Great Southern Tour report 10-21 November 2013

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Summary and checklist of 2013 Great Southern Tour

Dates of tour: 10 November – 21 November

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Major Mitchell's Cockatoo, 14 Nov 2013, Gluepot © P Waanders

Tour overview

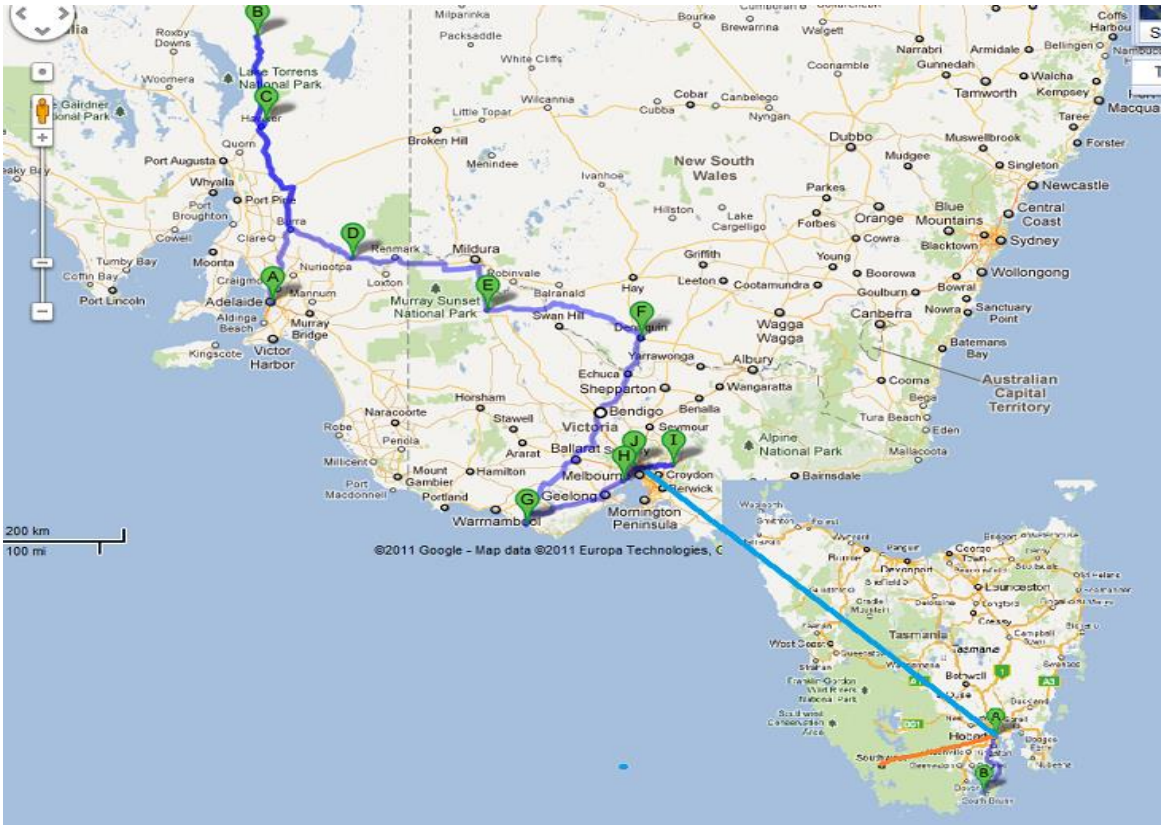
The 2013 'Great Southern Tour' started in Adelaide (SA) and finished in Hobart (Tas). The weather was pretty close to perfect with calm, sunny days, temperatures in the 20-25 ^{0}C range, and no rain. A grand total of 301 bird species were seen. Highlights included Oriental Plover, Black-breasted Buzzard, Inland Dotterel, Pilotbird, Plains-wanderer, Superb Parrot, Swift Parrot, Freckled Duck, Mallee Emu-wren and all 12 Tasmanian endemics. Mammal

sightings of interest included 3 spp of Kangaroo, 3 spp of Wallaby, Platypus, Eastern Quoll, Echidna, Koala and Australian Fur Seal. The full bird list follows at the end of this document.

