

## WATERFOWL

Ducks and swans are highly nomadic, moving to wetlands that have suitable conditions for gathering food and for breeding.

**Musk Duck** - usually seen in deep water, where they dive for food (B C)



**Australian Shelduck** - needs fresh water to feed on plants and invertebrates. They nest in tree hollows (B C)

**Australian Wood Duck** - they can often be seen on the lawn and have the appearance of a small fine goose (B C)



**Pink-eared Duck** - (U Vi)

**Australasian Shoveler** - (U Vi)

**Grey Teal** - highly nomadic (B C) also resident



**Pacific Black Duck** - the most common duck in the Perth area and most numerous in summer (B C R/Vi)

**Hardhead** - (Ra Vi)

**Blue-billed Duck** - (Ra Vi)

## GREBE

**Australasian Grebe** - (B M)

**Hoary-headed Grebe** - (No U)

**Great Crested Grebe** - (UB Vi)



## CORMORANT



**Australasian Darter** - its stiletto-type bill is used for impaling fish (U Vi)

**Little Pied Cormorant** - usually fishes alone. Note its stubby, yellow bill (CR)



**Great Cormorant** - (U Vi)

**Little Black Cormorant** - (CR)

**Pied Cormorant** - (Ra Vi)

## HERON, IBIS, ALLIES



**Australian Pelican** - highly nomadic. They fly in spectacular lines or vees, slow wheeling to great heights (C Vi)

**Australasian Bittern** - (Ra)

**White-necked Heron** - from north WA Wi - Sp (Vi)(M No)



**Eastern Great Egret** - usually solitary, feeding in shallow water (U)



**White-faced Heron** - nomadic waterbirds usually solitary or in pairs, feeding in shallow fresh water or grasslands (M No)

**Nankeen Night-Heron** - nocturnal. Live in small colonies (B C R)



**Australian White Ibis** - first recorded in south-west in 1952. Numbers now rapidly increasing (C No)

**Straw-necked Ibis** - first south-west record 1892 (C No)

**Yellow-billed Spoonbill** - note how they feed, by sweeping their bills through the water for aquatic animals (B M)



## RAPTOR

**Swamp Harrier** - sails low over swamps on upswept wings in search of prey (M)



## CRAKE, RAIL, ALLIES



**Purple Swamphen** - seen clambering through reeds or on lawns. They live in family groups or pairs (B C R)

**Buff-banded Rail** - seen more often in summer feeding in the rushes (No U)



**Baillon's Crake** - (No U)  
**Spotless Crake** - (No U)

**Dusky Moorhen** - (B C R)  
**Black-tailed Native-hen** - (No U)

**Eurasian Coot** - the coot feeds on water plants and insects as well as on grass and lawns (B C R)



## SHOREBIRD

**Black-winged Stilt** - seen in shallow water in search of small aquatic plants (No C)



**Black-fronted Dotterel** - (Ra Vi)

## NODDY, TERN, GULL

**Caspian Tern** - (Ra Vi)  
**Crested Tern** - (Ra Vi)  
**Silver Gull** - (U Vi)

## OLD WORLD WARBLER

**Australian Reed-Warbler** - lives in the reeds



**Little Grassbird** - found in wet rushland near water and heard more often than seen 'p-pee-pee' (MR)

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## WETLAND BIRDS

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*Black Swan*

A chain of coastal lakes and swamps stretches almost the entire length of the park. There are also reeds and rushes to make this an ideal habitat for the water birds recorded in this guide.

Follow the Wetlands Walk Trail around the lake and see how many of these birds you can identify. For bush birds, please see the bush bird guide.

Status	CODE	Abundance	Season
<b>B</b> - breeding in park	<b>C</b> - common	<b>Sp</b> - spring	
<b>R</b> - resident	<b>M</b> - mod common	<b>Wi</b> - winter	
<b>Vi</b> - visitor	<b>U</b> - uncommon		
<b>No</b> - nomadic	<b>Ra</b> - rare		



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