

# Flinders Chase National Park

## List of birds

The following list includes all bird species known from Flinders Chase National Park. 126 are listed (including two native to Australia but introduced to Kangaroo Island, and four introduced to Australia). The species range from the extremely common, to those known from only a few sightings. It is worth remembering that some birds are migratory and can be seen only at certain times of the year (for example many of the coastal seabirds are seen only in the winter months).

An invaluable source of information for any keen birdwatcher is *Birds of Kangaroo Island – A Photographic Field Guide* by Chris Baxter (2015, ATF Press).

Nomenclature and sequence in this bird list has been taken from *An annotated list of the birds of Kangaroo Island* by Chris Baxter (1995, National Parks and Wildlife Service), which follows Christidis and Boles (1995) *The Taxonomy and Species of Birds of Australia and its Territories*. The details on bird status and habitat preference for Kangaroo Island have been taken from Baxter (2005) (see key on last page for explanations).

COMMON NAME	SPECIES NAME	STATUS AND HABITAT ON KANGAROO ISLAND
<b>MEGAPODIIDAE – Mound builders</b>		
# Australian Brush-turkey	<i>Alectura lathami</i>	A, M, B, 4, 6
<b>ANATIDAE – Swans, ducks &amp; geese</b>		
Musk Duck	<i>Biziura lobata</i>	A, M, B, 2, 3
Black Swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	A, H, B, 2, 3, (7)
# Cape Barren Goose	<i>Cereopsis novaehollandiae</i>	A, M, B, (2), 3, 7
Australian Shelduck (Mountain Duck)	<i>Tadorna tadornoides</i>	A, H, B, 2, 3, 7
Australian Wood Duck	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>	A, M, B, 3, 7
Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	A, H, B, 2, 3
Grey Teal	<i>Anas gracilis</i>	A, H, B, 2, 3
Chestnut Teal	<i>Anas castanea</i>	A, H, B, 2, 3
<b>PODICIPEDIDAE – Grebes</b>		
Australasian Grebe (Little Grebe)	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>	A, M, B, (2), 3
<b>SPHENISCIDAE – Penguins</b>		
Little Penguin	<i>Eudyptula minor</i>	A, H, B, 2
<b>PROCELLARIIDAE – Shearwaters, petrels and allies</b>		
Southern Giant-Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	W*, M, N, 1, 2
Cape Petrel	<i>Daption capense</i>	W*, L, N, 1, (2)
Fleshy-footed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus carneipes</i>	S*, H, N, 1, 2
Short-tailed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus tenuirostris</i>	S*, H, N, 1, 2
Fluttering Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gavia</i>	W*, H, N, 1, 2
<b>DIOMEDEIDAE – Albatrosses</b>		
Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>	S*, L, N, 1, (2)
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Diomedea melanophris</i>	W*, H, N, 1, 2
Shy Albatross	<i>Diomedea cauta</i>	S*, M, N, 1, (2)
Yellow-nosed Albatross	<i>Diomedea chlororhynchos</i>	W*, H, N, 1, 2
<b>HYDROBATIDAE – Storm-petrels</b>		
White-faced Storm-Petrel	<i>Pelagodroma marina</i>	S*, L-M, B, 1, 2
<b>SULIDAE – Gannets and boobies</b>		
Australasian Gannet	<i>Morus serrator</i>	W*, H, N, 1, 2
<b>PHALACROCORACIDAE - Cormorants</b>		
Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i>	A, M-H, B, 2, 3
Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax varius</i>	A, H, B, 2, (3)
Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	A, L, B, 2, (3)
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	A, L, ?B, 2, (3)
<b>ARDEIDAE – Herons, egrets, night herons</b>		
White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	A, M, B, 2, 3, 7
Nankeen (Rufous) Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>	A, L, N, 2, 3



