

# Internationally recognised bird guide and author Tim Dolby has been leading birding trips for a decade. He is best known as the author of "Finding Australian Birds: A Field Guide" and "Where to See Birds in Victoria". Tim is a former convener of BirdLife Australia and is the Australian editor for eBird. Tim's ability to locate birds in the wild is genuinely impressive, a skill honed from a lifetime of experience in the wilderness. He is an enthusiastic guide who draws from a deep understanding of flora and history in addition to ornithological knowledge.

# PHOTOS WORLD RENOWNED PHOTOGRAPHIC GUIDE AND MENTOR

Ewen Bell is your professional photographer and guide who has unique experience to teach and inspire. Ewen will help you to prepare for this workshop and ensure you have the right equipment to make the most of our wildlife encounters.

You can find Ewen's photography in magazines all over Australia and the world, in-flight magazines and image libraries. He also writes for Digital Photography UK and National Geographic Traveller UK.

Ewen has photographed wildlife on every continent across the globe, and brings the highest level of professional perspective to the task for learning photography. He will help you take better shots.

# THE RIGHT LOCATIONS AND LUXURY ACCOMMODATION

Every detail of this workshop is planned in fine detail. We make sure that everything is included, from the superb accommodation and local flights to Lady Elliot Island. There are no extras and no surprises. We stay in three great places which give us superb access to wildlife and genuine comfort.

Everything on this workshop is included in the price, there are no surprises. Meals, transport and accommodation are fully sorted. You will be spending your time learning about photography and learning about the wonderful birds of Queensland, from seabirds on the reef to the songbirds of the rainforest.

The tour starts in Brisbane and finishes in Hervey Bay.

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range of habitats and bird species.

INTERNATIONALLY RESPECTED BIRD





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#### O'REILLY'S

We depart Brisbane in the morning and head directly to O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat deep inside Lamington National Park. We'll have a welcome presentation to kick off the photography program and then get straight into the birds.

It's a full schedule that focuses on meeting the birds, learning processing skills and getting the best out of your camera gear. Our accommodation for 3 nights is surrounded by stunning birds and pristine nature walks, plus a few opportunities for capturing some lovely landscape moments at sunset.



#### RAINBOW BEACH

We leave the rainforest for a rich collection of coastal habitats at the northern end of the Great Sandy National Park. We have excellent apartments at Rainbow Beach for our 2 night stay, with walking tracks right outside the front door.

We'll make a day trip to head further along Inskip
Penninsula, and Tim will find us some additional
habitats along the coastal forests, dune and heaths.
The photography will be more challenging here, with
more open spaces and a little harder to get close to
the birds. Your new skills will be tested.



#### LADY ELLIOT

We have a short flight to reach Lady Elliot Island and the eco resort. The bird life here is the most diverse of any island in the Great Barrier Reef, and Tim will show us the very best locations to photograph.

Boobies, noddies, terns and the Red-Tailed Tropic Bird will be our objectives for Lady Elliot.

Our mornings will be spent with the birds, and the afternoons with turtles. Snorkelling trips are planned for the It's a chance to enjoy 2 nights in a remarkable ecosystem and a peaceful location.





#### August 5-7

We meet our group in Brisbane with a gam pickup at Royal on the Park. You don't have to spend the night at this hotel, but can still meet us there for collection. The drive to Lamington NP will take roughly 2.5 hours. On arrival we will begin with a presentation session to outline the photography ahead, have lunch, and then head out to photograph the birds. For the next three days we will have a range of opportunities to discover rare and beautiful birds such as the Regent Bowerbird and Albert's Lyrebird. We will meet the resident birds of prey and visit some of the scenic highlights of the region. Time is set aside for sessions to discuss advanced image processing as well.

