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COMMON BIRDS



WHIMBREL

Numenius phaeopus

Identification: 45 cm. Large shorebird with down-curved dark beak with pink base, streaky plumage, dark-striped crown and white rump/lower back.

Notes: Call, loud repeated chee-chee-chee. Small to large groups. Mudflats, marine wetlands and estuaries. Usually seen striding on exposed mudflats.



BLUE-FACED HONEYEATER *Entomyzon cyanotis*

Identification: Length 30cm. Only Australian bird with a large, bright, electric blue patch of bare skin around eye and face. Long, black slightly curved beak; head black with a narrow white band across back of black head; back olive-green; underbody white with a black throat.

Habitat and range: Widespread in Greater Brisbane region. Present all year.

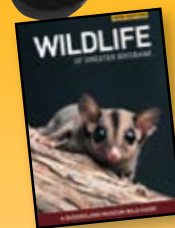


AUSTRALIAN KING-PARROT *Alisterus scapularis*

Identification: Length 45cm. Large body. Scarlet and green with a red beak, blue rump and long square-tipped tail. Male - scarlet head; female and immature - green head.

Habitat and range: Rainforest, scrub, wet eucalypt forest, riverine forest, coastal woodland, orchards also parks and gardens. Present all year.

Similar species: Immature Crimson Rosella.



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RARE BIRDS



PEREGRINE FALCON

Falco peregrinus

Identification: Length 50cm (female larger than male). Back and wings slate-blue; black cap and cheeks; bright yellow legs and facial skin; underbody whitish with fine horizontal bars; white throat.

Habitat and range: Widespread in Greater Brisbane region.



BLACK-NECKED STORK

Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus

Identification: Very large; length 200cm. Black and white body with a metallic green-black head and neck; long, thick bill; long red legs.

Notes: Marine and freshwater wetlands. Rare.