

AUSTRALIA

"This year's Australia tour encountered an unusual range of weather and more than our fair share of rain! From icy-cold conditions with frozen hail on the ground near Healesville, through hot drought-stricken deserts, humid tropical rainforests, and on to torrential rain at O'Reilly's we encountered close to the full range of climatic conditions than Australia has to offer. Fortunately, most of the time we were able to dodge the worst of the weather and bird around it, and as this year's bird list was thirteen species more than our previous 'best-ever' total clearly the weather didn't have a seriously detrimental effect on our birding.

The southeast section of the tour started as usual in Tasmania where Tonia Cochran had all the endemics staked out – most of them on her wonderful property at Inala. The cold weather had brought many robins down from the higher country and her paddocks were filled a fine selection of day-glow pinks and reds. The Forty-spotted Pardalotes were firm favourites as usual, though a pair of white morph Grey Goshawks was also a sight to behold.

Moving north through Victoria our next major stop was Deniliquin, home of the famous Plains-wanderer. Phil Maher, and local ranchers John and Robert did us proud here and after showing us Inland Dotterel, Little Buttonquail, and Stubble Quail, they then produced a stunning female wanderer (the brighter of the two in this role-reversal species). Fortunately, they had received some rain in Deniliquin since we were there a year earlier and more bush birds were in evidence, though almost all the ponds were still dry with no crakes in residence. We were lucky therefore to see not one but two Australasian Bitterns at the only wet 'pond' in the district.

Sadly there were no Regent Honeyeaters to be seen around Chiltern this year, but Eileen Collins and her team showed us stunning Turquoise Parrots, noisy Black-chinned Honeyeaters, and their Speckled Warblers performed well. A lake just outside town produced a good selection of waterfowl including unexpectedly seven Freckled Ducks - a local rarity.

Around Healesville, the weather challenged us somewhat, but between the showers we had great encounters with Superb Lyrebirds, the largest passerine in the world. The wild and windy conditions put paid to Ed McNabb's valiant attempts to find us a Sooty Owl, but the Common Wombat beside the road on the way there provided considerable compensation. We started the nest day well with Gang-gangs in the hotel garden first thing, continued with Blue-billed Ducks and a vast camp of Grey-headed Flying-foxes, and ended brilliantly when Richard Loyn took us to see a pair of Powerful Owls – and a Platypus!

The Central section started in Adelaide where John Cox showed us around his wetland reserve, which was filled with waterbirds. We were more than satisfied by what was on show, though John was disappointed not to be able to find us a bittern. David Harper then took us to the St Kilda saltfields, for another mass of waterbirds including our only Musk Ducks and Fairy Terns of the tour. David stayed with us for the visit to Gluepot, a mallee reserve set up initially for Black-eared Miner, a highly endangered species that may be down to fewer than 500 individuals. We had failed to see these on our previous visits but this year David had found a nest the previous weekend so finally we connect with this much sought-after species and had excellent views of it and many of the other mallee specialities.

Moving on to the Red Centre of Australia we based ourselves in Alice Springs for three nights and found most of the local specialities such as Western Bowerbird at the bower, Red-browed Pardalote, and Painted Firetail, while the Bourke's Parrots put on a splendid show coming to drink at dusk. Our day trip to Uluru (Ayer's Rock) and Kata-Tjuta (the Olgas) allowed us to explore those magnificent geological features at leisure and of course we stayed on for the world-famous sunset.

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Darwin showed us what tropical diversity really means as we added more than a hundred species to our trip list in our time there. Niven McCrie worked hard to find us all the local specialities and these included a pair of Chestnut Rails with a chick, a pair of Barking owls, a single splendid Rufous Owl, a stunning Rainbow Pitta, and a lovely family of Tawny Frogmouths. He also took most of group into the sewage ponds to see three local rarities, but one unfortunate leader had to remain outside and put on a brave face! A night in Katherine allowed us to see Hooded Parrot and Gouldian Finch as well as Yellow-tinted and Rufous-throated Honeyeaters which are all species that we don't normally see on this tour.

Then after flying to Cairns we started the Eastern section of the tour. At Kingfisher Lodge Keith and Lindsay shared their Papuan Frogmouths with us and we marvelled at all the birds and mammals coming to their feeders, including several of the latter which were new for the cumulative Sunbird list – Bush Rat and Fawn-footed Melomys. En route to the Atherton Tablelands the next day we enjoyed Australian Bustards, Square-tailed Kites at the nest, and Great Bowerbird at the bower.

Around Yungaburra the rainforest patches were heaving with birds and it's hard to pick out the highlights, but watching the Tooth-billed Bowerbirds singing above their strange leaf bowers was memorable, as were the Chowchillas, the Spotted Catbirds, and, of course, the Lumholtz's Tree Kangaroos (not one but three this year!). At Cassowary House we had two cassowaries and we didn't have to wait around for them at all, which meant we had plenty of time to enjoy the Fairy Gerygones and Lovely Fairy-wrens before returning to Cairns with John Crowhurst, who showed us Mangrove Robins, Double-eyed Fig-Parrots and Collared Kingfishers, not to mention roosting Rufous Night-Herons right in the centre of town. A wide variety waders was present on the esplanade including an Asiatic Dowitcher and a Broad-billed Sandpiper, while out on the Great Barrier Reef, we found seven Red-footed Boobies, both species of frigatebird, and a Black Noddy amongst the masses of breeding terns.

At O'Reilly's we encountered the rain again and it was pretty damp and dreary throughout our stay. But fortunately luck was with us and we encountered an Albert's Lyrebird and a male Paradise Riflebird on our very first pre-breakfast walk, and then a Noisy Pitta later than morning. These are often the harder species to find here – especially the lyrebird.

Finally in Sydney, we enjoyed a fantastic day on the sea in the company of Hal Epstein, Tony Palliser and Steve Anyon-Smith all of whom worked hard to entertain us throughout the voyage while sharing their amazing knowledge of all things pelagic. To be surrounded by twenty plus albatrosses of four species and to watch them interact with a Mako Shark, while Hal fed them all by hand (including the shark) was quite remarkable. And this was in addition to both species of giant petrel, three species of *Pterodroma* petrel (if you count the one that got away), and a Black-bellied Storm-petrel (only our second ever in 24 tours) amongst all the Wilson's. Oh, and the Humpback Whales, Sun Fish and Fur Seal!

Gerry Richards showed us around 'the Royal' (the second oldest national park in the world) where the heathland specialities all eventually gave themselves up though some showed better than others. At Minnamurra the Superb Lyrebirds played hide-and-seek with us, but eventually we tracked one down right by the entrance gate (having walked all the way around the trail!). And then finally we sought out New South Wales's only endemic bird – the Rock Warbler and after walking quite some distance to find one, we then found two more building a nest! An excellent finale to a splendid five-week tour 'down-under'.

