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Cape Barren Goose



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		CODE	
First column	Breeding records	B	
Second column	Species		
Third column	Relative abundance	C	Common
		M	Moderately common
		U	Uncommon
		Ra	Rare
Fourth column	Ecological status	R	Resident
		M	Migrant
		Vi	Visitor
		N	Nomad
		V	Vagrant
Fifth column	Preferred habitat	F	Farmland, mallee
		H	Heath, shrublands
		L	Lakes, swamps
		C	Coastal, estuaries
		O	Oceans
		also A of R	- species found on mainland and Archipelago of Recherche also recorded

CROWS, RAVENS

B Australian Raven	C R F	also A of R
Little Crow	Ra Vi F	Summer visitor
B Richard's Pipit	C R FH	also A of R

FINCHES

Zebra Finch	Ra V F	
B Red-eared Firetail	U R FH	also A of R
Mistletoebird	U Vi F	north of Peak Charles - Israelite Bay

SWALLOWS, MARTINS

White-backed Swallow	U N F	
Welcome Swallow	C R FH	also A of R
Tree Martin	C Vi FH	
Fairy Martin	Ra N F	

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

B Clamorous Reed-Warbler	U R L	
Little Grassbird	Ra R L	Shark L. '59. Cape le Grand '63
Rufous Songlark	Ra N F	Pine Hill (Cape Arid Nat Park)
B Brown Songlark	C N F	
B Silvereeye	C R F	also A of R
Common Starling	Ra FH	(70) 8 km S of Condingup '93 Coyle APB First reported (1) Esperance '70 (shot)

B Chestnut Quail-thrush	M R F	N of Peak Charles - Mt Ridley - Junana Rock
Varied Sittella	U R F	N of line Pyramid L. - Sheoak Hill - Junana Rock

WHISTLERS, FLYCATCHERS

B Crested Bellbird	U R F	N of line Upper Dalyup - Point Culver
B Golden Whistler	C R F	also A of R
Rufous Whistler	U Vi F	
B Grey Shrike-thrush	C R F	
B Restless Flycatcher	U R F	Breeding L. Mortijinup '95 Esp Birdwatchers
B Magpie-Lark	C R F/L	
Grey Fantail	M Vi F	
B Willie Wagtail	C R F	

CUCKOO-SHRIKES

B Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	C R F	also A of R
Ground Cuckoo-shrike	Ra N H	Israelite Bay
B White-winged Triller	U Vi F	

WOODSWALLOWS

Masked Woodswallow	U Vi F	
Black-faced Woodswallow	U R F	
Dusky Woodswallow	M R F	

BUTCHERBIRDS, CURRAWONG

B Grey Butcherbird	C R F	also A of R
Pied Butcherbird	Ra R F	extreme north
B Australian Magpie	C R FH	
B Grey Currawong	U R F	

B Emu	U R F/H	
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MOUNDBUILDERS, QUAILS

B Malleefowl	U R F/H	North of Peak Charles - Mt. Ridley - Pt. Malcolm
B Stubble Quail	U Vi F/H	also North Twin Peak I
B Brown Quail	M R H	breeding A of R

WATERFOWL

B Blue-billed Duck	Ra Vi L	Nest L. Mortjinup '86
B Musk Duck	C N L	
Freckled Duck '86	R N L	(6) L. Gore '86 Ewert. (10) Nambarup Sw Jaensch (51) L Mortjinup (11) L Wheatfield '86 Jaensch

B Black Swan	C Vi L	
B Cape Barren Goose	C R C/L	A or R Ewan's Lake. L. Warden
B Australian Shelduck	C R L/F	
B Australian Wood Duck	C Vi L	
B Pacific Black Duck	C Vi L	
B Australasian Shoveler	U Vi L	(1) breeding report L. Gore
B Grey Teal	C Vi L	
B Chestnut Teal	U R L	(1) breeding report L. Gore
B Pink-eared Duck	U Vi L	(1) breeding report Munglinup
Hardhead	U Vi L	