<b>THRESKIORNITHIDAE – Ibises and spoonbills</b>		
Australian White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis molucca</i>	A, M-H, B, 2, 3, 7
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	<i>Platalea flavipes</i>	A, S*, L, B, (2), 3
<b>ACCIPTRIDAE – Kites, hawks and eagles</b>		
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	A, L, B, 2
Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus axillaris</i>	A, L-M, B, (2), (4), (5), 7
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	A, L, B, 2, (3), (7)
Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>	A, M, B, (2), 3, (4-5), 7
Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>	A, M, B, 3-7
Collared Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter cirrhocephalus</i>	A, M, B, 3-6, (7)
Wedge-tailed Eagle	<i>Aquila audax</i>	A, M, B, (2-5), 6, 7
<b>FALCONIDAE - Falcons</b>		
Brown Falcon	<i>Falco berigora</i>	A, L, B, (2-6), 7
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	A, L, B, 2, (3-8)
Nankeen Kestrel	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>	A, M-H, B, 2, (3-6), 7
<b>RALLIDAE – Rails, crakes and allies</b>		
Lewin's Rail	<i>Rallus pectoralis</i>	O, F, ?B, 3
Australian Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana fluminea</i>	S*, L, B, (2), 3
Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	A, M, B, 3
Dusky Moorhen	<i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i>	A, M, B, 2, 3
Black-tailed Native-hen	<i>Gallinula ventralis</i>	Ir, S*, M-H, B, 3, (7)
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	A, H, B, 2, 3
<b>TURNICIDAE – Button-quails</b>		
Painted Button-quail	<i>Turnix varia</i>	A, M, B, 4, 5, (6)
<b>SCOLOPACIDAE – Sandpipers and allies</b>		
Latham's Snipe	<i>Gallinago hardwickii</i>	S, L, N, 3
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	S*, M, N, 2, 3
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	S*, M, N, 2
Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	S*, H, N, 2, 3
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	S*, H, N, 2, 3
<b>BURHINIDAE – Stone-curlews</b>		
Bush Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus grallarius</i>	A, M, B, (2), (4-6), 7
<b>HAEMATOPODIDAE – Oystercatchers</b>		
Sooty Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus fuliginosus</i>	A, H, B, 2, (3)
<b>CHARADRIIDAE – Plovers and dotterels</b>		
Red-capped Plover	<i>Charadrius ruficapillus</i>	A, H, B, 2, 3
Black-fronted Dotterel	<i>Elsayornis melanops</i>	A, M, B, (2), 3, (7)
Hooded Plover	<i>Thinornis rubricollis</i>	A, M, B, 2, (3)
Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>	A, H, B, 2, 3, 7
<b>LARIDAE – Skuas, gulls and terns</b>		
Pacific Gull	<i>Larus pacificus</i>	A, M, B, 2
Silver Gull	<i>Larus novaehollandiae</i>	A, H, B, 2, (3), (7)
Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bergii</i>	A, H, B, 2
Fairy Tern	<i>Sterna nereis</i>	A, M, B, 2
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	S, M, N, (2), 3
<b>COLUMBIDAE – Pigeons and doves</b>		
Common Bronzewing	<i>Phaps chalcoptera</i>	A, M, B, (4-6), 7
Brush Bronzewing	<i>Phaps elegans</i>	A, M, B, 4-6, (7)
<b>CACATUIDAE – Cockatoos</b>		
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus lathami</i>	A, L, B, 6, 8
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus funereus</i>	A, M-H, B, (4), 5, 6, (7)
Galah	<i>Cacatua roseicapilla</i>	A, H, B, 2, 6, 7
Little Corella	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>	A, M, B, (2), (6), 7
<b>PSITTACIDAE – Parrots and allies</b>		
Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	A, H, B, 4-6
Purple-crowned Lorikeet	<i>Glossopsitta porphyrocephala</i>	A, M-H, 4-6
Crimson Rosella	<i>Platyercus elegans</i>	A, H, B, 4-7
Elegant Parrot	<i>Neophema elegans</i>	S*, M, (4), 5-7



Rock Parrot	<i>Neophema petrophila</i>	S+W, M, N, 2
<b>CUCULIDAE – Cuckoos</b>		
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>	S*, M, B, 4-8
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx basalis</i>	S, M, B, 4, 5, (6)
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>	S, M, B, (3-5), 6
<b>STRIGIDAE – Owls</b>		
Southern Boobook	<i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>	A, M, B, (2), 4-6, (7), 8
<b>TYTONIDAE – Barn owls</b>		
Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	A, L-M, B, (2), (3), (6), 7
<b>AEGOTHELIDAE – Owlet-nightjars</b>		
Australian Owlet-nightjar	<i>Aegotheles cristatus</i>	A, L-M, B, 4-8
<b>APODIDAE – Swifts</b>		
White-throated Needletail	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	S*, M, N, aerial
Fork-tailed Swift	<i>Apus pacificus</i>	S*, M, N, aerial
<b>MALURIDAE – Fairy-wrens and Emu-wrens</b>		
Superb Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus cyaneus</i>	A, H, B, (2), 3-8
Southern Emu-wren	<i>Stipiturus malachurus</i>	A, M, B, 4, 5, (6)
<b>PARDALOTIDAE – Pardalotes, Scrubwrens, Thornbills, Australian Warblers</b>		
Spotted Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus punctatus</i>	A, M, B, 4, 5, (6), (8)
Striated Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>	S*, H, B, 2, (4), (5), 6
White-browed Scrubwren	<i>Sericornis frontalis</i>	A, H, B, 3-6, 8
Shy Heathwren	<i>Hylacola cauta</i>	A, M, B, 4, 5
Brown Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza pusilla</i>	A, M-H, B, 3-6, 8
Striated Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza lineata</i>	A, H, B, 4-6
<b>MELIPHAGIDAE – Honeyeaters and Chats</b>		
Red Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera carunculata</i>	A, H, B, 3-8
Little Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera chrysoptera</i>	A, M, B, 3-6
White-eared Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus leucotis</i>	A, M, B, (4), 6
Purple-gaped Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus cratitius</i>	A, H, B, 4, (5), 6
Brown-headed Honeyeater	<i>Melithreptus brevirostris</i>	A, H, B, 4-6, 8
Crescent Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera</i>	A, H, B, (3-5), 6
New Holland Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris novaehollandiae</i>	A, H, B, 3-8
Tawny-crowned Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris melanops</i>	A, H, B, 4, 5, 7
Eastern Spinebill	<i>Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris</i>	A, H, B, (3), 4-6
White-fronted Chat	<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>	A, H, B, 2, 3, (5), 7
<b>PETROICIDAE – Australopapuan Robins and allies</b>		
Scarlet Robin	<i>Petroica multicolor</i>	A, M, B, 4-8
<b>CINCLOSOMATIDAE – Chowchillas and allies</b>		
Western Whipbird	<i>Psophodes nigrogularis</i>	A, M, B, 4, (5)
<b>PACHYCEPHALIDAE – Whistlers</b>		
Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>	A, M, B, (3), 4-6, 8
Grey Shrike-thrush	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>	A, M, B, (3), 4-6, (7), 8
<b>DICRURIDAE – Flycatchers, Monarchs, Fantails</b>		
Restless Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra inquieta</i>	A, M, B, 3, (4-6), 7
Magpie-lark	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	A, M, B, 3, (6), 7
Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i>	A, M, B, 3-8
Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	A, M, B, (2), 3, 7
<b>CAMPEPHAGIDAE – Cuckoo-shrikes</b>		
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	S*, M, B, 4-8
<b>ARTAMIDAE – Woodswallows, Australian Magpies, Butcherbirds and Currawongs</b>		
Dusky Woodswallow	<i>Artamus cyanopterus</i>	S*, M-H, B, 3-7
Australian Magpie	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>	A, H, B, (4-6), 7
Grey Currawong	<i>Strepera versicolor</i>	A, M-H, B, 4-8
<b>CORVIDAE – Ravens and Crows</b>		
Australian Raven	<i>Corvus coronoides</i>	A, M, B, (2-6), 7
Little Raven	<i>Corvus mellori</i>	A, H, B, (2-6), 7