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Species lists:

Key:

Column 1 = Number of days recorded
 Column 2 = Greatest daily total
 (H) = Seen at least once, but most birds only heard
 H = Heard only
 N = Nesting evident
 M = Active mound seen (Megapodes)
 B = Bower seen (Bowerbirds)
 S = Seen on Southeast Australia section
 C = Seen on Central Australia section
 E = Seen on Eastern Australia section

Birds:

The scientific names in the following list follow *Systematics and Taxonomy of Australia Birds* by Les Christidis and Walter E. Boles (CSIRO. 2008). Their order and some of their English names have not been followed however.

Southern Cassowary	1	2			E	<i>Casuarius casuarius</i>
Emu	4	8		S	C	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>
Great Crested Grebe	2	150			C	E <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
Hoary-headed Grebe	7	'00s		S	C	<i>Poliiocephalus poliocephalus</i>
Australasian Grebe	10	40	N	S	C	E <i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>
Little Grebe	1	1			C	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
Little Penguin	2	6		S		E <i>Eudyptula minor</i>
Wandering Albatross	1	14				E <i>Diomedea exulans</i>
Black-browed Albatross	1	6				E <i>Thalassarche melanophris</i>
Yellow-nosed Albatross 1	1	2				E <i>Thalassarche chlororhynchos</i>
Shy Albatross	3	20		S		E <i>Thalassarche cauta</i>
Southern Giant Petrel	1	1				E <i>Macronectes giganteus</i>
Northern Giant Petrel	1	1				E <i>Macronectes halli</i>
Giant Petrel sp.	1	1				E <i>Macronectes sp.</i>
Great-winged Petrel	1	20				E <i>Pterodroma macroptera</i>
Providence Petrel	1	30				E <i>Pterodroma solandri</i>
Fleshy-footed Shearwater	1	1				E <i>Ardenna carneipes</i>
Wedge-tailed Shearwater	1	50				E <i>Ardenna pacifica</i>
Short-tailed Shearwater	4	'00s		S		E <i>Ardenna tenuirostris</i>
Fluttering Shearwater	2	'00s				E <i>Puffinus gavia</i>
Hutton's Shearwater	1	3				E <i>Puffinus huttoni</i>
Wilson's Storm-petrel	1	20				E <i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>
Black-bellied Storm-petrel	1	1				E <i>Fregetta tropica</i>
Australian Pelican	15	50		S	C	E <i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>
Australasian Gannet	4	6		S		E <i>Morus serrator</i>
Red-footed Booby	1	7				E <i>Sula sula</i>
Brown Booby	1	12				E <i>Sula leucogaster</i>
Australasian Darter 2	8	4			C	E <i>Anhinga novaehollandiae</i>
Little Pied Cormorant	20	100		S	C	E <i>Microcarbo melanoleucos</i>
Black-faced Cormorant	4	10		S		<i>Phalacrocorax fuscescens</i>
Pied Cormorant	3	100			C	E <i>Phalacrocorax varius</i>
Great Cormorant	6	30	N	S	C	E <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
Little Black Cormorant	14	'00s		S	C	E <i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>
Greater Frigatebird	1	10				E <i>Fregata minor</i>
Lesser Frigatebird	1	1				E <i>Fregata ariel</i>
White-necked Heron	10	7		S	C	E <i>Ardea pacifica</i>
Eastern Great Egret	13	6		S	C	E <i>Ardea modesta</i>
Intermediate Egret	7	10			C	E <i>Ardea intermedia</i>

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Cattle Egret 3	10	100			C	E	<i>Ardea ibis</i>
White-faced Heron	17	6	N	S	C	E	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>
Pied Heron	4	'00s			C		<i>Egretta picata</i>
Little Egret	8	12			C	E	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Eastern Reef Egret	1	1			C		<i>Egretta sacra</i>
Striated Heron	3	2			C	E	<i>Butorides striatus</i>
Rufous Night Heron	4	2			C	E	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>
Australasian Bittern	1	2		S			<i>Botaurus poiciloptilus</i>
Black-necked Stork	3	4			C	E	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>
Glossy Ibis	5	16		S	C	E	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Australian White Ibis	24	50		S	C	E	<i>Threskiornis molucca</i>
Straw-necked Ibis	18	100		S	C	E	<i>Threskiornis spinicollis</i>
Royal Spoonbill	8	9		S	C	E	<i>Platalea regia</i>
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	4	4		S		E	<i>Platalea flavipes</i>
Magpie Goose	10	'000s			C	E	<i>Anseranas semipalmata</i>
Wandering Whistling-Duck	3	'00s			C	E	<i>Dendrocygna arcuata</i>
Plumed Whistling-Duck	4	1000			C	E	<i>Dendrocygna eytoni</i>
Black Swan	15	100	N	S	C	E	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>
Cape Barren Goose	1	4		S			<i>Cereopsis novaehollandiae</i>
Australian Shelduck	4	10		S	C		<i>Tadorna tadornoides</i>
Radjah Shelduck	4	'00s			C		<i>Tadorna radjah</i>
Pacific Black Duck	24	100	N	S	C	E	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>
Grey Teal	10	'00s		S	C	E	<i>Anas gracilis</i>
Chestnut Teal	6	30	N	S	C	E	<i>Anas castanea</i>
Australasian Shoveler	4	4		S	C		<i>Anas rhynchos</i>
Pink-eared Duck	4	50		S	C		<i>Malacorhynchus membranaceus</i>
Hardhead	9	100		S	C	E	<i>Aythya australis</i>
Freckled Duck	3	7		S	C		<i>Stictonetta naevosa</i>
Maned Duck	18	100		S	C	E	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>
Green Pygmy-Goose	2	50			C	E	<i>Nettapus pulchellus</i>
Blue-billed Duck	2	6		S	C		<i>Oxyura australis</i>
Musk Duck	1	6			C		<i>Biziura lobata</i>
Eastern Osprey 4	5	1	N		C	E	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>
Pacific Baza	2	1			C	E	<i>Aviceda subcristata</i>
Black-shouldered Kite 5	5	2	N	S	C	E	<i>Elanus axillaris</i>
Black Kite	16	100		S	C	E	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
Square-tailed Kite	3	1		S		E	<i>Lophoictinia isura</i>
Brahminy Kite	5	2			C	E	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
Whistling Kite	17	50	N	S	C	E	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>
Black-breasted Buzzard	1	1			C		<i>Hamirostra melanosternon</i>
Collared Sparrowhawk	5	2			C		<i>Accipiter cirrocephalus</i>
Brown Goshawk	5	1		S	C	E	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>
Grey Goshawk	4	2	N	S		E	<i>Accipiter novaehollandiae</i>
White-breasted Sea Eagle	2	1		S	C		<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
Wedge-tailed Eagle	12	6		S	C	E	<i>Aquila audax</i>
Little Eagle	5	2		S	C		<i>Hieraaetus morphnoides</i>
Spotted Harrier	3	1		S	C	E	<i>Circus assimilis</i>
Swamp Harrier	10	4		S	C		<i>Circus approximans</i>
Black Falcon	1	2		S			<i>Falco subniger</i>
Peregrine Falcon	3	2		S	C		<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Australian Hobby	4	3		S	C	E	<i>Falco longipennis</i>
Brown Falcon	13	6		S	C		<i>Falco berigora</i>
Australian Kestrel	15	6		S	C	E	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>
Orange-footed Scrubfowl	7	12	M		C	E	<i>Megapodius reinwardt</i>
Australian Brush-turkey	7	8				E	<i>Alectura lathami</i>
Chestnut-backed Button-quail	1	1			C		<i>Turnix castanotus</i>
Little Button-quail	1	3		S			<i>Turnix velox</i>
Brown Quail	1	6				E	<i>Coturnix ypsilophora</i>