#### August 8+9

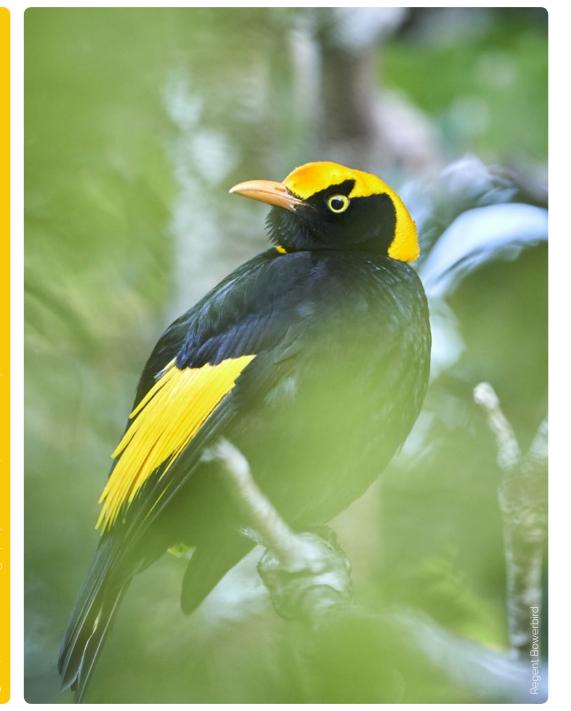
The drive to Rainbow Beach is a long day, but we'll make stops en route for comfort and birds. We aim to arrive at the Great Sandy Bay NP before sunset and enjoy the last light going down behind the heathlands. A full day is set aside to explore a range of habitats and many new birds you won't have seen in Lamington NP. We have comfortable accommodation for these two nights and everyone is given a single room upgrades in shared apartments.

#### August 10+11

We catch a short flight from Hervey Bay to Lady Elliot Island, a haven for birds and marine life in the Great Barrier Reef. Tim will guide us around his favourite locations, plus we take a break from the photography for snorkelling outings. The eco resort is unique and remote, with limited internet access and maximum wilderness access.

#### August 12

Our flight back to Hervey Bay airport will mark the end of the trip, and we farewell the group as everyone catches flights back home.



# LOVELY LENSES

Yes a good quality telephoto lens will be essential on this workshop. We'll be available to talk in detail about what camera gear you plan to bring and to make sure you have a good lens matched to your camera and your style.

For most bird photography the 200-800mm range is where you want to be. Shooting smaller birds typically demands a longer lens, and sometimes even the biggest ones don't come close enough. We regard 400mm as the minimum telephoto for you to enjoy participation in this workshop.

There are some superb telephoto lenses on the market which reach to 400mm, which when combined with a smaller DSLR and/or a 1.4x extender will give you approximately 600mm of reach. Your choice of camera is not as critical as your choice of lens.

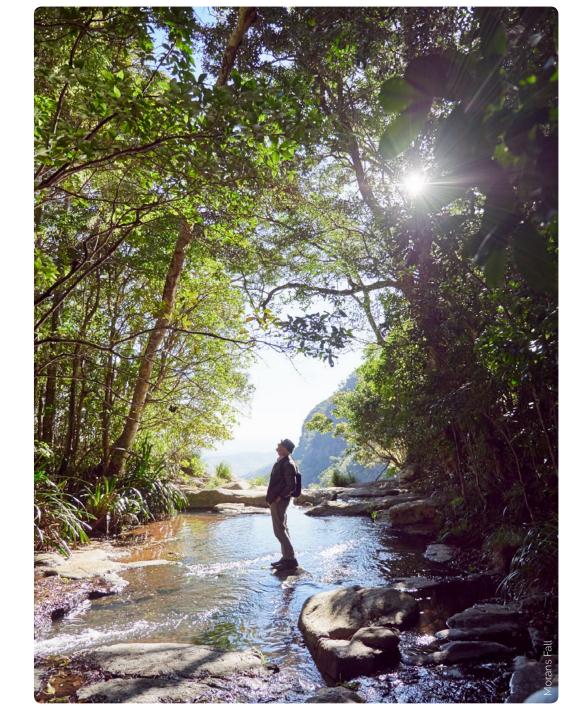
All of the bird images in this brochure were taken with the Lumix G9 with a 100-400mm lens (equivalent of 200-800mm on a full-frame DSLR) or the Leica 200mm f/2.8. This workshop is not an official Panasonic event, so we apologise that we won't be able to supply equipment for you to test.

