



## BIRDS of Sydney Olympic Park

More than 180 bird species inhabit Sydney Olympic Park – some stay year-round, some are seasonal visitors and some nest and raise their young within the Park’s habitats. The sight and sounds of birdlife can be one of the most appealing features of a visit to the Park. Birds recorded at the Park since 2000 are listed below.

### Quail

- Brown Quail

### Swans, Geese, Ducks, Grebes

- Musk Duck
- Black Swan
- Australian Shelduck
- Australian Wood Duck
- Pacific Black Duck
- Australasian Shoveler
- Grey Teal
- Chestnut Teal
- Pink-eared Duck
- Hardhead
- Australasian Grebe
- Hoary-headed Grebe
- Great Crested Grebe

### Gannets and Cormorants

- Darter
- Little Pied Cormorant
- Pied Cormorant
- Little Black Cormorant
- Great Cormorant
- Australian Pelican

### Herons, Ibis, Spoonbills

- White-faced Heron
- Little Egret
- White-necked Heron
- Great Egret
- Intermediate Egret
- Cattle Egret
- Striated Heron
- Nankeen Night Heron
- Little Bittern
- Australasian Bittern
- Glossy Ibis

- Australian White Ibis
- Straw-necked Ibis
- Royal Spoonbill
- Yellow-billed Spoonbill

### Birds of Prey

- Black-shouldered Kite
- Whistling Kite
- White-bellied Sea-Eagle
- Spotted Harrier
- Swamp Harrier
- Brown Goshawk
- Collared Sparrowhawk
- Australian Hobby
- Peregrine Falcon
- Nankeen Kestrel

### Crakes and Rails

- Lewin’s Rail
- Buff-banded Rail
- Australian Spotted Crake
- Baillon’s Crake
- Spotless Crake
- Dusky Moorhen
- Purple Swamphen
- Eurasian Coot

### Shorebirds

- Latham’s Snipe
- Bar-tailed Godwit
- Eastern Curlew
- Marsh Sandpiper
- Common Greenshank
- Common Sandpiper
- Red-necked Stint
- Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
- Curlew Sandpiper
- Pectoral Sandpiper
- Black-winged Stilt
- Red-necked Avocet

- Pacific Golden Plover
- Red-capped Plover
- Black-fronted Dotterel
- Red-kneed Dotterel
- Masked Lapwing
- Banded Lapwing

### Gulls, Terns

- Silver Gull
- Caspian Tern
- Crested Tern
- Whiskered Tern
- Common Tern
- Gull-billed Tern

### Pigeons

- White-headed Pigeon
- Crested Pigeon
- Topknot Pigeon

### Cockatoos and Parrots

- Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo
- Galah
- Long-billed Corella
- Little Corella
- Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
- Rainbow Lorikeet
- Scaly-breasted Lorikeet
- Musk Lorikeet
- Australian King-Parrot
- Crimson Rosella
- Eastern Rosella
- Red-rumped Parrot

### Cuckoos

- Pallid Cuckoo
- Brush Cuckoo
- Fan-tailed Cuckoo
- Horsfield’s Bronze-Cuckoo

- Shining Bronze-Cuckoo
- Pacific (Common) Koel
- Channel-billed Cuckoo

**Night Birds**

- Southern Boobook
- Barn Owl
- Tawny Frogmouth
- White-throated Nightjar

**Swifts, Kingfishers**

- White-throated Needletail
- Laughing Kookaburra
- Sacred Kingfisher
- Dollarbird

**Aust. Wrens, small birds**

- Superb Fairy-wren
- Spotted Pardalote
- White-browed Scrubwren
- White-throated Gerygone
- Mangrove Gerygone
- Yellow Thornbill
- Yellow-rumped Thornbill
- Mistletoebird

**Honeyeaters, Chats and Robins**

- Red Wattlebird
- Little Wattlebird
- Noisy Friarbird
- Noisy Miner
- Lewin's Honeyeater
- Yellow-faced Honeyeater
- White-plumed Honeyeater
- White-naped Honeyeater
- Brown Honeyeater
- New Holland Honeyeater
- White-cheeked Honeyeater
- Eastern Spinebill
- Scarlet Honeyeater
- White-fronted Chat
- Eastern Yellow Robin

**Whistlers, Shrike-thrushes**

- Eastern (Crested) Shrike-tit
- Golden Whistler
- Rufous Whistler
- Grey Shrike-thrush

**Cuckoo-shrikes, Orioles**

- Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
- Cicadabird
- White-winged Triller
- Olive-backed Oriole
- (Australasian) Figbird

**Finches**

- Zebra Finch
- Double-barred Finch
- Red-browed Finch

**Magpie-lark, Flycatchers**

- Black-faced Monarch
- Leaden Flycatcher
- Satin Flycatcher
- Restless Flycatcher
- Magpie-lark
- Rufous Fantail
- Grey Fantail
- Willie Wagtail
- Spangled Drongo

**Woodswallows, Butcherbirds, Magpies, Ravens, Pipit**

- White-breasted Woodswallow
- Dusky Woodswallow
- Grey Butcherbird
- Australian Magpie
- Pied Currawong
- Australian Raven
- Australian (Richards) Pipit

**Swallows**

- Welcome Swallow
- Tree Martin
- Fairy Martin

**Old World Warblers, Thrushes**

- Australian (Clamorous) Reed-Warbler
- Tawny Grassbird
- Little Grassbird
- Brown Songlark
- Golden-headed Cisticola
- Silvereye

**Introduced species**

- Common Blackbird
- Common Myna
- Common Starling
- European Goldfinch
- European Greenfinch
- House Sparrow
- Mallard
- Nutmeg Mannikin
- Red-whiskered Bulbul
- Rock Dove
- Spotted Turtle-Dove

**PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE BIRDS**

We know people love to feed the ducks and other birds, but there are good reasons not to. It upsets the delicate balance of nature and jeopardises the birds' welfare. Bread and other unnatural foods can cause dietary problems, sickness or malnutrition. Handfeeding can make birds aggressive to small children, a nuisance to other visitors, and lazy as they start to depend upon being fed by humans and become scavengers. Young birds may not be taught how to forage for natural foods and so risk starvation.

Uneaten foods can pollute ponds and lakes and provide food for increased populations of eels and rats that then predate on ducklings and other baby birds.

Birds in the Park are wild, and the Park provides sufficient natural food for them. Please respect their wild nature and help to keep them healthy by not feeding them.

**Go birdwatching!**

Sydney Olympic Park provides a fantastic opportunity to see a diverse range of birds in their natural environment. Some good places for birdwatching are Lake Belvedere, the Waterbird Refuge, and Haslams Pier.

**Join our spring bird census**

Each spring, volunteers from Cumberland Bird Observers Club, working in partnership with Sydney Olympic Park Authority, conduct an annual bird census at 49 sites around the Park. Surveys are conducted Tuesday mornings, over eight weeks. Contact CBOC on 9484 3362 or [secretary@cbo.org.au](mailto:secretary@cbo.org.au) to join a survey.

**Visit the Bird Discovery Centre**

The Birds Australia Discovery Centre at Newington Armory is open every weekend from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Visit the Centre to learn more about birds or call 9647 1033. Conservation through knowledge -

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