



# Fowlers Gap Biodiversity Checklist

## Birds

Fowlers Gap has a diverse avifauna ranging from diminutive 12-cm fairy wrens through to 2-m emus. The diversity of birds waxes and wains with the run of the seasons with waterbirds common in the inland in wet years. Good seasons stimulate breeding with reproduction in species like Zebra Finches and Budgerigars finely tuned to a threshold of rainfall.

This checklist should be used in association with a keen eye, a good pair of binoculars, a field guide to Australian birds and some patient observation. The order of the families follows the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of Simpson and Day, 'Field Guide to the Bird of Australia', but there are several other excellent guides that you may use.

Key for sighting locations (L): Sandstone Creek Circuit (SSC), Knob Ridge/Gum Creek (KR), The Lake/Gap Trig (TL), South Ridge/Picnic Creek I (SR1), South Ridge/Picnic Creek II (SR2), Frieslich Dam Circuit (FD), otherwise use an abbreviation for paddock (e.g. Mandleman – MA)

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Scientific name	Common name	✓	L
<b>Family Dromaiidae</b>	<b>Emus</b>		
<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	Emu	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Phasianidae</b>	<b>Quails</b>		
<i>Coturnix pectoralis</i>	Stubble Quail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Turnicidae</b>	<b>Button-quails</b>		
<i>Turnix pyrrhothorax</i>	Red-chested Button-Quail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Turnix velox</i>	Little Button-quail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Pelecanidae</b>	<b>Pelicans</b>		
<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	Australian Pelican	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Anhingidae</b>	<b>Darters</b>		
<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	Darter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Phalacrocoracidae</b>	<b>Cormorants</b>		
<i>Phalacrocorax varius</i>	Pied Cormorant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i>	Little Pied Cormorant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	Little Black Cormorant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Podicipidae</b>	<b>Grebes</b>		
<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Great Crested Grebe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Poliiocephalus poliocephalus</i>	Hoary-headed Grebe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>	Australasian Grebe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Anatidae</b>	<b>Geese, Swans and Ducks</b>		
<i>Anas castanea</i>	Chestnut Teal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Anas gracilis</i>	Grey Teal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Anas rhynchotis</i>	Australasian Shoveler	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	Pacific Black Duck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Aythya australis</i>	Hardhead	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Biziura lobata</i>	Musk Duck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>	Australian Wood Duck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	Black Swan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Malacorhynchus membranaceus</i>	Pink-eared Duck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Stictonetta naevosa</i>	Freckled Duck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Oxyura australis</i>	Blue-billed Duck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Rallidae</b>	<b>Coot, Swanphens</b>		
<i>Fulica atra</i>	Eurasian Coot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Gallinula ventralis</i>	Black-tailed Native-hen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Ardeidae</b>	<b>Hérons, Egrets</b>		
<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	White-faced Heron	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Threskiornidae</b>	<b>Ibises, Spoonbills</b>		
<i>Platalea flavipes</i>	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Platalea regia</i>	Royal Spoonbill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Glossy Ibis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<b>Family Otididae</b>	<b>Bustards</b>		
<i>Ardeotis australis</i>	Australian Bustard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Scolopacidae</b>	<b>Sandpipers</b>		
<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Wood Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	Red-necked Stint	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Glareolidae</b>	<b>Pratincoles</b>		
<i>Stiltia isabella</i>	Australian Pratincole	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Charadriidae</b>	<b>Lapwings, Plovers, Dotterels</b>		
<i>Charadrius australis</i>	Inland Dotterel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Elsayornis melanops</i>	Black-fronted Dotterel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Erythronyx cinctus</i>	Red-kneed Dotterel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Vanellus miles</i>	Masked Lapwing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Vanellus tricolor</i>	Banded Lapwing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Recurvirostridae</b>	<b>Stilts, Avocets</b>		
<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Black-winged Stilt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Recurvirostra novaehollandiae</i>	Red-necked Avocet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Laridae</b>	<b>Gulls, Terns</b>		
<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	Whiskered Tern	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Sterna caspia</i>	Caspian Tern	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Sterna nilotica</i>	Gull-billed Tern	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Accipitridae</b>	<b>Kites, Goshawks, Eagles, Harriers</b>		
<i>Accipiter cirrhocephalus</i>	Collared Sparrowhawk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Aquila audax</i>	Wedge-tailed Eagle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Circus assimilis</i>	Spotted Harrier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Elanus axillaris</i>	Black-shouldered Kite	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Elanus scriptus</i>	Letter-winged Kite	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>	Whistling Kite	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Hamirostra melanosternon</i>	Black-breasted Buzzard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Hieraaetus morphnoides</i>	Little Eagle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Lophoictinia isura</i>	Square-tailed Kite	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Black Kite	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Falconidae</b>	<b>Falcons, Kestrels</b>		