<b>MOTACILLIDAE – Pipits and Wagtails</b>		
Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i>	A, M-H, B, (2-5)
<b>PASSERIDAE – Old World Sparrows, Australian Grass Finches and allies</b>		
* House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	A, H, B, 7
Red-browed Finch	<i>Neochmia temporalis</i>	A, M, B, (4-6), 7
Beautiful Firetail	<i>Stagonopleura bella</i>	A, M, B, (4), 5, (6-7), 8
<b>FRINGILLIDAE – True Finches</b>		
* European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	A, M-H, B, (2-6), 7, (8)
<b>HIRUNDINIDAE – Swallows and Martins</b>		
Welcome Swallow	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	A, H, B, 2-8
Tree Martin	<i>Hirundo nigricans</i>	S*, H, B, 2-8
Fairy Martin	<i>Hirundo ariel</i>	A, L, B, 2-4, 7
<b>ZOSTEROPIDAE – White-eyes</b>		
Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	A, H, B, 2-7
<b>MUSCICAPIDAE – Thrushes</b>		
Bassian Thrush	<i>Zoothera lunulata</i>	A, M, B, (4-5), 6, (8)
* Eurasian Blackbird (Common Blackbird)	<i>Turdus merula</i>	A, L, B, 2-4, 6, 7
<b>STURNIDAE – Starlings and Mynas</b>		
* Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	A, H, B, 2, (4), (6), 7

\* foreign species introduced to Australia

# Australian species introduced to Kangaroo Island

## Key to status & habitat on Kangaroo Island

### INCIDENCE

**A** at least several records for each season, includes the concept 'resident'

**S** spring-summer; S\* mainly spring-summer

**W** autumn-winter; W\* mainly autumn-winter

**Ir** irruptive/nomadic

**O** occasional, vagrant, accidental

### ABUNDANCE

**H** high

**M** moderate

**L** low

**F** one or a few only

### BREEDING STATUS

**B** breeding

**N** non-breeding

**HABITATS** (numbers in brackets in the list denote less favoured habitat)

**1** oceanic: over or beyond edge of continental shelf

**2** coastal: coastal seas and shoreline including saltmarsh and estuary

**3** inland waters: lagoons, rivers, swamps, dams

**4** coastal mallee: coastal and subcoastal scrubs and shrubland (heath), generally growing on

limestone and calcareous dunes; *Eucalyptus diversifolia*, *E. rugosa*, *E. lansdowneana*, *E. oleosa*, *E. conglobata*, *E. cneorifolia* and associated communities

**5** stringybark-mallee open scrub-woodland: generally growing on acid soils of the lateritic plateau; *Eucalyptus baxteri*, *E. obliqua*, *E. remota*, *E. cosmophylla*, *E. fasciculosa* and associated communities

**6** forest: river valleys or alluvial plains; *Eucalyptus cladocalyx*, *E. fasciculosa*, *E. ovata*, *E. leucoxydon*, *E. camaldulensis*, *E. viminalis var cygnetensis*, *E. obliqua*, *E. baxteri*, *E. cosmophylla* and associated communities

**7** cleared or largely cleared areas: includes farmland (pasture, crops) with or without remnant bushland

**8** sheoak woodland: stands of drooping sheoak *Allocasuarina verticillata* mostly along the north coast and on the slopes of deep river valleys

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