

BIRDS OF SHERWOOD ARBORETUM – December 2008 (not quite in proper order)

This list of the bird fauna of Sherwood Arboretum was compiled by Hugh Possingham, Pete Kyne, Mat Gilfedder, Rebecca Stroud, David Niland, Chris Sanderson, David Putland, Jason Buchan, and James Nicholls (Department of Zoology and Entomology, The University of Queensland): www.ecology.uq.edu.au Total **156** species (including feral chicken, mallard, rose-ringed parakeet and goose which are not on the Australian list of naturalised species). The list continues to grow, Varied Triller, Variegated Fairy-wren both commonly occur along Oxley Creek and should appear. Many species have only one or two records. **A 1-2 hour walk in spring will usually uncover 45-55 species**, about ten less in late summer, autumn and winter. Observations were conducted between September 1998 and the present. A number indicates a rough measure of current abundance for regular species. Percentages represent rough chance of observation in a 1-2 hour visit. **Codes:** *B* indicates breeding, *fo* is flying over.

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	Common Name	Scientific Name	Notes
1.	Australian brush turkey	<i>Alectura lathami</i>	20%, mainly in gardens nearby, becoming more common in park
2.	Red junglefowl*	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	once on the middle island, gone by 2002 (yes, this is a chicken)
3.	Black swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	two flying over 13 May 08
4.	Magpie goose	<i>Anseranas semipalmata</i>	20%, 3 on 15 Jun 2006, 16 from 15 Jun 07 to early 08, B
5.	Maned wood duck	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>	90%, normally 5-10, up to 30 2002
6.	Grey teal	<i>Anas gracilis</i>	40%, 1-3 June 2000-2001, 1 June 2002; three often 2006
7.	Hardhead (white-eyed duck)	<i>Aythya australis</i>	75%, 6-10 since early 2001, appears and disappears
8.	Pacific black duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	100%, 10-30, B
9.	Mallard*	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	several, recently reduced, one still 2007
10.	Domestic goose*	several, gone by 2004, still none 2008	
11.	Domestic duck*	several, one or two 2005, gone 2008	
12.	Australasian grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>	75%, usually 4-8 – all year, sometimes strangely absent
13.	Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	20%, only 1 or 2 birds,
14.	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Sept 2003, 10 Aug 2005 (MG) 28 Dec 2006 (MG)
15.	Little black cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	80%, usually 1-8, also roost and now B
16.	Little pied cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i>	80%, usually 1-5, also roost and now B
17.	Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax varius</i>	Second record – July 2003
18.	Australian pelican	<i>Pelicanus conspicillatus</i>	25%, occasional, one or two here or nearby in river
19.	White-faced heron	<i>Ardea novehollandiae</i>	10%, occasional
20.	White-necked heron	<i>Ardea pacifica</i>	very rare, flew over June 2003
21.	Little egret	<i>Ardea garzetta</i>	5%, uncommon, enigmatic,
22.	Intermediate egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	50%, often 1 or 2
23.	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	30%, increasing, Aug 2003, early 2005, more 2006-7
24.	Cattle egret	<i>Ardea ibis</i>	40%, about 10 used to roost on nth island, roost gone 2006, 60%, usually fo
25.	Nankeen night heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>	rarely 1 or 2
26.	Striated heron	<i>Ardeola striatus</i>	10%, uncommon (hard to see) mainly along Brisbane river
27.	Little bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutes</i>	present some summers, but hard to see, up to 6, <10%, none 2007
28.	Black bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i>	very rare, only two records for last 8 years, one 9/8/08 and 2/10/08
29.	Australian white (sacred) ibis	<i>Threskiornis molucca</i>	100%, once only 1-15, but by 2007 there are c80 and nesting, B
30.	Straw-necked ibis	<i>Threskiornis spinicollis</i>	30%, a few over winter, otherwise odd birds, often fo, 30%
31.	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	one record, 25 Feb 2007 one (RS)

