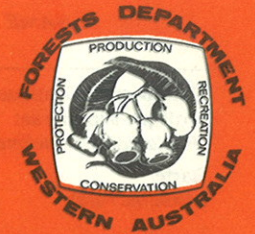




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## BIRDS of Western Australian Forests

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This list includes all birds, both native and introduced species, that have been recorded in the main block of State forest in the south-west of Western Australia. The area in question is very extensive and hence the list should not be regarded as being complete. It is likely that other species may occur, which have not as yet been recorded.

There are eight columns headed FOREST TYPE and numbered serially. These forest or vegetation types are as follows:

1. *Jarrah Forest.*
2. *Karri Forest*, including tingle forest near the south coast.
3. *Tuart Forest.*
4. *Wandoo Woodland.* This type covers a wide range but lies generally to the east of the jarrah forest belt. Where it adjoins the jarrah belt, wandoo is found in the valleys with jarrah on the ridges between. Further east the species becomes associated with powder-bark wandoo and other dry-area eucalypt species.
5. *Banksia Woodland.* Confined to sandy soils in the coastal plain west and north of the jarrah belt and extending north of Yancheep.
6. *South Coast Communities.* This heading covers a wide range of plant communities and includes yate,

peppermint and banksia woodlands, heath areas, and the extensive sand-peat swamps of the southern forests.

7. *Waterways and Wetlands.* Includes permanent water in creeks, rivers and lakes throughout forest areas.

8. *Pine plantations.*

The column headed NEEDS is used to indicate special habitats within a particular vegetation type. For example, the spotted scrub wren is shown as living in the jarrah forest, but it is restricted to areas of dense vegetation so the letter 'U' appears in the NEEDS column.

The notations for this column include:

- U – dense undergrowth
- H – requires holes in trees
- F – tends to follow flowering trees and shrubs
- OW – requires fairly extensive stretches of open water

OL – requires open country or clearings.

The STATUS column indicates the present knowledge on the abundance of the species.

- G – generally distributed
- L – localized distribution
- Vc – very common
- c – common
- r – rare

NAME	FOREST TYPE								NEEDS	STATUS	NOTES
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
<b>Emus</b> Emu ( <i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i> )	x	x		x		x		x	OL	Gvc	
<b>Shearwater</b> Fluttering shearwater ( <i>Puffinus gavia</i> )						x				Lr	
<b>Grebes</b> Great crested grebe ( <i>Podiceps cristatus</i> )								x	OW	r	
Little grebe ( <i>Podiceps novaehollandiae</i> )								x		Gc	
<b>Pelicans</b> Australian pelican ( <i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i> )								x	OW	Lc	Wonnerup estuary
<b>Cormorants</b> Black cormorant (Shag) ( <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> )								x		Gc	
Pied cormorant ( <i>Phalacrocorax varius</i> )								x	OW	Lc	Wonnerup estuary
Little black cormorant ( <i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i> )								x		c	