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Stubble Quail	1	3	N	S			<i>Coturnix pectoralis</i>
Plains-wanderer	1	1		S			<i>Pedionomus torquatus</i>
Buff-banded Rail	2	1			E		<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>
Australian Spotted Crake	1	1		S			<i>Porzana fluminea</i>
White-browed Crake	1	2			C		<i>Amaurornis cinerea</i>
Chestnut Rail	1	3	N		C		<i>Eulabeornis castaneiventris</i>
Red-necked Crake	1	1			E		<i>Rallina tricolor</i>
Black-tailed Native-hen	8	'00s		S	C		<i>Tribonyx ventralis</i>
Tasmanian Native-hen	3	20	N	S			<i>Tribonyx mortierii</i>
Dusky Moorhen	9	6		S	C	E	<i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i>
Purple Swampphen	11	50	N	S	C	E	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>
Eurasian Coot	9	100	N	S	C	E	<i>Fulica atra</i>
Brolga	4	12	N	S	C		<i>Grus rubicunda</i>
Eastern Sarus Crane	3	60	N			E	<i>Grus antigone</i>
Australian Bustard	1	3				E	<i>Ardeotis australis</i>
Comb-crested Jacana	2	20			C	E	<i>Irediparra gallinacea</i>
Beach Thick-knee	1	4			C		<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>
Bush Thick-knee	4	5	N		C	E	<i>Burhinus grallarius</i>
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	4	10		S	C	E	<i>Haematopus longirostris</i>
Sooty Oystercatcher	4	3		S		E	<i>Haematopus fuliginosus</i>
Masked Lapwing	28	50	N	S	C	E	<i>Vanellus miles</i>
Banded Lapwing	2	8		S			<i>Vanellus tricolor</i>
Grey (Black-bellied) Plover	3	30			C		<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
Pacific Golden Plover	5	20			C	E	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
Red-kneed Dotterel	8	6		S	C	E	<i>Erythrogonys cinctus</i>
Hooded Plover	1	4		S			<i>Thinornis rubricollis</i>
Greater Sand Plover	2	10			C	E	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>
Lesser (Mongolian) Sand Plover	2	50			C	E	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
Oriental Plover	2	6			C		<i>Charadrius veredus</i>
Red-capped Plover	2	20			C		<i>Charadrius ruficapillus</i>
Inland Dotterel	1	22	N	S			<i>Charadrius australis</i>
Black-fronted Dotterel	8	30	N	S	C	E	<i>Eelseyornis melanops</i>
Black-winged Stilt 6	11	50		S	C	E	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Red-necked Avocet	2	80			C		<i>Recurvirostra novaehollandiae</i>
Ruddy Turnstone	3	6		S	C	E	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Latham's Snipe	2	2		S		E	<i>Gallinago hardwickii</i>
Eastern Curlew	4	18			C	E	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>
Whimbrel	5	4			C	E	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Little Curlew (Whimbrel)	2	17			C	E	<i>Numenius minutus</i>
Terek Sandpiper	3	1			C	E	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>
Common Sandpiper	5	20			C		<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Grey-tailed Tattler	3	20			C	E	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>
Wood Sandpiper	5	20			C		<i>Tringa glareola</i>
Common Greenshank	3	15			C	E	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Marsh Sandpiper	2	4			C		<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
Asiatic Dowitcher	1	1				E	<i>Limnodromus semipalmatus</i>
Black-tailed Godwit	3	15			C	E	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
Bar-tailed Godwit	4	30			C	E	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
Red Knot	1	3			C		<i>Calidris canutus</i>
Great Knot	2	200			C	E	<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	10	200		S	C	E	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>
Red-necked Stint	4	'00s		S	C	E	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>
Broad-billed Sandpiper	1	1				E	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>
Curlew Sandpiper	3	20		S	C	E	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Australian Pratincole	3	1			C		<i>Stiltia isabella</i>
Arctic Skua (Parasitic J.)	1	2				E	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>
Silver Gull	16	'00s		S	C	E	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>
Pacific Gull	3	3		S			<i>Larus pacificus</i>

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Kelp Gull	4	100		S		E	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>
Caspian Tern	3	3			C	E	<i>Hydropogone caspia</i>
Gull-billed Tern	4	20			C	E	<i>Geochelidon nilotica</i>
Crested Tern	8	50		S	C	E	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
Lesser Crested Tern	2	100			C	E	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>
Common Tern	2	3				E	<i>Sterna hiruno</i>
Black-naped Tern	1	100				E	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>
Little Tern	4	6			C	E	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>
Fairy Tern	1	30			C		<i>Sternula nereis</i>
Whiskered Tern	8	'00s		S	C	E	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
White-winged Black Tern	2	20			C		<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
Sooty Tern	1	'000s	N			E	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i>
Bridled Tern	1	100				E	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>
Common Noddy	1	'000s	N			E	<i>Anous stolidus</i>
Black Noddy	1	1				E	<i>Anous minutus</i>
Superb Fruit-Dove	3	2				E	<i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	1	1			C		<i>Ptilinopus regina</i>
Wompoo Fruit-Dove	3	3				E	<i>Ptilinopus magnificus</i>
Pied Imperial-Pigeon 7	11	100			C	E	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>
Topknot Pigeon	5	20				E	<i>Lopholaimus antarcticus</i>
White-headed Pigeon	3	4				E	<i>Columba leucomela</i>
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	4	10				E	<i>Macropygia amboinensis</i>
Peaceful Dove	15	40		S	C	E	<i>Geopelia striata</i>
Diamond Dove	3	5			C		<i>Geopelia cuneata</i>
Bar-shouldered Dove	8	10			C	E	<i>Geopelia humeralis</i>
Emerald Dove	5	3			C	E	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
Common Bronzewing	8	30		S	C		<i>Phaps chalcoptera</i>
Brush Bronzewing	1	1	H	S			<i>Phaps elegans</i>
Squatter Pigeon	1	8				E	<i>Geophaps scripta</i>
Crested Pigeon	23	80		S	C	E	<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>
Wonga Pigeon	3	2				E	<i>Leucosarcia melanoleuca</i>
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	7	100			C	E	<i>Calyptorhynchus banksii</i>
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	4	10		S		E	<i>Calyptorhynchus funereus</i>
Gang-gang Cockatoo	2	4		S			<i>Callocephalon fimbriatum</i>
Galah	23	'00s		S	C	E	<i>Eolophus roseicapilla</i>
Major Mitchell's Cockatoo	3	2	N	S	C		<i>Lophochroa leadbeateri</i>
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	26	'00s		S	C	E	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>
Long-billed Corella	6	'00s		S			<i>Cacatua tenuirostris</i>
Little Corella	8	100		S	C	E	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>
Swift Parrot	1	10		S			<i>Lathamus discolor</i>
Rainbow Lorikeet	22	50		S	C	E	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>
Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	6	100				E	<i>Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus</i>
Varied Lorikeet	3	'00s			C		<i>Psitteuteles versicolor</i>
Musk Lorikeet	3	8		S	C		<i>Glossopsitta concinna</i>
Purple-crowned Lorikeet	1	1	H		C		<i>Glossopsitta porphyrocephala</i>
Double-eyed Fig-Parrot	2	4				E	<i>Cyclopsitta diophthalma</i>
Australian King Parrot	6	12		S		E	<i>Alisterus scapularis</i>
Red-winged Parrot	6	20			C	E	<i>Aprosmictus erythropterus</i>
Cockatiel	6	40		S	C		<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>
Crimson Rosella	10	50		S		E	<i>Platycercus elegans elegans</i>
Yellow Rosella 8	4	20		S	C		<i>Platycercus elegans flaveolus</i>
Adelaide Rosella 8	3	3			C		<i>Platycercus elegans adalaidae</i>
Green Rosella	3	20		S			<i>Platycercus caledonicus</i>
Northern Rosella	1	2			C		<i>Platycercus venustus</i>
Eastern Rosella	9	6		S	C	E	<i>Platycercus eximius</i>
Pale-headed Rosella	1	4				E	<i>Platycercus adscitus</i>
Mallee Ringneck 9	4	10		S	C		<i>Bernardius zonarius barnardi</i>
Port Lincoln Ringneck 9	2	20			C		<i>Bernardius zonarius zonarius</i>