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32.	Royal spoonbill	Platalea regia	30%, occasionally, more regular 2002-3
33.	Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	one on river 1 Sep 2007, one fo 15 Feb 2009
34.	Brahminy kite	Milvus indus	15%, most common bird of prey, mainly along river
35.	Black Kite	Milvus migrans	one 4 May 2007 (PK)
36.	Wedge-tailed eagle	Aquila audax	very rare, last record Sep 13 2007, (MG)
37.	White-bellied sea-eagle	Haliaeetus leucogaster	rare, July 2003 twice, Sep 13 2007 (MG)
38.	Pacific baza	Aviceda subcristata	Odd birds, mainly winter/spring, 31/8/08
39.	Collared sparrowhawk	Accipiter cirrhocephalus	10%, uncommon
40.	Brown goshawk	Accipiter fasciatus	15%, uncommon
41.	Grey Goshawk	Accipiter novaehollandiae	one, 1 and 8 Sep 07, Mar 08
42.	Australian (nankeen) kestrel	Falco cenchroides	rare, I know of no recent record
43.	Australian hobby	Falco longipennis	<10%, occasional,
44.	Peregrine falcon	Falco peregrinus	<10%, occasional,
45.	Brown falcon	Falco berigora	very rare, I know of no recent record
46.	Baillon's crane	Porzana pusilla	rare, some years can be very conspicuous, esp spring, occassional
47.	Spotless crane	Porzana tabuensis	rare, can be up to 6, hard to see; two regular early 2007
48.	Australian (spotted) crane	Porzana fluminea	very rare, no recent records
49.	Buff-banded rail	Gallirallus philippensis	20%, but hard to see, often heard, B
50.	Bush hen	Amaurornis (Gallinula) olivacea	several records but hard to see
51.	Lewin's rail	Rallus pectoralis	very rare, 3 records 2001-02; 15 June 2006
52.	Dusky moorhen	Gallinula tenebrosa	100%, 15-40, B
53.	Purple swamphen (pukeko)	Porphyrio porphyrio	100%, 15-30, possibly increasing, B
54.	Eurasian coot	Fulica atra	50%, once rare, 1 June 2002, sev 2004-5, 2006-7 5-20, gone late 2007
55.	Comb-crested jacana	Irediparra gallinacea	very rare, I know of no recent records
56.	Bush thick-knee (curlew)	Burhinus grallarius	often heard in evening
57.	Masked lapwing	Vanellus miles	60%, 2-4
58.	Painted snipe	Rostratula benghalensis	very very rare, I know of no recent records
59.	Silver gull	Larus novaehollandiae	Sep 2007, several to fifteen on a few occasions on river
60.	Gull-billed tern	Sterna nilotica	3 along river August 2001
61.	Caspian tern	Sterna caspia	several along river Aug-Oct 2007, Apr, May 2008
62.	Crested pigeon	Geophaps lophotes	95%, 5-10
63.	Wompoo fruit-dove	Ptilinopus magnificus	June 2005, (MR); one or two July-Oct 2007 in figs
64.	Brown cuckoo-dove	Macropygia amboinensis	very rare, I know of no recent record
65.	Spotted turtledove*	Streptopelia chinensis	95%, 3-15, B
66.	Bar-shouldered dove	Geopelia humeralis	60%, First record May 2002, then winter 2005, now odd birds
67.	Rock dove (domestic pigeon)*	Columba livia	30%, often flying over
68.	White-headed pigeon	Columba leucomela	20%, now regular esp north end of park, B 2001, 2006, 2008, autumn?
69.	Diamond Dove	Geopelia cuneata	one on 2 Feb 2007 (MG), heard Dec 2007
70.	<i>Rose-ringed Parakeet</i>	<i>one 4 May 2007 (PK)</i>	
71.	Sulphur-crested cockatoo	Cacatua galerita	75%, 2-6,
72.	Yellow-tailed black cockatoo	Calyptorhynchus funereus	very rare, no recent record
73.	Galah	Cacatua roseicapilla	55%, often, esp flying over, B,

