

Cocoparra National Park & Cocopara Nature Reserve



Birds

Coturnix pectoralis Stubble Quail 4/2
Uncommon in grassland. Possibly more common in crops on adjoining properties.

Coturnix ypsilophora Brown Quail 3/0
Rare visitor to grasslands. Records not confirmed.

Anas gracilis Grey Teal 3/1
Rare visitor to water, such as Mailman's Gap and Woolshed Flat Dams. Last recorded September 2005.

Anas superciliosa Pacific Black Duck 29/6
Common visitor to temporary water including dams and creeks. Regularly recorded in Store Creek when flowing.

Chenonetta jubata Australian Wood Duck 26/9
Common visitor to water, such as Mailman's Gap and Woolshed Flat Dams, where possibly breeds. Rarely elsewhere (Store Creek and Spring Hill).

Tadorna tadornoides Australian Shelduck 1/0
Three seen at Mailman's Gap Dam in September 2005.

Tachybaptus novaehollandiae Australasian Grebe 13/10
Uncommon visitor to water, such as Mailman's Gap and Woolshed Flat Dams, where has bred in the past.

Phalacrocorax carbo Great Cormorant 1/0
Seen once in 1985, flying over.
Phalacrocorax melanoleucos Little Pied Cormorant 1/0
Seen once in 1976, probably flying over. May rarely use Mailman's Gap Dam.

Phalacrocorax sulcirostris Little Black Cormorant 1/0
Seen once in 1976, probably flying over.

Egretta novaehollandiae White-faced Heron 8/0
Uncommon visitor to water, particularly creeks. Last recorded at Store Creek in 1999.

Threskiornis spinicollis Straw-necked Ibis 1/2
One record from 1975. Common in irrigation areas on entrance road and may be a rare visitor to grasslands.

Accipiter cirrhocephalus Collared Sparrowhawk 3/0
Rare resident, last recorded at Store Creek in 1998.

Accipiter fasciatus Brown Goshawk 2/0
Uncommon breeding resident. Most records from Store Creek, with last in October 1999.

Aquila audax Wedge-tailed Eagle 91/19
Common breeding resident often seen soaring over hills.

Circus assimilis Spotted Harrier 2/1
Rare visitor, last record at Store Creek in 1999. Regularly seen in Binya SF in spring 2005.

Elanus axillaris Black-shouldered Kite 20/2

Uncommon visitor to grasslands. Regularly recorded at Store Creek in 1997-98.

Haliastur sphenurus Whistling Kite 8/0
Uncommon visitor, last recorded in January 1999.

Hieraetus morphnoides Little Eagle 10/1
Uncommon breeding resident. Last recorded on Mt. Bingar road in August 2005.

Falco berigora Brown Falcon 10/7
Uncommon visitor to grassland and open woodland. Last recorded Jacks Creek in June 2000.

Falco cenchroides Nankeen Kestrel 40/14
Common visitor, usually in grasslands, though regularly seen at Store Creek Picnic Area.

***Falco hypoleuca* Grey Falcon 2/0**
Two unconfirmed records from May 1998 (Store Creek) and July 2000 (Birds Australia Atlas).

Falco longipennis Australian Hobby 5/2
Uncommon visitor, usually around edges woodland.

Falco peregrinus Peregrine Falcon 63/6
Common breeding resident. Regularly seen Woolshed Bluff, Jacks Creek and Spring Hill.

Falco subniger Black Falcon 1/0
Seen once in 1981, probably flying over.

Porzana pusilla Baillon's Crake 1/1
One seen at Mailman's Gap Dam, December 1976.

Turnix pyrrhotorax Red-chested Button-quail 1/0
One record from Jacks Creek in September 1973. Possible mis-identification of Little Button-quail.

Turnix varia Painted Button-quail 7/2
Rare resident of woodlands. Scratchings recorded on Mt. Brogden in 2002.

Turnix velox Little Button-quail 2/0
Rare visitor to grasslands, usually in wet years, like 2005 when it was common in Binya SF.

Vanellus miles Masked Lapwing 2/0
Rare visitor, probably to dams, with the last record in April 1992.

Vanellus tricolor Banded Lapwing 2/0
One flew overhead at Store Creek in July 2001.

Columba livia Rock Dove 1/0
The only record was a leg band found under a Peregrine Falcon nest on Woolshed Bluff in 1991. Probably caught outside of National Park.

Geopelia cuneata Diamond Dove 17/1

Uncommon visitor, usually in wetter years. Up to four present in Steamboat Creek between 1992 and 1994.
Geopelia humeralis Bar-shouldered Dove 30/11
Common, though in small numbers, in woodland.