# SCENIC DIVERSIONS

Most of our time will be dedicated to the birds, but that doesn't mean we cant stop and enjoy the sights and sounds of our environment too. From the rainforest to the reefs, we'll have some beautiful scenery to capture.

You'll need a wide angle lens for those moments when the bigger scene is on offer. The equivalent of 16mm is ideal, but 24mm is also good. If you have a 24-70mm lens then it will cover most of your non-wildlife needs.

This journey is all about the photography, but we also like to ensure that our companions have a wonderful experience too. You will be spending time in some truly magical places, made all the better with the possibility of capturing some beautiful scenery and those remarkable birds.



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### IMAGE PROCESSING

Ewen likes to emphasize that the art of photography takes place in the digital darkroom as much as in the camera. Taking the photo is only half the job, and the more skills you have with processing RAW files the more potential you unlock when shooting.

We'll be chasing birds with a wide range of light, and with that comes a range of treatments to maximise your RAW file. We don't take a "one size fits all" approach, rather we respond to each image on it's own merits. Reducing blown highlights versus lifting contrast in flat light require very different responses.

Processing techniques are also essential to get the best ISO performance out of your camera. Finding the right balance between smoothness and detail, and knowing how hard to push your noise reduction, is a critical part of wildlife photography and can free you from the perceived limits of high ISO.

Do bring your laptop and your preferred processing software. We will have dedicated sessions during the workshop to discuss different techniques, with a view to helping you better acheive the results and style you desire.



## PHOTOGRAPHIC JOY

This workshop is suitable for anyone who simply wants to enjoy thei photography, experts or beginners alike. We cater to a wide range of skill levels. By keeping the group size genuinely small we ensure everyone can benefit from personal instruction.

So long as you are excited about learning, and see joy in the natural world, you will enjoy this workshop.

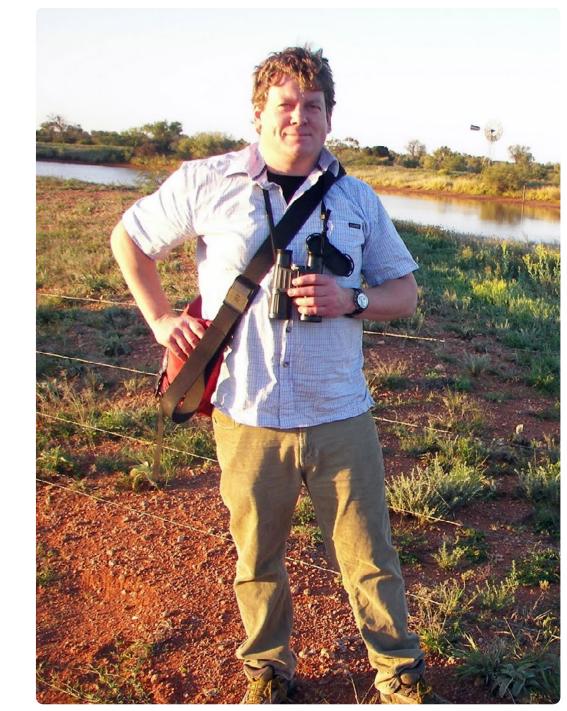
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Tim has personally designed this itinerary to explore a wide range of habitats and bird species. It is his local knowledge and years of experience finding birds in this part of Queensland that will give us such great opportunities to photograph.

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## EWEN BELL

What Ewen lacks in specific bird knowledge he makes up for with depth and bredth of experience in photography. For the last decade he has published the informations and inspiration online guide called "Photography for Travellers" and shares his passion for photography as art.

Ewen is professional photographer and writer from Melbourne. He has travelled to every continent across the globe to photograph wildlife including penguins in Antarctica, puffins in the Shetlands, lions in Kenya, polar bears in Arctic Russia, and whales in tropical waters of Tonga.

His wildlife images have appeared in National Geographic, Lonely Planet, Conde Nast, Food & Travel and many other publications.

