

## Trip Report — Australia Part 2 2024 (with optional Tasmania Extension)

October 15-30, 2024 with John Coons & Cory Gregory (ext. to Nov. 4)



Yes, we definitely saw Southern Cassowary! A quintessential target species, this huge and ancient species was high on our target list and we struck gold in Etty Bay. Photo by participant Kevin Watson.

On the other side of the globe, literally, is the island nation of Australia and it comes with a multitude of fascinating birds, an impressive array of mammals, and sights and sounds with no parallel in America. Our trip, which was Part 2 of the Field Guides tour, looked to sample and track down as many bird species as we could in the Northern Territory and Queensland (and some on to Tasmania). I know John and I had a great time exploring Australia with you all and we hope you enjoyed yourselves as well.

We got underway in the northern city of Darwin which sits right on the Timor Sea. It wasn't long after we exited the airport and were met by the heat and humidity that we started with a couple of great sightings: Little Curlews were out on the runway! Nearby, a troupe of Gray-crowned Babblers danced through airport grounds. Next we visited Buffalo Creek and Lee Point where we collected a nice suite of mangrove and northern specialties. We added a distant Brown Booby, but also Australian Yellow White-eye, Red-headed Myzomela, Mangrove

Gerygone, and Black-tailed Whistler. Grassy areas hosted Double-barred Finches while the skies were ruled by Black Kites, Whistling Kites, Brahminy Kites, and White-bellied Sea-Eagle.

The following day started at East Point where we tallied nearly 60 species in less than 4 hours. The highlights were many: Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Terek Sandpiper, Gull-billed Tern, Lesser Crested Tern, Arafura Shrikethrush, Mangrove Robin, and Masked Finch, to name a few. Nearby we tried our luck with Chestnut Rail and sure enough, the mangroves were hosting a couple of these sneaky rails (seeing them, though, was a challenge). Speaking of sneaky, the Rainbow Pitta was indeed being tricky, but we'd catch up to one later on. A visit to Knuckey Lagoons was productive as ever; hundreds of geese and ducks lined the swamp but mixed in were the likes of Comb-crested Jacanas, Pied Stilts, and Black-necked Storks. Next was a brief stop at Howards Springs where, yes, we had better luck with the Rainbow Pitta! Koels sang from the forest, Orange-footed Megapodes roamed the grounds, and a Silver-backed Butcherbird kept an eye on all of us. What a fascinating avifauna.



The Rainbow Bee-eater was a flashy and common presence in many open habitats throughout our trip. Photo by participant Kevin Watson.

Our final full day in the Northern Territory started at Fogg Dam where we encountered a Barking Owl before daybreak. Meanwhile, dozens (hundreds?) of Black Flying-Foxes were eerily commuting back to their dayroost while the herons and waterfowl were commuting to the wetlands. As dawn broke, the birdlife at Fogg Dam was great; we added Brolga, Wandering Whistling-Duck, Little Bronze-Cuckoo, White-browed Crake, Bar-breasted Honeyeater, Paperbark

Flycatcher, Australian Reed Warbler, and Crimson Finch. Up the road a bit to our next spot, on the banks of the Adelaide River, we added Green-backed Gerygone, Arafura Fantail, and Boat-billed Flycatcher. Our luck continued that day and we even found a couple of tricky-to-find specialties like Silver-crowned Friarbird and Black-tailed Treecreeper! We caught glimpses of Sahul Brush Cuckoo and even admired the bower of a Great Bowerbird.

Before long, it was time to move over to Queensland to continue our adventure. We flew to Cairns (stopping briefly in Gove) and hit the ground running; right off the bat we added Metallic Starling right near the airport and then Double-eyed Fig-Parrot, Brown-backed Honeyeater, and Sahul Sunbird near Yorkeys Lagoon. One of the highlights of Cairns is getting the chance to bird along the esplanade and we did this numerous times during our time in Cairns. Getting up-close-and-personal views of Far Eastern Curlews, Bar-tailed Godwits, Great Knots, Gray-tailed Tattlers, Common Greenshank, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, and a variety of herons and terns made for fun visits. Nearby woodlands gave us Yellow and Varied honeyeaters, Torresian Kingfishers, and the trees were lined with Torresian Imperial-Pigeons and Rainbow Lorikeets.



The Crimson Rosella was a colorful addition at O'Reilly's. It wasn't unusual to see these right on the balconies of our rooms. Photo by participant Kevin Watson.

For several days on our trip, we stayed in the beautiful city of Cairns along the Queensland shoreline. We visited many spots including Centenary Lakes where we were met with a wealth of new species for our triplist: Australian Swiftlets zoomed overhead, and Australasian Grebe bobbed in the pond, White-throated and Brown-backed honeyeaters worked some of the trees,

and Sahul Cicadabird and Black Butcherbird were seen as well. While in the area, we also visited the botanic gardens for point-blank views of a nesting Papuan Frogmouth, Cattana Wetlands where we enjoyed some Nankeen Night Herons, and also Speewah Gardens where we saw the sometimes-difficult Lovely Fairywren! We also stopped at Hasties Swamp which was teeming with thousands of waterbirds, including Maned Duck, Gray Teal, and Hardhead, as well as some shoreline birds like Pied Stilt, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, and Buff-banded Rail. However, it was the Oriental Reed Warbler that we found and photographed near the road that was the most surprising! Lastly, one of the main highlights of the entire trip happened at the tiny Etty Bay. It was there that we eventually connected with one of the most ancient species of birds in the world, the Southern Cassowary. Although it took a while for them to show up, once they did, they had no qualms with walking right up to us! Unbelievable views were had by all.

Our group also enjoyed staying at Chambers Rainforest Lodge which is at Crater Lakes National Park. The grounds were great for birding and just around the lodge we saw things like Wompoo Fruit-Dove, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Spotted Catbird, Lewin's Honeyeater, Victoria's Riflebird, Gray-headed Robin, Australian Spectacled Monarch, and many others. Some of the nearby spots we visited included Lake Barrine where we added Yellow-breasted Boatbill and Tooth-billed Bowerbird, the Mount Hypipamee crater where we had point-blank looks at a Golden Bowerbird near its bower, and the stupendous Curtain Fig Tree where the ancient strangler fig has made one of the most memorable scenes. We continued to add birds such as Macleay's and Bridled honeyeater, Large-billed Scrubwren, Pied and Black-faced monarch, and Bower's Shrikethrush. Not all the highlights were birds though; we also saw Platypus swimming in a stream on multiple days. Even as we started westward towards Georgetown, we stopped en route at Innot Hot Springs and enjoyed our first Squatter Pigeon, Dusky Moorhen, Red-backed Fairywren, White-winged Triller, and even saw a Magpie-lark on its mud nest.



