

South Australian Desert Parks

A Beginner's Guide to Birding

What do you need?

Many birds can be seen just by looking out the window or into a tree but birds can be small, hidden, and fast, so it is always good to have some handy equipment to help identify them.

- ☐ binoculars 
- ☐ bird identification book 
- ☐ paper or device for recording 
- ☐ camera (if available) 
- ☐ water bottle 
- ☐ bush walking gear 

How to identify a bird

To identify a bird we need to be able to recognise differences in their features and environment to help you, such as:

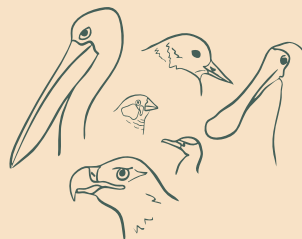
Colour



Bird size



Beak shape

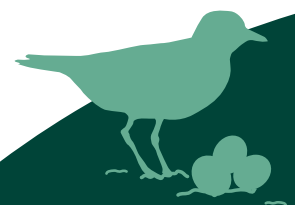


Habitat



Can you think of anything else that could be useful to identify a bird?

Using an identification book, can you find out what bird this is?



Around 900 birds have been recorded in Australia and 830 of them are native!



What birds can you find?

Birdo Bingo

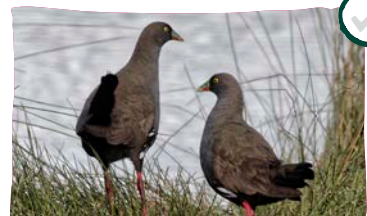
See if you can find and identify the birds. Upload your sightings on the Merlin or iNaturalist apps to contribute to Citizen Science.



1. Pink-eared duck



2. Hoary-headed grebe



3. Black-tailed native hen



4. Diamond dove



5. Straw-necked ibis



6. Little eagle



7. Bourke's parrot



8. Southern whiteface



9. Red-capped robin

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