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Superb Parrot	1	12		S			<i>Polytelis swainsonii</i>
Regent Parrot	1	20			C		<i>Polytelis anthopeplus</i>
Red-rumped Parrot	7	50		S	C		<i>Psephotus haematonotus</i>
Mulga Parrot	3	5			C		<i>Psephotus varius</i>
Hooded Parrot	1	16			C		<i>Psephotus dissimilis</i>
Blue Bonnet	3	10		S	C		<i>Northiella haematogaster</i>
Turquoise Parrot	2	6		S			<i>Neophema pulchella</i>
Budgerigar	2	14		S			<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>
Bourke's Parrot	1	25			C		<i>Neopsephotus bourkii</i>
Pallid Cuckoo	9	2		S	C		<i>Cacomantis pallidus</i>
Brush Cuckoo	2	1				E	<i>Cacomantis variolosus</i>
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	6	1		S		E	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	6	2		S	C		<i>Chalcites basalis</i>
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	10	3	(H)	S		E	<i>Chalcites lucidus</i>
Little Bronze-Cuckoo	1	3			C		<i>Chalcites minutillus</i>
Channel-billed Cuckoo	2	2				E	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>
Australian Koel	4	2			C	E	<i>Eudynamys orientalis</i>
Pheasant Coucal	4	2			C	E	<i>Centropus phasianinus</i>
Rufous Owl	1	1			C		<i>Ninox rufa</i>
Powerful Owl	1	2		S			<i>Ninox strenua</i>
Barking Owl	1	2			C		<i>Ninox connivens</i>
Eastern Barn Owl	1	2	N			E	<i>Tyto javanica</i>
Tawny Frogmouth	5	4	N	S	C	E	<i>Podargus strigoides</i>
Marbled Frogmouth	1	1	H			E	<i>Podargus ocellatus</i>
Papuan Frogmouth	2	2				E	<i>Podargus papuensis</i>
Australian Owlet-nightjar	1	1		S			<i>Aegotheles cristatus</i>
Australian Swiftlet	6	6				E	<i>Aerodramus terrareginae</i>
White-throated Needletail	3	30				E	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>
Fork-tailed Swift	2	2			C		<i>Apus pacificus</i>
Azure Kingfisher	4	2		S	C	E	<i>Ceyx azurea</i>
Laughing Kookaburra	17	10		S	C	E	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>
Blue-winged Kookaburra	6	6			C	E	<i>Dacelo leachii</i>
Red-backed Kingfisher	2	3		S	C		<i>Todiramphus pyrrhopygius</i>
Forest Kingfisher	5	6	N		C	E	<i>Todiramphus macleayii</i>
Sacred Kingfisher	11	4		S	C	E	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>
Collared Kingfisher	3	2			C	E	<i>Todiramphus chloris</i>
Rainbow Bee-eater	16	20		S	C	E	<i>Merops ornatus</i>
Dollarbird	9	6			C	E	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>
Noisy Pitta	1	2				E	<i>Pitta versicolor</i>
Rainbow Pitta	1	4	(H)		C		<i>Pitta iris</i>
Superb Lyrebird	4	3		S		E	<i>Menura novaehollandiae</i>
Albert's Lyrebird	1	2				E	<i>Menura alberti</i>
Rufous Bristlebird	1	3		S			<i>Dasyornis broadbenti</i>
Horsfield's Bushlark	1	2		S			<i>Mirafrja javanica</i>
White-backed Swallow	2	2		S	C		<i>Cheramoeca leucosterna</i>
Welcome Swallow	26	50		S	C	E	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>
Barn Swallow	1	1			C		<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Tree Martin	16	100	N	S	C	E	<i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i>
Fairy Martin	9	30	N	S	C	E	<i>Petrochelidon ariel</i>
Australasian Pipit	9	10		S	C	E	<i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i>
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	1	1			C		<i>Motacilla tschutschensis</i>
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	18	20		S	C	E	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>
Barred Cuckoo-shrike	2	8				E	<i>Coracina lineata</i>
White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	10	10		S	C	E	<i>Coracina papuensis</i>
Ground Cuckoo-shrike	2	2		S			<i>Coracina maxima</i>
Cicadabird	2	1				E	<i>Coracina tenuirostris</i>
White-winged Triller	14	50		S	C	E	<i>Lalage sueurii</i>
Varied Triller	4	6			C	E	<i>Lalage leucomela</i>

