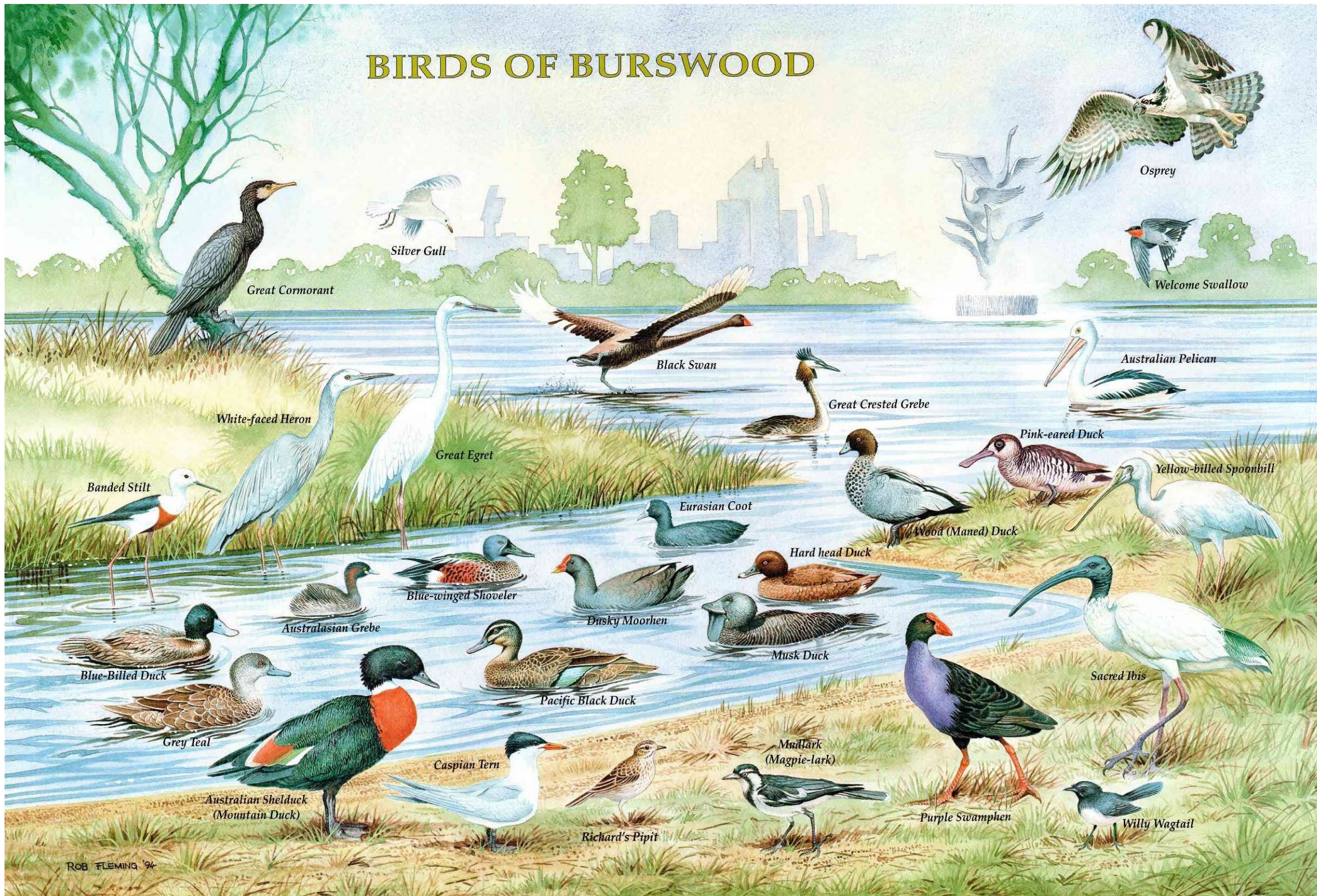


# BIRDS OF BURSWOOD



**Australasian Grebe**  
Common on fresh water ponds and lakes all over Australia, rarely on salt water or estuaries. Very noisy bird, calling day and night.

**Australian Pelican**  
Only pelican in Australia. Common throughout the country. Magnificent flyer, capable of moving long distances in short time.