The Regent Bowerbirds at O'Reilly's really stole the show sometimes. The O'Reilly's emblem has this species on it so it's only fitting these were common around the lodge. Photo by participant Kevin Watson.

Georgetown is a unique outback town that we stayed in for a couple of days. The weather was hot and dry but that was why the several waterholes and dams provided us with such a wealth of new species. The water at Cumberland Dam had attracted hundreds of birds including Diamond Dove, Black-fronted Dotterel, Red-winged Parrot, Pale-headed Rosella, Yellow-tinted and Rufous-throated honeyeater, Rufous Whistler, Red-browed Pardalote, and even a few Masked and Black-throated finches. A different nearby waterhole netted us 50+ species the following morning, which was a lovely time of day to be out birding. Our triplist saw several new additions again such as Australian Bustard, half a dozen Channel-billed Cuckoos, Red-kneed Dotterel, both Royal and Yellow-billed spoonbills, Blue-winged Kookaburra, Olive-backed Oriole, finches such as Double-barred and Black-throated, and a myriad of honeyeaters including Yellow-tinted, Banded, Blue-faced, Brown, Yellow, and others. At some other nearby spots, we tracked down some nesting Tawny Frogmouths, Weebill, Dollarbirds, and a pair of Gray Butcherbirds.

The final several days on the trip (excluding Tasmania) were spent in or near Lamington National Park which sits west of Brisbane. There, the O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat sits dominantly at the end of a long and winding road. All parts of this destination are magical; the colorful king-parrots, Regent Bowerbirds, fairywrens, doves, and finches which allowed stunning photos, or our beautiful rooms with patios that often hosted Satin Bowerbirds and Crimson Rosellas! Tall trees near the lodge hosted Topknot Pigeons and White-headed Pigeons while the nearby open

areas had Wonga Pigeons strolling about. The forest was great too! It was alive with Australian Logrunners, Eastern Whipbirds, the meowing Green Catbirds, Australian Rufous Fantail, two species of scrubwrens, various thornbills and gerygones, and even a couple of the quiet and beautiful Rose Robins. Early one morning, we encountered one of the most prized birds in Australia, the Albert's Lyrebird, as it scratched around and fed a full-grown chick! Nearby, Duck Creek Road proved to be great for Red-browed Treecreeper, Variegated Fairywren, Striated Thornbill, and Spotted Pardalote, while a roadside down lower also netted us great views of a White-eared Monarch and Fan-tailed Cuckoo. But all good things must come to an end and it was eventually time for us to head back downhill. But, before concluding the tour in Brisbane, we got in one or two more birding stops where we checked off Tawny Grassbird and even Mangrove Honeyeater. At this point it was time to say goodbye to a couple folks before the rest of us continued to the island state of Tasmania!

This tour (excluding the Tasmania extension) had a number of mammals. Here's our list:

Platypus (*Ornithorhynchus anatinus*)  
Long-nosed Bandicoot (*Perameles nasuta*)  
Short-eared Brush-tailed Possum (*Trichosurus caninus*)  
Sugar Glider (*Petaurus breviceps*)  
Green Ring-tailed Possum (*Pseudocheirops archeri*)  
Torresian Striped Possum (*Dactylopsila trivirgata*)  
Red-necked Pademelon (*Thylogale thetis*)  
Red-legged Pademelon (*Thylogale stigmatica*)  
Agile Wallaby (*Notamacropus agilis*)  
Whip-tailed Wallaby (*Notamacropus parryi*)  
Eastern Gray Kangaroo (*Macropus giganteus*)  
Red Kangaroo (*Osphranter rufus*)  
Black Flying Fox (*Pteropus alecto*)  
Spectacled Flying Fox (*Pteropus conspicillatus*)  
European Rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*)  
Domestic Dog (Dingo) (*Canis familiaris dingo*)

Herps:

Lace Monitor (*Varanus varius*)  
Freshwater Crocodile (*Crocodylus johnstoni*)  
Northern Water Dragon (*Tropicagama temporalis*)  
Land Mullet (*Bellatorias major*)  
Yellow-faced Whipsnake (*Demansia psammophis*)  
Blind Snake sp. (*Typhlopidae* sp.)



We saw multiple species with Rainbow in the name which is indicative of some colorful avian highlights! This Rainbow Pitta was nicely photographed by participant Kevin Watson.

After our stay in the Brisbane area several of us flew to Launceston for the Tasmania extension. Our first bird was a Welcome Swallow inside the airport terminal at baggage claim. Over our four days of birding we went from the north coast to the south coast, where we recorded all thirteen of the island's endemic birds as well as several species that are more readily seen here than on the mainland. In contrast to the hot weather of Darwin there were chilly mornings in the higher elevations of the north where we found many of the endemics on the grounds or close to our lodge. Most of us had some late nights watching out the cabin windows at Mountain Valley Lodge hoping to spot a Tasmanian Devil but we had no luck. However, the meat was usually gone in the morning so maybe we needed to be more vigilant during the pre-dawn hours. During our watching some of us saw Spotted-tailed Quoll and Joyce had a visit from a Tasmanian Boobook that the rest of us just heard. We also had wonderful views of the bizarre Short-beaked Echidna and Common Wombat. Driving over the middle of the island we had nice sightings of several Banded Lapwings before reaching Hobart. On Bruny Island we had nice looks at Forty-spotted Pardalote, our final endemic to be spotted, as well as three Hooded Plovers, one of the world's sharpest shorebirds. It was great birding with all of you and look forward to seeing you again.

