



Bird Species observed at Currawong Lakes Fly Fishing Retreat and Game

Currawong Lakes is a private Fly Fishing Retreat and Game Reserve nestled on just under 2000 acres in the east coast highlands of Tasmania. The property contains a rich and diverse number of biotic environments both aquatic and arboreal and boasts being home to over 90 species of birds.

Areas of dry sclerophyll forest host a true jewel, the Superb Fairy-wren, a truly beautiful tiny bird with iridescent royal blue feathers. They are common and have a friendly curiosity. The rare Tasmanian subspecies of the Wedge-Tailed Eagle is another prize of this habitat. Several Honeyeaters, including largest of them (the Yellow Wattlebird) are also found here. Three Lakes support a healthy population of more than twenty species of waterbirds including the Lewin's Rail, the Purple Swamp hen and the White Bellied Sea-Eagle. 1400 acres of agricultural land supports the Flame Robin, the beautiful Scarlet Robin, the Striated Fieldwren, the Crescent Honeyeater, the Pink Robin, the Olive Whistler and the Scrubtit.

Birds endemic to Tasmania are Tasmanian Native-hen, Green Rosella, Dusky Robin, Tasmanian Scrubwren, Scrubtit, Tasmanian Thornbill, Yellow Wattlebird, Black-headed Honeyeater, Strong-billed Honeyeater, Yellow-throated Honeyeater, Forty-spotted Pardalote and Black Currawong. All of these can be observed at Currawong Lakes providing for a truly memorable and relaxing birding experience.



* = endemic

** =listed as rare or threatened

Quail

Brown Quail, *Coturnix ypsilophora*

Painted Button Quail, *Turnix varia*

Ducks and Grebes

Musk Duck, *Biziura lobata*

Black Swan, *Cygnus atratus*

Australian Wood Duck, *Chenonetta jubata*

Australasian Shoveler, *Anas rhynchotis*

Grey Teal, *Anas gracilis*

Chestnut Teal, *Anas castanea*

Pacific Black Duck, *Anas superciliosa*

Hardhead, *Aythya australis*

Australian Shelduck, *Tadorna tadornoides*

Blue-billed Duck, *Oxyura australis*

Australasian Grebe, *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*

Hoary-headed Grebe, *Poliiocephalus poliocephalus*

Great Crested Grebe, *Podiceps cristatus*

Cormorants

Black-faced cormorant, *Phalacrocorax fuscescens*

Great cormorant, *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Little pied cormorant, *Phalacrocorax melanoleucos*

Little black cormorant, *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*



Hérons, Rails and waders

White Faced Heron, *Egretta novaehollandiae*

Little Egret, *Egretta garzetta*

Australian Spotted crake, *Porzana fluminea*

Great Egret, *Ardea alba*

Australian Bittern, *Botaurus poiciloptilus*

Spotless crake, *Porzana tabuensis*

Lewin’s rail, *Rallus pectoralis*

Eurasian coot, *Fulica atra*

Tasmanian native hen, *Gallinula mortierii**

Dusky Moorhen, *Gallinula tenebrosa*

Purple swamphen, *Porphyrio porphyrio*

Latham’s Snipe, *Gallinago hardwickii*

Pigeons

Common Bronzewing, *Phaps chalcoptera*

Brush Bronzewing, *Phaps elegans*

Frogmouths, Owlet-Nightjars

Southern boobook, *Ninox novaehollandiae*

Australian owlet-nightjar, *Aegotheles cristatus*

Masked owl, *Tyto novaehollandiae*

Tawny Frogmouth, *Podargus strigoides*

Hawks, eagles and harriers

Collared sparrowhawk, *Accipiter cirrhocephalus*

Brown goshawk, *Accipiter fasciatus*



Grey goshawk, *Accipiter novaehollandiae*

Swamp harrier, *Circus approximans*

Whistling kite, *Haliastur sphenurus*

White-Bellied sea eagle, *Haliaeetus leucogaster* **

Wedge-tailed eagle, *Aquila audax* **

Falcons, hobbies and kestrels

Brown falcon, *Falco berigora*

Australian kestrel, *Falco cenchroides*

Australian hobby, *Falco longipennis*

Peregrine falcon, *Falco perigrinus*

Plovers

Masked lapwing, *Vanellus miles*

Cockatoos, Parrots and cuckoos

Yellow-tailed black cockatoo, *Calyptorhynchus funereus*

Green rosella, *Platycercus caledonicus* *

Musk lorikeet, *Glossopsitta concinna*

Pallid Cuckoo, *Cuculus pallidus*

Fan-Tailed Cuckoo, *Cacomantis flabelliformis*

Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, *Chrysococcyx lucidus*

Swallows and Martins

Tree martin, *Hirundo nigricans*

Welcome swallow, *Hirundo neoxena*

Robins

Pink robin, *Petroica rodinogaster*

Flame robin, *Petroica phoenicea*



Scarlet robin, *Petroica multicolor*

Pink robin, *Petroica rodinogaster*

Dusky robin, *Melanodryas vittata* *

Honeyeaters

Yellow wattlebird, *Anthochaera paradoxa* *

Yellow-throated honeyeater, *Lichenostomus flavicollis* *

New Holland Honeyeater, *Phylidonyris novaehollandiae*

Crescent honeyeater, *Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera*

Whislers, shrike-thrushes and Fly catchers

Grey shrike-thrush, *Colluricincla harmonica*

Golden whistler, *Pachycephala pectoralis*

Olive whistler, *Pachycephala olivacea*

Satin flycatcher, *Myiagra cyanoleuca*

Grey Fantail, *Rhipidura fuliginosa*

Fairy Wrens, scrub wrens

Superb Fairy-wren, *Malurus cyaneus*

Striated fieldwren, *Calamanthus fuliginosus*

Yellow-rumped thornbill, *Acanthiza chrysorrhoa*

Tasmanian thornbill, *Acanthiza ewingii* *

Scrubtit, *Acanthornis magnus* *

Larks and Pipits

Richard's Pipit, *Anthus novaeseelandiae*

Skylark, *Alauda arvensis*

Pardalotes

Forty-spotted Pardalote, *Pardalotus quadragintus* *



Spotted Pardalote, *Pardalotus punctatus*
Woodswallow

Dusky woodswallow, *Artamus cyanopterus*

Ravens, Butcherbirds and Currawongs

Grey butcherbird, *Cracticus torquatus*

Australian magpie, *Gymnorhina tibicen*

Black currawong, *Strepera fuliginosa* *

Grey currawong, *Strepera versicolor*

Forest raven, *Corvus tasmanicus*

Warblers

Clamorous Reed Warbler, *Acrocephalus stentoreus*

Introduced

Common pheasant, *Phasianus colchicus*

House sparrow, *Passer domesticus*

Common starling, *Sturnus vulgaris*

Blackbird, *Turdus merula*

Laughing kookaburra, *Dacelo novaeguineae*

Bronze wing Turkey, *Meleagris gallopava*