Itinerary

10 November: Adelaide – Greenfields Wetlands – Port Gawler – Port Germain – Australian Arid Lands Botanical Gardens (Port Augusta) – Lyndhurst.
11 November: Witchelina Station – Leigh Creek retention dam – Lyndhurst.
12 November: Leigh Creek – Brachina Gorge (Flinders Ranges NP) – Blinman – Flinders Ranges NP – Wilpena
13 November: Wilpena Pound – Arkaroo Rock – Hawker – Burra – Morgan - Waikerie.
14 November: Birdlife Australia's Gluepot Reserve.
15 November: Waikerie – Hattah – Ouyen – Deniliquin.
16 November: Deniliquin area including spotlighting at night.
17 November: Deniliquin – Bendigo – Heathcote – Port Campbell.
18 November: Port Campbell - Great Ocean Road – Werribee.
19 November: Werribee Treatment Plant – Healesville.
20 November: Healesville – Dandenong Ranges – Melbourne – Hobart – Bruny Island.
21 November: Bruny Island.

22 November. After breakfast clients were returned to Hobart to their hotels or to connect with their flights home. Everyone agreed it had been a highly successful second Great Southern Tour! The weather had turned inclement and windy, so those that had hoped to join the optional Orange-bellied Parrot spotting at Melaleuca were disappointed as there was no hope their flight would go today.



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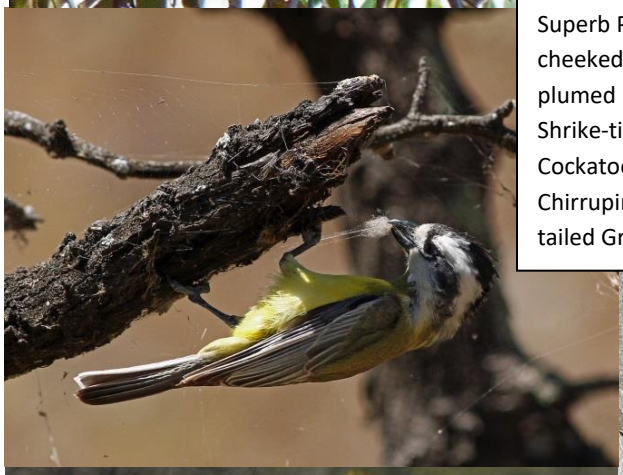
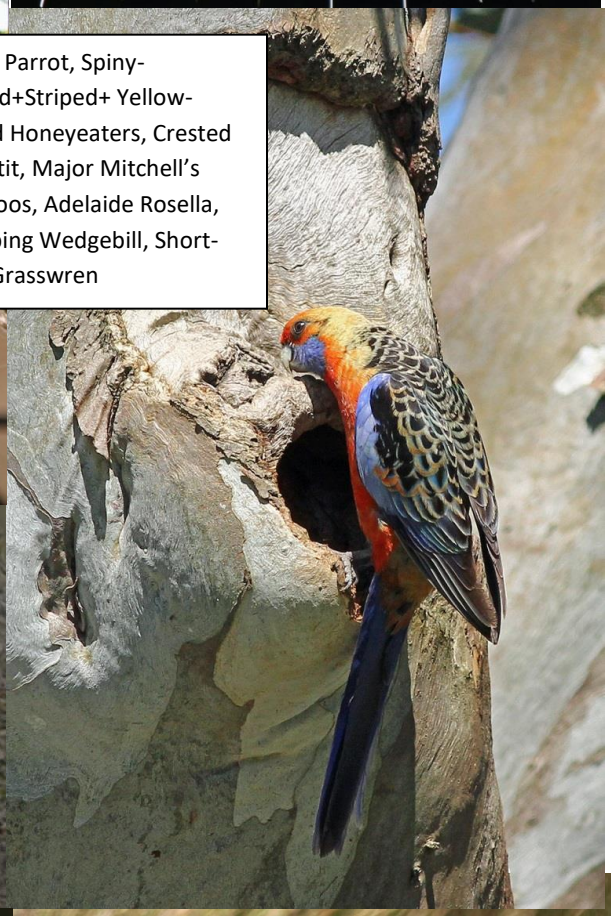
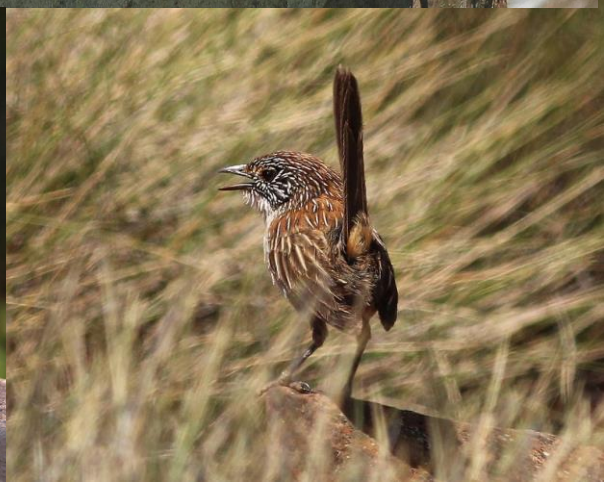


