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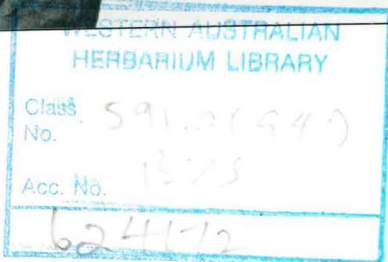
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ABOUT THIS BIRD LIST

Birdwatching is a captivating pastime with more and more people, young and old, becoming involved. There are many excellent bird books and identification field guides, including the Department of Environment and Conservation's 'Bush Book' series, to assist in distinguishing one bird from another. Volunteers with the department's *LANDSCOPE* Expeditions indicated a need for a State checklist to record their bird sightings. Avid birdwatchers and beginners alike will find this list easy to use.

This checklist of Western Australian birds does not include rare vagrants. In this edition of *Book that Bird!* we have adopted the Christidis and Boles (2008) classification to provide uniformity with 'Birds Australia' who are also using this list. For a complete list of birds recorded for Australia, readers should consult *Systematics and Taxonomy of Australian Birds* by Les Christidis and Walter Boles published in 2008 by CSIRO Publishing (www.publish.csiro.au/pid/5702.htm). In our list, naturalised species are indicated by an asterisk (*). It should be noted that the Rainbow Lorikeet, although introduced in the south-west of the State, is native to the Kimberley.

This list will help you to maintain a record of birds observed, not only from your backyard, but from the many and varied habitats in the suburbs, southern forests, Goldfields, deserts, Pilbara and Kimberley. Birds commonly encountered on Christmas and Cocos islands have been included because of their proximity to Western Australia.

Over time the species recorded can provide valuable information on bird numbers, seasonal changes or fluctuations in distribution as well as information on times of breeding. Reliable, long-term observations from any area provide useful information for developing conservation strategies. For the traveller, the checklist provides a convenient and permanent method of recording information that may otherwise be lost.

However, *Book that Bird!* does not replace the need to carry a notebook in which you can record more detailed notes on individual bird observations from a range of areas.

It is suggested that a new column be used for each locality or day of observation. Space is provided at the front of the booklet to record the area covered, route details or specific localities (including Global Positioning System (GPS) for latitude and longitude). A table is provided on page 32 for more detailed bird records including numbers observed and breeding information.

Although most native animals in Western Australia are nocturnal, a list of those more likely to be encountered on bush walks or at night while spotlighting, is included on pages 33 and 34. A list of the most common feral animals occurring in the State is provided on page 36. Space for any reptile records is provided on page 35.

We would appreciate feedback from users on any modifications or additions to the checklist you would find useful. Please send any information or suggestions to the address below. Happy birding!

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White-backed Swallow												
Barn Swallow												
Welcome Swallow												
Fairy Martin												
Tree Martin												
Red-rumped Swallow												
Asian House Martin												
ISLAND THRUSH												
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MISTLETOEBIRD												
Mistletoebird												
FINCHES, MANNIKINS, SPARROWS												
Zebra Finch												
Double-barred Finch												
Long-tailed Finch												
Masked Finch												
Crimson Finch												
Star Finch												
Red-eared Firetail												
Painted Finch												
Gouldian Finch												
Yellow-rumped Mannikin												
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin												

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