Geopelia placida Peaceful Dove 188/31
Abundant breeding resident throughout the reserves.

Ocyphaps lophotes Crested Pigeon 125/28
Common breeding resident, often in more open habitats.
Phaps chalcoptera Common Bronzewing 124/24
Common breeding resident throughout the reserves.

Cacatua galerita Sulphur-crested Cockatoo 8/0
Rare visitor, last recorded at Spring Hill in 2000.

***Cacatua leadbeateri* Major Mitchell's Cockatoo 1/0**
First record was birds heard at Jacks Creek in August 2004, though possibly on Whitton Stock Route.
Regularly seen in Griffith township.

***Calyptorhynchus lathami* Glossy Black-cockatoo 10/3**
Part of the Riverina Endangered Population, a rare (possibly breeding) visitor. Most often seen on Mt. Brogden but possible wherever Drooping She-oak (*Allocasuarina verticillata*) is found.

Eolophus roseicapillus Galah 228/40
Abundant breeding resident throughout the reserves.

Nymphicus hollandicus Cockatiel 38/16
Uncommon breeding visitor, usually in more open habitats.

Barnardius zonarius barnardi Mallee Ringneck 159/33
Common breeding resident throughout the reserves.

Glossopsitta concinna Musk Lorikeet 1/0
One record at Spring Hill in August 1984.

Melopsittacus undulatus Budgerigar 14/7
Uncommon visitor that is often present in wetter years, when it can be very common and breed.

Neophema chrysogaster Blue-winged Parrot 2/0
Two records: Woolshed Flat 1995 and Store Creek 2000.
Possibly mis-identified Turquoise Parrots.

***Neophema pulchella* Turquoise Parrot 11/2**
Uncommon visitor, with records scattered (Spring Hill, Store Creek, Mailman's Gap Dam). Breeds in Binya SF and may also do so in Cocoparra.

Northiella haematogaster Bluebonnet 70/13
Common resident, particularly in open woodland in Woolshed Flat and along Whitton Stock Route.

Platycercus adscitus eximius Eastern Rosella 2/0
Vagrant with records in 1987 and 2000.

Platycercus elegans flaveolus Yellow Rosella 5/0
Vagrant with last record at Woolshed Flat in 1990.

***Polytelis swainsonii* Superb Parrot 1/1**
Rare visitor, with 4 seen at MacGregor Top in July 1994 and 6 along Whitton Stock Route in May 2002.

Psephotus haematonotus Red-rumped Parrot 123/32
Common breeding resident in open woodland.

Psephotus varius Mulga Parrot 104/19
Common resident in open woodland.

Cacomantis flabelliformis Fan-tailed Cuckoo 44/12
Common resident throughout the reserves.

Chalcites basalis Horsfield's Bronze-cuckoo 38/11
Common in areas with thick understorey. Most records in spring/summer.

Chalcites lucidus Shining Bronze-cuckoo 8/4
Rare spring visitor to similar habitats to the previous species.

Chalcites osculans Black-eared Cuckoo 28/7
Uncommon in woodlands. Most records in winter/ spring.

Cuculus pallidus Pallid Cuckoo 39/12
Common throughout. Most often heard calling in spring.

Ninox boobook Southern Boobook 19/5
Uncommon resident in gullies and woodland.

***Ninox connivens* Barking Owl 1/0**
One heard calling at Ironbarks Picnic Area in March 1996.

Tyto alba Barn Owl 3/1
Rare visitor to grasslands last recorded at Mailmans Gap Dam in 1999. Possibly under-recorded.

Podargus strigoides Tawny Frogmouth 8/3
Uncommon breeding resident of woodlands and forests last recorded at Spring Hill in 2002. Possibly under-recorded.

Eurostopodus argus Spotted Nightjar 3/3
Rare visitor, usually seen drinking at water in open areas on Woolshed Flat. Possibly under-recorded.

Aegotheles cristatus Australian Owlet-nightjar 11/4
Uncommon resident of woodlands and forests. Possibly under-recorded.

Hirundapus caudatus White-throated Needletail 1/0
Very rare summer visitor, with one record from Woolshed Flat in March 1991.

Dacelo novaeguineae Laughing Kookaburra 160/29
Abundant breeding resident throughout reserves.

Todiramphus pyrrhopygia Red-backed Kingfisher 6/3
Rare spring visitor, last recorded at Store Creek in September 1998.