Superb Parrot, Spiny-cheeked+Striped+ Yellow-plumed Honeyeaters, Crested Shrike-tit, Major Mitchell's Cockatoos, Adelaide Rosella, Chirruping Wedgebill, Short-tailed Grasswren





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Budgerigars, Koalas, Elegant Parrot, Tasmanian Scrubwren, Forty-spotted Pardalote, Swift Parrot, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Aust Hobby, Plains-wanderer, Inland Dotterel

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1	Ostrich	*Struthio camelus*
2	Emu	*Dromaius novaehollandiae*
3	Stubble Quail	*Coturnix pectoralis*
4	Brown Quail	*Coturnix ypsilophora*
5	Musk Duck	*Biziura lobata*
6	Freckled Duck	*Stictonetta naevosa*
7	Cape Barren Goose	*Cereopsis novaehollandiae*
8	Black Swan	*Cygnus atratus*
9	Australian Shelduck	*Tadorna tadornoides*
10	Australian Wood Duck	*Chenonetta jubata*
11	Pink-eared Duck	*Malacorhynchus membranaceus*
12	Australasian Shoveler	*Anas rhynchotis*
13	Grey Teal	*Anas gracilis*
14	Chestnut Teal	*Anas castanea*
15	Northern Mallard[I]	*Anas platyrhynchos*
16	Pacific Black Duck	*Anas superciliosa*
17	Hardhead	*Aythya australis*
18	Blue-billed Duck	*Oxyura australis*
19	Australasian Grebe	*Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*
20	Hoary-headed Grebe	*Poliocephalus poliocephalus*
21	Great Crested Grebe	*Podiceps cristatus*
22	Rock Dove[I]	*Columba livia*
23	Spotted Dove[I]	*Streptopelia chinensis*
24	Common Bronzewing	*Phaps chalcoptera*
25	Brush Bronzewing	*Phaps elegans*
26	Crested Pigeon	*Ocyphaps lophotes*
27	Diamond Dove	*Geopelia cuneata*
28	Peaceful Dove	*Geopelia striata*
29	Tawny Frogmouth	*Podargus strigoides*
30	Australian Owlet-nightjar	*Aegotheles cristatus*
31	Common Diving-petrel	*Pelecanoides urinatrix*
32	Shy Albatross	*Thalassarche cauta*
33	Short-tailed Shearwater	*Ardenna tenuirostris*
34	Little Penguin	*Eudyptula minor*
35	Australasian Gannet	*Morus serrator*
36	Australasian Darter	*Anhinga novaehollandiae*
37	Little Pied Cormorant	*Microcarbo melanoleucos*
38	Great Cormorant	*Phalacrocorax carbo*
39	Little Black Cormorant	*Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*
40	Pied Cormorant	*Phalacrocorax varius*
41	Black-faced Cormorant	*Phalacrocorax fuscescens*
42	Australian Pelican	*Pelecanus conspicillatus*
43	White-necked Heron	*Ardea pacifica*
44	Eastern Great Egret	*Ardea modesta*
45	White-faced Heron	*Egretta novaehollandiae*
46	Little Egret	*Egretta garzetta*
47	Australian White Ibis	*Threskiornis molucca*
48	Straw-necked Ibis	*Threskiornis spinicollis*
49	Royal Spoonbill	*Platalea regia*
50	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	*Platalea flavipes*
51	Black-shouldered Kite	*Elanus axillaris*
52	Black-breasted Buzzard	*Hamirostra melanosternon*
53	Whistling Kite	*Haliastur sphenurus*
54	Black Kite	*Milvus migrans*
55	Brown Goshawk	*Accipiter fasciatus*
56	Collared Sparrowhawk	*Accipiter cirrocephalus*
57	Spotted Harrier	*Circus assimilis*
58	Swamp Harrier	*Circus approximans*
59	White-bellied Sea-eagle	*Haliaeetus leucogaster*
60	Wedge-tailed Eagle	*Aquila audax*
61	Little Eagle	*Hieraaetus morphnoides*
62	Nankeen Kestrel	*Falco cenchroides*

