

# Bushland Birds of Hobsons Bay



## Songbirds & Ground Birds



**Australasian Pipit**  
*Anthus novaeseelandiae*  
Size: 45-55cm  
Habitat: Grassland



**Black-faced Monarch**  
*Monarcha melanopsis*  
Size: 16-20cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Fan-tailed Cuckoo**  
*Cacomantis flabelliformis*  
Size: 25-27cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Pallid Cuckoo**  
*Cacomantis pallidus*  
Size: 28-34cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Grey Fantail**  
*Rhipidura albiscapa*  
Size: 14-17cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Willie Wagtail**  
*Rhipidura leucophrys*  
Size: 19-22cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Pink Robin (F)**  
*Petroica rodinogaster*  
Size: 11-13cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Pink Robin (M)**  
*Petroica rodinogaster*  
Size: 11-13cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Red-browed Finch**  
*Neochmia temporalis*  
Size: 11-12cm  
Habitat: Scrub



**Silvreye**  
*Zosterops lateralis*  
Size: 11-13cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**White-winged Triller**  
*Lalage tricolor*  
Size: 16-19cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



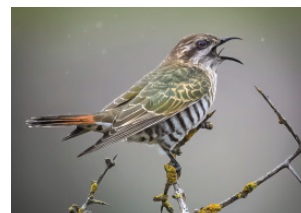
**Common Bronzewing**  
*Phaps chalcoptera*  
Size: 30-36cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Australian Magpie**  
*Cracticus tibicen*  
Size: 37-44cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Magpie Lark**  
*Grallina cyanoleuca*  
Size: 26-30cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo**  
*Chalcites basalis*  
Size: 14-17cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike**  
*Coracina novaehollandiae*  
Size: 30-36cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Welcome Swallow**  
*Hirundo neoxena*  
Size: 14-15cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Fairy Martin**  
*Petrochelidon ariel*  
Size: 12-13cm  
Habitat: Open areas



**Red-capped Robin (F)**  
*Petroica goodenovii*  
Size: 11-12cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Red-capped Robin (M)**  
*Petroica goodenovii*  
Size: 11-12cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**White-browed Scrubwren**  
*Sericornis frontalis*  
Size: 11-13cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Yellow-rumped Thornbill**  
*Acanthiza chrysorrhoa*  
Size: 11-12cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Crested Pigeon**  
*Ocyphaps lophotes*  
Size: 31-35cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Brown Quail**  
*Coturnix ypsiphora*  
Size: 17-20cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Little Raven**  
*Corvus mellori*  
Size: 48-54cm  
Habitat: Open areas



**Grey Butcherbird**  
*Cracticus torquatus*  
Size: 26-30cm  
Habitat: Forest



**Rufous Whistler (F)**  
*Pachycephala rufiventris*  
Size: 16-18cm  
Habitat: Grassland



**Rufous Whistler (M)**  
*Pachycephala rufiventris*  
Size: 16-18cm  
Habitat: Grassland



**Satin Flycatcher (F)**  
*Myiagra cyanoleuca*  
Size: 15-17cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Satin Flycatcher (M)**  
*Myiagra cyanoleuca*  
Size: 15-17cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



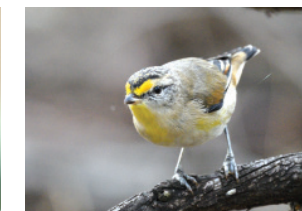
**Flame Robin (F)**  
*Petroica phoenicea*  
Size: 13-14cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Flame Robin (M)**  
*Petroica phoenicea*  
Size: 13-14cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Spotted Pardalote**  
*Pardalotus punctatus*  
Size: 8-10cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Striated Pardalote**  
*Pardalotus striatus*  
Size: 9.5-11.5cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Grey Shrike-thrush**  
*Colluricincla harmonica*  
Size: 22-25cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Pied Currawong**  
*Strepera graculina*  
Size: 42-50cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Golden Whistler (F)**  
*Pachycephala pectoralis*  
Size: 16-18cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Golden Whistler (M)**  
*Pachycephala pectoralis*  
Size: 16-18cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Leaden Flycatcher (F)**  
*Myiagra rubecula*  
Size: 15-16cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Leaden Flycatcher (M)**  
*Myiagra rubecula*  
Size: 15-16cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Superb Fairy-wren (F)**  
*Malurus cyaneus*  
Size: 13-14cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Superb Fairy-wren (M)**  
*Malurus cyaneus*  
Size: 13-14cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Sacred Kingfisher**  
*Todiramphus sanctus*  
Size: 20-23cm  
Habitat: Waterways



**Red-backed Kingfisher**  
*Todiramphus pyrrhopygius*  
Size: 20-24cm  
Habitat: Waterways

We acknowledge the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the lands, rivers and coastal areas in Hobsons Bay. We recognise the First Peoples' relationship to this land and offer our respect to their Elders past and present.