Todiramphus sanctus Sacred Kingfisher 54/6
Common breeding summer migrant in open woodlands.

Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater 79/13
Common breeding summer migrant in open woodlands, grasslands and dams.

Eurystomus orientalis Dollarbird 2/1

Very rare summer visitor last recorded on Barry Way in February 2002.

***Climacteris affinis* White-browed Treecreeper 0/0**

Part of Endangered population. No current records, but known from a number of locations in Binya SF and may be found in southern Cocoparra NP.

Climacteris picummus Brown Treecreeper 133/21

Abundant breeding resident in woodlands.

Cormobates leucophaeus White-throated Treecreeper 2/0

One unconfirmed record from 1987 and another from 1996.

Malurus cyaneus Superb Fairy-wren 7/0

Rare resident in areas with shrubs. Last recorded at Spring Hill in July 2001.

Malurus lamberti Variegated Fairy-wren 63/3

Common breeding resident in dense shrubs throughout the reserves.

Malurus splendens Splendid Fairy-wren 65/10

Common breeding resident possibly in more open habitats than other fairy-wrens.

Pardalotus punctatus Spotted Pardalote 65/11

Common breeding resident in woodland. Two races (*punctatus* and *xanthopyge* (Yellow-rumped Pardalote)) present.

Pardalotus striatus Striated Pardalote 122/23

Abundant breeding resident in woodlands. Numbers possibly increase in winter with non-breeding migrants.

Acanthiza apicalis Inland Thornbill 117/18

Abundant resident of woodlands with thick understorey.

Acanthiza chrysorrhoa Yellow-rumped Thornbill 99/24

Common breeding resident of open areas near woodland.

Acanthiza lineata Striated Thornbill 5/0

Five records probably mis-identifications.

Acanthiza nana Yellow Thornbill 154/25

Abundant resident in forests and woodlands.

Acanthiza pusilla Brown Thornbill 9/3

All records probably due to confusion with Inland Thornbill.

Acanthiza uropygialis Chestnut-rumped Thornbill 132/20

Abundant breeding resident of open areas and woodland.

Aphelocephala leucopsis Southern Whiteface 79/21

Common resident of open areas and woodland.

***Calamanthus cautus* Shy Heathwren 15/6**

Uncommon resident of ridges with shrubs. Most records from Store Creek and around Mailmans Gap in Cocoparra NR. Possibly under-recorded.

Gerygone fusca Western Gerygone 121/18

Abundant breeding species. Probably summer migrant, but occasional winter records suggest at least some resident all year.

***Pyrrholaemus sagittatus* Speckled Warbler 133/20**

Abundant breeding resident of open areas and woodland. Numbers appear to have increased significantly in the last twenty years.

Smicromis brevirostris Weebill 171/27

Abundant resident in woodland and forest.

Acanthagenys rufogularis Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater 209/36
Abundant resident throughout the reserves. Numbers may increase during winter.

Anthochaera carunculata Red Wattlebird 45/10
Common resident, though probably in higher numbers in winter and spring.

Certhionyx niger Black Honeyeater 5/2
Rare spring visitor last recorded in 1999 when breeding was recorded in a burnt area near the Woolshed Flat Trail.

***Certhionyx variegatus* Pied Honeyeater 1/0**
One unconfirmed record of 6 birds on Woolshed Flat in September 1995. Often confused with White-winged Triller.

Entomyzon cyanotis Blue-faced Honeyeater 34/7
Uncommon breeding species, most likely a winter/ spring visitor. Last recorded May 2001.

Epthianura albifrons White-fronted Chat 6/4
Rare spring visitor, last record in September 1992

Epthianura tricolor Crimson Chat 6/5
Irruptive summer visitor often in large numbers in open areas. Common in Binya SF in 2005.

***Grantiella picta* Painted Honeyeater 6/2**
Uncommon summer migrant, feeding on mistletoe, particularly in Yarran (*Acacia homalophylla*). More common in Binya SF, where large numbers breed over summer.

Lichenostomus chrysops Yellow-faced Honeyeater 1/0
One unconfirmed record from 1974.

Lichenostomus fuscus Fuscous Honeyeater 3/0
Rare spring visitor, last record at Woolshed Flat in October 1998.

Lichenostomus leucotis White-eared Honeyeater 154/27
Abundant breeding resident in woodlands.

Lichenostomus melanops Yellow-tufted Honeyeater 4/0
Rare winter visitor last recorded at Store Creek in March 1997.

