



**Uluru/Ayers Rock**

## **Introduction**

Although we already been "down under" twice we felt that we just have scratched the surface of this wonderful country, or shall we call it a continent.

There were some places left to see that we definitely wanted to visit, like the Blue Mountains and the Red Centre. To that we added the drive between Sydney and Melbourne to experience the Grand Pacific Drive with the dramatic Sea Cliff Bridge and a 4-night stay on Kangaroo Island, South Australia and two nights on the Adelaide Hills.

This trip was made in three legs. The first one was the visit to Blue Mountains and the drive to Melbourne through **New South Wales**, ending in **Victoria** with one night in **Melbourne**, before taking a domestic flight to Alice Springs. The second leg was a 6-night stay in **Northern Territory** where we drove the full lap from Alice Springs and back via Glen Helen, Kings Canyon and Uluru.

The final leg was 8-night stay in **South Australia**, the first night in Victor Harbor, four nights on Kangaroo Island and then two nights on the Adelaide Hills (Hahndorf) and the final night near Adelaide airport.

*To the hardcore birder we put out a warning right here – **this was a family vacation** – and therefore not full day birding, but at the end with quite a lot of birding and other nature experiences.*

## **Planning**

As we from the beginning knew where we wanted to go we searched among travel routes from different travel agents. We found a lot of "fly and drive" trips and from those we set up our own trip, picked out some of the presented hotels and picked some on our own depending on what we wanted to do and see along the way. We made the decision to stay at least two nights on every overnight place (except airport hotels) to get some rest from driving and a chance to see a little more along the route. This type of planning was mainly for the first leg – Blue Mountains to Melbourne. The other two legs were less complicated.

After we had picked out the overnight locations, even the hotels for our whole journey we sent an enquiry to the Swedish agency Söderhavsresor ([www.soderhavsresor.se](http://www.soderhavsresor.se)) and they arranged with all the hotel

bookings, gave us some other choices than we had looked out. At the end it turned out to be perfect. They booked the ferry to Kangaroo Island for us as well as rental cars and both international and domestic flight tickets.

We can really recommend their services.

### **Itinerary with Accommodations**

**29/10.** Arrived to Sydney 09:45 after an overnight flight from Hong Kong, where we spent the last two days (separate trip report). Went through the immigration, kept going to the rental cars desk and got our pre booked car, a well-spaced Kia Carnival. Drove through the outskirts of Sydney and up towards Blue Mountains. Turned off the main road towards Glen Davis and drove on to the pre booked hotel. Had to stop along the road for the worst hail storm we ever met before, ice bits big enough to hurt us.

[www.glendavishotel.com.au](http://www.glendavishotel.com.au) *The Glen Davis Boutique Hotel is an old farm house rebuilt to hotel. This is a charming place to stay at with good birding just outside the door, either in their garden or along the roads in the neighborhood of the village. This hotel must be pre booked as it's not an ordinary hotel with opening hours and a reception.*

**30/10.** This day was a planned full day of birdwatching for us birders, while our wives walked and drove around in the neighborhood. We started with a morning walk around the hotel garden and after a well-deserved breakfast our guide Ross Crates turned up and picked us up for the day in the valley. We really had a rewarding day with a lot of good birds, the rare Regent Honeyeater on top. The only bad thing was the never ending rain in the late afternoon.

We arrived back well in time for the dinner and book keeping of today's observations.

**31/10.** We woke up to a wonderful morning with bright sunshine, but rather chilly. Before breakfast we headed for a walk along the entrance road for a bit. After the meal we packed the car and said goodbye to our host's and started the drive towards Katoomba. Along the road we stopped at Mt Tomah Botanical Garden, where we had lunch and walked around. At Evans Lookout we had good looks at a small and unexpected party of Glossy Black-cockatoo. Reached Katoomba around 4pm and found our way to Hotel Carrington in the city center. We ended the afternoon with a nice walk through the town, down to the Three Sister's lookout.

*As the hotel is situated in the town center there was no birding to be done near, not more than those birds seen in small parks and local gardens. Check their website for further info. [www.thecarrington.com.au](http://www.thecarrington.com.au)*



**Three Sisters, Katoomba**

**1/11.** The pre breakfast birding took us by car to Wentworth just some 15-20 minutes from the hotel. We headed down the Tableland Road, parked and birded. The rather chilly morning (+5 degrees) was probably the reason for the low bird activity.

After breakfast we made our way to the touristy and famous Scenic World. We paid the entrance fee and spent the rest of the day there. One don't have to leave for lunch, the restaurant had quite a lot to offer. Saw some nice birds with Superb Lyrebird on top.

**2/11.** This was mainly a travelling day. We left Katoomba after breakfast and drove towards the coast, through Royal N.P, down to the Grand Pacific Drive, where we parked and admired the scenery as well as a number of Humpback Whales passing by. Continued to Jervis Bay and Paperbark Camp where we arrived late afternoon.