Additional mammals we saw in Tasmania included:

Short-beaked Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*)

Spotted-tailed Quoll (*Dasyurus maculatus*)

Common Wombat (*Vombatus ursinus*)  
Common Brushtail Possum (*Trichosurus vulpecula*)  
Tasmanian Pademelon (*Thylogale billardierii*)  
Red-necked Wallaby (*Macropus rufogriseus*)  
Old World Rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*)

You can see my complete trip report on eBird at this link: <https://ebird.org/tripreport/290143>

-- John Coons & Cory Gregory



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DATA FOR: **Group (all people)**

 **283**

Species Observed

 **67**


























Checklists




































 **71**
























Species with Photos

























## Species Observed


























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3	<b>Southern Cassowary</b> <i>Casuarius casuarius</i>	▶  9  1
2732	<b>Magpie Goose</b> <i>Anseranas semipalmata</i>	▶  8
4235	<b>Plumed Whistling-Duck</b> <i>Dendrocygna eytoni</i>	▶  4
81	<b>Wandering Whistling-Duck</b> <i>Dendrocygna arcuata</i>	▶  1  2
2	<b>Black Swan</b> <i>Cygnus atratus</i>	▶  1
2	<b>Radjah Shelduck</b> <i>Radjah radjah</i>	▶  1
43	<b>Green Pygmy-Goose</b> <i>Nettapus pulchellus</i>	▶  6
25	<b>Maned Duck</b> <i>Chenonetta jubata</i>	▶  5
177	<b>Pacific Black Duck</b> <i>Anas superciliosa</i>	▶  11
31	<b>Gray Teal</b> <i>Anas gracilis</i>	▶  5
34	<b>Hardhead</b> <i>Aythya australis</i>	▶  3
21	<b>Australian Brushturkey</b> <i>Alectura lathami</i>	▶  6
18	<b>Orange-footed Megapode</b> <i>Megapodius reinwardt</i>	▶  8
38	<b>Rock Pigeon</b> <i>Columba livia</i> *	▶  5
5	<b>White-headed Pigeon</b> <i>Columba leucomela</i>	▶  1  2
2	<b>Spotted Dove</b> <i>Spilopelia chinensis</i> *	▶  1
6	<b>Brown Cuckoo-Dove</b> <i>Macropygia phasianella</i>	▶  1  4
1	<b>Pacific Emerald Dove</b> <i>Chalcophaps longirostris</i>	▶  1
7	<b>Common Bronzewing</b> <i>Phaps chalcoptera</i>	▶  1
109	<b>Crested Pigeon</b> <i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>	▶  1  3
































24	<b>Squatter Pigeon</b> <i>Geophaps scripta</i>	▶  3
4	<b>Wonga Pigeon</b> <i>Leucosarcia melanoleuca</i>	▶  1  2
15	<b>Diamond Dove</b> <i>Geopelia cuneata</i>	▶  1  3
48	<b>Peaceful Dove</b> <i>Geopelia placida</i>	▶  1  11
22	<b>Bar-shouldered Dove</b> <i>Geopelia humeralis</i>	▶  7
9	<b>Wompoo Fruit-Dove</b> <i>Ptilinopus magnificus</i>	▶  1  5
3	<b>Superb Fruit-Dove</b> <i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>	▶  2
15	<b>Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove</b> <i>Ptilinopus regina</i>	▶  2  9
117	<b>Torresian Imperial-Pigeon</b> <i>Ducula spilorrhoea</i>	▶  14
14	<b>Topknot Pigeon</b> <i>Lopholaimus antarcticus</i>	▶  1  2
9	<b>Australian Bustard</b> <i>Ardeotis australis</i>	▶  2  3
1	<b>Pheasant Coucal</b> <i>Centropus phasianinus</i>	▶  1
11	<b>Pacific Koel</b> <i>Eudynamis orientalis</i>	▶  7
14	<b>Channel-billed Cuckoo</b> <i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	▶  3  4
1	<b>Shining Bronze-Cuckoo</b> <i>Chalcites lucidus</i>	▶  1  1
2	<b>Little Bronze-Cuckoo</b> <i>Chalcites minutillus</i>	▶  2
1	<b>Fan-tailed Cuckoo</b> <i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>	▶  1
2	<b>Sahul Brush Cuckoo</b> <i>Cacomantis variolosus</i>	▶  2
7	<b>Tawny Frogmouth</b> <i>Podargus strigoides</i>	▶  1  2
1	<b>Papuan Frogmouth</b> <i>Podargus papuensis</i>	▶  1  1
1	<b>Australian Owlet-nightjar</b> <i>Aegotheles cristatus</i>	▶  1
3	<b>White-throated Needle-tail</b> <i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	▶  1
13	<b>Australian Swiftlet</b> <i>Aerodramus terraereginae</i>	▶  1  3

2	<b>Pacific Swift</b>	<i>Apus pacificus</i>	▶  1
2	<b>Chestnut Rail</b>	<i>Gallirallus castaneiventris</i>	▶  1
2	<b>Buff-banded Rail</b>	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	▶  2
13	<b>Dusky Moorhen</b>	<i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i>	▶  3
13	<b>Eurasian Coot</b>	<i>Fulica atra</i>	▶  2
66	<b>Australasian Swamphen</b>	<i>Porphyrio melanotus</i>	▶  4
2	<b>White-browed Crake</b>	<i>Poliolimnas cinereus</i>	▶  1
3	<b>Sarus Crane</b>	<i>Antigone antigone</i>	▶  1
12	<b>Brolga</b>	<i>Antigone rubicunda</i>	▶  1  3
20	<b>Bush Thick-knee</b>	<i>Burhinus grallarius</i>	▶  4
21	<b>Pied Stilt</b>	<i>Himantopus leucocephalus</i>	▶  5
2	<b>Pied Oystercatcher</b>	<i>Haematopus longirostris</i>	▶  1
75	<b>Pacific Golden-Plover</b>	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	▶  3
40	<b>Black-fronted Dotterel</b>	<i>Thinornis melanops</i>	▶  3
125	<b>Masked Lapwing</b>	<i>Vanellus miles</i>	▶  19
2	<b>Red-kneed Dotterel</b>	<i>Erythrogonyx cinctus</i>	▶  1
3	<b>Siberian Sand-Plover</b>	<i>Anarhynchus mongolus</i>	▶  1
5	<b>Greater Sand-Plover</b>	<i>Anarhynchus leschenaultii</i>	▶  2
30	<b>Red-capped Plover</b>	<i>Anarhynchus ruficapillus</i>	▶  1
23	<b>Comb-crested Jacana</b>	<i>Irediparra gallinacea</i>	▶  6
5	<b>Whimbrel</b>	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	▶  4
36	<b>Little Curlew</b>	<i>Numenius minutus</i>	▶  2
7	<b>Far Eastern Curlew</b>	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	▶  6



