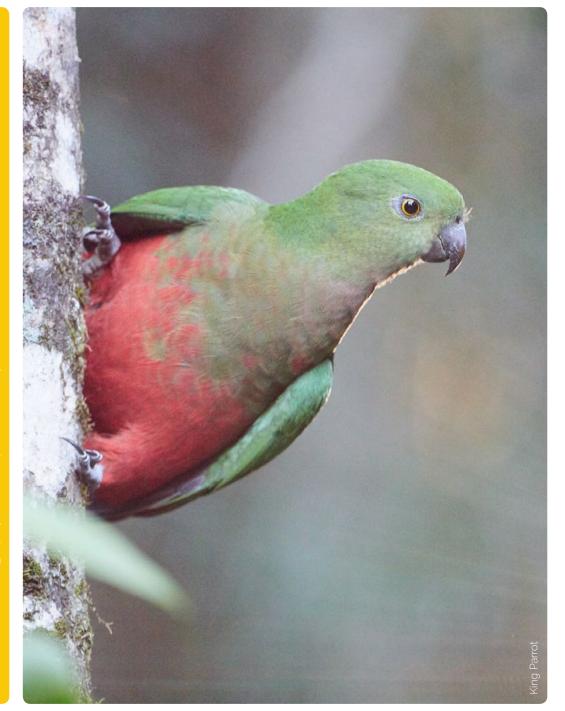
Ewen is the former Editor at Large for Digital Photography magazine in Australia and runs workshops and tours in the Australian Outback, Kenya, Scandinavia and The Himalayas. Ewen is also an ambassador for the Lumix G series.

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## MASTERING LIGHT

A big part of this workshop will be learning to work with light, not just birds. Understanding how to see light the way a camera does can really help you move forward with your photography.

The camera doesn't see subjects, it only sees light. This will form the foundation for better photography with birds.

We will spend time shooting the same species of birds in a range of different light, and compare the results. There is more than one kind of "good light" and there are even more variations on personal preference.

Our goal is to give you tools and understanding so that you can capture images that satisfy your aesthetic.



# CAPTURING FLIGHT

Birds in flight (BIF) is one of the most demanding aspects of wildlife photography, and we'll show you techniques to get into the game.

Different cameras offer different levels of technical supprt towards BIF, but ultimately your chance of success can be improved with a little planning and strategy. As always, the more you know about your subject the more likely you will get the shot.

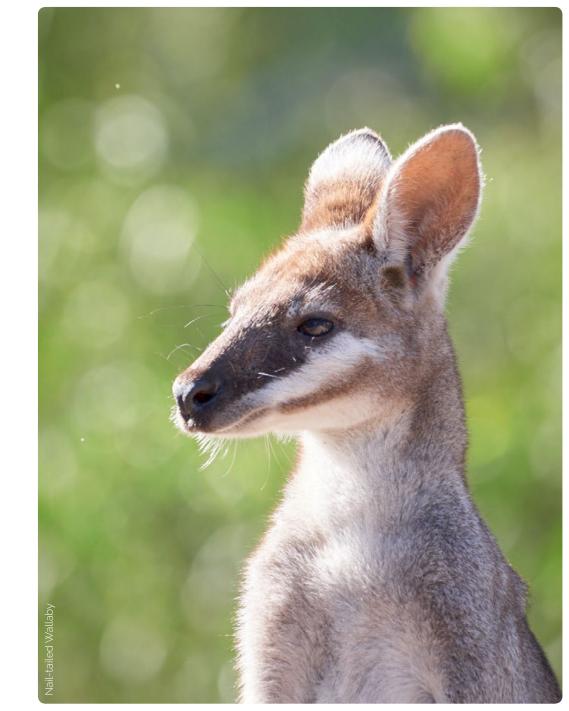
## PREVIOUS TRAVELLERS

Ewen Bell has been running workshops and photo tours since 2005. He has annual trips through the Australian Outback, the Himalayas and the Arctic. You can read testimonials from over a hundred happy photographers who have learned from his teachings.

#### ewenbell.com/feedback

We also encourage you to drop an email and ask questions about this workshop. We're happy to hear from you and prefer for our guests to be fully confident before booking.