GREBES

B Australasian Grebe	C R L	
B Hoary-headed Grebe	C R L	(1) breeding report Thomas R.
Great Crested Grebe	M Vi L	

PENGUINS

Rockhopper Penguin	Ra Vi C	Few records. (2) Daw Esperance
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Fiordland Penguin Ra Vi C (1) b'washed Daw Esperance
 Erect-crested Penguin Ra Vi C (1) b'washed '72 Esperance
 B Little Penguin C R CO breeding A of R - coast

SEABIRDS

Southern Giant-Petrel Ra Vi O
 Northern Giant-Petrel Ra V O (2) Cape Le Grand. Banded Macquarie I.
 as nestlings
 B Great-winged Petrel M Vi O breeding A of R
 Blue Petrel b'washed Esperance '94 Dawson
 Antarctic Prion C Vi O small flocks
 Slender-billed Prion C Vi O often close to mainland
 Fairy Prion Ra Vi O often close to mainland - with
 Antarctic Prion at times
 B Flesh-footed Shearwater C Vi O breeds A of R
 B Short-tailed Shearwater C Vi O breeds A of R
 Fluttering Shearwater Ra Vi O (1) b'washed Daw '81 Esperance
 B Little Shearwater M Vi O breeds A of R
 Wandering Albatross M Vi O well offshore
 Black-browed Albatross M Vi OC sometimes close to shore.
 (1) Stokes Inlet 89 Newby
 Shy Albatross U Vi OC sometimes close to shore
 Yellow-nosed Albatross M Vi OC
 Wilson's Storm-Petrel Ra M OC observed during N migration
 B White-faced Storm-Petrel M M O well offshore. Breeding A of R.
 (1) Woody Island '95 Dawson

PELICANS, CORMORANTS, ALLIES

Australasian Gannet U Vi OC
 Darter Ra Vi CL
 Little Pied Cormorant M R CL

B Yellow-rumped Thornbill C R F
 Redthroat M R HF North of Peak Charles area - 90 Mile Tank
 Kumarl - Junana Rock

HONEYEATERS

B Red Wattlebird C R FH
 B Little Wattlebird C R FH
 Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater U N F South to Mt Ridley, very casual further S.
 B Yellow-throated Miner C R F
 B Singing Honeyeater M R FH also A of R
 White-eared Honeyeater M R FH
 Purple-gaped Honeyeater U R F Thomas River
 Yellow-plumed Honeyeater U R F
 B Brown-headed Honeyeater M R F Scadden
 White-naped Honeyeater M R F Stokes Inlet
 B Brown Honeyeater C R F
 New Holland Honeyeater C R FH also A of R
 White-cheeked Honeyeater U N FH
 White-fronted Honeyeater U N FH Israelite Bay
 Tawny-crowned Honeyeater C R H
 B Western Spinebill C R FH
 Crimson Chat Ra N FL
 B White-fronted Chat C N FLH

AUSTRALIAN ROBINS

B Jacky Winter U R F
 Scarlet Robin Ra R F

BABBLERS, QUAILTHRUSH

White-browed Babbler M R F

OWLS, FROGMOUTH

Barking Owl	Ra R F	(1) Swan Lagoon '75 Daw.
Southern Boobook	U R F	Recorded Cape Arid NP - north of Mt Ridley - SE to coast Shelly Beach
B Barn Owl	U N F	also A of R
B Tawny Frogmouth	C R F	
Spotted Nightjar	U R F	
Australian Owlet-nightjar	U R F	
Fork-tailed Swift	U Vi F/H	

KINGFISHERS, ALLIES

B Sacred Kingfisher	C Vi L	
B Rainbow Bee-eater	C M F/L	
Rufous Treecreeper	U R F	N of Kumarl - Dingo Rock - Junana Rock

FAIRY-WRENS

Splendid Fairy-wren	Ra R F/H	L. Wheatfield '50 Sedgewick
B Blue-breasted Fairy-wren	C R F/H	
B Southern Emu-wren	U R H	From Cape Le Grand east.