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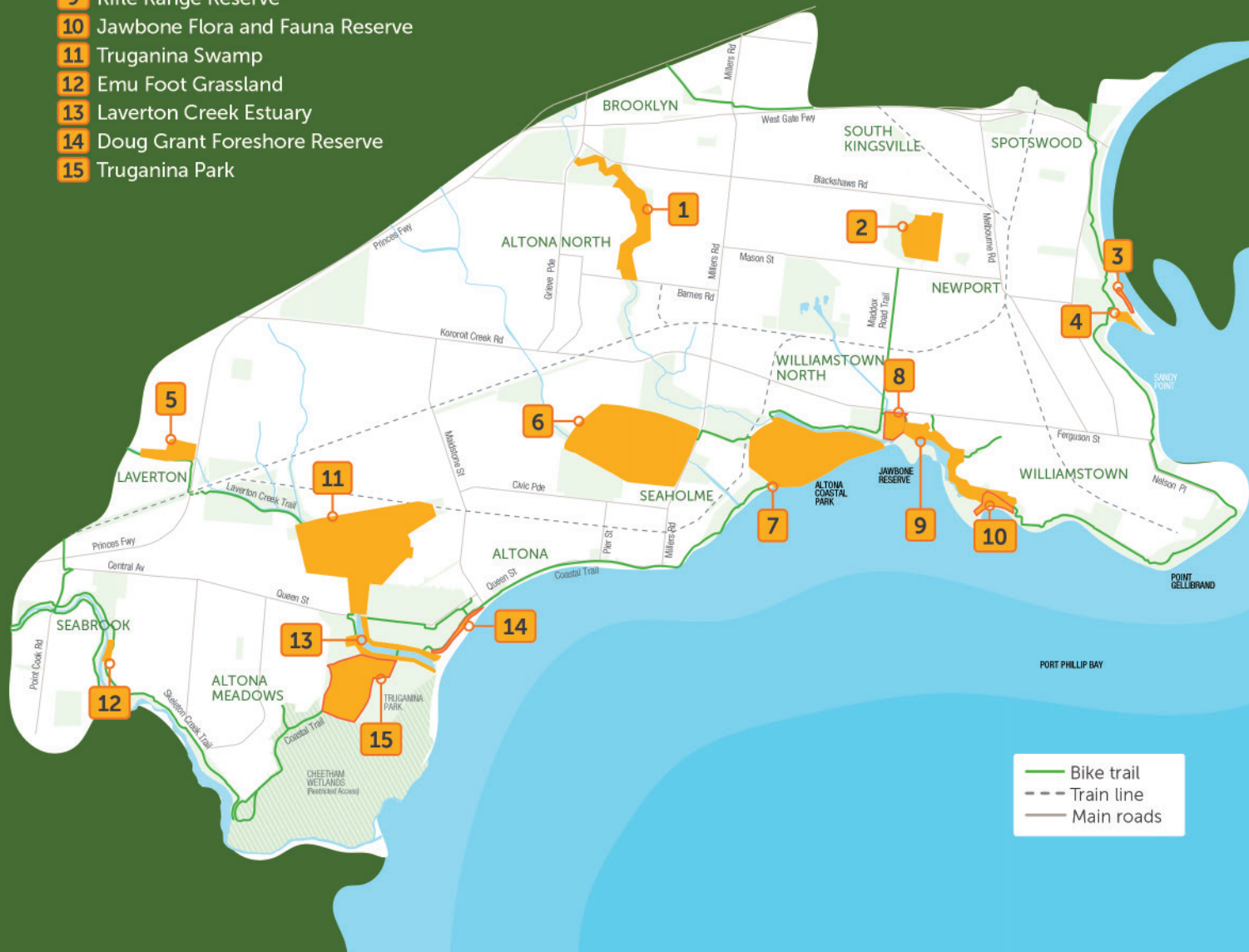
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## Bird Watching Spots in Hobsons Bay

- 1 Kororoit Creek
- 2 Newport Lakes
- 3 The Spit
- 4 Sandy Point Nature Reserve
- 5 McCormack Park
- 6 Cherry Lake
- 7 Altona Coastal Park
- 8 Paisley Challis Wetland
- 9 Rifle Range Reserve
- 10 Jawbone Flora and Fauna Reserve
- 11 Truganina Swamp
- 12 Emu Foot Grassland
- 13 Laverton Creek Estuary
- 14 Doug Grant Foreshore Reserve
- 15 Truganina Park

This booklet is a beginner's guide to some of the native bird species found across Hobsons Bay. While the municipality is home to a rich biodiversity of birdlife, this guide features a selected sample of species that are commonly seen in our parks, wetlands and urban spaces.