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Russet-tailed Thrush	2	2	(H)		E	<i>Zoothera heinei</i>
Bassian Thrush	1	1?			E	<i>Zoothera lunulata</i>
Southern Scrub-robin	1	2			C	<i>Drymodes brunneopygia</i>
Rose Robin	5	2		S	E	<i>Petroica rosea</i>
Pink Robin	4	3		S		<i>Petroica rodinogaster</i>
Flame Robin	4	6		S		<i>Petroica phoenicea</i>
Red-capped Robin	7	8	N	S	C	<i>Petroica goodenovii</i>
Scarlet Robin	3	3		S		<i>Petroica boodang</i>
Dusky Robin	2	8		S		<i>Melanodryas vittata</i>
Hooded Robin	5	4	N	S	C	<i>Melanodryas cucullata</i>
Mangrove Robin	2	2			C	E <i>Peneonanthe pulverulenta</i>
Eastern Yellow Robin	9	6		S	E	<i>Eopsaltria australis</i>
Lemon-bellied Flycatcher	5	6			C	E <i>Microeca flavigaster</i>
Jacky Winter	5	6		S	C	<i>Microeca fascians</i>
Pale-yellow Robin	5	6			E	<i>Tregellasia capito</i>
Rufous-sided Robin	1	1			C	<i>Poecilodryas cerviniventris</i>
Grey-headed Robin	4	4			E	<i>Heteromyias cinereifrons</i>
Crested Shrike-tit	2	2	N	S		<i>Falcunculus frontatus</i>
Golden Whistler	11	4		S		E <i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>
Mangrove Golden Whistler	1	3			C	<i>Pachycephala melanura</i>
Olive Whistler	1	1		S		<i>Pachycephala olivacea</i>
Grey Whistler	2	3			C	E <i>Pachycephala simplex</i>
Rufous Whistler	11	4		S	C	E <i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>
Gilbert's Whistler	2	4	(H)	S	C	<i>Pachycephala inornata</i>
Little Shrike-thrush	6	4			C	E <i>Colluricincla megarhyncha</i>
Bower's Shrike-thrush	1	1			E	<i>Colluricincla boweri</i>
Grey Shrike-thrush	16	5		S	C	E <i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>
Crested Bellbird	2	3			C	<i>Oreoica gutturalis</i>
Yellow-breasted Boatbill	4	3			E	<i>Machaerirhynchus flaviventer</i>
Black-faced Monarch	4	2			E	<i>Monarcha melanopsis</i>
Spectacled Monarch	3	3			E	<i>Symposiarchus trivirgatus</i>
Pied Monarch	1	2			E	<i>Arses kaupi</i>
Broad-billed Flycatcher	1	2			C	<i>Myiagra ruficollis</i>
Leaden Flycatcher	4	5			C	E <i>Myiagra rubecula</i>
Satin Flycatcher	1	2			E	<i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i>
Shining Flycatcher	3	6			C	<i>Myiagra alecto</i>
Restless Flycatcher	4	3	N	S	C	<i>Myiagra inquieta</i>
Rufous Fantail	4	4			E	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>
Arafura Fantail	2	1			C	<i>Rhipidura dryas</i>
Grey Fantail	17	6		S	C	E <i>Rhipidura albiscapa</i>
Northern Fantail	1	2			C	<i>Rhipidura rufiventris</i>
Willie Wagtail	25	30		S	C	E <i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>
Australian Logrunner	2	3			E	<i>Orthonyx temminckii</i>
Chowchilla	2	3			E	<i>Orthonyx spaldingii</i>
Eastern Whipbird	8	6	(H)	S		E <i>Psophodes olivaceus</i>
Chestnut Quail-thrush	1	5			C	<i>Cinclosoma castanotum</i>
Grey-crowned Babbler	7	9		S	C	E <i>Pomatostomus temporalis</i>
White-browed Babbler	6	6		S	C	<i>Pomatostomus superciliosus</i>
Chestnut-crowned Babbler	2	18			C	<i>Pomatostomus ruficeps</i>
Australian Reed Warbler	7	8	(H)	S	C	E <i>Acrocephalus australis</i>
Tawny Grassbird	2	4			E	<i>Megalurus timoriensis</i>
Little Grassbird	5	10		S	C	<i>Megalurus gramineus</i>
Golden-headed Cisticola	4	6		S	C	E <i>Cisticola exilis</i>
Rufous Songlark	4	8		S	C	<i>Cinclorhamphus mathewsi</i>
Brown Songlark	3	10		S	C	<i>Cinclorhamphus cruralis</i>
Superb Fairy-wren	17	20		S	C	E <i>Malurus cyaneus</i>
Splendid Fairy-wren	3	4			C	<i>Malurus splendens</i>
Variiegated Fairy-wren	5	6			C	E <i>Malurus lamberti</i>

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White-winged Fairy-wren	5	15		S	C		<i>Malurus leucopterus</i>
Lovely Fairy-Wren	1	2				E	<i>Malurus amabilis</i>
Red-backed Fairy-wren	4	3			C	E	<i>Malurus melanocephalus</i>
Southern Emu-wren	2	4				E	<i>Stipiturus malachurus</i>
Striated Grasswren	1	1	H		C		<i>Amytornis striatus</i>
Speckled Warbler	1	1		S			<i>Chthonicola sagittata</i>
Shy Heathwren	1	2			C		<i>Calamanthus cautus</i>
Chestnut-rumped Heathwren	2	3				E	<i>Calamanthus pyrrhopygus</i>
Striated Fieldwren	1	1		S			<i>Calamanthus fuliginosus</i>
Large-billed Scrubwren	5	6				E	<i>Sericornis magnirostra</i>
Atherton Scrubwren	1	1				E	<i>Sericornis keri</i>
Yellow-throated Scrubwren	3	2				E	<i>Sericornis citreogularis</i>
White-browed Scrubwren	11	10	N	S	C	E	<i>Sericornis frontalis</i>
Tasmanian Scrubwren	2	4	(H)	S			<i>Sericornis humilis</i>
Redthroat	1	4			C		<i>Pyrrholaemus brunneus</i>
Scrub-tit	1	1		S			<i>Acanthornis magna</i>
Rock Warbler	1	3	N			E	<i>Origma solitaria</i>
Pilotbird	1	2	H	S			<i>Pycnoptilus floccosus</i>
Brown Gerygone	6	8				E	<i>Gerygone mouki</i>
Large-billed Gerygone	4	2	N		C	E	<i>Gerygone magnirostris</i>
Mangrove Gerygone	1	3			C		<i>Gerygone levigaster</i>
Western Gerygone	3	2		S	C		<i>Gerygone fusca</i>
Green-backed Gerygone	3	2			C		<i>Gerygone chloronota</i>
White-throated Gerygone	1	2				E	<i>Gerygone albogularis</i>
Fairy Gerygone	1	1				E	<i>Gerygone palpebrosa</i>
Weebill	4	6			C		<i>Smicronis brevirostris</i>
Mountain Thornbill	1	4				E	<i>Acanthiza katherina</i>
Brown Thornbill	9	8	N	S		E	<i>Acanthiza pusilla</i>
Tasmanian Thornbill	2	6		S			<i>Acanthiza ewingii</i>
Chestnut-rumped Thornbill	2	15		S	C		<i>Acanthiza uropygialis</i>
Slaty-backed Thornbill	1	3			C		<i>Acanthiza robustirostris</i>
Buff-rumped Thornbill	1	2		S			<i>Acanthiza reguloides</i>
Slender-billed Thornbill	1	2			C		<i>Acanthiza iredalei</i>
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	10	6		S	C	E	<i>Acanthiza chrysorrhoa</i>
Yellow Thornbill	2	6		S	C		<i>Acanthiza nana</i>
Striated Thornbill	5	6	N	S		E	<i>Acanthiza lineata</i>
Southern Whiteface	3	10		S	C		<i>Aphelocephala leucopsis</i>
Varied Sittella	5	5		S	C		<i>Daphoenositta chrysoptera</i>
White-throated Treecreeper	6	3		S		E	<i>Cormobates leucophaea</i>
Red-browed Treecreeper	1	6				E	<i>Climacteris erythroptis</i>
Brown Treecreeper	4	10		S	C		<i>Climacteris picumnus picumnus</i>
'Black-backed' Treecreeper 10	1	4				E	<i>Climacteris picumnus melanota</i>
Black-tailed Treecreeper	1	4			C		<i>Climacteris melanura</i>
White-browed Treecreeper	1	2	N		C		<i>Climacteris affinis</i>
Red Wattlebird	12	20		S	C	E	<i>Anthochaera carunculata</i>
Yellow Wattlebird	3	20		S			<i>Anthochaera paradoxa</i>
Brush (Little) Wattlebird	3	2		S		E	<i>Anthochaera chrysoptera</i>
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater	7	7		S	C		<i>Acanthagenys rufogularis</i>
Helmeted Friarbird	3	6			C	E	<i>Philemon buceroides</i>
Silver-crowned Friarbird	3	6			C		<i>Philemon argenticeps</i>
Noisy Friarbird	6	10		S		E	<i>Philemon corniculatus</i>
Little Friarbird	7	10		S	C		<i>Philemon citreogularis</i>
Blue-faced Honeyeater	10	10	N	S	C	E	<i>Entomyzon cyanotis</i>
Bell Miner	1	4		S			<i>Manorina melanophrys</i>
Noisy Miner	15	50		S	C	E	<i>Manorina melanocephala</i>
Black-eared Miner	1	2	N		C		<i>Manorina melanotis</i>
Yellow-throated Miner	6	20		S	C		<i>Manorina flavigula</i>
Banded Honeyeater	3	50			C		<i>Cissomela pectoralis</i>

