

## WATERFOWL

Ducks and swans are highly nomadic, moving to wetlands that have suitable conditions for gathering food and for breeding.

**Blue-billed Duck** - (Ra Vi)



**Musk Duck** - usually seen in deep water, where they dive for food (B C)



**Australian Shell Duck** - needs fresh water to feed on plants and invertebrates. They nest in tree hollows (B C)

**Australian Wood Duck** - they can often be seen on the lawn and have the appearance of a small fine goose (B C)



**Australasian Shoveler** - (U Vi)

**Grey Teal** - highly nomadic (B C) also resident

**Hardhead** - (Ra Vi)

**Pink-eared Duck** - (U Vi)



**Pacific Black Duck** - the most common duck in the Perth area and most numerous in summer (B C R/Vi)

## HERONS, IBIS

**White-faced Heron** - nomadic waterbirds usually solitary or in pairs, feeding in shallow fresh water or grasslands (M No)



**White-necked Heron** - from north WA Vi - Sp (Vi)(M No)



**Great Egret** - usually solitary, feeding in shallow water (U)

**Nankeen Night Heron** - nocturnal. Live in small colonies (B C R)

**Australian Bittern** - (Ra)

**Australian White Ibis** - first recorded in south-west in 1952. Numbers now rapidly increasing (C No)



**Straw-necked Ibis** - first south-west record 1892 (C No)



**Yellow-billed Spoonbill** - note how they feed, by sweeping their bills through the water for aquatic animals (B M)

## HARRIERS

**Swamp Harrier** - sails low over swamps on upswept wings in search of prey (M)



**Buff-banded Rail** - seen more often in summer feeding in the rushes (No U)



**Baillon's Crake** - (No U)  
**Spotless Crake** - (No U)

## CRAKES, RAILS



**Purple Swamphen** - seen clambering through reeds or on lawns. They live in family groups or pairs (B C R)

**Dusky Moorhen** - (B C R)  
**Black-tailed Native Hen** - (No U)

**Eurasian Coot** - the coot feeds on water plants and insects as well as on grass and lawns (B C R)



## GREBES

Australasian Grebe - (B M)  
Hoary-headed Grebe - (No U)

Great Crested Grebe - (UB Vi)



## PELICANS, CORMORANTS



**Darter** - its stiletto-type bill is used for impaling fish (U Vi)

**Little Pied Cormorant** - usually fishes alone. Note its stubby, yellow bill (CR)



**Pied Cormorant** - (Ra Vi)  
**Little Black Cormorant** - (CR)  
**Great Cormorant** - (U Vi)



**Australian Pelican** - highly nomadic. They fly in spectacular lines or vees, slow wheeling to great heights (C Vi)

## WADERS

**Black-winged Stilt** - seen in shallow water in search of small aquatic plants (No C)



**Black-fronted Dotterel** - (Ra Vi)

## GULLS, TERNS

**Silver Gull** - (U Vi)  
**Caspian Tern** - (Ra Vi)  
**Crested Tern** - (Ra Vi)

## OLD WORLD WARBLERS

**Clamorous Reed-Warbler** - lives in the reeds



**Little Grassbird** - found in wet rushland near water and heard more often than seen 'p-pee-pee' (MR)

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# WETLAND BIRDS OF YANCHEP NATIONAL PARK

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*Black Swan*



A chain of coastal lakes and swamps stretches almost the entire length of the park. There are also reeds and rushes to make this an ideal habitat for the water birds recorded in this guide.

Follow the Wetlands Walk Trail around the lake and see how many of these birds you can identify. For bush birds, please see the bush bird guide.

| Status                      | CODE                  | Abundance          | Season |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|
| <b>B</b> - breeding in park | <b>C</b> - common     | <b>Sp</b> - spring |        |
| <b>R</b> - resident         | <b>M</b> - mod common | <b>Wi</b> - winter |        |
| <b>Vi</b> - visitor         | <b>U</b> - uncommon   |                    |        |
| <b>No</b> - nomadic         | <b>Ra</b> - rare      |                    |        |

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