


## Birds of King Island Checklist

Over 200 species have been recorded on King Island, including 6 local endemic sub-species and 10 Tasmanian endemic species.

Please feel free to fill in this checklist and send a copy to the King Island Natural Resource Management Group at PO Box 293, King Island 7256. This information is a valuable resource for the island.

Following this checklist of resident species and regular visitors is a list of vagrant bird species.

Likelihood of sighting 

\*\*\* = very likely to be seen

\*\* = likely

\* = unlikely

V = very unlikely


# = introduced

• = Tasmanian endemic

† = endemic sub-species



**NB:** This scale assumes you are in suitable habitat at a suitable time of the year

Common Name	Species Name		Spotting Hints	✓ Where Sighted
Emu#	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	*	Farm escapees in SW of island (endemic emu is extinct)	
Wild Turkey#	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	***	Paddocks	
Common Pheasant#	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	***	Paddocks	
Indian Peafowl#	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	***	Paddocks, eg. Buttons Rd	
Californian Quail#	<i>Callipepla californica</i>	*	Sea Elephant, Lavinia Reserve & Tin Mine Rd	
Blue-billed Duck	<i>Oxyura australis</i>	V	Lake Flannigan & Big Lake	
Cape Barren Goose	<i>Cereopsis novaehollandiae</i>	**	Yellow Rock estuary	
Feral Goose#	<i>Anser anser</i>	***	Yellow Rock estuary	
Musk Duck	<i>Biziura lobata</i>	***	Sea Elephant, Currie Harbour and Big Lake	
Black Swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	***	Everywhere, paddocks in winter	
Australian Wood Duck	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>	**	SE of the island (along the Grassy Rd in winter)	
Australian Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadornoides</i>	***	Everywhere, paddocks in winter	
Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	***	Everywhere, paddocks in winter	
Australian Shoveler	<i>Anas rhynchotis</i>	*	Lake Flannigan and Yellow Rock in winter	
Grey Teal	<i>Anas castanea</i>	V	Sea Elephant estuary and Lake Flannigan	
Chestnut Teal	<i>Anas castanea</i>	***	W coast, Sea Elephant & Lake Flannigan	
Hoary-headed Grebe	<i>Poliiocephalus poliocephalus</i>	**	Lake Flannigan, Big Lake & Grassy Dam	
Little Penguin	<i>Eudyptula minor</i>	***	Grassy Harbour and Penguin Island at dusk	
Short-tailed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus tenuirostris</i>	***	Grassy Harbour at dusk (Oct-Mar). Seen from the beach during the day	
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Diomedea melanophris</i>	*	From any high spot on the west coast, eg. Seal Rocks, Fitzmaurice Point or end of Charles St (Currie) in winter	
Shy Albatross	<i>Diomedea cauta</i>	***		
Yellow-nosed Albatross	<i>Diomedea chlororhynchos</i>	*		
Australasian Gannet	<i>Morus serrator</i>	**	Anywhere along the coast, eg. Naracoopa	
Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucus</i>	***	Sea Elephant estuary and along coast	
Black-faced Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscescens</i>	**		
White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	**	Paddocks or on rocky coastline	
Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea ibis</i>	*	Paddocks with cattle	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	*	Yellow Rock and Sea Elephant estuaries	
Australian Bittern	<i>Botaurus poiciloptilus</i>	V	Sea Elephant estuary	
White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	**	Sea Elephant estuary, Red Hut, Martha Lavinia Reserve	
Nankeen Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>	*	Sea Elephant estuary	
Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>	*		
Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>	***	Migrate to mainland March-Sept	
Brown Falcon	<i>Falco berigora</i>	*	When driving inland	
Australian Hobby	<i>Falco longipennis</i>	*		
Nankeen Kestrel	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>	***		
Lewin's Rail	<i>Rallus pectoralis</i>	V		
Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	V	Sea Elephant estuary	
Spotless Crake	<i>Porzana tabuensis</i>	V		
Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	***	On the Grassy Rd, especially near Pegarah Rd	
Dusky Moorhen	<i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i>	V	Pearshape Lagoon and larger water bodies	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	*	Yellow Rock estuary and larger water bodies	
Latham's Snipe	<i>Gallinago hardwickii</i>	*	Wet west coast late spring to early autumn	
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	**	Sea Elephant estuary late spring to early autumn	
Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	**		
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	**		
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	**		
Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Heteroscelus brevipes</i>	*	East coast late spring to early autumn	
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	**	SW coast over summer, eg. Porky's Beach	
Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	***	Most quieter beaches	
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	**	Yellow Rock river mouth, Sea Elephant	