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63	Brown Falcon	*Falco berigora*
64	Australian Hobby	*Falco longipennis*
65	Peregrine Falcon	*Falco peregrinus*
66	Brolga	*Grus rubicunda*
67	Purple Swamphen	*Porphyrio porphyrio*
68	Buff-banded Rail	*Gallirallus philippensis*
69	Baillon's Crake	*Porzana pusilla*
70	Australian Spotted Crake	*Porzana fluminea*
71	Spotless Crake	*Porzana tabuensis*
72	Tasmanian Native-hen	*Tribonyx mortierii*
73	Black-tailed Native-hen	*Tribonyx ventralis*
74	Dusky Moorhen	*Gallinula tenebrosa*
75	Eurasian Coot	*Fulica atra*
76	Australian Pied Oystercatcher	*Haematopus longirostris*
77	Sooty Oystercatcher	*Haematopus fuliginosus*
78	Black-winged Stilt	*Himantopus himantopus*
79	Red-necked Avocet	*Recurvirostra novaehollandiae*
80	Banded Stilt	*Cladorhynchus leucocephalus*
81	Red-capped Plover	*Charadrius ruficapillus*
82	Hooded Plover	*Thinornis rubricollis*
83	Oriental Plover	*Charadrius leschenaultii*
84	Inland Dotterel	*Charadrius australis*
85	Black-fronted Dotterel	*Elseyornis melanops*
86	Red-kneed Dotterel	*Erythrogonys cinctus*
87	Banded Lapwing	*Vanellus tricolor*
88	Masked Lapwing	*Vanellus miles*
89	Plains-wanderer	*Pedionomus torquatus*
90	Bar-tailed Godwit	*Limosa lapponica*
91	Common Sandpiper	*Actitis hypoleucos*
92	Common Greenshank	*Tringa nebularia*
93	Wood Sandpiper	*Tringa glareola*
94	Ruddy Turnstone	*Arenaria interpres*
95	Red-necked Stint	*Calidris ruficollis*
96	Ruff	*Philomagus pugnax*
97	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	*Calidris acuminata*
98	Curlew Sandpiper	*Calidris ferruginea*
99	Australian Pratincole	*Stiltia isabella*
100	Little Tern	*Sternula albifrons*
101	Fairy Tern	*Sternula nereis*
102	Caspian Tern	*Hydroprogne caspia*
103	Whiskered Tern	*Chlidonias hybrida*
104	White-winged Black Tern	*Chlidonias leucopterus*
105	Crested Tern	*Thalasseus bergii*
106	Pacific Gull	*Larus pacificus*
107	Kelp Gull	*Larus dominicanus*
108	Silver Gull	*Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae*
109	Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	*Calyptorhynchus funereus*
110	Gang-gang Cockatoo	*Callocephalon fimbriatum*
111	Galah	*Eolophus roseicapillus*
112	Major Mitchell's Cockatoo	*Cacatua leadbeateri*
113	Long-billed Corella	*Cacatua tenuirostris*
114	Little Corella	*Cacatua sanguinea*
115	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	*Cacatua galerita*
116	Cockatiel	*Nymphicus hollandicus*
117	Rainbow Lorikeet	*Trichoglossus haematodus*
118	Musk Lorikeet	*Glossopsitta concinna*
119	Purple-crowned Lorikeet	*Glossopsitta porphyrocephala*
120	Australian King-parrot	*Alisterus scapularis*
121	Superb Parrot	*Polytelis swainsonii*
122	Regent Parrot	*Polytelis anthopeplus*
123	Eastern Rosella	*Platycercus eximius*
124	Green Rosella	*Platycercus caledonicus*