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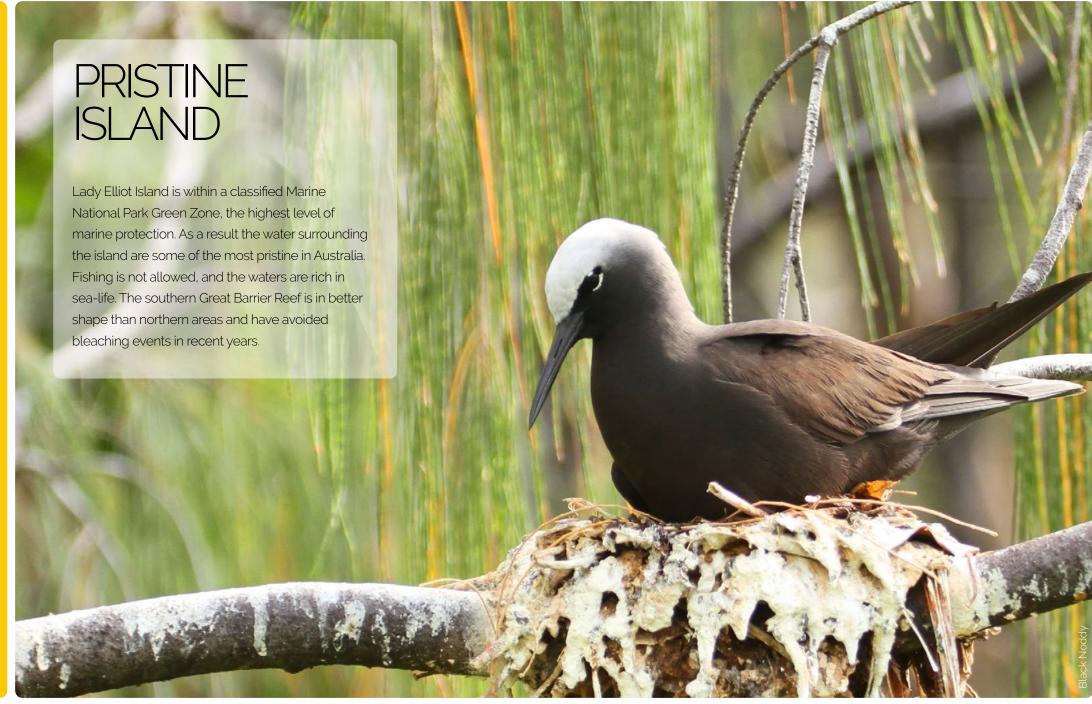
# INSIDE THE RAINFOREST

The most challenging conditions for photography are deep inside the rainforest. There is very little light to work with and the light is never clean white. Colours are tainted by the canopy and foliage, and shutter speeds are necessarily slower than ideal.

A combination of processing skills and camera technique is required to make the most of opportunities.

Once we leave the rainforest of Lamington National Park we will have a lot more sunlight to work with, unless shooting at the edges of the day. Having the skill to know when light is in short supply and respond to it will ensure you are prepared for a wide range of future situations.

