

Little Penguins*

These blue and white, sea faring birds seek habitat across Granite Island to breed, raise chicks and moult. Sightings of penguins during the day are extremely rare. Also, due to the small number of penguins in the colony, evening sightings are irregular and not guaranteed. Approx size: 42cm.



Please help our small colony of Little Penguins survive and thrive on Granite Island.

- Never use white lights or flash light. These can impact penguin night vision.
- Stand back 5 metres and give way to penguins.
- Always leave dogs and pets on the mainland.
- Never approach or put hands in burrows.
- Close Causeway gate at night to stop foxes.
- Be quiet. Noise is stressful to penguins.

*The photos of Little Penguins were taken at Adelaide Zoo. Some rehabilitated Little Penguins, rescued from Granite Island, live at Adelaide Zoo.

All wildlife on Granite Island is protected and must not be approached. Always stand back 5 metres and remember, dogs and other pets are prohibited on Causeway and Granite Island.

***Please be respectful of our wildlife.
Your choices can make a
positive difference.***

Thank you.

**Want to create habitat and help
our wildlife?**

Become a Friends of Granite Island (FOGI) volunteer.

Find out more: <https://friendsofparkssa.org.au>
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Birds



During your visit to Granite Island you may see many birds. Please make each bird feel safe in their home environment. You can do this by observing the birds without overcrowding, chasing or feeding them.



Masked Lapwing

Seen on rocks, in gardens and shrubland. Lapwings will swoop to protect their nest and chicks. Approx 36cm.



Australian Pelican

Pelicans feed on fish around the island. They rest on rocks near Causeway. Approx 1.8m.



Silver Gulls

Regularly seen on Causeway and across the island. Approx 40cm.



Sootie Oystercatcher

Occasionally seen on rocks around the island. Approx 50cm.



Pacific Gull (adult)
These large gulls may be sitting on Causeway, Screwpile Jetty or rocks around island. Approx 62cm.

Pacific Gull (juvenile)
This bird is entangled with fishing line. Please cut-up and dispose of unwanted fishing line in a bin.



Little Pied Cormorant
Often seen on rocks drying their wings after fishing. Approx 61 cm.



Black faced Cormorant
Can be seen resting on rocks. This one has breeding plumage. Approx 65cm.



Resting Little Pied Cormorant, with their black and white plumage, can be mistaken for Little Penguin.



Crested Tern
Often seen driving for fish on north side of island. Note the yellow beak. Approx 45cm.



Caspian Tern
Seen on Causeway and north side of island. This tern has a red beak. Approx 53cm.

Onshore Birds



Nankeen Kestrel
May be seen hovering over grassland to find prey. Also look along the cliff faces. Approx 33cm.



Singing Honeyeater
Seen in open shrubland. Listen for their call. Approx 20cm.



Crested Pigeon
Commonly seen feeding in grassland across the island. Approx 33cm.



Buff-banded Rail
Rails live on the ground and may be seen crossing the Kaiki Trail or gardens. Approx 30cm.



Little Raven
Seen across the island. These birds are all black with small feathers under the throat. Approx 49cm.



Brown Quail
These ground dwelling birds are generally seen in family groups among tall grass and shrubs. Approx 18cm.



Australian Wood Duck
Often seen raising their young near the kiosk. They are reluctant to fly. Approx 48cm.



Magpielark
Also called Murray Magpie, this bird feeds in open areas around the island. Approx 28cm.



Black-faced Cuckoo Shrike
Blue/grey back, white belly. Seen in trees of wooded areas. Approx 33cm.



Welcome Swallow
Seen near Causeway and darting around island chasing insects. Approx 15cm.



Australian Magpie
Seen across the island and on Causeway. Male has white back, female has greyish back. Approx 41cm.



Willy Wagtail
Commonly seen on island in open areas. Approx 21cm.