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74.	Little corella	<i>Cacatua pastinator</i>	60%, becoming more common, often flying over in big flocks
75.	Long-billed corella	<i>Cacatua tenuirostris</i>	1-2 sometimes with little corella, maybe also western corella
76.	Cockatiel	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	July 2007
77.	Rainbow lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	85%, common, 2-25
78.	Scaly-breasted lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus</i>	85%, common, 5-50
79.	Little lorikeet	<i>Glossopsitta pusilla</i>	25%, seasonal, mainly in spring, often in flocks of 10+
80.	King parrot	<i>Alisterus scapularis</i>	35%, birds in ones and twos
81.	Pale-headed rosella	<i>Platycercus adscitus</i>	80%, 2-6, common,
82.	Common koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>	30%, not winter, 1 or 2 usually heard
83.	Channel-billed cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	30%, not winter, 1 to 5, usually heard (also 30/6/06), figs
84.	Pheasant coucal	<i>Centropus phasianinus</i>	40%, common, 1-4 (often heard in spring, early summer)
85.	Fan-tailed cuckoo	<i>Cuculus flabelliformis</i>	rare, no recent records
86.	Brush cuckoo	<i>Cuculus variolosus</i>	1 May 02 and 24 Dec 08 (HP)
87.	Shining bronze-cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>	Stewart rec (<1996); 21 Sep 07 (PK, CS)
88.	Tawny frogmouth	<i>Podargus strigoides</i>	hard to find but probably present most of time, B
89.	Southern boobook	<i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>	often heard at night
90.	Laughing kookaburra	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>	60%, 2-6
91.	Sacred kingfisher	<i>Todirhampus sancta</i>	30%, in ones and twos, often along river, can overwinter
92.	Forest kingfisher	<i>Todirhampus macleayii</i>	uncommon 1-2, often for a while, winter, 9 Sept 07
93.	Azure kingfisher	<i>Alcedo azurea</i>	uncommon, 1-2, often for a while, mainly winter
94.	Rainbow bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	15%, often over river, or flying over in evening
95.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	10%, occasional, not winter,
96.	White-throated needletail	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	<10%, occasional visitor, summer
97.	Fork-tailed swift	<i>Apus pacificus</i>	27 March 2005 five (HP); 5 Jan 2006 thirty (MG)
98.	Red-backed fairy-wren	<i>Malurus melanocephalus</i>	70%, one party regular along river, 50%, inc. to 2 or 3 flocks in 2008
99.	White-browed scrub-wren	<i>Sericornis frontalis</i>	30%, not on early lists, along river
100.	Striated pardalote	<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>	70%, generally in the gums along river
101.	Mangrove gerygone	<i>Gerygone levigaster</i>	10%, occasional along river, more often heard
102.	Little friarbird	<i>Philemon citreogularis</i>	50%, usually on islands, 2-5, many in April 2002, B
103.	Noisy friarbird	<i>Philemon corniculatus</i>	20%, normally in ones and twos but, 5-25 winter 2002, winter influx
104.	Blue-faced honeyeater	<i>Entomyzon cyanotis</i>	60%, usually 2-7, B
105.	Noisy miner	<i>Manorina melanocephala</i>	100%, abundant, breeding, 20-40
106.	Yellow-faced honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus Chrysops</i>	common in winter 2002, not 2003 or 2004, few 2005, none recently
107.	Brown honeyeater	<i>Lichmera indistincta</i>	90%, 5-15, especially on islands on coral trees
108.	Lewin's honeyeater	<i>Meliphaga lewinii</i>	one 2007 (MG), 8 Sep 08 (HP) regular south down river
109.	Striped honeyeater	<i>Plectorhyncha lanceolata</i>	rare, 1 May-June 2002; one in 06, Aug and Sep 07
110.	Scarlet honeyeater	<i>Myzomela sanguinolenta</i>	<10%, uncommon visitor, especially August
111.	Rose robin	<i>Petroica rosea</i>	1 May 02
112.	Eastern whipbird	<i>Psophodes olivaceus</i>	40%, often 1-2 along river, rarely seen
113.	Golden whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>	25%, several during winter
114.	Rufous whistler	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>	30%, mainly (only) winter
115.	Grey shrike-thrush	<i>Coluricincla harmonica</i>	25%, mainly river, sometimes on islands, all year