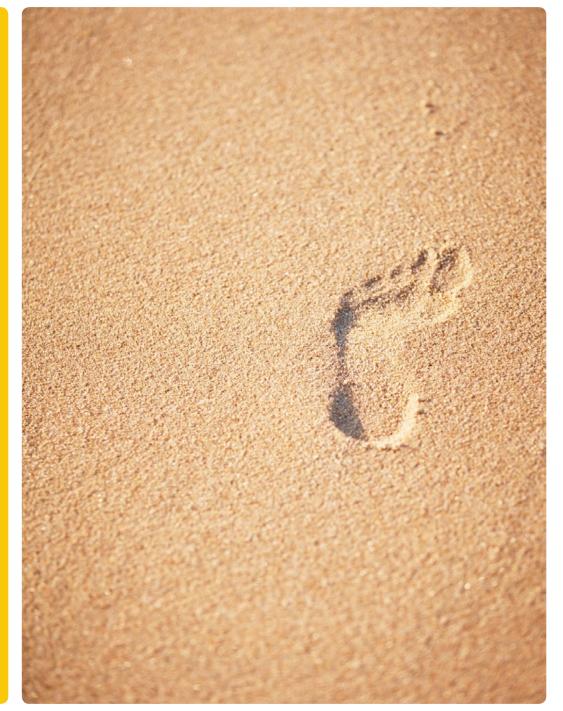










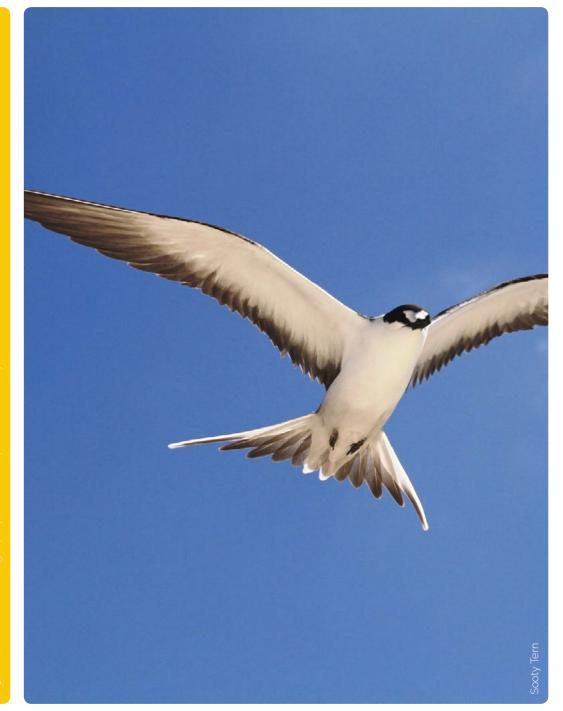


## GREAT SANDY NATIONAL PARK

The gorgeous Great Sandy National Park has a number of wonderful habitats - wallum heath, lowland rainforest, coastal scrub and impressive large sandy inlets.

It's home to a wonderful array of bird life including Southern Emu-wren, Noisy Pitta, Wompoo and Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, plus a multitude of honeyeaters including Scarlet, Mangrove and White-cheeked. Beach Stone-curlew and Eastern Curlew frequent the large sand inlets. Raptors patrol the adjacent waterways, such as Eastern Osprey, Brahminy Kite, and White-bellied Eagle.

If we're very lucky we might even see the illusive Eastern Ground Parrot.



# LADY ELLIOT ISLAND

Lady Elliot Island is the southern-most coral cay of the Great Barrier Reef. Renowned for it idyllic reef snorkelling, it also is an important seabird breeding site, with over 100,000 birds nesting during the breeding season.

The spectacular Red-tailed Tropicbird breed on the island, as well as a variety of tropical terns such Black-naped, Bridled, Roseate, Sooty Tern, and Common and Black Noddy - so it's a tern lovers heaven.

Walking around the island we'll photograph Great and Lesser Frigatebird, Brown Booby, and a multitude of waders including Grey-tailed and Wandering Tattler.

A bird photographers paradise!



#### REGENT BOWERBIRD

One of the feature birds on this workshop is the Regent Bowerbird. We definitely will be photographing them. They are normally very hard birds to see in the wild, but at O'Reilly's they have learned to trust the local guides in recent decades. They are so friendly they will even land on your hand if offered the right inducement.

This means you have an opportunity to photograph a stunning bird that is a unique expression of the rainforest habitat.

Both males and females come in close to our lodgings at O'Reilly's, due to the habituation to food offerings. This changes the expereince for many photographers, as the challenge is reduced considerably. Most individuals are very secretive and shy, and only a handful of them have learned otherwise in this location.

The feeding of wild birds can be controversial. In this instance we get a chance to practice our photography on an inspiring subject, and over the course of a few days we hope to move from "snapping a photo" of the Regent Bowerbird to capturing images that expresses the beauty of these birds.

#### TIM'S BIRD LIST

The list of birds that can be seen on our journey is impressive. We will definitely not be seeing all 345 species, however those we are 90% likely to see have been highlighted below.

