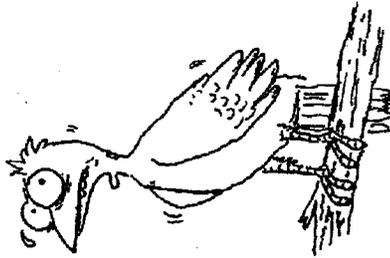


Birdwatching Tips

For close observation and identification of the birds you see, binoculars and a bird field guide are recommended. To see birds, it is important not to startle them so they fly away too quickly. Moving slowly and quietly along trails and wearing dull-coloured clothing which makes you less conspicuous will help achieve this.

Responsible birdwatching

Responsible birdwatchers know not to cause agitation to the birds they are observing. Moving too closely to birds – and particularly to nests – can stress birds.



Timing is Everything

Both season and time of day will affect the numbers of birds and the range of species you will see. The build-up to the Wet Season brings with it a rush of northern hemisphere migrants such as sandpipers and plovers, along with Oriental Cuckoo etc but the rains open up other wetlands so many of the waterfowl depart to breed. During the Dry Season birds come to escape the winter of southern and eastern Australia, and as the Dry Season progresses, waterbirds arrive in increasing numbers as other wetland areas start to dry out.

Early morning each day shows most activity, with a little less in the later afternoon. The hotter middle part of the day is often quiet, particularly in the wooded areas, as birds are resting and more difficult to find. Waterbirds are easily observed throughout the day.

Fogg Dam Birds

Nearly 200 different birds have been identified in the Fogg Dam area. Many of these can be considered 'notable' because they may be rare, generally hard to find elsewhere, or simply because they are such attractive birds. The following lists are a small selection of the birds that may be seen.

A full bird list can be found on the Friends of Fogg Dam Inc. website [www.foggdamfriends.org].

Some Notable Birds of Fogg Dam

- Pacific Baza
- Grey Goshawk
- White-browed Crane
- Baillon's Crane
- Buff-banded Rail
- Red-backed Button-quail
- Oriental Cuckoo
- Brush Cuckoo
- Little Bronze-Cuckoo
- Barking Owl
- Spotted Nightjar
- Large-tailed Nightjar
- Emerald Dove
- Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove
- Little Kingfisher
- Azure Kingfisher
- Rainbow Pitta
- Bar-breasted Honeyeater
- Little Shrike-thrush
- Broad-billed Flycatcher

Some More Common Birds of Fogg Dam

- Magpie Goose
- Green Pygmy-geese
- Radjah Shelduck
- Brolga
- Pied Heron
- Cattle Egret
- Royal Spoonbill
- Glossy Ibis
- Black-necked Stork
- Swamp Harrier
- Purple Swamphen
- Comb-crested Jacana
- Bush Stone-curlew
- Australian Pratincole
- Whiskered Tern
- Tawny Frogmouth
- Dusky Honeyeater
- White-gaped Honeyeater
- Restless Flycatcher
- Shining Flycatcher
- Lemon-bellied Flycatcher
- Spangled Drongo
- Varied Triller
- Olive-backed Oriole
- Yellow Oriole
- Crimson Finch
- Tawny Grassbird
- Clamorous Reed-Warbler

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Comb-crested Jacana



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