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Black Honeyeater	2	4		S	C		<i>Sugomel niger</i>
Pied Honeyeater	2	2		S	C		<i>Certhionyx variegatus</i>
Macleay's Honeyeater	4	12				E	<i>Xanthotis macleayanus</i>
Lewin's Honeyeater	10	12		S		E	<i>Meliphaga lewinii</i>
Yellow-spotted Honeyeater	3	10				E	<i>Meliphaga notata</i>
Graceful Honeyeater	3	6				E	<i>Meliphaga gracilis</i>
White-gaped Honeyeater	5	6				C	<i>Lichenostomus unicolor</i>
Yellow-faced Honeyeater	7	7	(H)	S		E	<i>Lichenostomus chrysops</i>
Bridled Honeyeater	4	2				E	<i>Lichenostomus frenatus</i>
Singing Honeyeater	7	10		S	C		<i>Lichenostomus virescens</i>
Varied Honeyeater	2	4				E	<i>Lichenostomus versicolor</i>
Mangrove Honeyeater	1	1				E	<i>Lichenostomus fasciogularis</i>
Yellow Honeyeater	2	3				E	<i>Lichenostomus flavus</i>
Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	3	6	N	S			<i>Lichenostomus melanops</i>
Yellow-throated Honeyeater	2	2		S			<i>Lichenostomus flavicollis</i>
Grey-headed Honeyeater	4	4				C	<i>Lichenostomus keartlandi</i>
Yellow-plumed Honeyeater	1	2				C	<i>Lichenostomus ornatus</i>
White-plumed Honeyeater	12	12		S	C		<i>Lichenostomus penicillatus</i>
Yellow-tinted Honeyeater	1	4				C	<i>Lichenostomus flavescens</i>
Fuscous Honeyeater	1	2		S			<i>Lichenostomus fuscus</i>
Black-chinned Honeyeater	1	4		S			<i>Melithreptus gularis</i>
Brown-headed Honeyeater	3	1		S	C		<i>Melithreptus brevirostris</i>
Strong-billed Honeyeater	3	6		S			<i>Melithreptus validirostris</i>
White-throated Honeyeater	6	20				C	<i>Melithreptus albogularis</i>
White-naped Honeyeater	2	6		S			<i>Melithreptus lunatus</i>
Black-headed Honeyeater	2	6		S			<i>Melithreptus affinis</i>
Brown Honeyeater	10	50				C	<i>Lichmera indistincta</i>
Striped Honeyeater	3	3		S	C	E	<i>Plectorhyncha lanceolata</i>
White-fronted Honeyeater	3	3				C	<i>Purnella albifrons</i>
Tawny-crowned Honeyeater	2	2				E	<i>Glyciphila melanops</i>
White-cheeked Honeyeater	1	1				E	<i>Phylidonyris niger</i>
New Holland Honeyeater	11	40	N	S	C	E	<i>Phylidonyris novaehollandiae</i>
Crescent Honeyeater	2	4		S			<i>Phylidonyris pyrrhopterus</i>
Brown-backed Honeyeater	3	2	N			E	<i>Ramsayornis modestus</i>
Bar-breasted Honeyeater	1	5				C	<i>Ramsayornis fasciatus</i>
Rufous-throated Honeyeater	2	20				C	<i>Conopophila rufogularis</i>
Rufous-banded Honeyeater	3	12				C	<i>Conopophila albogularis</i>
Eastern Spinebill	10	10		S	C	E	<i>Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris</i>
Dusky Honeyeater	6	10				C	<i>Myzomela obscura</i>
Red-headed Honeyeater	2	20				C	<i>Myzomela erythrocephala</i>
Scarlet Honeyeater	1	6				E	<i>Myzomela sanguinolenta</i>
Crimson Chat	3	6		S	C		<i>Epthianura tricolor</i>
Orange Chat	1	3		S			<i>Epthianura aurifrons</i>
White-fronted Chat	5	30		S	C		<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>
Yellow-bellied Sunbird	4	6				E	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>
Mistletoebird	14	4	N	S	C	E	<i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i>
Spotted Pardalote	6	10	N	S		E	<i>Pardalotus punctatus</i>
Forty-spotted Pardalote	2	4		S			<i>Pardalotus quadragintus</i>
Striated Pardalote	7	6	N	S	C		<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>
Red-browed Pardalote	1	3				C	<i>Pardalotus rubicatus</i>
Yellow White-eye	2	6				C	<i>Zosterops luteus</i>
Silvereeye	12	6		S	C	E	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>
Crimson Finch	3	40				C	<i>Neochmia phaeton</i>
Red-browed Finch	7	50		S		E	<i>Neochmia temporalis</i>
Painted Firetail	1	1				C	<i>Emblema pictum</i>
Beautiful Firetail	3	2		S		E	<i>Stagonopleura bella</i>
Diamond Firetail	1	4		S			<i>Stagonopleura guttata</i>
Zebra Finch	4	'00s		S	C		<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>