Albert's Lyrebird

**Apostlebird** Arctic Tern

Australasian Rittern

Australasian Darter

Australasian Figbird

Australasian Gannet Australasian Shoveler

Australian Brushturkey

Australian Crake

Australian Golden Whistler

Australian Hobby

Australian King Parrot

Australian Logrunner

Australian Magpie

Australian Masked Owl Australian Owlet-nightian

Australian Pelican

Australian Pipit

Australian Raven

Australian Reed Warbler

Australian Shelduck

Australian Swamphen

Australian Swiftlet

Australian White Ibis

Azure Kinafisher

Baillon's Crake

Banded Lapwing

Bar-shouldered Dove

Bar-tailed Godwit

Barking Owl

Bassian Thrush

Beach Stone-curlew

Bell Miner

Black Bittern

Black Falcon

Black Kite

Black Noddy Black Swan

Black-breasted Buttonguail

Black-chinned Honeyeater Black-eared Cuckoo

Black-faced Cuckooshrike

Black-faced Monarch

Black-fronted Dotterel

Black-naped Tern

Black-necked Stork Black-shouldered Kite

Black-tailed Godwit

Blue-billed Duck

Blue-faced Honeyeater

Blue-winged Kookaburra Brahminy Kite

Bridled Tern

Brolga

Brown Booby

Brown Cuckoo-Dove

Brown Falcon

Brown Gervaone Brown Goshawk

Brown Honeyeater

Brown Noddy Brown Quail

Brown Skua Brown Songlark

**Brown Thornbill** 

Brown Treecreeper Brown-headed Honeyeater

Brush Bronzewina

Brush Cuckoo

Buff-banded Rail

Buff-rumped Thornbill **Bush Stone-curlew** 

Caspian Tern Cattle Egret

Channel-billed Cuckoo

Chestnut Teal

Chestnut-breasted Mannikin

Collared Sparrowhawk Comb-crested Jacana

Common Blackbird

Common Bronzewina Common Cicadabird

Common Greenshank

Common Myna

Common Sandpiper Common Starling

Common Tern

Crested Pigeon

Crested Shriketit Crimson Rosella

Curlew Sandpiper

Diamond Dove Diamond Firetail

Double-banded Plover

Double-barred Finch

Dusky Moorhen

Dusky Myzomela Dusky Woodswallow

Eastern Barn Owl

**Fastern Bristlebird** 

Fastern Grass Owl

Eastern Ground Parrot Eastern Osprev

Eastern Rosella

Eastern Spinebill Eastern Whipbird Fastern Yellow Robin

**Eurasian Coot** European Goldfinch Fairy Gerygone Fairy Martin Fairy Tern

Fan-tailed Cuckoo Far Eastern Curlew

Flame Robin Forest Kingfisher Freckled Duck

Fuscous Honeveater Galah

Glossy Black Cockatoo

Glossy Ibis

Golden-headed Cisticola

Great Cormorant

Great Crested Grebe

**Great Earet** Great Frigatebird

Great Knot

Greater Crested Tern

Greater Sand Plover Greater Sooty Owl

Green Catbird

Green Pyamy Goose Grev Butcherbird

Grev Fantail

Grey Goshawk Grev Noddv Grey Plover

Grey Shrikethrush

Grey Teal

Grey-tailed Tattler Gull-billed Tern

Hardhead

Helmeted Guineafowl Hooded Robin

Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo Horsfield's Bush Lark

House Sparrow

Kelp Gull

Intermediate Egret Jacky Winter

Large-billed Scrubwren

Large-tailed Nightiar Latham's Snipe

Laughing Kookaburra Leaden Flycatcher Lesser Crested Tern Lesser Frigatebird

Lesser Sand Plover Lewin's Honeveater Little Black Cormorant

Little Bronze Cuckoo Little Corella

Little Eagle Little Egret Little Friarbird Little Grassbird Little Lorikeet

Little Pied Cormorant

Little Shrikethrush Little Tern Little Wattlebird

Long-tailed Jaeger Magpie Goose

Magpie-lark Mallard

Maned Duck Mangrove Gerygone Mangrove Honeyeater

