


- Albatross Black-browed
- Grey-headed
- Indian Yellow-nosed
- Light-mantled
- Shy
- Wandering
- Avocet Red-necked
- Bee-eater Rainbow
- Bittern Australasian
- Blackbird Common
- Boobook **Southern**
- Brolga
- Bronzewing Brush
- Common
- Brush-turkey Australian
- Budgerigar
- Bushlark Horsfield's
- Button-quail Painted
- Chat Crimson
- Orange
- White-fronted
- Cockatiel
- Cockatoo Gang-gang 
- Glossy-black**
- Sulphur-crested
- Yellow-tailed Black
- Coot Eurasian
- Corella Little
- Cormorant Australian Pied
- Black-faced
- Great
- Little Black
- Little Pied
- Crake Australian
- Crake Baillon's
- Crake Spotless
- Cuckoo Fan-tailed
- Horsfield's Bronze
- Pallid
- Shining Bronze
- Cuckooshrike Black-faced
- Curlew Far Eastern
- Currawong **Grey**
- Darter Australasian
- Dollarbird Oriental
- Dotterel Black-fronted
- Hooded
- Red-kneed

- Dove Rock
- Spotted
- Drongo Spangled
- Duck Blue-billed
- Freckled
- Maned
- Musk
- Pacific Black
- Pink-eared
- Eagle Little
- Wedge-tailed
- White-bellied Sea
- Egret Eastern Cattle
- Great
- Little
- Emu **Kangaroo Island**
- Mainland
- Emu-wren **Southern**
- Fairywren **Superb**
- Falcon Black
- Brown
- Peregrine
- Fantail Grey
- Finch Red-browed
- Firetail Beautiful
- Flycatcher Restless
- Satin
- Frogmouth Tawny
- Fulmar Southern
- Galah
- Gannet Australasian
- Garganey
- Godwit Bar-tailed
- Godwit Black-tailed
- Goldfinch European
- Goose Cape Barren
- Goshawk Brown
- Grassbird Little
- Grebe Australasian
- Great Crested
- Hoary-headed
- Greenshank Common
- Gull Kelp
- Pacific
- Silver
- Hardhead
- Harrier Spotted
- Swamp

- Heathwren **Shy**
- Heron Nankeen Night
- Pacific Reef
- White-faced
- White-necked
- Hobby Australian
- Honeyeater **Brown-headed**
- Crescent
- New Holland**
- Purple-gaped**
- Regent
- Singing
- Spiny-cheeked
- Tawny-crowned
- White-eared**
- White-fronted
- White-naped
- White-plumed
- Ibis Australian White
- Glossy
- Straw-necked
- Jaeger Parasitic
- Kestrel Nankeen
- Kingfisher Sacred
- Kite Black
- Black-shouldered
- Letter-winged
- Square-tailed
- Whistling
- Great
- Knot Red
- Knot Laughing
- Kookaburra Banded
- Lapwing Masked
- Lorikeet Little
- Musk
- Purple-crowned
- Rainbow
- Australian
- Magpie
- Magpie-lark
- Martin Fairy
- Tree
- Moorhen Dusky
- Native-hen Black-tailed
- Needletail White-throated
- Nightjar Spotted
- Oriole Olive-backed
- Osprey Eastern

- Owl Eastern Barn 
- Owllet-nightjar Australian
- Oystercatcher Pied
- Sooty
- Painted-snipe Australian
- Pardalote Spotted
- Striated
- Parrot Blue-winged
- Elegant
- Rock
- Peafowl Indian
- Pelican Australian
- Fiordland
- Little
- Northern Rockhopper
- Petrel Blue
- Cape
- Common Diving
- Great-winged
- Grey
- Kerguelen
- Mottled
- Northern Giant
- South Georgia Diving
- Southern Giant
- White-chinned
- White-faced Storm
- White-headed
- Wilson's Storm
- Pigeon Crested
- Pipit Australian
- Plover Double-banded
- Greater Sand
- Grey
- Lesser Sand
- Pacific Golden
- Red-capped
- Prion Antarctic
- Broad-billed
- Fairy
- Salvin's
- Slender-billed
- Quail Brown
- Stubble
- Rail Buff-banded
- Lewin's
- Raven Australian
- Little

- Reed-Warbler Australian
- Robin Flame
- Red-capped
- Scarlet
- Rosella **Crimson**
- Sanderling
- Sandpiper Common
- Curlew
- Marsh
- Pectoral
- Sharp-tailed
- Terek
- Wood
- Scrubwren **White-browed**
- Shearwater Flesh-footed
- Fluttering
- Hutton's
- Short-tailed
- Sooty
- Shelduck Australian
- Shoveler Australasian
- Northern
- Shrikethrush Grey
- Silveryeye
- Skua Brown
- Skua Pomarine
- Skylark Eurasian
- Snipe Latham's
- Songlark Brown
- Sparrow House
- Sparrowhawk Collared
- Spinebill Eastern
- Spoonbill Royal
- Yellow-billed
- Starling Common
- Stilt Banded
- Black-winged
- Stint Long-toed
- Red-necked
- Stone-curlew Bush
- Swallow Welcome
- Swamphen Purple
- Swan Black
- Swift Pacific
- Tattler Grey-tailed
- Teal Chestnut
- Grey
- Tern Antarctic

- Tern Arctic
- Caspian
- Common
- Fairy
- Greater Crested
- Gull-billed
- Sooty
- Whiskered
- White-fronted
- White-winged
- Thornbill **Brown**
- Striated**
- Yellow
- Thrush Bassian
- Triller White-winged
- Tropicbird Red-tailed
- Turkey Wild
- Turnstone Ruddy
- Wagtail Willie
- Little**
- Red**
- Wattlebird
- Whimbrel
- Whipbird **Western**
- Whistler Golden
- Rufous
- Woodswallow Black-faced
- Dusky
- Masked
- White-browed



Birds which are listed in **bold** are Kangaroo Island sub-species and in the case of the Kangaroo Island emu- was a dwarf species found nowhere else on earth and is now unfortunately extinct. As of July 2018 total count including vagrants and historic records numbers 269 species.



Nomenclature and order follows International Ornithological Committee Checklist of Australian Birds Version 5.1

Our birds are interesting because of their mix - for example we have some "missing" - species which exist on the adjacent mainland but the birds are simply not found here. Such as red-rumped parrots, rufous whistlers, tree-creepers and hooded robins. We have also retained species which are in rapid decline or locally extinct on the mainland.

This includes ground-nesters such as bush stone-curlews- their presence is a combination of no foxes (no foxes or rabbits have established on Kangaroo Island), the retention of habitat for daytime refuge (these are nocturnal) and plenty of pasture adjacent these refuges for foraging at night.

We have about 50% of the original vegetation - much of it protected in reserves. Birds which were once common in the Adelaide Hills and the Fleurieu Peninsula such as the glossy-black cockatoo, beautiful fire tails and scarlet robins are regular encounters on Kangaroo Island.

Given our isolation many birds have evolved to be different to mainland versions. Apart from the Kangaroo Island emu which went the way of the Moa and Dodo, are 17 birds with a Kangaroo Island sub-species. Most of these, perhaps unsurprisingly, are smaller bush birds, 6 of which are honeyeaters. These endemics are marked as **bold** in the list.

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