34	<b>Bar-tailed Godwit</b> <i>Limosa lapponica</i>	▶  4
1	<b>Terek Sandpiper</b> <i>Xenus cinereus</i>	▶  1
5	<b>Common Sandpiper</b> <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	▶  2
17	<b>Gray-tailed Tattler</b> <i>Tringa brevipes</i>	▶  5
2	<b>Common Greenshank</b> <i>Tringa nebularia</i>	▶  2
5	<b>Ruddy Turnstone</b> <i>Arenaria interpres</i>	▶  1
26	<b>Great Knot</b> <i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>	▶  2
41	<b>Sharp-tailed Sandpiper</b> <i>Calidris acuminata</i>	▶  5
17	<b>Red-necked Stint</b> <i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	▶  1
117	<b>Silver Gull</b> <i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	▶  8
2	<b>Little Tern</b> <i>Sternula albifrons</i>	▶  1
1	<b>Gull-billed Tern</b> <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	▶  1
71	<b>Australian Tern</b> <i>Gelochelidon macrotarsa</i>	▶  5
1	<b>Caspian Tern</b> <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	▶  1
9	<b>Whiskered Tern</b> <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	▶  2
5	<b>Lesser Crested Tern</b> <i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>	▶  2
7	<b>Great Crested Tern</b> <i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	▶  3
12	<b>Australasian Grebe</b> <i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>	▶  1  4
10	<b>Great Crested Grebe</b> <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	▶  1
11	<b>Black-necked Stork</b> <i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>	▶  5
1	<b>Brown Booby</b> <i>Sula leucogaster</i>	▶  1
22	<b>Australasian Darter</b> <i>Anhinga novaehollandiae</i>	▶  11
13	<b>Little Pied Cormorant</b> <i>Microcarbo melanoleucos</i>	▶  7






























3	<b>Great Cormorant</b> <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	▶  1
97	<b>Little Black Cormorant</b> <i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	▶  7
4	<b>Glossy Ibis</b> <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	▶  2
42	<b>Australian Ibis</b> <i>Threskiornis molucca</i>	▶  11
12	<b>Straw-necked Ibis</b> <i>Threskiornis spinicollis</i>	▶  2
24	<b>Royal Spoonbill</b> <i>Platalea regia</i>	▶  1  5
1	<b>Yellow-billed Spoonbill</b> <i>Platalea flavipes</i>	▶  1  1
11	<b>Nankeen Night Heron</b> <i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>	▶  4
8	<b>Pacific Reef-Heron</b> <i>Egretta sacra</i>	▶  3
5	<b>Little Egret</b> <i>Egretta garzetta</i>	▶  3
20	<b>Pied Heron</b> <i>Egretta picata</i>	▶  1  3
10	<b>White-faced Heron</b> <i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	▶  4
2	<b>Striated Heron</b> <i>Butorides striata</i>	▶  2
9	<b>Eastern Cattle-Egret</b> <i>Ardea coromanda</i>	▶  3
9	<b>Pacific Heron</b> <i>Ardea pacifica</i>	▶  4
15	<b>Great Egret</b> <i>Ardea alba</i>	▶  10
54	<b>Plumed Egret</b> <i>Ardea plumifera</i>	▶  4
49	<b>Australian Pelican</b> <i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	▶  7
6	<b>Osprey</b> <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	▶  1  6
1	<b>Pacific Baza</b> <i>Aviceda subcristata</i>	▶  1
1	<b>Wedge-tailed Eagle</b> <i>Aquila audax</i>	▶  1
2	<b>Brown Goshawk</b> <i>Tachyspiza fasciata</i>	▶  1  2
55	<b>Black Kite</b> <i>Milvus migrans</i>	▶  11
















1	<b>Brahminy Kite</b>	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	▶  1  1
54	<b>Whistling Kite</b>	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>	▶  11
3	<b>White-bellied Sea-Eagle</b>	<i>Ichthyophaga leucogaster</i>	▶  2  2
1	<b>Barking Owl</b>	<i>Ninox connivens</i>	▶  1
1	<b>Australian Boobook</b>	<i>Ninox boobook</i>	▶  1
21	<b>Rainbow Bee-eater</b>	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	▶  1  9
4	<b>Laughing Kookaburra</b>	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>	▶  3
3	<b>Blue-winged Kookaburra</b>	<i>Dacelo leachii</i>	▶  3
2	<b>Red-backed Kingfisher</b>	<i>Todiramphus pyrrhopygius</i>	▶  2  1
6	<b>Forest Kingfisher</b>	<i>Todiramphus macleayii</i>	▶  5
8	<b>Torresian Kingfisher</b>	<i>Todiramphus sordidus</i>	▶  3
5	<b>Sacred Kingfisher</b>	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>	▶  1  4
2	<b>Dollarbird</b>	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	▶  2
1	<b>Nankeen Kestrel</b>	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>	▶  1
2	<b>Brown Falcon</b>	<i>Falco berigora</i>	▶  2
2	<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	▶  1
32	<b>Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo</b>	<i>Calyptorhynchus banksii</i>	▶  5
41	<b>Galah</b>	<i>Eolophus roseicapilla</i>	▶  5
90	<b>Little Corella</b>	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>	▶  2
18	<b>Sulphur-crested Cockatoo</b>	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>	▶  8
28	<b>Australian King-Parrot</b>	<i>Alisterus scapularis</i>	▶  3
15	<b>Red-winged Parrot</b>	<i>Aprosmictus erythropterus</i>	▶  2  3
29	<b>Crimson Rosella</b>	<i>Platycercus elegans</i>	▶  3
