Marbled Frogmouth Marsh Sandpiper

Masked Booby Masked Lapwing

Metallic Starling Mistletoebird Musk Duck

Musk Lorikeet Nankeen Kestrel

Nankeen Night Heron

New Holland Honeveater Noisy Friarbird Noisy Miner

Noisy Pitta Olive Whistler

Olive-backed Oriole Olive-backed Sunbird

Oriental Cuckoo Oriental Dollarbird

Pacific Baza Pacific Black Duck Pacific Fmerald Dove Pacific Golden Plover

Pacific Gull Pacific Koel

Pacific Reef Heron Pacific Swift

Painted Buttonguail Pale-headed Rosella

Pale-vented Bush-hen Pale-yellow Robin Pallid Cuckoo

Paradise Riflebird

Parasitic Jaeger Peaceful Dove

Peregrine Falcon Pheasant Coucal

Pied Butcherbird Pied Cormorant

Pied Currawong Pied Heron

Pied Oystercatcher

Pink-eared Duck Plumed Whistling Duck

Pomarine Skua Powerful Owl Rainbow Bee-eater

Rainbow Lorikeet Red Knot

Red Wattlebird Red-backed Fairywren

Red-browed Finch Red-browed Treecreeper

Red-capped Plover Red-footed Booby Red-kneed Dotterel

Red-necked Avocet Red-necked Stint

Red-rumped Parrot Red-tailed Tropicbird Red-winged Parrot

Regent Bowerbird

Restless Flycatcher

Rose Robin Rose-crowned Fruit Dove Roseate Tern

Roseate Tern Royal Spoonbill Ruddy Turnstone Rufous Fantail

Rock Dove

Rufous Scrubbird Rufous Songlark

Rufous Whistler Russet-tailed Thrush

Sacred Kingfisher Sanderling

Satin Bowerbird

Satin Flycatcher Scaly-breasted Lorikeet Scaly-breasted Munia Scarlet Myzomela Scarlet Robin Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Shining Bronze Cuckoo Shining Flycatcher Silver Gull

Silvereye Singing Lie

Singing Honeyeater Sooty Oystercatcher Sooty Tern

Southern Boobook Southern Emu-wren Spangled Drongo

Spectacled Monarch Swamp Harrier
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater Tawny Frogmouth

Splendid Fairywren Spotless Crake Spotted Dove Spotted Nightjar Spotted Pardalote Spotted Quail-thrush Straw-necked Ibis Striated Heron Striated Pardalote

Striated Pardalote Striated Thornbill Striped Honeyeater

Stubble Quail

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo

Superb Fairywren Superb Fruit Dove Superb Lyrebird Swamp Harrier Tawny Frogmouth Tawny Grassbird Terek Sandpiper Topknot Pigeon Torresian Crow Torresian Imperial Pigeon Torresian Kingfisher

Tree Martin Varied Sittella Varied Triller

Variegated Fairywren Wandering Tattler

Wandering Whistling Duck Weehill

Welcome Swallow

Whimbrel Whiskered Tern Whistling Kite White Tern

White-bellied Cuckooshrike White-bellied Sea Eagle

White-breasted Woodswallow White-browed Scrubwren

White-browed Treecreeper
White-cheeked Honeyeater
White-eared Honeyeater

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White-faced Heron

White-fronted Tern White-headed Pigeon

White-headed Stilt

White-naped Honeyeater

White-necked Heron White-plumed Honeyeater

White-throated Gerygone

White-throated Honeyeater White-throated Needletail

White-throated Nightjar White-throated Treecreeper

White-winged Chough White-winged Tern

White-winged Triller Willie Wagtail Wompoo Fruit Dove Wonga Pigeon

Wood Sandpiper Yellow Thornbill Yellow-billed Spoonbill

Yellow-faced Honeyeater

Yellow-rumped Thornbill Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo

Yellow-throated Scrubwren

Yellow-tufted Honeyeater Zebra Finch