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
<b>Cormorants (Continued)</b>											
Little pied cormorant ( <i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i> )							x				G c
Darter ( <i>Anhinga rufa</i> )								x	OW		G r
<b>Hérons, Egrets and Bitterns</b>											
White egret ( <i>Egretta alba</i> )							x		OW		L c
White-faced heron ( <i>Ardea novaehollandiae</i> )	x	x	x	x		x	x				G vc
White-necked heron ( <i>Ardea pacifica</i> )	x	x	x					x	OL		L c
Nankeen night-heron ( <i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i> )	x	x	x					x			L r
Black bittern ( <i>Dupetor flavicollis</i> )								x			L c Rare in the south
Brown bittern ( <i>Botaurus poiciloptilus</i> )								x			L r Bickley area
<b>Ibises</b>											
Straw-necked ibis ( <i>Threskiornis spinicollis</i> )	x	x	x			x	x		OL		G c
White ibis ( <i>Threskiornis molucca</i> )								x			L r Yeagerup lakes and Wonnerup
Yellowbilled spoonbill ( <i>Platalea flavipes</i> )								x	OW		r Wonnerup
<b>Swans, Geese and Ducks</b>											
Black swan ( <i>Cygnus atratus</i> )								x	OW		G vc
Water whistling duck ( <i>Dendrocygna arcuata</i> )								?	OW		L r Wonnerup estuary
Freckled duck ( <i>Stictonetta naevosa</i> )								x			L r Yeagerup lakes
Mountain duck ( <i>Tadorna tadornoides</i> )	x	x	x			x	x				G vc Breeds in forest
Black duck ( <i>Anas superciliosa</i> )	x	x	x	x		x	x	x			G vc Breeds in forest
Chestnut teal ( <i>Anas castanea</i> )								x			L r Confined to the south
Grey teal ( <i>Anas gibberifrons</i> )								x			G vc
Blue-winged shoveler ( <i>Anas rhynchotis</i> )								x			L r
Pink-eared duck ( <i>Malacorhynchus membranaceus</i> )								x			L r Confined to the south
White-eyed duck ( <i>Aythya australis</i> )								x	OW		L c
Maned goose or wood duck ( <i>Chenonetta jubata</i> )	x	x	x	x				x			G vc Breeds in forest
Blue-billed duck ( <i>Oxyura australis</i> )								x	OW		L c
Musk duck ( <i>Biziura lobata</i> )								x	OW		L c
<b>Diurnal birds of Prey</b>											
Black-shouldered kite ( <i>Elanus notatus</i> )	x	x				x			OL		L c
Square-tailed kite ( <i>Lophoictinia isura</i> )	x			x		x					G c
Black-breasted buzzard ( <i>Hamirostra melanosterna</i> )	x										L r Perup area
Whistling kite ( <i>Haliastur sphenurus</i> )	x	x	x	x		x	x	x			G vc
Brown Goshawk ( <i>Accipiter fasciatus</i> )	x		x	x		x					G c
Collared sparrow-hawk ( <i>Accipiter cirrocephalus</i> )	x	x		x							G c
Australian little eagle ( <i>Hieraetus morphnoides</i> )	x			x				x			G c
Wedge-tailed eagle ( <i>Aquila audax</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x			G c

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
<b>Diurnal Birds (Continued)</b>												
White-breasted sea eagle ( <i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i> )						x					L r	Generally associated with coastal cliffs
Spotted harrier ( <i>Circus assimilis</i> )						x					r	Coastal heaths
Swamp harrier ( <i>Circus approximans</i> )	x					x	x			OL	r	Perup and Wonnerup
Osprey ( <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> )			x									Breeds in tuart forest
Peregrine falcon ( <i>Falco peregrinus</i> )	x	x				x					L r	Generally associated with cliffs
Little falcon ( <i>Falco longipennis</i> )	x	x		x		x					G c	
Black falcon ( <i>Falco subniger</i> )									?			Possible record at Nannup
Brown falcon ( <i>Falco berigora</i> )	x	x		x		x	x				G c	
Nankeen kestrel ( <i>Falco cenchroides</i> )	x			x		x		x		OL	L r	Common on south coast
<b>Mallee Fowl</b>												
Mallee-fowl ( <i>Leipoa ocellata</i> )	x			x		x					L c	In jarrah confined to extreme south
<b>Quails</b>												
Stubble quail ( <i>Coturnix pectoralis</i> )	x			x							?	
Brown quail ( <i>Synoicus ypsilophorus</i> )	x					x				U	L r	More common in north
Painted quail ( <i>Turnix varia</i> )	x			x							L c	
Little quail ( <i>Turnix velox</i> )				x							?	
<b>Rails and Water Hens</b>												
Spotless crane ( <i>Porzana tabuensis</i> )	x	x						x		U	G c	
Dusky moorhen ( <i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i> )	x	x	x					x			L r	Rare in north
Swamphen ( <i>Phrphyrio porphyrio</i> )	x	x	x					x			G c	Rare in north
Coot ( <i>Fulica atra</i> )	x		x					x		OW	L c	
<b>Waders</b>												
Spur-winged plover ( <i>Lobibyx novaehollandiae</i> )	x										r	
Banded plover ( <i>Zonifer tricolor</i> )	x			x		x				OL	L c	Rare in north
Red-capped dotterel ( <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i> )	x					x	x				L c	
Black-fronted dotterel ( <i>Charadrius melanops</i> )	x			x		x	x				L c	
Common sandpiper ( <i>Tringa hypoleucos</i> )							x				c	Wonnerup
Greenshank ( <i>Tringa nebularia</i> )								x		OW	L c	Wonnerup estuary
<b>Stilts</b>												
Black-winged stilt ( <i>Himantopus himantopus</i> )	x							x			L c	Wonnerup estuary and Perup
Banded stilt ( <i>Cladorhynchus leucocephalus</i> )								x			r	Wonnerup
Rednecked avocet ( <i>Recurvirostra novaehollandiae</i> )								x			c	Seasonal visitor, Wonnerup
Southern stone curlew ( <i>Burhinus magnirostris</i> )				x							r	Extends into eastern Wandoo
<b>Gulls and Terns</b>												
Silver gull ( <i>Larus novaehollandiae</i> )								x		OW	L r	Lake Muir
Caspian tern ( <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i> )								x		OW	L c	Wonnerup estuary
Crested tern ( <i>Sterna bergii</i> )								x		OW	L c	Wonnerup estuary