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125	Crimson (Adelaide) Rosella	*Platycercus (elegans) adelaidea*
126	Crimson (Yellow) Rosella	*Platycercus (elegans) flaveolus*
127	Crimson (Crimson) Rosella	*Platycercus (elegans) elegans*
128	Australian (Pt Lincoln) Ringneck	*Barnardius (zonarius) zonarius*
129	Australian (Mallee) Ringneck	*Barnardius (zonarius) barnardi*
130	Blue Bonnet (yellow-vented)	*Northiella h. haematogaster*
131	Swift Parrot	*Lathamus discolor*
132	Red-rumped Parrot	*Psephotus haematonotus*
133	Mulga Parrot	*Psephotus varius*
134	Budgerigar	*Melopsittacus undulatus*
135	Blue-winged Parrot	*Neophema chrysostoma*
136	Elegant Parrot	*Neophema elegans*
137	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	*Chalcites basalis*
138	Shining Bronze-cuckoo	*Chalcites lucidus*
139	Black-eared Cuckoo	*Chalcites osculans*
140	Pallid Cuckoo	*Cacomantis pallidus*
141	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	*Cacomantis flabelliformis*
142	Brush Cuckoo	*Cacomantis variolosus*
143	Southern Boobook	*Ninox novaeseelandiae*
144	Laughing Kookaburra	*Dacelo novaeguineae*
145	Red-backed Kingfisher	*Todiramphus pyrrhopygius*
146	Sacred Kingfisher	*Todiramphus sanctus*
147	Rainbow Bee-eater	*Merops ornatus*
148	Superb Lyrebird	*Menura novaehollandiae*
149	White-throated Treecreeper	*Cormobates leucophaea*
150	White-browed Treecreeper	*Climacteris affinis*
151	Brown Treecreeper	*Climacteris picumnus*
152	Superb Fairy-wren	*Malurus cyaneus*
153	Splendid Fairy-wren	*Malurus splendens*
154	White-winged Fairy-wren	*Malurus leucopterus*
155	Variegated Fairy-wren	*Malurus lamberti*
156	Southern Emu-wren	*Stipiturus malachurus*
157	Mallee Emu-wren	*Stipiturus mallee*
158	Striated Grasswren	*Amytornis striatus*
159	Short-tailed Grasswren	*Amytornis merrotsyi*
160	Rufous Bristlebird	*Dasyornis longirostris*
161	Pilotbird	*Pycnoptilus floccosu*
162	White-browed Scrubwren	*Sericornis frontalis*
163	Tasmanian Scrubwren	*Sericornis humilis*
164	Scrubtit	*Acanthornis magna*
165	Large-billed Scrubwren	*Sericornis magnirostra*
166	Chestnut-rumped Heathwren	*Hylacola pyrrhopygia*
167	Shy Heathwren	*Hylacola cauta*
168	Rufous Fieldwren	*Calamanthus campestris*
169	Striated Fieldwren	*Calamanthus fuliginosus*
170	Speckled Warbler	*Chthonicola sagittata*
171	Western Gerygone	*Gerygone fusca*
172	Redthroat	*Pyrrholaemus brunneus*
173	Weebill	*Smicrornis brevirostris*
174	Yellow Thornbill	*Acanthiza nana*
175	Striated Thornbill	*Acanthiza lineata*
176	Yellow-rumped Thornbill	*Acanthiza chrysorrhoa*
177	Chestnut-rumped Thornbill	*Acanthiza uropygialis*
178	Buff-rumped Thornbill	*Acanthiza reguloides*
179	Slender-billed Thornbill	*Acanthiza iredalei*
180	Inland Thornbill	*Acanthiza apicalis*
181	Brown Thornbill	*Acanthiza pusilla*
182	Tasmanian Thornbill	*Acanthiza ewingii*
183	Southern Whiteface	*Aphelocephala leucopsis*
184	Spotted Pardalote	*Pardalotus punctatus*
185	Forty-spotted Pardalote	*Pardalotus quadragintus*
186	Striated Pardalote	*Pardalotus striatus*

