

Frogs, Water Birds & Parrots

The **Nerrina Wetland** is one of a number of wetlands constructed by the City of Ballarat to help reduce flooding. Wetlands also provide a great habitat for native flora and fauna.

A SHORT LIST

This short list includes only the more common frogs and water birds, waders and parrots to be found here in the wetland – it is by no means exhaustive or definitive. Another sign in the wetland lists the more common large, medium and small native birds.

STOP AND LISTEN

Often the best way to see frogs or some birds is to stop and listen for a moment or two: often you can locate them by listening for their calls or the rustling noises they make whilst foraging. If you still can't see them (which is often the case with the frogs), use your smart-phone to record their call to identify them later.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the flora and fauna here, visit the Field Naturalist's Club of Ballarat, BirdLife Ballarat or Viridans.com websites.

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Size: from tip of beak to tip of tail



Common Froglet *Crinia signifera*
Call: High-pitched chirrup 'crick crick crick'
Length: to 30mm



Common Spadefoot Toad *Neobatrachus sudelli*
Call: Long trill 'cra-aw-aw-aw...awk'
Length: to 40mm



Growling Grass Frog *Litoria raniformis*
Call: Short growl 'crawark-crawark croc croc'
Length: to 80mm



Plains Froglet *Crinia parinsignifera*
Call: Long high-pitched 'eeeeeeeeek'
Length: to 30mm



Southern Brown Tree Frog *Litoria ewingii*
Call: High pitched 'creee-creee-creee-creee'
Length: to 40mm



Eastern Banjo Frog *Limnodynastes dumerilii*
Call: Musical 'bonk'; chorus creates 'pobblebonk'
Length: to 70mm



Southern Toadlet *Pseudophryne semi*
Call: Repeated, very short harsh grating 'cre-ek'
Length: 22-32mm



Victorian Smooth Froglet *Geocrinia victoriana*
Call: Long 'wa-a-a-a-ark' then trilled 'pip pip pip'
Length: to 35mm



Australian Wood Duck *Chenonetta jubata*
Size: 48cm



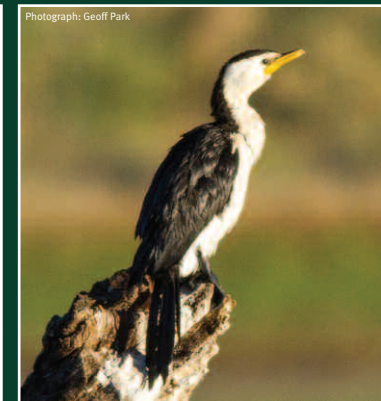
Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa*
Size: 47-61cm



Grey Teal *Anas gracilis*
Size: 37-47cm



Hoary-headed Grebe *Polioccephalus poliocephalus*
Size: 27cm



Little Pied Cormorant *Microcarbo melanoleucos*
Size: 50-55cm



White-faced Heron *Egretta novaehollandiae*
Size: 65-70cm



White-necked Heron *Ardea pacifica*
Size: 75-100cm



Australian White Ibis *Threskiornis molucca*
Size: 68-75cm



Masked Lapwing *Vanellus miles*
Size: 35-38cm



Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio*
Size: 45-52cm



Dusky Moorhen *Gallinula tenebrosa*
Size: 35-42cm



Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*
Size: 32-42cm



Australian Spotted Crane *Porzana fluminea*
Size: 19-21cm



Galah *Eolophus roseicapilla*
Size: 36cm



Rainbow Lorikeet *Trichoglossus haematodus*
Size: 25-30cm



Crimson Rosella *Platycercus elegans elegans*
Size: 32-36cm

Large, Medium & Small Birds

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A SHORT LIST OF COMMONLY SIGHTED BIRDS

This list of birds is by no means exhaustive or definitive. It includes the more common large, medium and small native “bush” birds. Frogs, water birds, waders and parrots are listed on another sign in the wetland.

STOP AND LISTEN

Often the best way to see birds is to stop and listen for a moment or two: you can locate them by listening for their calls or the noises they make whilst moving about in the foliage. If you still can't see them (which is often the case with the small or secretive birds), use your smart-phone to record their call to identify them later.

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Nankeen Kestrel
Falco cenchroides
Size: 31-35cm



Little Raven
Corvus mellori
Size: 50cm



Pied Currawong
Strepera graculina
Size: 41-51cm



Grey Currawong
Strepera versicolor
Size: 45-53cm



Australian Magpie
Gymnorhina tibicen
Size: 34-44cm



Grey Butcherbird
Cracticus torquatus
Size: 28-32cm



Magpie-lark
Grallina cyanoleuca
Size: 27cm



Laughing Kookaburra
Dacelo novaeguineae
Size: 46cm



Sacred Kingfisher
Todiramphus sanctus
Size: 19-23cm



Common Bronzewing
Phaps chalcoptera
Size: 33-36cm



Crested Pigeon
Ocyphaps lophotes
Size: 31-35cm



Red Wattlebird
Anthochaera carunculata
Size: 31-39cm



Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
Coracina novaehollandiae
Size: 33cm



Grey Shrike-thrush
Colluricincla harmonica
Size: 22-23cm



New Holland Honeyeater
Phylidonyris novaehollandiae
Size: 16-19cm



White-naped Honeyeater
Meliphreptus lunatus
Size: 13-15cm



Willie Wagtail
Rhipidura leucophrys
Size: 20cm



Golden Whistler
Pachycephala pectoralis
Size: 17cm



Eastern Yellow Robin
Eopsaltria australis
Size: 15cm



Grey Fantail
Rhipidura albiscarpa
Size: 16cm



Superb Fairy-wren
Malurus cyaneus
Size: 14cm



Red-browed Finch
Neochmia temporalis
Size: 11-12cm



Brown Thornbill
Acanthiza pusilla
Size: 10cm



Yellow-rumped Thornbill
Acanthiza chrysorrhoa
Size: 10-12cm