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116.	Black-faced monarch	<i>Monarcha melanopsis</i>	rare visitor, 12 Oct 07, 29 Sept 08
117.	Spectacled Monarch	<i>Monarcha trivirgatus</i>	21 Sep 07 (PK, CS); Oct 12 07 (HP)
118.	Leaden flycatcher	<i>Myiagra rubecula</i>	<10%, uncommon visitor, April 01, odd other birds
119.	Willie wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	100%, usually 2-6, B
120.	Grey fantail	<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i>	45%, 2-6 over winter only
121.	Rufous fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>	5 Nov 07 (HP); 31 Aug 08, 8 Sep 08 (HP) only river in mangroves
122.	Spangled drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>	30% not resident
123.	Australian magpie-lark	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	90%, 2-6 B
124.	Black-faced cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	75%, 2-6
125.	Cicadabird	<i>Coracina tenuirostris</i>	very rare, no recent record
126.	Barred Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina lineate</i>	Oct 04 six(juvs); 10 Apr 06; 25 Feb 07, 8 Dec 04, 2-4 Nov 05, 11 Mar 06, 1 Mar 09
127.	White-winged triller	<i>Lalage tricolor</i>	rare visitor, 2 Nov 3 01; 14 Oct 04; 12 Oct 07
128.	Figbird	<i>Sphecotheres viridis</i>	95%, very common, 5-35
129.	Olive-backed Oriole	<i>Oriolus sagittatus</i>	50%, common, 2-5, quiet in winter but probably present
130.	White-breasted woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	60%, rarely winter, 5-20, 2-3 regular over summer, B
131.	Grey butcherbird	<i>Cracticus torquatus</i>	85%, 2-4
132.	Pied butcherbird	<i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i>	90%, 2-6
133.	Australian magpie	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>	90%, 2-6
134.	Pied currawong	<i>Strepera gracilina</i>	60%, increasing from 20% and now regular, often heard in distance
135.	Torresian crow	<i>Corvus orru</i>	90%, 2-10
136.	Doubled-barred finch	<i>Taeniopygia bichenovi</i>	rare old recs, only recent record: 13 Dec 2005 group (MG)
137.	Plum-headed finch	<i>Neochmia modesta</i>	three in 2006 (Cathy)
138.	Nutmeg mannikin	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	rare, 3 summer 2002/3, again 2005
139.	Chestnut-breasted mannikin	<i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i>	rare, old recs plus: 15/10/06, 7/11/06 two (MG), 11/08 (HP) nest?
140.	House sparrow*	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	locally extinct?, last seen 2001
141.	Mistletoebird	<i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i>	30%, especially casuarinas along river, south end
142.	Welcome swallow	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	90%, 5-10, river and ponds
143.	Tree martin	<i>Hirundo nigricans</i>	35%, more likely in summer?, 2-10,
144.	Fairy martin	<i>Hirundo ariel</i>	20%, more likely in summer?, 2-10,
145.	Clamorous reed-warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>	70%, common, 10-20, rare or hard to find in winter
146.	Little grassbird	<i>Megalurus gramineus</i>	uncommon, seasonal, none recently; 7 Sep 2005 most recent
147.	Tawny grassbird	<i>Megalurus timoriensis</i>	Oct 2001; then a bird near causeway Dec 04-Oct 05; Nov 06
148.	Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	60%, sporadic, can be many, often on islands
149.	Common starling*	<i>Sturnus vulgaris tristis</i>	<10%, strangely uncommon
150.	Common (Indian) mynah*	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	80%, increasing from 50%, up to 12 birds, B

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	Common Name	Scientific Name	Notes
	Plumed whistling duck	<i>Dendrocygna eytoni</i>	
	Black-fronted dotterel	<i>Euseyornis melanops</i>	
	Superb fairy-wren	<i>Malurus cyaneus</i>	common along Oxley creek
	Yellow thornbill	<i>Acanthiza nana</i>	I know of no local pops, a strange record
	White-throated honeyeater	<i>Melithreptus albogularis</i>	common in Toohey Forest
	Golden-headed cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis</i>	very common, Oxley Common

The Birds Australia Atlas data has records of Variegated Fairy-wren, Grey-crowned Babbler and Bell Miner. I have not included these although Variegated fairy-wren should turn up.