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<b>Pigeons and Doves</b>											
Domestic pigeon ( <i>Columba livia</i> )	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		L c	Close to towns Introduced
Senegal turtledove ( <i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i> )	x									L r	
Spotted turtledove ( <i>Streptopelia chinensis</i> )	x		x		x					L r	Bickley area
Common bronzewing ( <i>Phaps chalcopters</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x		G c	
Brush bronzewing ( <i>Phaps elegans</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x		G c	
<b>Parrots and Cockatoos</b>											
Purple-crowned lorikeet ( <i>Glossopsitta porphyrocephala</i> )	x	x	x	x	x	x			F	G vc	Seasonal
White-tailed black cockatoo ( <i>Calyptorhynchus baudini</i> )	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		G vc	Common in pines north of Perth
Red-tailed black cockatoo ( <i>Calyptorhynchus magnificus</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x		c	In small flocks
Sulphur-crested cockatoo ( <i>Calcatua galerita</i> )								x		L r	Pinjarra, Coolup and McLarty
Long-billed corella ( <i>Cacatua tenuirostris</i> )	x			?						L r	Lake Muir and the Sunklands
Galah ( <i>Cacatua roseicapilla</i> )				x						G r	Occasional escapee
Smoker or regent parrot ( <i>Polytelis anthopeplus</i> )	x			x						c	Western jarrah in non-breeding season
Western rosella ( <i>Platyercus icterotis</i> )	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		G vc	
Red-capped parrot ( <i>Purpureicephalus spurius</i> )	x	x	x	x		x				c	
Twenty-eight or Port Lincoln parrot ( <i>Barnardius zonarius</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x		G vc	
Elegant parrot ( <i>Neophema elegans</i> )	x			x		x				L c	Generally in small flocks
Rock parrot ( <i>Neophema petrophila</i> )						x				L c	
Budgerigar ( <i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i> )	x									L r	Bickley
<b>Cuckoo</b>											
Pallid cuckoo ( <i>Cuculus pallidus</i> )	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		G c	Seasonal. Winter visitor
Fan-tailed cuckoo ( <i>Cacomantis pyrrhophanus</i> )	x	x	x	x		x				G c	Seasonal. Most common cuckoo
Horsfield bronze cuckoo ( <i>Chrysococcyx basalis</i> )						x					
Golden bronze cuckoo ( <i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i> )	x		x	x						c	Seasonal
<b>Owls</b>											
Boobook owl ( <i>Minox novaeseelandiae</i> )	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		G c	
Barn owl ( <i>Tyto alba</i> )	x	x	x							G r	
Masked owl ( <i>Tyto novaehollandiae</i> )		x								G r	
<b>Frogmouths</b>											
Tawny frogmouth ( <i>Podargus strigoides</i> )	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		G r	
Owlet-nightjar ( <i>Aegotheles cristatus</i> )	x	x		x					H	c	Common in jarrah
Spotted nightjar ( <i>Eurostopodus guttatus</i> )				x	x					r	
<b>Swifts</b>											
Fork-tailed swift ( <i>Apus pacificus</i> )			x							r	Occasionally seen near coast
<b>Kingfishers</b>											
Laughing kookaburra ( <i>Dacelo gigas</i> )	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		G vc	Introduced from Eastern States
Sacred kingfisher ( <i>Halcyon sancta</i> )	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	H	G c	