21	<b>Pale-headed Rosella</b> <i>Platycercus adscitus</i>	▶  5
3	<b>Double-eyed Fig-Parrot</b> <i>Cyclopsitta diophthalma</i>	▶  2
5	<b>Varied Lorikeet</b> <i>Psitteuteles versicolor</i>	▶  1
4	<b>Scaly-breasted Lorikeet</b> <i>Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus</i>	▶  1
108	<b>Rainbow Lorikeet</b> <i>Trichoglossus moluccanus</i>	▶  1  14
45	<b>Red-collared Lorikeet</b> <i>Trichoglossus rubritorquis</i>	▶  3
3	<b>Noisy Pitta</b> <i>Pitta versicolor</i>	▶  2
3	<b>Rainbow Pitta</b> <i>Pitta iris</i>	▶  1  2
4	<b>Albert's Lyrebird</b> <i>Menura alberti</i>	▶  4  2
12	<b>Spotted Catbird</b> <i>Ailuroedus maculosus</i>	▶  1  4
11	<b>Green Catbird</b> <i>Ailuroedus crassirostris</i>	▶  3
5	<b>Tooth-billed Bowerbird</b> <i>Scenopoeetes dentirostris</i>	▶  1  2
1	<b>Golden Bowerbird</b> <i>Prionodura newtoniana</i>	▶  1  1
9	<b>Regent Bowerbird</b> <i>Sericulus chrysocephalus</i>	▶  2  2
6	<b>Satin Bowerbird</b> <i>Ptilonorhynchus violaceus</i>	▶  2
8	<b>Great Bowerbird</b> <i>Chlamydera nuchalis</i>	▶  6
5	<b>White-throated Treecreeper</b> <i>Cormobates leucophaea</i>	▶  5
2	<b>Red-browed Treecreeper</b> <i>Climacteris erythrops</i>	▶  1
6	<b>Black-tailed Treecreeper</b> <i>Climacteris melanurus</i>	▶  1  1
1	<b>Purple-backed Fairywren</b> <i>Malurus assimilis</i>	▶  1
4	<b>Variegated Fairywren</b> <i>Malurus lamberti</i>	▶  1
2	<b>Lovely Fairywren</b> <i>Malurus amabilis</i>	▶  1
3	<b>Superb Fairywren</b> <i>Malurus cyaneus</i>	▶  2































3	<b>Red-backed Fairywren</b> <i>Malurus melanocephalus</i>	▶  1  2
1	<b>Eastern Spinebill</b> <i>Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris</i>	▶  1
6	<b>Yellow-spotted Honeyeater</b> <i>Meliphaga notata</i>	▶  1  3
21	<b>Lewin's Honeyeater</b> <i>Meliphaga lewinii</i>	▶  1  11
2	<b>Cryptic Honeyeater</b> <i>Meliphaga imitatrix</i>	▶  1
6	<b>Yellow Honeyeater</b> <i>Stomiopera flava</i>	▶  4
4	<b>White-gaped Honeyeater</b> <i>Stomiopera unicolor</i>	▶  3
2	<b>Yellow-faced Honeyeater</b> <i>Caligavis chrysops</i>	▶  1  2
6	<b>Bell Miner</b> <i>Manorina melanophrys</i>	▶  1
12	<b>Noisy Miner</b> <i>Manorina melanocephala</i>	▶  1
17	<b>Yellow-throated Miner</b> <i>Manorina flavigula</i>	▶  3
6	<b>Bridled Honeyeater</b> <i>Bolemoreus frenatus</i>	▶  1  2
6	<b>Varied Honeyeater</b> <i>Gavicalis versicolor</i>	▶  1  1
1	<b>Mangrove Honeyeater</b> <i>Gavicalis fasciogularis</i>	▶  1
24	<b>Yellow-tinted Honeyeater</b> <i>Ptilotula flavescens</i>	▶  1  4
3	<b>Brown-backed Honeyeater</b> <i>Ramsayornis modestus</i>	▶  2
2	<b>Bar-breasted Honeyeater</b> <i>Ramsayornis fasciatus</i>	▶  1  1
8	<b>Rufous-banded Honeyeater</b> <i>Conopophila albogularis</i>	▶  4
72	<b>Rufous-throated Honeyeater</b> <i>Conopophila rufogularis</i>	▶  1  3
12	<b>Dusky Myzomela</b> <i>Myzomela obscura</i>	▶  4
11	<b>Red-headed Myzomela</b> <i>Myzomela erythrocephala</i>	▶  1  3
3	<b>Scarlet Myzomela</b> <i>Myzomela sanguinolenta</i>	▶  2
8	<b>Banded Honeyeater</b> <i>Cissomela pectoralis</i>	▶  1  2

23	<b>Brown Honeyeater</b> <i>Lichmera indistincta</i>	▶  8
4	<b>White-cheeked Honeyeater</b> <i>Phylidonyris niger</i>	▶  1
53	<b>Blue-faced Honeyeater</b> <i>Entomyzon cyanotis</i>	▶  3  8
6	<b>White-throated Honeyeater</b> <i>Melithreptus albogularis</i>	▶  4
3	<b>White-naped Honeyeater</b> <i>Melithreptus lunatus</i>	▶  1
2	<b>Macleay's Honeyeater</b> <i>Xanthotis macleayanus</i>	▶  2
45	<b>Little Friarbird</b> <i>Philemon citreogularis</i>	▶  2  10
4	<b>Helmeted Friarbird</b> <i>Philemon buceroides</i>	▶  2
1	<b>Silver-crowned Friarbird</b> <i>Philemon argenteiceps</i>	▶  2  1
2	<b>Noisy Friarbird</b> <i>Philemon corniculatus</i>	▶  1
3	<b>Spotted Pardalote</b> <i>Pardalotus punctatus</i>	▶  1
2	<b>Red-browed Pardalote</b> <i>Pardalotus rubricatus</i>	▶  1
2	<b>Striated Pardalote</b> <i>Pardalotus striatus</i>	▶  1
7	<b>Weebill</b> <i>Smicronis brevirostris</i>	▶  2
5	<b>Yellow-throated Scrubwren</b> <i>Neosericornis citreogularis</i>	▶  1  2
6	<b>White-browed Scrubwren</b> <i>Sericornis frontalis</i>	▶  3
1	<b>Atherton Scrubwren</b> <i>Sericornis kerri</i>	▶  1
6	<b>Large-billed Scrubwren</b> <i>Sericornis magnirostra</i>	▶  3
4	<b>Striated Thornbill</b> <i>Acanthiza lineata</i>	▶  2  1
1	<b>Mountain Thornbill</b> <i>Acanthiza katherina</i>	▶  1
3	<b>Brown Thornbill</b> <i>Acanthiza pusilla</i>	▶  2
19	<b>Brown Gerygone</b> <i>Gerygone mouki</i>	▶  2  7
2	<b>Green-backed Gerygone</b> <i>Gerygone chloronota</i>	▶  2