<i>Falco longipennis</i>	Australian Hobby	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Falco berigora</i>	Brown Falcon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Falco cenchroides</i>	Nankeen Kestrel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine Falcon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Falco subniger</i>	Black Falcon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Columbidae</b>	<b>Pigeons, Doves</b>		
<i>Geopelia striata</i>	Peaceful Dove	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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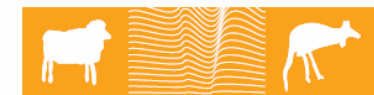
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<i>Phaps chalcopter</i>	Common Bronzewing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>	Crested Pigeon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Cacaturidae</b>	<b>Cockatoos</b>		
<i>Cacatua roseicapilla</i>	Galah	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>	Little Corella	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Psittacidae</b>	<b>Parrots</b>		
<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	Cockatiel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Barnardius zonarius barnardi</i>	Australian Ringneck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	Budgerigar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Northiella haematogaster</i>	Blue Bonnet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Psephotus varius</i>	Mulga Parrot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Neophema splendida</i>	Scarlet-chested Parrot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Cuculidae</b>	<b>Parasitic Cuckoos</b>		
<i>Chrysococcyx basalis</i>	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Chrysococcyx osculans</i>	Black-eared Cuckoo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Strigidae</b>	<b>Hawk Owls</b>		
<i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>	Southern Boobook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Tytonidae</b>	<b>Barn Owls</b>		
<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn Owl	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Podargidae</b>	<b>Frogmouths</b>		
<i>Podargus strigoides</i>	Tawny Frogmouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Caprimulgidae</b>	<b>Nightjars</b>		
<i>Eurostopodus argus</i>	Spotted Nightjar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Aegothelidae</b>	<b>Owlet-nightjars</b>		
<i>Aegotheles cristatus</i>	Australian Owlet-nightjar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Halcyonidae</b>	<b>Tree Kingfishers</b>		
<i>Todiramphus pyrrhopygia</i>	Red-backed Kingfisher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Meropidae</b>	<b>Bee-eaters</b>		
<i>Meropus ornatus</i>	Rainbow Bee-eater	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Maluridae</b>	<b>Fairy-wrens</b>		
<i>Malurus lamberti</i>	Variiegated Fairy-wren	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Malurus leucopterus</i>	White-winged Fairy-wren	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Pardalotidae</b>	<b>Pardalotes, Thornbills, Scrubwrens</b>		
<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>	Striated Pardalote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Acanthiza chrysorrhoa</i>	Yellow-rumped Thornbill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Acanthiza uropygialis</i>	Chestnut-rumped Thornbill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Aphelocephala leucopsis</i>	Southern Whiteface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Calamathus campestris</i>	Rufous Fieldwren	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>	Striated Pardalote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Smicromnis brevirostris</i>	Weebill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<b>Family Meliphagidae</b>	<b>Honeyeaters, Australian Chats</b>		
<i>Acanthagenys rufogularis</i>	Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater		
<i>Certhionyx variegatus</i>	Pied Honeyeater		
<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>	White-fronted Chat		
<i>Epthianura aurifrons</i>	Orange Chat		
<i>Epthianura tricolor</i>	Crimson Chat		
<i>Ashbyla lovensis</i>	Gibberbird		
<i>Lichenostomus penicillatus</i>	White-plumed Honeyeater		
<i>Lichenostomus virescens</i>	Singing Honeyeater		
<i>Manorina flavigula</i>	Yellow-throated Miner		
<i>Phylidonyris albifrons</i>	White-fronted Honeyeater		
<i>Plectorhyncha lanceolata</i>	Striped Honeyeater		
<b>Family Cinclosomatidae</b>	<b>Quail-thrushes, Wedgebills</b>		
<i>Cinclosoma cinnamomeum</i>	Cinnamon Quail-thrush		
<i>Psophodes cristatus</i>	Chirruping Wedgebill		
<b>Family Pomatostomidae</b>	<b>Australo-Papuan Babblers</b>		
<i>Pomatostomus ruficeps</i>	Chestnut-crowned Babbler		
<b>Family Petroicidae</b>	<b>Robins</b>		
<i>Melanodryas cucullata</i>	Hooded Robin		
<i>Petroica goodenovii</i>	Red-capped Robin		
<b>Family Pachycephalidae</b>	<b>Shrike-thrushes, Bellbirds, Whistlers</b>		
<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>	Rufous Whistler		
<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>	Grey Shrike-thrush		
<b>Family Dicruridae</b>	<b>Magpie-lark, Flycatchers, Fantails</b>		
<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	Magpie-lark		
<i>Myiagra inquieta</i>	Restless Flycatcher		
<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i>	Grey Fantail		
<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	Willie Wagtail		
<b>Family Campephagidae</b>	<b>Cuckoo-shrikes, Trillers</b>		
<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike		
<i>Lalage sueurii</i>	White-winged Triller		
<b>Family Artamidae</b>	<b>Woodswallows, Butcherbirds</b>		
<i>Artamus cinereus</i>	Black-faced Woodswallow		
<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	White-breasted Woodswallow		
<i>Artamus personatus</i>	Masked Woodswallow		
<i>Artamus superciliosus</i>	White-browed Woodswallow		
<i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i>	Pied Butcherbird		
<i>Cracticus torquatus</i>	Grey Butcherbird		
<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>	Australian Magpie		