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<b>Fantails</b>													
Grey fantail ( <i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x			G vc		
Willy wagtail ( <i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x	OL		G c		
<b>Monarch Flycatcher</b>													
Restless flycatcher ( <i>Myiagra inquieta</i> )	x	x	?	x		x		x			G c		
<b>Whistlers and Shrike Thrushes</b>													
Golden whistler ( <i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x			G vc		
Rufous whistler ( <i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i> )	x	x	x	x				x			G c		
Western strike-thrush ( <i>Colluricincla rufiventris</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x	U		G c		
<b>Shrike Tits</b>													
Western shrike-tit ( <i>Falcunculus frontatus</i> )	x	x		x							r	In jarrah confined to south	
Crested bellbird ( <i>Oreoica gutturalis</i> )	?			x							?		
<b>Nuthatches</b>													
Black-capped sitella ( <i>Neositta pileata</i> )	x	x	x	x								G c	
<b>Australian Tree-Creeper</b>													
Rufous tree-creeper ( <i>Climacteris rufa</i> )	x	x	x	x		x			H			G c	
<b>Flower Peckers</b>													
Mistletoe-bird ( <i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i> )	x			x								L c	
Spotted pardalote ( <i>Paradalotus punctatus</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x				G c	
Striated pardalote ( <i>Paradalotus substriatus</i> )	x	x	x	x		x						G c	
<b>Silvereyes</b>													
Silvereye ( <i>Zosterops gouldi</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x				G vc	
<b>Honeyeaters</b>													
Brown honeyeater ( <i>Lichmera indistincta</i> )	x		x	x		x			OL			L c	
Singing honeyeater ( <i>Meliphaga virescens</i> )	x		x	x		x						L c	Only around settled areas in the south
Yellow-plumed honeyeater ( <i>Meliphaga ornata</i> )	x			x								?	Eastern fringe of jarrah
White-plumed honeyeater ( <i>Meliphaga penicillata</i> )					?							?	
White-naped honeyeater ( <i>Melithreptus lunatus</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x				G vc	
Brown-headed honeyeater ( <i>Melithreptus brevirostris</i> )	x			x								c	Not recorded in the south
Western spinebill ( <i>Acanthorhynchus superciliosus</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x				G c	
Tawny-crowned honeyeater ( <i>Gliciphila melanops</i> )				x		x						L c	
New Holland honeyeater ( <i>Phylidonyris novaehollandiae</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x				G vc	
White-cheeked honeyeater ( <i>Phylidonyris niger</i> )				x		x						r?	
Yellow-throated miner ( <i>Manorina flavigula</i> )					x							?	
Red wattle-bird ( <i>Anthochaera carunculata</i> )	x	x	x	x	x	x		x				G vc	
Little wattle-bird ( <i>Anthochaera chrysoptera</i> )	x	x	x	x	x	x		x				G c	