5	<b>Fairy Gerygone</b>	<i>Gerygone palpebrosa</i>	▶		1
2	<b>Large-billed Gerygone</b>	<i>Gerygone magnirostris</i>	▶		2
2	<b>White-throated Gerygone</b>	<i>Gerygone olivacea</i>	▶		1
2	<b>Mangrove Gerygone</b>	<i>Gerygone levigaster</i>	▶		2
13	<b>Gray-crowned Babbler</b>	<i>Pomatostomus temporalis</i>	▶		3
1	<b>Australian Logrunner</b>	<i>Orthonyx temminckii</i>	▶		1
1	<b>Barred Cuckooshrike</b>	<i>Coracina lineata</i>	▶		1
14	<b>Black-faced Cuckooshrike</b>	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	▶	 	4
12	<b>White-bellied Cuckooshrike</b>	<i>Coracina papuensis</i>	▶		6
1	<b>White-winged Triller</b>	<i>Lalage tricolor</i>	▶		1
8	<b>Varied Triller</b>	<i>Lalage leucomela</i>	▶		7
2	<b>Sahul Cicadabird</b>	<i>Edolisoma tenuirostre</i>	▶		2
27	<b>Eastern Whipbird</b>	<i>Psophodes olivaceus</i>	▶		7
1	<b>Bower's Shrikethrush</b>	<i>Colluricincla boweri</i>	▶		1
7	<b>Gray Shrikethrush</b>	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>	▶		4
1	<b>Arafura Shrikethrush</b>	<i>Colluricincla megarhyncha</i>	▶		1
5	<b>Rufous Shrikethrush</b>	<i>Colluricincla rufogaster</i>	▶		3
8	<b>Golden Whistler</b>	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>	▶		4
2	<b>Black-tailed Whistler</b>	<i>Pachycephala melanura</i>	▶		1
2	<b>Gray Whistler</b>	<i>Pachycephala simplex</i>	▶		2
4	<b>Rufous Whistler</b>	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>	▶		3
1	<b>Olive-backed Oriole</b>	<i>Oriolus sagittatus</i>	▶		1
23	<b>Green Oriole</b>	<i>Oriolus flavocinctus</i>	▶		7

28	<b>Australasian Figbird</b> <i>Sphecotheres vieilloti</i>	▶  10
2	<b>Yellow-breasted Boatbill</b> <i>Machaerirhynchus flaviventer</i>	▶  1  1
16	<b>White-breasted Woodswallow</b> <i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	▶  1  6
12	<b>Black-faced Woodswallow</b> <i>Artamus cinereus</i>	▶  2
2	<b>Gray Butcherbird</b> <i>Cracticus torquatus</i>	▶  1
1	<b>Silver-backed Butcherbird</b> <i>Cracticus argenteus</i>	▶  1
5	<b>Pied Butcherbird</b> <i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i>	▶  4
7	<b>Black Butcherbird</b> <i>Melloria quoyi</i>	▶  4
16	<b>Australian Magpie</b> <i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>	▶  9
3	<b>Pied Currawong</b> <i>Strepera graculina</i>	▶  3
8	<b>Northern Fantail</b> <i>Rhipidura rufiventris</i>	▶  1  4
16	<b>Willie-wagtail</b> <i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	▶  9
2	<b>Arafura Fantail</b> <i>Rhipidura dryas</i>	▶  1  1
3	<b>Australian Rufous Fantail</b> <i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>	▶  2  2
9	<b>Gray Fantail</b> <i>Rhipidura albiscapa</i>	▶  4
13	<b>Spangled Drongo</b> <i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>	▶  1  5
4	<b>Paradise Riflebird</b> <i>Ptiloris paradiseus</i>	▶  4
5	<b>Victoria's Riflebird</b> <i>Ptiloris victoriae</i>	▶  3
2	<b>White-eared Monarch</b> <i>Carterornis leucotis</i>	▶  2  1
6	<b>Black-faced Monarch</b> <i>Monarcha melanopsis</i>	▶  2  4
5	<b>Australian Spectacled Monarch</b> <i>Symposiachrus trivirgatus</i>	▶  5
1	<b>Pied Monarch</b> <i>Arses kaupi</i>	▶  1
79	<b>Magpie-lark</b> <i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	▶  23

3	<b>Broad-billed Flycatcher</b> <i>Myiagra ruficollis</i>	▶  3
8	<b>Paperbark Flycatcher</b> <i>Myiagra nana</i>	▶  4
4	<b>Shining Flycatcher</b> <i>Myiagra alecto</i>	▶  3
125	<b>Apostlebird</b> <i>Struthidea cinerea</i>	▶  5
22	<b>Torresian Crow</b> <i>Corvus orru</i>	▶  13
4	<b>Rose Robin</b> <i>Petroica rosea</i>	▶  1  4
7	<b>Lemon-bellied Flyrobin</b> <i>Microeca flavigaster</i>	▶  3
12	<b>Gray-headed Robin</b> <i>Heteromyias cinereifrons</i>	▶  1  5
1	<b>Mangrove Robin</b> <i>Melanodryas pulverulenta</i>	▶  1  1
3	<b>Eastern Yellow Robin</b> <i>Eopsaltria australis</i>	▶  1  2
1	<b>Pale-yellow Robin</b> <i>Eopsaltria capito</i>	▶  1
4	<b>Singing Bushlark</b> <i>Mirafra javanica</i>	▶  1
7	<b>Golden-headed Cisticola</b> <i>Cisticola exilis</i>	▶  2
1	<b>Oriental Reed Warbler</b> <i>Acrocephalus orientalis</i>	▶  7  1
2	<b>Australian Reed Warbler</b> <i>Acrocephalus australis</i>	▶  2
1	<b>Tawny Grassbird</b> <i>Cincloramphus timoriensis</i>	▶  1
63	<b>Welcome Swallow</b> <i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	▶  10
10	<b>Tree Martin</b> <i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i>	▶  3
3	<b>Australian Yellow White-eye</b> <i>Zosterops luteus</i>	▶  1
13	<b>Silvereye</b> <i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	▶  5
163	<b>Metallic Starling</b> <i>Aplonis metallica</i>	▶  4
19	<b>Common Myna</b> <i>Acridotheres tristis</i> *	▶  5
3	<b>Mistletoebird</b> <i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i>	▶  2