Lichenostomus ornatus Yellow-plumed Honeyeater 24/6
Uncommon resident of woodland. More common in the mallee at Pulletp NR.

Lichenostomus penicillatus White-plumed Honeyeater 216/38
Abundant breeding resident in woodland and forest throughout the reserves.

Lichenostomus plumulus Grey-fronted Honeyeater 2/0
Two unconfirmed records, the last in October 1985.

Lichenostomus virescens Singing Honeyeater 8/3
Rare resident, more common in Binya SF where it feeds on mistletoe.

Lichmera indistincta Brown Honeyeater 1/0
One record from Woolshed Flat in June 1999.
Occasionally recorded in Binya SF.

Manorina flavigula Yellow-throated Miner 69/19
Common breeding resident generally in more open areas than Noisy Miner.

Manorina melanocephala Noisy Miner 56/19
Common resident usually in taller forest along creeklines.

Melithreptus brevirostris Brown-headed Honeyeater 97/17
Common resident in open woodland.

***Melithreptus gularis* Black-chinned Honeyeater 1/0**
One record of a flock of four at Woolshed Flat in March 1996.

Melithreptus lunatus White-naped Honeyeater 1/0
One unconfirmed record from May 1999.

Philemon citreogularis Little Friarbird 27/5
Uncommon visitor in woodland, most records from spring/summer.

Philemon corniculatus Noisy Friarbird 15/4
Uncommon winter visitor in woodland last recorded at Woolshed Flat in September 2000.

Plectorhyncha lanceolata Striped Honeyeater 120/23
Abundant resident in woodland and forest.

Eopsaltria australis Eastern Yellow Robin 191/30
Abundant breeding resident of woodland and creekline vegetation.

Melanodryas cucullata Hooded Robin 67/17
Common resident, usually in open woodland around Woolshed Flat and Whitton Stock Route.

Microeca fascinans Jacky Winter 142/36
Abundant breeding resident of woodland and open woodland.

Petroica goodenovii Red-capped Robin 129/31
Abundant breeding resident of woodland and open woodland.

Petroica phoenicea Flame Robin 3/3
Rare winter visitor with one unconfirmed record from Spring Hill in January 2000.

Pomatostomus superciliosus White-browed Babbler 214/31
Abundant breeding resident throughout the reserves.

***Pomatostomus temporalis* Grey-crowned Babbler 9/3**
Rare resident, usually around the edge of the reserves.

***Cinclosoma castanotus* Chestnut Quail-thrush 1/1**
Rare resident of ridgetop vegetation last recorded at Jacks Creek in April 1995. Possibly under-recorded.

Daphoenositta chrysoptera Varied Sittella 28/9
Uncommon resident with small flocks occurring in woodland.

Colluricincla harmonica Grey Shrike-thrush 227/38
Common breeding resident throughout the reserves.

Falcunculus frontatus Eastern Shrike-tit 12/1
Rare visitor to forests last recorded in June 2000 at Woolshed Flat.

Oreoica gutturalis Crested Bellbird 74/23
Common resident of woodlands, more often heard than seen.

***Pachycephala inornata* Gilbert's Whistler 9/1**
Rare breeding resident in areas with dense understorey often pine regrowth. Last recorded at Spring Hill in September 1998.

Pachycephala pectoralis Golden Whistler 41/4
Common winter visitor to woodland and forest with very few summer records.

Pachycephala rufiventris Rufous Whistler 204/34
Abundant breeding summer migrant throughout the reserves, with lower numbers present in winter.

Grallina cyanoleuca Magpie-lark 136/28
Abundant breeding resident of grasslands and woodlands.

Myiagra inquieta Restless Flycatcher 125/23
Abundant resident of woodlands and forests.

Myiagra rubecula Leaden Flycatcher 1/1
Rare summer visitor with one record at Eagle Falls in December 1992.

Rhipidura albiscapa Grey Fantail 172/27
Common breeding resident in woodland and forest. Numbers may be increased by migrants in winter.

Rhipidura leucophrys Willie Wagtail 219/40
Abundant breeding resident throughout the reserves.

Coracina novaehollandiae Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike 110/28
Abundant resident throughout the reserves.

Coracina papuensis White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike 1/0
A single bird seen on Woolshed Flat in October 1997 is the only record.

Lalage tricolor White-winged Triller 59/12
Common breeding summer migrant of woodlands. Tends to be irruptive with large numbers present some years and then very few the next.

Oriolus sagittatus Olive-backed Oriole 36/2
Uncommon spring visitor in woodlands with occasional records in other seasons.

