHISTLER, SHRIKE-THRUSH****Rufous Whistler** Ub 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** Ub Res

Present all year; more numerous in winter-spring. Inquisitive. Catches insects in flight.

**FLYCATCHER, MONARCH****Magpie-lark** Ua Res

Mud nest builders which retain same mate and territory for life. Forages on ground.

OLD WORLD WARBLER**Australian Reed-Warbler**

Uw Res/MiSu
Lives among tall freshwater reeds. Not easily seen but in spring its strong rich call is conspicuous.

**WHITE-EYE****Silvereye**

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

SWALLOW, MARTIN**Tree Martin**

Cbw Res/MiSu
Most abundant in summer. Breeds in hollows. Look for a pale rump and only slightly forked tail to distinguish them from the equally common **Welcome Swallow** Ca Res/Mi Su

**CODES****Abundance**

C Common
M Moderately common
U Uncommon
R Rare

Habitat

c coastal
w wetlands
b bushland
a all areas

Status

Res Resident
N Nomadic
Mi Migrant
Wi, Sp, Su, Au Winter, Spring, etc
E Endangered
* Introduced

Names of species illustrated are in **colour**

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