**Australian Shelduck (Mountain Duck)**  
Large black-headed duck with chestnut breast. Common around wetlands and dams in southern Australia. Voice is a loud hollow 'ang-omk'.

**Banded Stilt**  
Common around salt lakes, marshes and estuaries, occasionally fresh or brackish water. Popping-like bark. Common southern mainland and Tasmania.

**Black Swan**  
W.A. bird emblem, common wetter areas of mainland and Tasmania, less common inland and north. Voice like musical beeping, soft crowing.

**Blue-Billed Duck**  
Uncommon, but found on deep vegetated swamps in south-west, south, south-east and Tasmania. Male voice like-pitched rattle, female soft 'quack'.

**Blue-winged Shoveler Duck**  
Rarely seen outside the Murray-Darling basin and coastal W.A. Has large bill with edges like the teeth of a comb, which act as a sieve when feeding.

**Hardhead Duck**  
Common throughout Australian wetlands less frequent in far north. Nests in reeds and aquatic vegetation - usually silent but has whizzing whistle, soft 'quack'.

**Mudlark (Magpie Lark)**  
Common throughout mainland Australia, but not Tasmania. Head next taller. Voice is 'pre-oo-oo' after an alert and nasal 'clai'.

**Musk Duck**  
Common in deep permanent swamps in south-east and south-west. Nomadic elsewhere on swamps, estuaries and occasionally open sea. Male has large lobe under bill.

**Osprey**  
A large fishing hawk common around northern coasts and islands, uncommon to rare on south-eastern and southern coasts. Voice is a plaintive 'chip-chip'.

**Pacific Black Duck**  
Very common on wetlands throughout Australia. Male voice soft three notes 'quack', female loud descending six notes 'quack'.

**Pink-eared Duck**  
Common around all Australian wetlands. Voice a 'chirrup'. Has long bill ending in leafy flap, small pink ear spot.

**Purple Swamphen**  
Loud screeching grazing bird. Common resident or nomad in wetlands of south-west, east and Tasmania. Less common in northern Australia.

**Caspian Tern**  
Common around Australian coastlines and inland eastern half of country. Nests on sandy beaches, voice a deep 'krak'.

**Dusky Moorhen**  
Common resident or nomad south-west of Western Australia and on east coast. Voice loud sharp 'kek'. Large, well hidden grass nest in reeds.

**Eurasian Coot**  
Found on wetlands throughout Australia. Emits a loud 'kok' in a hoarse whinnying scream. Feeds in open water.

**Great Cormorant**  
Large black bird with yellow face. Common to estuaries, rivers, lakes and coastlines throughout Australia. Male voice braying and rattling, female hoarse huffing.

**Great Crested Grebe**  
Uncommon to rare on lakes and ponds in south-west and south-east. Loud chattering call. Prominent ear tufts expand into large ruff.

**Great Egret**  
Found on great variety of wetlands, particularly in interior, Australia wide. Long neck hooked into question mark, yellow bill.

**Grey Teal Duck**  
Common around in wetlands throughout Australia, may fly 1000ms or more overnight. Male voice 'pip', female vigorous chuckling 'quacks' 15 syllables.

**Richard's Pipit**  
Among commonest Australian birds, found in grasslands, paddocks, pastures, coastal dunes, road verges throughout country.

**Sacred Ibis**  
Common over northern and eastern Australia, but rare in Tasmania. rare south of the Kimberleys, but may be colonising south-west. Presence at Burswood unusual.

**Silver Gull**  
Very common gull throughout Australian waterways, rising to nuisance level near rubbish dumps, airports and town colonies.

**Welcome Swallow**  
Common around habitations in southern and eastern Australia. Voice is a pleasant twittering, piercing 'silly' in alarm.

**Yellow-billed Spoonbill**  
Widespread throughout eastern and western Australia, but rare in Tasmania. Almost mute; they emit a feeble, reedy grunt.

**Willy Wagtail**  
Common resident in most habitats except treeless grassland and heavy forest throughout Australia. Active, aggressive and fearless, at home around humans.

**White-faced Heron**  
Common in or near wetlands Australia wide, commonest heron in the country. Nests in tree tops often well away from water.

**Wood (Maned) Duck**  
Common on wetlands on mainland, particularly lakes with standing dead timber and dams. Stands like a goose and emits goose-like nasal 'sow'.