Artamus cinereus Black-faced Woodswallow 7/1
Rare visitor to grasslands last recorded in October 1987 at Woolshed Flat.

Artamus cyanopterus Dusky Woodswallow 34/11
Uncommon breeding spring migrant in woodland. Occasional records in winter.

Artamus leucorhynchus White-breasted Woodswallow 7/0
Rare visitor to woodland and dams. Last recorded at Store Creek in October 1998.

Artamus personatus Masked Woodswallow 10/1
Uncommon breeding summer migrant, usually amongst flocks of White-browed Woodswallows.

Artamus superciliosus White-browed Woodswallow 22/9
Uncommon breeding summer migrant of grassland and woodland. When present often in large flocks.

Cracticus nigrogularis Pied Butcherbird 114/25
Abundant resident of grassland and open woodland.

Cracticus torquatus Grey Butcherbird 167/32
Abundant resident of woodland and forest.

Gymnorhina tibicen Australian Magpie 152/34
Abundant resident of grassland and open woodland.

Strepera graculina Pied Currawong 7/1
Rare winter visitor, last recorded in May 1999.

Corvus coronoides Australian Raven 186/26
Abundant resident throughout the reserves.

Corvus mellori Little Raven 25/3
Uncommon winter visitor, usually on edge of reserve (such as Store Creek). Occasional summer records.

Corcorax melanorhamphos White-winged Chough 135/20
Abundant breeding resident in woodland.

Struthidea cinerea Apostlebird 61/12
Common breeding resident of grasslands and open woodland.

Alauda arvensis Eurasian Skylark 1/0
One record from November 1981, possible mis-identification.

Anthus australis Australian Pipit 8/5
Rare visitor to grasslands and roads.

Passer domesticus House Sparrow 7/0
Rare visitor around picnic areas and around adjoining farmhouses. Last recorded in May 1999 at Store Creek.

Carduelis carduelis European Goldfinch 1/1
One unconfirmed record in October 1987 at Woolshed Flat.

Carduelis chloris European Greenfinch 1/0
One unconfirmed record in January 1985.

***Stagonopleura guttata* Diamond Firetail 25/4**
Uncommon breeding resident of open woodland.

Taeniopygia bichenovii Double-barred Finch 82/14
Common breeding resident in woodland adjoining watercourses.

Taeniopygia guttata Zebra Finch 12/2
Uncommon visitor to grassland and open woodland. Last record in October 1999 at Store Creek.

Dicaeum hirundinaceum Mistletoebird 70/13
Common breeding resident, wherever mistletoe is found.

Cheramoeca leucosternus White-backed Swallow 8/6
Uncommon visitor that has bred in the past. Last record in May 1994 at Steamboat Creek.

Hirundo neoxena Welcome Swallow 44/4
Common in open areas throughout the reserves.

Petrochelidon ariel Fairy Martin 3/0
Rare winter visitor last recorded in July 1987.

Petrochelidon nigricans Tree Martin 38/8
Common resident, usually near water. Numbers appear to have increased during the 1990's.

Acrocephalus australis Australian Reed-warbler 6/2
Very rare summer visitor last recorded October 1994 at Mailman's Gap Dam.

Cincloramphus cruralis Brown Songlark 1/2
Very rare summer visitor last recorded October 1998 at Woolshed Flat.

Cincloramphus mathewsi Rufous Songlark 72/16
Common breeding summer migrant to woodlands.

Zosterops lateralis Silvereye 57/7
Common breeding resident in woodland and forest.

Turdus merula Eurasian Blackbird 1/0
One recorded in May 1994 at Spring Hill. More common in orchards to the south west.

Sturnus vulgaris Common Starling 55/18
Common breeding species in grassland and open woodland.

Other species that have not been recorded in the reserves but are known from nearby and may occur include:

Aythya australis Hardhead (recorded on dam on Whitton Stock Route 2005)

Circus approximans Swamp Harrier (more likely over adjoining farmland)

Phylidonyris albifrons White-fronted Honeyeater (Has been recorded in Binya SF and is a known irruptive species so may pass through reserves)

The following species were listed on a previous park list, but currently no records are known from the reserves:

Ardea pacifica White-necked Heron (often seen in irrigation areas on way to National Park)

Nycticorax caledonicus Nankeen Night Heron

Gallinula tenebrosa Dusky Moorhen

Elsayornis melanops Black-fronted Dotterel

Glossopsitta pusilla Little Lorikeet

Passer montanus Eurasian Tree Sparrow

Megalurus gramineus Little Grassbird