PARDALOTES, THORNBILLS, ALLIES

B Spotted Pardalote	U Vi F	also A of R
Yellow-rumped Pardalote	C R F	
Striated Pardalote	U Vi F	
B White-browed Scrubwren	C R H	also A of R
Shy Heathwren	U R F/H	Scadden
Rufous Fieldwren	U R F/H	Dalyup Inshore Is. - Israelite Bay
Weebill	U R F	
Western Gerygone	Ra Vi F	
B Inland Thornbill	C R F	
Chestnut-rumped Thornbill	C R H	N of Peak Charles - Kumarl '50 L Wheatfield

B Black-faced Cormorant	C R CO	A of R breeding
Pied Cormorant	U R C	
Little Black Cormorant	M R CL	casual A of R
Australian Pelican	U N C/L	
Greater Frigatebird	Ra V O	(1) Esperance Daw '86

HERONS, IBIS

B White-faced Heron	C Vi L	casual A of R
Little Egret	Ra V L	(1) L. Gore Jaensch '86 (1) L. Windabout (1) L. Warden - Dawson, Burgess '93
Eastern Reef Egret	U N C	Possible resident A of R. Only grey phase reported
B White-necked Heron	U N L	Breeding report - 6 nests Coolinup Swamp '84
B Great Egret	M N L	Breeding report - 6 nests Coolinup Swamp '84
Cattle Egret	R Vi F/L	Condungup '83. Esperance '59
B Nankeen Night Heron	U N L	60 nests Coolinup Swamp '89 Vervest
B Little Bittern	Ra R L	Nest in swamp Condungup - Jaensch '83, '85
Australasian Bittern	Ra N L	(4) Charsley's Swamp '88 Jaensch
Glossy Ibis	Ra V L	three east of Esperance - Hobcroft '84
Straw-necked Ibis	U V	
Australian White Ibis	Ra V L	Shark Lake '83. Usually single birds
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	U V L	(1) Coolinup Swamp '89 Jaensch. Mullet L. 83 Daw

HAWKS, EAGLES, FALCONS

Osprey	Ra R C	also A of R
B Black-shouldered Kite	C R F	
Letter-winged Kite	Ra Vi F	Eight at Dalyup '53

Square-tailed Kite	U N F	
Black-breasted Buzzard	Ra V F	(1) Peak Charles '90 Nevill
Black Kite	Ra V F	Sightings Stokes Inlet
B Whistling Kite	C R F	
B White-bellied Sea-Eagle	C R O/C	also A of R
Spotted Harrier	U V F	Israelite Bay
Swamp Harrier	C R L	Mullet L.
Brown Goshawk	M R F	also A of R
Collared Sparrowhawk	U R F	
Wedge-tailed Eagle	C R F/H	also A of R
Little Eagle	U F F	S to Circle Valley
Brown Falcon	M R F	Charlie Is
Australian Hobby	U N F	Israelite Bay
Black Falcon	R Vi F	
B Peregrine Falcon	M R C	also A of R
B Nankeen Kestrel	C R F/H	also A of R. Nesting granite limestone crevices

RAILS, CRAKES, BUSTARD

Buff-banded Rail	Ra R L	A of R - Shark L. (3) Cape Le Grand, '94 Rose
Baillon's Crake	U R L	
Australian Spotted Crake	U R L	
Spotless Crake	U R L	also A of R
B Purple Swamphen	M N L	
Dusky Moorhen	Ra V L	(2) Racecourse L. Daw '85
B Black-tailed Native-hen	U N L	
B Eurasian Coot	C R L	
Australian Bustard	U N F	

PIGEONS, DOVES

B Common Bronzewing	C R F	
B Brush Bronzewing	U R F/H	also A of R
B Crested Pigeon	C R F/H	