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Double-barred Finch	3	10			C	E	<i>Taeniopygia bichenovii</i>
Long-tailed Finch	4	20			C		<i>Poephila acuticauda</i>
Masked Finch	3	6			C		<i>Poephila personata</i>
Black-throated Finch	1	12				E	<i>Poephila cincta</i>
Gouldian Finch	2	2			C		<i>Erythrura gouldiae</i>
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	1	5				E	<i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i>
Metallic Starling	6	120	N			E	<i>Aplonis metallica</i>
Yellow Oriole	5	6			C	E	<i>Oriolus falvocinctus</i>
Olive-backed Oriole	7	2		S	C	E	<i>Oriolus sagittatus</i>
Australasian Figbird	13	30	N		C	E	<i>Sphecotheres vieilloti</i>
Spangled Drongo	7	8			C	E	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>
Regent Bowerbird	3	10				E	<i>Sericulus chrysocephalus</i>
Satin Bowerbird	6	12	B	S		E	<i>Ptilonorhynchus violaceus</i>
Western Bowerbird	2	2	B		C		<i>Ptilonorhynchus guttata</i>
Great Bowerbird	4	20	B		C	E	<i>Ptilonorhynchus nuchalis</i>
Tooth-billed Bowerbird	1	5	B			E	<i>Scenopoeetes dentirostris</i>
Spotted Catbird	4	5				E	<i>Ailuroedus melanotis</i>
Green Catbird	3	6				E	<i>Ailuroedus crassirostris</i>
Paradise Riflebird	2	1				E	<i>Ptiloris paradiseus</i>
Victoria's Riflebird	2	3				E	<i>Ptiloris victoriae</i>
White-winged Chough	7	30	N	S	C		<i>Corcorax melanorhamphos</i>
Apostlebird	4	15		S	C	E	<i>Struthidea cinerea</i>
Magpie-lark	31	'00s	N	S		E	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>
White-breasted Woodswallow	12	12		S	C	E	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>
Masked Woodswallow	3	20		S	C		<i>Artamus personatus</i>
White-browed Woodswallow	4	90		S	C		<i>Artamus superciliosus</i>
Black-faced Woodswallow	7	20		S	C		<i>Artamus cinereus</i>
Dusky Woodswallow	9	6		S	C	E	<i>Artamus cyanopterus</i>
Little Woodswallow	4	12			C		<i>Artamus minor</i>
Black Butcherbird	2	2			C	E	<i>Cracticus quoyi</i>
Grey Butcherbird	8	4	N	S	C	E	<i>Cracticus torquatus torquatus</i>
Silver-backed Butcherbird 11	1	2			C		<i>Cracticus torquatus argentius</i>
Pied Butcherbird	10	10		S	C	E	<i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i>
Australian Magpie	25	100		S	C	E	<i>Cracticus tibicen</i>
Pied Currawong	11	20		S		E	<i>Strepera graculina</i>
Grey Currawong	5	4	N	S	C		<i>Strepera versicolor</i>
Black Currawong	2	6		S			<i>Strepera fuliginosa</i>
Australian Raven	8	20		S	C	E	<i>Corvus coronoides</i>
Forest Raven	3	20		S			<i>Corvus tasmanicus</i>
Little Raven	13	200		S	C		<i>Corvus mellori</i>
Torresian Crow	13	20			C	E	<i>Corvus orru</i>

Trip total: 484 (479 species seen and 5 heard) – excluding introductions.

Taxonomic and other notes:

Les Christidis and Walter Boles are highly regarded Australian taxonomists and have recently produced a new bird checklist for Australia contained within their book *Systematics and Taxonomy of Australia Birds*. This list has been adopted by Birds Australia (ex-RAOU) and it is highly likely that all new editions of the Australian field guides will follow it precisely. Their book is not simply a checklist. It includes detailed texts about each family and its relationship with the world's birds. They also explain in detail why they have lumped or split various species. For anyone interested in world taxonomy this is a fascinating read and is recommended. Our checklist follows the scientific names in that book.

1. Some recent authors have split Yellow-nosed Albatross into two species; Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross *Thalassarche chlororhynchos* and Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross *Thalassarche carteri*. C&B do not do this. The birds we saw off Sydney would have been the latter form.

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2. Most recent authors have lumped all of the Old World darters into one species *Anhinga melanogaster*. C&B keep the Australian form split.
3. Some recent authors have split the eastern form of Cattle Egret and are calling it Eastern Cattle Egret *Ardea coromandus*. C&B do not do this.
4. Most (all?) recent authors regard Osprey as one worldwide species *Pandion haliaetus*. C&B have split the form breeding in Australia and call it Eastern Osprey *Pandion cristatus*.
5. Some recent authors have split Black-shouldered Kite into three species with the one in Australia being called Australian Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus notatus*. C&B do not do this and keep it lumped with the African/European bird.
6. Some recent authors have split Black-winged Stilt into five species with the one in Australia being called White-headed Stilt *Himantopus leucocephalus*. C&B do not do this and keep it lumped with the African/European bird.
7. Most recent authors split Pied Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula bicolor* and Torresian Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula spilorrhoa*, with the latter form being the one that occurs in Australia. C&B have rejected this split and call the Australian bird Pied Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula bicolor*.
8. Opinions have long been divided over the best way to treat the various forms of rosella in Australia. These have varied from just two species – White-cheeked and Blue-cheeked – to as many as eight. C&B have decided to split six species, but to treat Adelaide and Yellow Rosellas as races of Crimson.
9. Some recent authors have split Mallee Ringneck *Bernardius barnardi* and Port Lincoln Ringneck *Bernardius zonarius*. However C&B have lumped them again and call the species Australian Ringneck *Bernardius zonarius*.
10. 'Black-backed' Treecreeper is the distinctive *melanota* race of Brown Treecreeper *Climacteris picumnus* that we saw at the Mareeba Wetlands. The bird not only looks different, but it behaves differently as well, being mostly arboreal instead of terrestrial. Our Australian friends who know both birds well believe they should be split.
11. One or two recent authors have split Silver-backed Butcherbird *Cracticus argentius* from Grey Butcherbird *Cracticus torquatus*, but C&B do not do this and treat it as a race of Grey.

Mammals:

The taxonomy and nomenclature used in this list follows A Field Guide to the Mammals of Australia by Peter Menkhorst and Frank Knight, which is the recommended mammal field guide for the tour.