## Bushland Birds of Hobsons Bay

We've organised them into categories that make it easier for new birdwatchers to identify them. Birds with similar features are placed side by side to help with comparison.

We hope this guide inspires you to discover and enjoy the birdlife of Hobsons Bay.

To practice ethical birding please ensure to follow the guidelines as followed;

**Prioritise bird welfare:** Avoid stressing or endangering birds; keep a respectful distance.

**Minimise disturbance:** Stay on paths, use natural cover or hides, especially near nesting or roosting areas. Contain and restrain pets. Don't litter, and respect all wildlife and plant life.

**Avoid disruptive tools:** Do not use spotlights, call playback, or drones.

**Do not handle Birds:** If you come across injured wildlife, contact Wildlife Victoria's Emergency Response Service on 03 8400 7300.

**Practice ethical photography:** Avoid nests, feeding sites, and using flash or playback; follow BirdLife Australia's photo guidelines.

**Respect laws and property:** Don't trespass; follow all relevant rules and regulations and adhere to signage within our reserves.

Join one of the many local environmental volunteer community groups in Hobsons Bay.

Help bird conservation by recording observations. Enter your bird count data online at: <http://birdata.birdlife.org.au>

For any inquires please contact [ranger@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au](mailto:ranger@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au)

## Parrots and Allies



**Blue-winged Parrot**

*Neophema chrysostoma*  
Size: 20-22cm  
Habitat: Saltbush



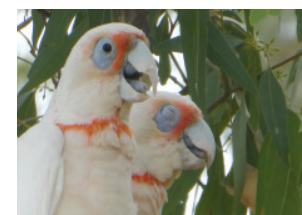
**Rainbow Lorikeet**

*Trichoglossus moluccanus*  
Size: 26-31cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Little Corella**

*Cacatua sanguinea*  
Size: 35-42cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Long Billed Corella**

*Cacatua tenuirostris*  
Size: 38-41cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Galah**

*Eolophus roseicapilla*  
Size: 35-38cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Swift Parrot**

*Lathamus discolor*  
Size: 23-26cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Eastern Rosella**

*Platycercus eximius*  
Size: 29-33cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Red-rumped Parrot**

*Psephotus haematonotus*  
Size: 26-28cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland

## Birds of Prey



**White-bellied Sea Eagle**

*Haliaeetus leucogaster*  
Size: 75-85cm  
Habitat: Wetlands



**Swamp Harrier**

*Circus approximans*  
Size: 48-62cm  
Habitat: Wetlands



**Australian Hobby**

*Falco longipennis*  
Size: 30-36cm  
Habitat: Diverse



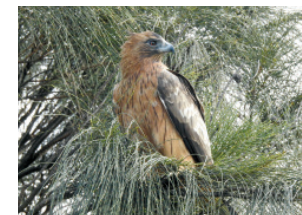
**Collared Sparrowhawk**

*Accipiter cirrocephalus*  
Size: 30-40cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Black Kite**

*Milvus migrans*  
Size: 48-55cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Little Eagle**

*Hieraetus morphnoides*  
Size: 45-55cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Black-shouldered Kite**

*Elanus axillaris*  
Size: 35-38cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Nankeen Kestrel**

*Falco cenchroides*  
Size: 25-28cm  
Habitat: Grassland



**Brown Falcon**

*Falco berigora*  
Size: 41-51cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Whistling Kite**

*Haliastur sphenurus*  
Size: 50-60cm  
Habitat: Diverse

## Owls and Night Birds



**Australian Barn Owl**

*Tyto alba*  
Size: 30-40cm  
Habitat: Diverse



**Tawny Frog-mouth**

*Podargus strigoides*  
Size: 34-52cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Australian Boobook**

*Ninox novaezealandiae*  
Size: 25-35cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland

## Honeyeaters and Nectar Feeders



**White-plumed Honeyeater**

*Ptilotula penicillata*  
Size: 15-17cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Noisy Miner**

*Manorina melanocephala*  
Size: 25-28cm  
Habitat: Open areas



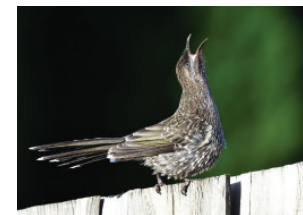
**Eastern Spinebill (M)**

*Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*  
Size: 14-16cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Red Wattlebird**

*Anthochaera carunculata*  
Size: 32-36cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Little Wattlebird**

*Anthochaera chrysoptera*  
Size: 27-31cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Singing Honeyeater**

*Gavicalis virescens*  
Size: 18-22cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**New Holland Honeyeater**

*Phylidonyris novaehollandiae*  
Size: 17-19cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland



**Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater**

*Acanthagenys rufogularis*  
Size: 23-26cm  
Habitat: Open Woodland