- 14 **Sahul Sunbird** *Cinnyris frenatus* ▶ 🗑️ 6
- 18 **Crimson Finch** *Neochmia phaeton* ▶ 🗑️ 2
- 4 **Red-browed Firetail** *Neochmia temporalis* ▶ 🗑️ 2
- 74 **Double-barred Finch** *Stizoptera bichenovii* ▶ 🗑️ 6
- 6 **Masked Finch** *Poephila personata* ▶ 📷 1 🗑️ 3
- 47 **Black-throated Finch** *Poephila cincta* ▶ 📷 1 🗑️ 2
- 2 **Scaly-breasted Munia** *Lonchura punctulata* \* ▶ 🗑️ 1
- 4 **Chestnut-breasted Munia** *Lonchura castaneothorax* ▶ 🗑️ 1
- 5 **House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* \* ▶ 🗑️ 1
- 4 **Australian Pipit** *Anthus australis* ▶ 🗑️ 1

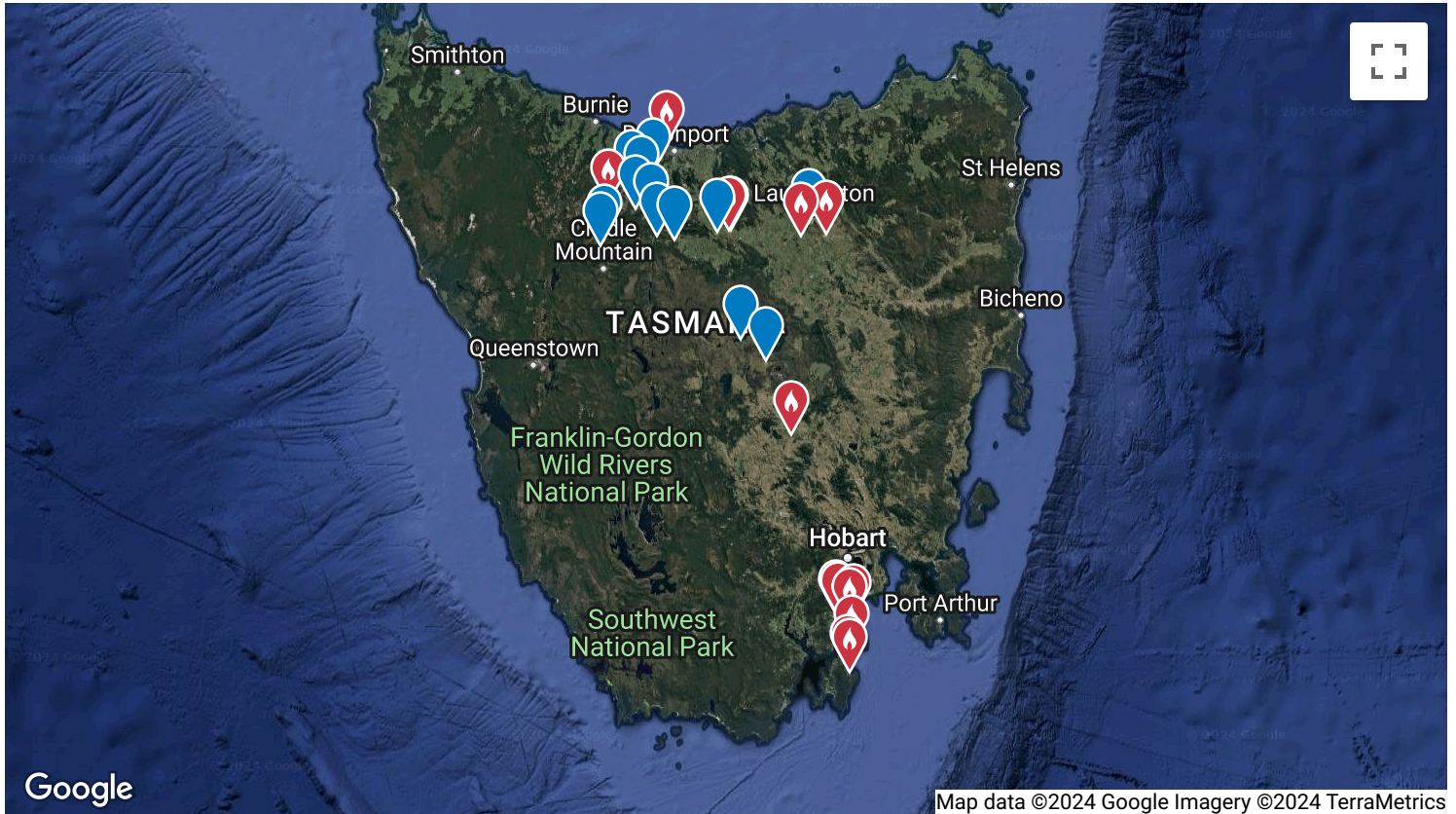
#### ADDITIONAL TAXA

- 10 white egret sp. *Egretta/Ardea sp.* ▶ 🗑️ 1
- 2 diurnal raptor sp. *Accipitriformes/Falconiformes sp.* ▶ 🗑️ 1
- 3 corella sp. *Cacatua sp. (corella sp.)* ▶ 🗑️ 1
- 3 Fairy/Tree Martin *Petrochelidon ariel/nigricans* ▶ 🗑️ 1

# Field Guides Birding Tours -- AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA EXTENSION, 2024 (with John Coons)



30 Oct – 3 Nov 2024 (5 days) Link-only



## Tasmania, Australia

Central Coast | Central Highlands | Devonport | Kentish | Kingborough | Meander Valley | Northern Midlands

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Species Observed

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Checklists





















## Species Observed





















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- |    |   |   |
|----|---|---|
| 13 | <b>Cape Barren Goose</b> <i>Cereopsis novaehollandiae</i> | ▶  1 |
| 13 | <b>Black Swan</b> <i>Cygnus atratus</i>                   | ▶  4 |
| 56 | <b>Australian Shelduck</b> <i>Tadorna tadornoides</i>     | ▶  2 |
| 13 | <b>Maned Duck</b> <i>Chenonetta jubata</i>                | ▶  1 |
| 40 | <b>Pacific Black Duck</b> <i>Anas superciliosa</i>        | ▶  4 |
| 9  | <b>Gray Teal</b> <i>Anas gracilis</i>                     | ▶  2 |
| 4  | <b>Musk Duck</b> <i>Biziura lobata</i>                    | ▶  1 |
| 2  | <b>Rock Pigeon</b> <i>Columba livia</i> *                 | ▶  1 |
| 1  | <b>Spotted Dove</b> <i>Spilopelia chinensis</i> *         | ▶  1 |
| 1  | <b>Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo</b> <i>Chalcites basalus</i> | ▶  1 |