Pied Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus longirostris</i>	***	Most beaches, eg. Yellow Rock
Sooty Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus fuliginosus</i>	***	
Red-capped Plover	<i>Charadrius ruficapillus</i>	***	
Hooded Plover	<i>Thinornis rubricollis</i>	***	Most beaches, eg. Yellow Rock
Double-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius bicinctus</i>	**	
Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	**	Yellow Rock, Lake Flannigan & west coast during winter
Banded Lapwing	<i>Vanellus tricolor</i>	*	Sea Elephant late spring to early autumn
Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>	***	Paddocks on N & E coast
Pacific Gull	<i>Larus pacificus</i>	***	Everywhere
Silver Gull	<i>Larus novaehollandiae</i>	**	
Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>	*	
Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bergii</i>	**	Along coast
Fairy Tern	<i>Sterna nereis</i>	**	Naracoopa, Yellow Rock
Spotted Turtle-dove#	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	**	Sea Elephant or Yellow Rock river mouths
Brush Bronzewing	<i>Phaps elegans</i>	***	Currie
Yellow-tailed Black-cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus funereus</i>	*	Road to Sea Elephant & road to Red Hut
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>	*	S of island, eg. Grassy in summer
Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	*	Grassy Rd near Pegarah
Orange-bellied Parrot	<i>Neophema chrysogaster</i>	V	Currie
Blue-winged Parrot	<i>Neophema chrysostoma</i>	V	Sea Elephant & Yellow Rock, mainly in April-May
Green Rosella†•	<i>Platycercus caledonicus kingi</i>	**	Sea Elephant and Lake Flannigan
Pallid Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus pallidus</i>	V	Grassy town & mine area, mainly spring to autumn
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>	***	Pegarah Forest
Horsfield's Bronze-cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx basalis</i>	V	Power-lines & in coastal heath, mainly spring-autumn
Shining Bronze-cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>	V	Pegarah Forest
Southern Boobook	<i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>	**	Pegarah Forest
White-throated Needletail	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	*	Locate by calls at night. Mainly in south & Naracoopa
Superb Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus cyaneus</i>	***	Seen overhead in front of a storm in summer
Spotted Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus punctatus</i>	V	Grassy Rd
Striated Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>	V	Pegarah Forest
Tasmanian Scrubwren•	<i>Sericornis humilis</i>	***	
Scrubtit†•	<i>Acanthornis magnus greenianus</i>	V	
Brown Thornbill†	<i>Acanthiza pusilla archibaldi</i>	V	Nook Swamp or Colliers Swamp
Tasmanian Thornbill•	<i>Acanthiza ewingi</i>	***	Pegarah Forest
Yellow Wattlebird†•	<i>Anthochaera paradoxa kingi</i>	**	Any bushland and scrub
Yellow-throated Honeyeater•	<i>Lichenostomus flavicollis</i>	**	Grassy town, Sea Elephant Rd & Currie
Black-headed Honeyeater•	<i>Melithreptus affinis</i>	**	Pegarah Forest & Grassy Port Rd
Strong-billed Honeyeater•	<i>Melithreptus validirostris</i>	**	Near tall eucalypts, eg. Pegarah Forest
New Holland Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris novaehollandiae</i>	***	Pegarah Forest & Red Hut
Crescent Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera</i>	**	Any bushland, Grassy & Currie
Tawny-crowned Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris melanops</i>	V	Colliers Swamp & Seal Rocks
White-fronted Chat	<i>Ephthianura albifrons</i>	***	Heath on E coast
Flame Robin	<i>Petroica phoenicea</i>	***	Sea Elephant & many coastal sites
Pink Robin	<i>Petroica rodinogaster</i>	V	In paddocks & on fences, especially down south
Dusky Robin†•	<i>Melanodryas vittata kingi</i>	**	In fern gullies – Nook Swamp & Pegarah Forest
Olive Whistler	<i>Pachycephala olivacea</i>	**	Red Hut Rd & Sea Elephant Rd
Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>	*	Seal Rocks Rd & Sea Elephant Rd
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	V	Yarra Creek & Sea Elephant Rd
Satin Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i>	V	Lake Flannigan
Dusky Woodswallow	<i>Artamus cyanopterus</i>	V	Grassy mine & Pegarah Forest
Grey Shrike-thrush	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>	***	Nook Swamp and east coast in spring
Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i>	***	Any bushland
Australian Magpie	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>	***	Any bushland
Black Currawong†•	<i>Strepera fuliginosa coleii</i>	**	Everywhere
Forest Raven	<i>Corvus tasmanicus</i>	**	Grassy in autumn to spring
Skylark#	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	***	Everywhere
Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i>	*	Paddocks
House Sparrow#	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	***	Lake Flannigan & Sea Elephant
European Goldfinch#	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	***	Everywhere
European Greenfinch#	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	*	Roadside near paddocks, especially Main Road
Welcome Swallow	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	***	Yellow Rock & Currie Harbour
Tree Martin	<i>Hirundo nigricans</i>	*	Open areas; often over water bodies or kelp piles
Little Grassbird	<i>Megalurus gramineus</i>	V	Open areas
Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis</i>	**	Lake Flannigan & Sea Elephant
Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	**	Sea Elephant
Bassian Thrush	<i>Zoothera lunulata</i>	*	Spring to autumn on roadsides and in bushland
Common Blackbird#	<i>Turdus merula</i>	***	Colliers Swamp & Pegarah Forest
Common Starling#	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	***	Everywhere

For a list of other recorded species see [www.kingsland.org.au](http://www.kingsland.org.au)