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187	Eastern Spinebill	*Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*
188	Pied Honeyeater	*Certhionyx variegatus*
189	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	*Lichenostomus chrysops*
190	Singing Honeyeater	*Lichenostomus virescens*
191	Purple-gaped Honeyeater	*Meliphaga cratitia*
192	Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	*Lichenostomus melanops*
193	White-eared Honeyeater	*Lichenostomus leucotis*
194	Yellow-plumed Honeyeater	*Lichenostomus ornatus*
195	Grey-fronted Honeyeater	*Lichenostomus plumulus*
196	Fuscous Honeyeater	*Lichenostomus fuscus*
197	White-plumed Honeyeater	*Lichenostomus penicillatus*
198	Black-chinned Honeyeater	*Melithreptus gularis*
199	White-fronted Honeyeater	*Purnella albifrons*
200	White-cheeked Honeyeater	*Phylidonyris niger*
201	Blue-faced Honeyeater	*Entomyzon cyanotis*
202	Little Friarbird	*Philemon citreogularis*
203	Noisy Friarbird	*Philemon corniculatus*
204	Regent Honeyeater	*Anthochaera phrygia*
205	Lewin's Honeyeater	*Meliphaga lewinii*
206	Noisy Miner	*Manorina melanocephala*
207	Yellow-throated Miner	*Manorina flavigula*
208	Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater	*Acanthagenys rufogularis*
209	Striped Honeyeater	*Plectorhyncha lanceolata*
210	Red Wattlebird	*Anthochaera carunculata*
211	Little Wattlebird	*Anthochaera chrysoptera*
212	Yellow Wattlebird	*Anthochaera paradoxa*
213	Crimson Chat	*Epthianura tricolor*
214	Orange Chat	*Epthianura aurifrons*
215	White-fronted Chat	*Epthianura albifrons*
216	Black Honeyeater	*Sugomel niger*
217	Tawny-crowned Honeyeater	*Glyciphila melanops*
218	Crescent Honeyeater	*Phylidonyris pyrrhopterus*
219	New Holland Honeyeater	*Phylidonyris novaehollandiae*
220	Strong-billed Honeyeater	*Melithreptus validirostris*
221	Yellow-throated Honeyeater	*Lichenostomus flavicollis*
222	Brown-headed Honeyeater	*Melithreptus brevirostris*
223	White-naped Honeyeater	*Melithreptus lunatus*
224	Black-headed Honeyeater	*Melithreptus affinis*
225	Grey-crowned Babbler	*Pomatostomus temporalis*
226	White-browed Babbler	*Pomatostomus superciliosus*
227	Chestnut-crowned Babbler	*Pomatostomus ruficeps*
228	Chestnut Quail-thrush	*Cinclosoma castanotum*
229	Chirruping Wedgebill	*Psophodes cristatus*
230	Eastern Whipbird	*Psophodes olivaceus*
231	Varied Sittella	*Daphoenositta chrysoptera*
232	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	*Coracina novaehollandiae*
233	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	*Coracina papuensis*
234	White-winged Triller	*Lalage sueurii*
235	Crested Shrike-tit	*Falcunculus frontatus*
236	Olive Whistler	*Pachycephala olivacea*
237	Gilbert's Whistler	*Pachycephala inornata*
238	Red-lored Whistler	*Pachycephala rufogularis*
239	Golden Whistler	*Pachycephala pectoralis*
240	Rufous Whistler	*Pachycephala rufiventris*
241	Grey Shrike-thrush	*Colluricincla harmonica*
242	Crested Bellbird	*Oreoica gutturalis*
243	White-breasted Woodswallow	*Artamus leucorynchus*
244	Masked Woodswallow	*Artamus personatus*
245	White-browed Woodswallow	*Artamus superciliosus*
246	Black-faced Woodswallow	*Artamus cinereus*
247	Dusky Woodswallow	*Artamus cyanopterus*
248	Grey Butcherbird	*Cracticus torquatus*