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<b>Family Corvidae</b>	<b>Ravens, Crows</b>		
<i>Corvus bennetti</i>	Little Crow		
<i>Corvus coronoides</i>	Australian Raven		
<b>Family Corcoracidae</b>	<b>Australian Mud-nesters</b>		
<i>Corocorax melanorhamphos</i>	White-winged Chough		
<i>Struthidea cinerea</i>	Apostlebird		
<b>Family Hirundinidae</b>	<b>Swallows, Martins</b>		
<i>Hirundo ariel</i>	Fairy Martin		
<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	Welcome Swallow		
<i>Hirundo nigricans</i>	Tree Martin		
<b>Family Motacillidae</b>	<b>Old World Pipits</b>		
<i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i>	Richard's Pipit		
<b>Family Sylviidae</b>	<b>Old World Warblers</b>		
<i>Cinclorhamphus cruralis</i>	Brown Songlark		
<i>Cinclorhamphus mathewsi</i>	Rufous Songlark		
<b>Family Passeridae</b>	<b>Old World Sparrows</b>		
<i>Passer domesticus</i>	House Sparrow		
<b>Family Ploceidae</b>	<b>Grass-Finches</b>		
<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>	Zebra Finch		
<b>Family Dicaeidae</b>	<b>Flowerpeckers</b>		
<i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i>	Mistletoebird		
<b>Family Sturnidae</b>	<b>Starlings, Mynas</b>		
<i>Sturnis vulgaris</i>	Common Starling		

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