

# INTERSTATE REMOVAL OF BIRDS

For some time the Department of Fisheries and Fauna and the Agriculture Protection Board have recognised the need to draw up a complete list of exotic birds which should be the only species permitted to be brought into Western Australia for the purpose of aviculture.

The Department's concern over the importation of exotic species is that some could acclimatize and become a threat to established native Western Australian birds. The Agriculture Protection Board's concern is over exotic species which are potential pests to agriculture.

The Vermin Control and Fauna Conservation Co-ordinating Committee (which is an inter-departmental committee comprising officers of both Departments) has held lengthy discussions as to the composition of the list of bird species. Recognizing the fact that experienced aviculturists should have the opportunity of expressing their views, the Committee invited Western Australian avicultural societies to send representatives to discuss a provisional list. As a result the seven organisations represented at this meeting agreed to discuss the list with their members and subsequently to make submissions to the Committee as to any amendments they would like to see made.

It was expected, and was only natural, that some exotic species which did not appear on the list and were currently held by aviculturists would cause some concern. Aviculturists who had been keeping a particular exotic species for some years were sure to be perturbed at the thought of further breeding stock of this species becoming a prohibited import and of existing stock gradually being phased out. The submissions of aviculturists were discussed by the Committee and, as a result, some amendments were made. Despite being given the opportunity to suggest amendments it is likely that some aviculturists may remain unhappy about the final composition of the list. It is a well-known axiom that you cannot please everybody, so it should be emphasized that the Government has a responsibility not only to aviculturists but also to conserve our native fauna and protect primary industry from potential pests.

Aviculturists who feel that they can make out a case for a particular species to be added to the list, or for a species to be moved from one category to another, are advised that the door is still open and the list is flexible and subject to amendment if a reasonable case is presented.

At the time of going to press, the bird species which may be brought into the State and their classification within the conditions applying to the removal of birds interstate are as follows:

## A

Birds that may be imported if Department of Fisheries and Fauna approve license. (No Agriculture Protection Board permit required).

### EXOTIC SPECIES

#### COMMON NAME

Cuban Finch  
Olive Finch  
Jacarini Finch  
Red-crested Cardinal  
Cordon Bleu and Blue-breasted Waxbill  
Golden-breasted Waxbill  
African Fire-finch  
Lavender Finch  
Melba Finch  
Aurora Finch  
Domestic Canary  
Red-faced Parrot-Finch  
Silver Pheasant  
Lady Amherst's Pheasant  
Reeves Pheasant  
Peafowl  
Impeyan Pheasant  
Elliott's Pheasant  
Guinea Fowl  
Bleeding Heart Pigeon  
Swinhoe Pheasant  
Fire-backed Pheasant  
Golden Pheasant  
Copper Pheasant

#### SCIENTIFIC NAME

*Tiaris canora*  
*Tiaris olivacea*  
*Volatinia jacarini*  
*Paroara cucullata*  
*Estrilda angolensis*  
*Estrilda subflava*  
*Estrilda senegala*  
*Estrilda caerulescens*  
*Pytilia melba*  
*Pytilia phoenicoptera*  
*Serinus canarius*  
*Erythrura psittacea*  
*Lophura nycthemera*  
*Chrysolophus amherstiae*  
*Syrmaticus reevesii*  
*Pavo cristatus*  
*Lophura impayanus*  
*Syrmaticus ellioti*  
*Numida meleagris*  
*Gallicolumba luzonica*  
*Hierophasis swinhoei*  
*Lophura diardi*  
*Chrysolophus pictus*  
*Syrmaticus soemmeringii*

## AUSTRALIAN SPECIES

All Australian Birds (as per R.A.O.U. Checklist of the Birds of Australia) except the following species:

Diamond Firetail (Spotted Sided Finch)	<i>Emblema guttata</i>
(Diamond Sparrows)	
Beautiful Firetail	<i>Emblema bella</i>
Red-browed Waxbill	<i>Aegintha temporalis</i>
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>
Cape Barren Goose	<i>Cereopsis novaehollandiae</i>
Indian Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>
Senegal Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>
Spice Finch	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
White-tailed Black Cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus baudinii</i>
Corella, Little	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>
Wedge-tailed Eagle	<i>Aquila audax</i>
Emu	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>
Galah	<i>Cacatua roseicapilla</i>
Red-capped or W.A. King Parrot	<i>Purpureicephalus spurius</i>
Regent or Smoker Parrot	<i>Polytelis anthopeplus</i>
Western Rosella Parrot	<i>Platycercus icterotis</i>

### B

Birds that may be imported if permitted by Agriculture Protection Board and licensed by Department of Fisheries and Fauna.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Hooded Siskin	<i>Carduelis cucullatus</i>
Cut-throat Finch	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>
Orange-cheeked Waxbill	<i>Estrilda melpoda</i>
Ring-necked Pheasants and Varieties and Hybrids	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>
Eastern Rosella (Including Golden-mantled Rosella)	<i>Platycercus eximius</i>
Crimson Rosella (Red Lory)	<i>Platycercus elegans elegans</i>
Queensland King Parrot (King Lory)	<i>Aprosmictus scapularis</i>
Red-faced Lory (Little Lorikeet)	<i>Glossopsitta pusilla</i>
Whisk Lory (Musk Lorikeet)	<i>Glossopsitta concinna</i>
Scaly-breasted Lory	<i>Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus</i>
Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus moluccanus</i>
Tovi Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris jugularis</i>
Brown Parrot	<i>Poicepalus meyeri</i>
Red-breasted Parakeet (Moustached Parakeet)	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>
Indian Ringneck Parakeet	<i>Psittacula crameri</i>
Indian Ringneck Parakeet subspecies	<i>Psittacula crameri manillensis</i>

### C

Birds that may be imported subject to complying with health requirements of Department of Agriculture. No license required from Department of Fisheries and Fauna. No permit required from Agriculture Protection Board.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Domestic Fowl and all Bantams	* <i>Gallus gallus</i>
Domestic Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>

\*ADULT Domestic fowls may not be imported at present.