Birds of the City of Joondalup

White-winged Fairy-wren

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Tawny Frogmouth
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**SHOREBIRD**

**Purple Swamphen** Uw Res
Feeds on tender reed stems: also grazes some distance from water. Often seen clambering noisily through Melaleucas along water's edge.

**Dusky Moorhen** Uw Res
Grazes aquatic vegetation by up-ending like a duck. Also feeds on land plants, insects and frogs. Prefers fresh water.

**Eurasian Coot** Mw Res
Has flattened lobed toes and feeds in water or on land. Its call is a sharp 'kyik'.

**Black-winged Stilt** Uw MiSu-Au
Feeds on aquatic plants, insects and shrimps. Breeds in Australia.

**Black-fronted Dotterel** Rw Res
Small, active. Feeds on shallow margins, mudflats. Nests on ground, relying on cryptic colouring and distraction displays for protection.

**BEE-EATER, ROLLER**

**Rainbow Bee-eater** Rb MiSp-Su
Arrives in October. Excavates a nesting tunnel in sandy ground. Eats bees and other insects caught in flight.

**FAIRY-WREN, GRASSWREN**

**Three species of Fairy-wren – Splendid, Variegated and White-winged - occur in the City of Joondalup. All are possible at Iluka Foreshore.**

**Splendid Fairy-wren** Ub Res
Prefers dense habitat. Nest built low in a shrub. Breeding males are brilliantly coloured.

**SCARBON, ALLIES**

**Western Gerygone** Ub Res
Tiny bird more easily located by slow, dreamy call. Usually seen singly, searching for insects among foliage.

**Yellow-rumped Thornbill** Ub Res
Small bird; largest of the thornbills with bright yellow rump. Feeds in small parties in low foliage or on the ground.

**Inland Thornbill** Ub Res
Small birds, usually alone or in pairs; sometimes in mixed feeding flock. The only thornbill that cocks its tail like a wren.

**PARDALOTE**

**Striated Pardalote** Ub Res
Colourful small bird. Searches for bugs among eucalypt foliage. Listen for its 'chip-chip' call.

**FANTAIL**

**Grey Fantail** Ub Res
Present all year; more numerous in winter-spring. Inquisitive. Catches insects in flight.

**OLY WORLD WARBLER**

**Australian Reed-Warbler** Ub Res/Mi Su
Lives among tall freshwater reeds. Not easily seen but in spring its strong rich call is conspicuous.

**WHITE-EYE**

**Silvereye** Ca Res/N
Moves in flocks searching for grubs, aphis, berries and nectar. Has a number of thin, high calls.

**SWALLOW, MARTIN**

**Welcome Swallow** Ca Res/Mi Su
Most abundant in summer. Breeds in hollows. Look for a pale rump and only slightly forked tail to distinguish them from the equally common

**Tree Martin** Cbw Res/Mi Su
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INFORMATION BOARD

Colours and Sound	Status

Abundance

C Common
M Moderately common
U Uncommon
R Rare

Habitat

c coastal
w wetlands
b bushland
a all areas

Status

Res Resident
N Nomadic
Mi Migrant
Wi, Sp, Su, Au Winter, Spring, etc
E Endangered
* Introduced

Names of species illustrated are in colour.

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