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249	Pied Butcherbird	*Cracticus nigrogularis*
250	Australian Magpie	*Cracticus tibicen*
251	Pied Currawong	*Strepera graculina*
252	Black Currawong	*Strepera fuliginosa*
253	Grey Currawong	*Strepera versicolor*
254	Rufous Fantail	*Rhipidura rufifrons*
255	Grey Fantail	*Rhipidura albiscapa*
256	Willie Wagtail	*Rhipidura leucophrys*
257	Australian Raven	*Corvus coronoides*
258	Forest Raven	*Corvus tasmanicus*
259	Little Raven	*Corvus mellori*
260	Little Crow	*Corvus bennetti*
261	Leaden Flycatcher	*Myiagra rubecula*
262	Satin Flycatcher	*Myiagra cyanoleuca*
263	Restless Flycatcher	*Myiagra inquieta*
264	Magpie-lark	*Grallina cyanoleuca*
265	White-winged Chough	*Corcorax melanorhamphos*
266	Apostlebird	*Struthidea cinerea*
267	Jacky Winter	*Microeca fascinans*
268	Red-capped Robin	*Petroica goodenovii*
269	Scarlet Robin	*Petroica boodang*
270	Flame Robin	*Petroica phoenicea*
271	Rose Robin	*Petroica rosea*
272	Pink Robin	*Petroica rodinogaster*
273	Hooded Robin	*Melanodryas cucullata*
274	Dusky Robin	*Melanodryas vittata*
275	Eastern Yellow-robin	*Eopsaltria australis*
276	Southern Scrub-robin	*Drymodes brunneopygia*
277	Horsfield's Bushlark	*Mirafra javanica*
278	Eurasian Skylark[I]	*Alauda arvensis*
279	Golden-headed Cisticola	*Cisticola exilis*
280	Australian Reed-Warbler	*Acrocephalus australis*
281	Little Grassbird	*Megalurus gramineus*
282	Rufous Songlark	*Cincloramphus mathewsi*
283	Brown Songlark	*Cincloramphus cruralis*
284	Silvereye	*Zosterops lateralis*
285	White-backed Swallow	*Cheramoeca leucosterna*
286	Welcome Swallow	*Hirundo neoxena*
287	Fairy Martin	*Petrochelidon ariel*
288	Tree Martin	*Petrochelidon nigricans*
289	Bassian Thrush	*Zoothera lunulata*
290	Common Blackbird[I]	*Turdus merula*
291	Common Starling[I]	*Sturnus vulgaris*
292	Common Myna[I]	*Sturnus tristis*
293	Mistletoebird	*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*
294	Zebra Finch	*Taeniopygia guttata*
295	Red-browed Finch	*Neochmia temporalis*
296	Beautiful Firetail	*Stagonopleura bella*
297	House Sparrow[I]	*Passer domesticus*
298	Eurasian Tree Sparrow[I]	*Passer montanus*
299	Australasian Pipit	*Anthus novaeseelandiae*
300	European Goldfinch[I]	*Carduelis carduelis*
301	Common Greenfinch[I]	*Chloris chloris*