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Water Birds

- Black Swan** *Cygnus atratus*
Well-known: black with long neck, red beak, white in wings.
- Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo*
Black with pale yellow face and beak. Often seen perched on posts.
- Little Pied Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax melanoleucos*
Black above and white below with yellow beak. Perches on trees
- White Ibis** *Threskiornis molucca*
White with black head and long down-curved beak. Usually perched or flying.
- Purple Swamphen** *Porphyrio porphyrio*
Blue breast, thick red beak and long pinkish legs. Pure white under tail.
- Masked Lapwing** *Vanellus miles*
Hen-sized bird with yellow face, white breast, brown back.
- Black Duck** *Anas superciliosa*
Mottled brown with black through face.
- Musk Duck** *Biziura lobata*
Blackish diving duck with flat stiff tail. Male has black lobe hanging under beak.
- Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus*
White front, crested head and fine pointed beak. Dives for food.
- Dusky Moorhen** *Gallinula tenebrosa*
Blackish-brown with white sides under tail. Beak of adults red-orange with yellow tip. Immatures have brownish beaks.
- Coot** *Fulica atra*
Black and dumpy with white beak. Looks tail-less. Dives for food.

- Blue-billed Duck** *Oxyura australis*
Male: sky-blue bill, black head, chestnut body. Female: like a smaller, rounded Musk Duck.
- Silver Gull** *Larus novaehollandiae*
Well-known, but notice age-related plumages.
- Hoary-headed Grebe** *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*
Dumpy, greyish tail-less diving bird, usually out from shore and often in small groups.

Other Birds

- Swamp Harrier** *Circus approximans*
Large, dark brown hawk with white rump. Wings held in shallow V. Often flies low over reeds.
- Little Raven** *Corvus mellori*
Often incorrectly referred to as a "crow".
- Magpie** *Gymnorhina tibicen hypoleuca*
Black & white; black head & underneath.
- Eastern Rosella** *Platycercus eximius*
Red, yellow & green parrot. Green rump in flight.
- Red Wattlebird** *Anthochaera carunculata*
Mottled grey-brown with longish legs. White marks on head.
- Magpie-Lark** *Grallina cyanoleuca*
(Mudlark). Black-and-white. White marks on head.
- Welcome Swallow** *Hirundo neoxena*
Blue-black above with rusty face. Forked tail usually flying over water.

- Blackbird** *Turdus merula*
Male:black with yellow beak (no gloss in plumage). Female dark brown.
- Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*
Short tail pointed wings. Adults glossy black with fine yellowish beak. Immatures dull grey-brown with pale throat & dull beak.
- House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*
Male: black throat & grey crown. Female:plainer & lighter.
- Grey Fantail** *Rhipidura fuliginosa*
Active dark greyish flycatcher with fan-shaped tail.
- Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus stentoreus*
Warm brown above, cream below.
- Little Grassbird** *Megalurus gramineus*
Mottled brown bird of reeds; plumage like female sparrow.
- Silvereve** *Zosterops lateralis*
Tiny active greenish bird with white eye-ring. Usually in willows and other lakeside trees.
- Brown Thornbill** *Acanthiza pusilla*
Tiny brown bird with streaked breast.