COCKATOOS, PARROTS

Short-billed Black-Cockatoo	U R F	
Galah	U R F	Northern area. No record up to '76.
Major Mitchell's Cockatoo	Ra V F	
Purple-crowned Lorikeet	U N F	
Regent Parrot	U N F	Esperance rare. N of line Young River - Mt Beaumont
Western Rosella	Ra R F	South to Peak Charles - Red Lake
B Australian Ringneck	C R F	
B Red-capped Parrot	U R F	
Mulga Parrot	Ra V F	South to Kumarl - Sheoak Hill
Budgerigar	Ra N F	Irregular - wet years. Junana Rock - Sheoak Hill
Elegant Parrot	U R F	
Rock Parrot	C R C	also A of R
Scarlet-chested Parrot	Ra Vi F	Irregular. Junana Rock
Ground Parrot	U R C	Mount Arid

CUCKOOS

Pallid Cuckoo	U Vi F	
B Fan-tailed Cuckoo	C R F	also A of R
Black-eared Cuckoo	Ra M F	N of Pine Hill - Salmon Gums. (1) Peak Charles Napier '94
B Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	U Vi F	
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	U M F	

B Pied Oystercatcher	M R C
B Sooty Oystercatcher	C R C also A of R
Black-winged Stilt	M Vi LC
Banded Stilt	C Vi LC (10 000) L. Gore '83 Jaensch
B Red-necked Avocet	M Vi L
Pacific Golden Plover	Ra M LC (1) L. Gore 81-85 surveys
Grey Plover	U M C Mullet Lake - casual
B Red-capped Plover	C R C
Double-banded Plover	Ra Vi CL Jan-Aug
Greater Sand Plover	Ra M C
Inland Dotterel	U N LF Boyatup Hill
B Black-fronted Dotterel	C R L
B Hooded Plover	C RMLC
Red-kneed Dotterel	Ra N L
Banded Lapwing	C N F Middle I. casual
Masked Lapwing	Ra V C (1) Stokes Inlet '86

SKUAS, GULLS, TERNS

Great Skua	U Vi O usually single
Arctic Jaeger	Ra V O (1) Daw I. '47
B Pacific Gull	C R CL
Kelp Gull	U Vi C single birds Esperance
B Silver Gull	C R CL also A of R
Franklin's Gull	Ra V C (1) New Jetty '95 Dawson
Gull-billed Tern	Ra Vi C
Arctic Tern	Ra M C (1) Esperance - passage migrant
Caspian Tern	M R CL
Crested Tern	C R C
B Fairy Tern	U M C also A of R. Breeding Stokes Inlet
Whiskered Tern	M Vi L

BUTTON-QUAILS

Little Button-quail	U N F Cape Arid
Painted Button-quail	U R H Cape Arid - Newbey. Cape Le Grand - Dell '75. 40 km E of Esperance - Hobcroft

WADERS

Black-tailed Godwit	Ra M L L. Gore - Mullet L. - Ewan's L. Few reports
Bar-tailed Godwit	U M L
Whimbrel	Ra M CL (9) records - single birds - Woody L. '82 Daw
Eastern Curlew	Ra M CL four single reports - Stokes Inlet '83
Marsh Sandpiper	Ra M L
Common Greenshank	M M LC
Wood Sandpiper	M M LC
Terek Sandpiper	U M C (1) Mullet L '83 Jaensch. (3) Pt Malcolm '82
Common Sandpiper	M M CL
Grey-tailed Tattler	Ra M C
Ruddy Turnstone	U M C
Great Knot	U M CL
Red Knot	M M CL
Sanderling	M M C (13) Lake Gore '83 Jaensch
Red-necked Stint	C M LC
Long-toed Stint	Ra M L L. Gore '84. L. Warden '85
Pectoral Sandpiper	Ra V L (6) L. Warden '83 Jaensch
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	M M LC
Curlew Sandpiper	M M LC
Dunlin	Ra M C (1) Stokes Inlet '85 Daw
Broad-billed Sandpiper	Ra Vi C (1) L. Warden '82 Jaensch. (1) Coramup Cr. '83 Daw