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<b>Bee-Eaters</b>											
Rainbow bee-eater ( <i>Merops ornatus</i> )	x		x	x				x	OL	L c	Common in the north
<b>Swallows</b>											
Welcome swallow ( <i>Hirundo neoxena</i> )	x		x	x		x	x	x		r	Near settlements and on coast
Tree martin ( <i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i> )	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	H	G vc	Common swallow
Fairy martin ( <i>Petrochelidon ariel</i> )	x			x						L r	Bickley
<b>Pipits</b>											
Australian pipit ( <i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i> )	x	x	x	x				x	OL	L vc	
<b>Cuckoo Shrikes</b>											
Blackfaced cuckoo-shrike ( <i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i> )	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		G c	Seasonal
White-winged triller ( <i>Lalage sueurii</i> )	x		?						OL	L r	
<b>Thrushes</b>											
Southern scrub-robin ( <i>Drymodes brunneopygia</i> )	x			x						?	In jarrah only in extreme south
<b>Quail Thrushes and Babblers</b>											
Chestnut quail-thrush ( <i>Cinclosoma castanotum</i> )				x						?	
White-browed babbler ( <i>Pomatostomus superciliosus</i> )	x	x		x						L c	In jarrah confined to the Sunklands
<b>Old World Warblers</b>											
Reed-warbler ( <i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i> )	x					x			U	r	
Brown songlark ( <i>Cincloramphus cruralis</i> )			x						OL	?	On forest edge
<b>Australian Warblers</b>											
Splendid wren ( <i>Malurus splendens</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x	U	G c	
Blue-breasted wren ( <i>Malurus pulcherrimus</i> )				x						?	
Red-winged wren ( <i>Malurus elegans</i> )	x	x				x		x	U	G c	
Southern emu-wren ( <i>Stipiturus malachurus</i> )	x	x				x			U	L c	
White-tailed warbler ( <i>Gerygone fusca</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x		G c	
Broad-tailed thornbill ( <i>Acanthiza apicalis</i> )	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		G vc	
Western thornbill ( <i>Acanthiza inornata</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x		G c	
Yellow-rumped thornbill ( <i>Acanthiza chrysorrhoa</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x	OL	L vc	
Spotted scrub-wren ( <i>Sericornis maculatus</i> )	x	x		x		x		x	U	G vc	In jarrah forest it is confined to swamps
Weebill ( <i>Smicronornis brevirostris</i> )	x	x	x	x						G c?	
Brown bristle-bird ( <i>Dasyornis brachypterus</i> )							?		U	L r	South coastal scrub
<b>Australian Chats</b>											
White-fronted chat ( <i>Epthianura albifrons</i> )	x	x		x				x		L r	Open farmland and estuary edges
<b>Old World Flycatchers</b>											
Scarlet robin ( <i>Petroica multicolor</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x		G vc	
Red-capped robin ( <i>Petroica goodenovii</i> )	x			x				x		G c	Rare in south
Hooded robin ( <i>Petroica cucullata</i> )	x			x		x				?	
Western yellow robin ( <i>Eopsaltria griseogularis</i> )	x	x	x	x				x		G c	
White-breasted robin ( <i>Eopsaltria georgiana</i> )	x	x	x	x		x		x	U	G vc	

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<b>Finches and Buntings</b>												
Goldfinch ( <i>Carduelis carduelis</i> )	x									L c	Perth area only Introduced	
Red-eared firetail ( <i>Emblema oculata</i> )	x	x	x	x		x			x	U	L c	
Red-browed finch ( <i>Aegintha temporalis</i> )	x										r	Bickley. Introduced
<b>Magpie Lark</b>												
Magpie lark ( <i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i> )	x	x	x	x		x			x	OL	G c	Seasonal
<b>Wood-Swallows</b>												
Black-faced wood-swallow ( <i>Artamus cinereus</i> )	x		x	x							r	
Dusky wood-swallow ( <i>Artamus cyanopterus</i> )	x	x	x	x		x			x		G c	Seasonal
<b>Australian Magpies</b>												
Squeaker or grey currawong ( <i>Strepera versicolor</i> )	x	x	x	x		x			x		G c	
Grey butcher-bird ( <i>Cracticus torquatus</i> )	x		x	x					x	OL	L c	
Western magpie ( <i>Gymnorhina dorsalis</i> )	x	x	x	x		x			x	OL	G c	
Raven ( <i>Corvus coronoides</i> )	x	x	x	x	x	x			x		G c	
Little crow ( <i>Crovis bennetti</i> )	x			x								