Short-beaked Echidna	2	1	S		<i>Tachyglossus aculeatus</i>
Platypus	3	1	S	E	<i>Ornithorhynchus anatinus</i>
Eastern Quoll	1	6	S		<i>Dasyurus viverrinus</i>
Northern Brown Bandicoot	1	2		E	<i>Isodon macrourus</i>
Long-nosed Bandicoot	1	1		E	<i>Perameles nasuta</i>
Koala	1	1	S		<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>
Common Wombat	1	1	S		<i>Vombatus ursinus</i>
Southern Hairy-nosed Wombat	1	6		C	<i>Lasiorhinus latifrons</i>
Mountain Brushtail Possum	3	6	S	E	<i>Trichosurus caninus</i>
Common Brushtail Possum	4	10	S	E	<i>Trichosurus vulpecula</i>
'Coppery' Brushtail Possum	1	1		E	<i>Trichosurus v. johnstoni</i>
Greater Glider	1	1	S		<i>Petauroides volans</i>
Common Ringtail Possum	1	1		E	<i>Pseudocheirus peregrinus</i>
Green Ringtail Possum	2	3		E	<i>Pseudocheirus archeri</i>
Musky Rat-kangaroo	2	4		E	<i>Hypsiprymnodon moschatus</i>
Lumholtz's Tree Kangaroo	2	2		E	<i>Dendrolagus lumholtzi</i>
Agile Wallaby	3	30		C	<i>Macropus agilis</i>
Whiptail (Prettyface) Wallaby	1	6		E	<i>Macropus parryi</i>

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Eastern Grey Kangaroo	9	150		S		E	<i>Macropus giganteus</i>
Western Grey Kangaroo	4	20		S	C		<i>Macropus fuliginosus</i>
Red Kangaroo	2	10		S	C		<i>Macropus rufus</i>
Common Wallaroo (Euro)	2	5			C		<i>Macropus robustus</i>
Red-necked Wallaby	1	1				E	<i>Macropus rufogriseus</i>
..Bennett's' Wallaby	3	10		S			<i>Macropus rufogriseus banksianus</i>
Black (Swamp) Wallaby	1	3		S			<i>Wallabia bicolor</i>
Black-flanked Rock Wallaby	1	2			C		<i>Petrogale lateralis</i>
Red-necked Pademelon	2	6				E	<i>Thylogale thetis</i>
Rufous-bellied Pademelon	3	4		S			<i>Thyogale billardierii</i>
Least Blossom Bat	1	1			C		<i>Macroglossus minimus</i>
Black Flying-fox	2	'00s			C	E	<i>Pteropus alecto</i>
Spectacled Flying-fox	2	'00s				E	<i>Pteropus conspicillatus</i>
Grey-headed Flying-fox	1	'000s		S			<i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i>
Fawn-footed Melomys	1	1				E	<i>Melomys cervinipes</i>
Giant White-tailed Rat	1	1				E	<i>Uromys caudimaculatus</i>
Bush Rat	1	2				E	<i>Rattus fuscipes</i>
Dingo (introduced)	3	1			C	E	<i>Canus lupus</i>
Australian Fur Seal	1	1				E	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>
Bottlenose Dolphin	1	10				E	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>
Humpback Whale	2	6				E	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>

Amphibians and Reptiles:

Common Eastern Froglet	1	10	H	S			<i>Crinia signifera</i>
Eastern Banjo Frog	1	1		S			<i>Limnodynastes dumerilii</i>
Green Tree Frog	1	1			C		<i>Litoria caerulea</i>
Red-eyed Tree Frog	1	1				E	<i>Litoria chloris</i>
Brown Tree Frog	1	1	H	S			<i>Litoria ewingii</i>
Fresh-water Crocodile	1	3			C		<i>Crocodylus johnstoni</i>
Salt-water Crocodile	2	12			C		<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>
Green Turtle	1	2				E	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>
Saw-shelled Turtle	2	2				E	<i>Elseya latisternum</i>
Asian House Gecko	1	1	H				<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
Northern Leaf-tailed Gecko	1	1				E	<i>Saltuarius cornutus</i>
Friiled Lizard	2	1			C	E	<i>Chlamydosaurus kingii</i>
Mallee Dragon	1	2			C		<i>Ctenophorus fordii</i>
Northern Water Dragon	2	3			C		<i>Lophognathus temporalis</i>
Eastern Water Dragon	3	2				E	<i>Physignathus lesueurii</i>
Eastern Bearded Dragon	2	1			C	E	<i>Pogona barbata</i>
Central Bearded Dragon	1	1			C		<i>Pogona vitticeps</i>
Black-headed Monitor	1	2			C		<i>Varanus tristis</i>
Shingle-back (Stumpytail)	2	8			C		<i>Trachydosaurus rugosus</i>

Butterflies:

Green Triangle	1	2				E	<i>Graphium macfarlanei</i>
Ulysses Swallowtail	2	8				E	<i>Papilio ulysses</i>
Chequered Swallowtail	1	1			C		<i>Papilio demoleus</i>
Clearwing Swallowtail	3	4			C	E	<i>Cressida cressida</i>
Cairns Birdwing	3	10				E	<i>Ornithoptera euphorion</i>
Lemon Migrant	1	6			C		<i>Catopsila pomona</i>
Large Grass-yellow	1	1			C		<i>Eurema hecabe</i>
Spotted Jezebel	1	1			C		<i>Delias aganippe</i>
Caper White	1	1			C		<i>Belenois java</i>
Brown Ringlet	1	1				E	<i>Hypocysta metirius</i>
Ringed Xenica	1	1				E	<i>Geitoneura acantha</i>
Tailed Emperor	1	1				E	<i>Polyura sempronius</i>

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Cruiser	1	1		E	<i>Vindula arsinoe</i>
Varied Eggfly	3	6		C E	<i>Hypolimnnae bolina</i>
Blue-banded Eggfly	1	1		C	<i>Hypolimnnae alimena</i>
Chocolate Argus	1	1		E	<i>Junonia hedonia</i>
Yellow Admiral	1	1	S		<i>Vanessa itea</i>
Common Crow	3	10		C	<i>Euploea core</i>
Lesser Wanderer	2	2		C	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>
Monarch	2	4		E	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>
Black-spotted Flash	1	1		E	<i>Hypolycaena phorbas</i>
Moths:					
Zodiac Moth	3	4		E	<i>Alcides zodiaca</i>
Dragonflies:					
Tau Emerald	1	1		C	<i>Hemicordulia tau</i>
Graphic Flutterer	3	12		C E	<i>Rhyothemis graphiptera</i>
Fish:					
Short-finned Mako Shark	1	1		E	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>
Black-tipped Reef Shark	1	1		E	<i>Carcharhinus melanopterus</i>
White-spotted Eagle Ray	1	1		E	<i>Aetobatus narinari</i>
Sun Fish	1	4		E	<i>Mola mola</i>
Giant Trevally	1	4		E	<i>Caranx ignobilis</i>
Spangled Emperor	1	6		E	<i>Lethrinus nebulosus</i>
Robust (Yellow-tailed) Fusilier	1	10		E	<i>Caesio cuning</i>
Moorish Idol	1	2		E	<i>Zanclus cornutus</i>
Teardrop Butterflyfish	1	1		E	<i>Chaetodon unimculatus</i>
Tall-fin Batfish	1	6		E	<i>Platax teira</i>
Sargeant Major	1	20		E	<i>Abudefduf saxatilis</i>
Blue-Streak Cleaner Wrasse	1	1		E	<i>Labroides dimidiatus</i>
Bridled Parrotfish	1	1		E	<i>Scarus frenatus</i>
Shabby (Bullethead) Parrotfish	1	1		E	<i>Scarus sordidus</i>
Foxface (Rabbit Fish)	1	6		E	<i>Siganus vulpinus</i>