2	<b>Shining Bronze-Cuckoo</b> <i>Chalcites lucidus</i>	▶  2
2	<b>Pallid Cuckoo</b> <i>Heteroscenes pallidus</i>	▶  1
3	<b>Fan-tailed Cuckoo</b> <i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>	▶  2
21	<b>Tasmanian Nativehen</b> <i>Tribonyx mortierii</i>	▶  6
145	<b>Eurasian Coot</b> <i>Fulica atra</i>	▶  1
3	<b>Australasian Swamphen</b> <i>Porphyrio melanotus</i>	▶  2
19	<b>Pied Oystercatcher</b> <i>Haematopus longirostris</i>	▶  5
15	<b>Sooty Oystercatcher</b> <i>Haematopus fuliginosus</i>	▶  1
3	<b>Hooded Plover</b> <i>Thinornis cucullatus</i>	▶  1
6	<b>Banded Lapwing</b> <i>Vanellus tricolor</i>	▶  1
70	<b>Masked Lapwing</b> <i>Vanellus miles</i>	▶  7
168	<b>Silver Gull</b> <i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	▶  5
45	<b>Pacific Gull</b> <i>Larus pacificus</i>	▶  4
39	<b>Kelp Gull</b> <i>Larus dominicanus</i>	▶  4
6	<b>Great Crested Tern</b> <i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	▶  1
3	<b>Australasian Grebe</b> <i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>	▶  2
1	<b>Little Penguin</b> <i>Eudyptula minor</i>	▶  1
1	<b>White-capped Albatross</b> <i>Thalassarche cauta</i>	▶  1
40	<b>Short-tailed Shearwater</b> <i>Ardenna tenuirostris</i>	▶  1
1	<b>Little Pied Cormorant</b> <i>Microcarbo melanoleucos</i>	▶  1

- 2 **Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo* ▶  2
- 2 **Little Black Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris* ▶  1
- 8 **Black-faced Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax fuscescens* ▶  4
- 3 **White-faced Heron** *Egretta novaehollandiae* ▶  3
- 2 **Wedge-tailed Eagle** *Aquila audax* ▶  2
- 1 **Gray Goshawk** *Tachyspiza novaehollandiae* ▶  1
- 1 **Brown Goshawk** *Tachyspiza fasciata* ▶  1
- 2 **Swamp Harrier** *Circus approximans* ▶  2
- 2 **White-bellied Sea-Eagle** *Ichthyophaga leucogaster* ▶  2
- 1 **Tasmanian Boobook** *Ninox leucopsis* ▶  1
- 10 **Laughing Kookaburra** *Dacelo novaeguineae* \* ▶  6
- 5 **Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo** *Zanda funerea* ▶  2
- 6 **Sulphur-crested Cockatoo** *Cacatua galerita* ▶  3
- 2 **Blue-winged Parrot** *Neophema chrysostoma* ▶  1
- 13 **Green Rosella** *Platycercus caledonicus* ▶  4
- 54 **Superb Fairywren** *Malurus cyaneus* ▶  14
- 2 **Eastern Spinebill** *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris* ▶  1
- 2 **Little Wattlebird** *Anthochaera chrysoptera* ▶  2
- 14 **Yellow Wattlebird** *Anthochaera paradoxa* ▶  8
- 2 **White-fronted Chat** *Epthianura albifrons* ▶  2

- 3 **Crescent Honeyeater** *Phylidonyris pyrrhopterus* ▶  1
- 8 **New Holland Honeyeater** *Phylidonyris novaehollandiae* ▶  4
- 5 **Yellow-throated Honeyeater** *Nesoptilotis flavicollis* ▶  4
- 24 **Black-headed Honeyeater** *Melithreptus affinis* ▶  5
- 17 **Strong-billed Honeyeater** *Melithreptus validirostris* ▶  4
- 2 **Forty-spotted Pardalote** *Pardalotus quadragintus* ▶  1
- 30 **Striated Pardalote** *Pardalotus striatus* ▶  12
- 1 **Striated Fieldwren** *Calamanthus fuliginosus* ▶  1
- 7 **Tasmanian Scrubwren** *Sericornis humilis* ▶  5
- 2 **Scrubtit** *Acanthornis magna* ▶  1
- 4 **Yellow-rumped Thornbill** *Acanthiza chrysorrhoa* ▶  1
- 10 **Tasmanian Thornbill** *Acanthiza ewingii* ▶  4
- 19 **Brown Thornbill** *Acanthiza pusilla* ▶  7
- 1 **Black-faced Cuckooshrike** *Coracina novaehollandiae* ▶  1
- 13 **Gray Shrikethrush** *Colluricincla harmonica* ▶  9
- 2 **Olive Whistler** *Pachycephala olivacea* ▶  1
- 10 **Golden Whistler** *Pachycephala pectoralis* ▶  5
- 5 **Australian Magpie** *Gymnorhina tibicen* ▶  3
- 15 **Black Currawong** *Strepera fuliginosa* ▶  10
- 2 **Gray Currawong** *Strepera versicolor* ▶  1

- 48 **Gray Fantail** *Rhipidura albiscapa* ▶ 📄 15
- 2 **Satin Flycatcher** *Myiagra cyanoleuca* ▶ 📄 1
- 34 **Forest Raven** *Corvus tasmanicus* ▶ 📄 15
- 3 **Pink Robin** *Petroica rodinogaster* ▶ 📄 2
- 7 **Scarlet Robin** *Petroica boodang* ▶ 📄 4
- 1 **Dusky Robin** *Melanodryas vittata* ▶ 📄 1
- 2 **Eurasian Skylark** *Alauda arvensis* \* ▶ 📄 2
- 62 **Welcome Swallow** *Hirundo neoxena* ▶ 📄 11
- 7 **Tree Martin** *Petrochelidon nigricans* ▶ 📄 2
- 23 **Silvereye** *Zosterops lateralis* ▶ 📄 6
- 32 **European Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris* \* ▶ 📄 6
- 20 **Eurasian Blackbird** *Turdus merula* \* ▶ 📄 6
- 31 **House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* \* ▶ 📄 4
- 1 **Australian Pipit** *Anthus australis* ▶ 📄 1
- 19 **European Goldfinch** *Carduelis carduelis* \* ▶ 📄 8

**EXOTIC: ESCAPEE**

- 1 **Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos* \* ▶ 📄 1