*Paperbark Camp is a lodge that contains of 12 safari tents, surrounded by a creek and forest. It's a nice change to indoor hotel/lodge rooms. Before dinner we walked along a marked trail, without seeing much more than a Bassian Thrush. After dinner a Southern Boobok called.*

[www.paperbarkcamp.com.au](http://www.paperbarkcamp.com.au)



**Comfortable tenting at Paperbark Camp.**

**3/11.** The morning walk was along the entrance road, quite a lot of birds. The rest of the day was then spent in Booderee N.P where we visited a number of places, including the botanical garden and Cape St George Lighthouse.



**We also managed to see a real one.**

**4/11.** Today was mainly a travelling day. We left Paperbark Camp after breakfast and drove towards our next accommodation in Eden, appr 360 km to drive. Arrived rather early in the afternoon and after the check in, us sat on our host's lovely veranda and had a nice afternoon. From here we could watch both dolphins and Humpbacks, enjoying a cup of coffee.

*The accommodation, Crown & Anchor is a B&B, situated on a hilltop along a dead end street within walking distance from the small harbor. The rooms were quite small but very charming and we were served a very good breakfast of our nice hosts. This is a place to recommend.*

[www.crownandanchoreden.com.au/](http://www.crownandanchoreden.com.au/)

**5/11.** We woke up to a very windy day, not so good though we had booked a whale watching trip for this morning. Had a rush breakfast and headed down to the harbor just to get informed that, for the moment, the trip was delayed one hour. Went back towards our B&B and found shelter behind a small group of trees and bushes. Here we spent the hour watching and photographing Scarlet Honeyeaters.

Walked back to the harbor just to get informed that today's whale trip was cancelled due to too strong winds. So what to do now? Well, after lunch we drove to Ben Boyd N.P and out to the Boyd's Tower lookout and later all the way to Green Cape Lighthouse were we found shelter from the strong winds around the lighthouse. Took the opportunity to do an hour or so of watching seabirds, thousands of shearwaters passing by, but most of them too distant. We did see some albatrosses, most of them distant too.

**6/11.** After breakfast we packed our car, sad goodbye to our nice hosts and started the drive towards Lakes Entrance, a distance of about 260 km. Arrived to our accommodation, Waverley Cottages, just outside the town, in the midafternoon. We stayed in a self-contained house with two separate bedrooms with ensuite bathroom. We drove in to town and bought our supply for next two days breakfast and also for a dinner we cocked ourselves. Birdwatching was quite poor in the neighborhood.

[www.waverleyhousecottages.com.au/](http://www.waverleyhousecottages.com.au/)



**Scarlet Honeyeater**

**7/11.** This morning we had the walk around the cottage, not much to tell about. After breakfast we drove down to the town and then had a long and relaxing walk along the 90-mile Beach. The afternoon was spent relaxing around our accommodation. For a change we cooked our dinner on our own and then we had a nice and lazy evening.

**8/11.** Today started with a sleep-in morning due to rain. After breakfast we packed the car and drove towards the old gold mining village of Walhalla, a drive of around 180 km. The village name reminded us of our origin, Scandinavian. We also noticed that in the Spett's cottage in Walhalla a Swedish miner and his English born wife once lived. This was a small and charming village with a lot history. We stayed at the Walhalla Star Hotel in the center. [www.starhotel.com.au/](http://www.starhotel.com.au/)

*Just a short walk outside the village we found good birding areas. We walked along the main road and at the end of the village the 2-wheel cars was not allowed anymore, just 4-wheelers. The road also turned into a gravel road and was very little trafficked during our walks.*

**9/11.** Another of those days with travelling, today we drove to Melbourne. On the way we stopped and had a walk in a state forest named Moondarra, mostly remembered for all the loud cicadas. We stopped for lunch in Moorwell, a small town with thousands of blooming roses in parks, roundabouts and who knows where else. We left the car at the airport in the late afternoon. Here stayed the night at the Ibis Budget Airport Hotel. Not to be recommended, small rooms and overall a boring place.

**10/11.** We had an early rise for the check in to the travel to Alice Springs. After a 2 ½ hours and 1850 km flight we landed in a hot Alice. We picked up our rental car, a well-spaced Toyota all-wheel drive. We drove into town for lunch and to buy some supplies, mainly plenty of water. Before we started the drive towards Glen Helen Gorge (Resort) we visited the botanical garden and ticked off Western Bowerbird. Along the road we had a short rain shower, and yes we had to use the vipers for a while. We also paid both Simpson's Gap and Ellery Creek short visits. Arrived to Glen Helen late afternoon. [www.glenhelen.com.au](http://www.glenhelen.com.au)

*This is a nice place to stay with a familiar atmosphere and a convenient distance to good birding at Ormiston Gorge. We actually did not that serious birding near the gorge though we had decided to spend the next morning at Ormiston Gorge.*

**11/11.** In the early morning we drove the short distance to Ormiston Gorge for pre breakfast birding. Very birdy surroundings and in retro respect we should have stayed here one more night and visited the gorge more times. Finally we got lucky and saw our first Budgies (Budgerigar).

After breakfast we packed our car and drove towards Kings Canyon, a trip of around 230 km, of which 160

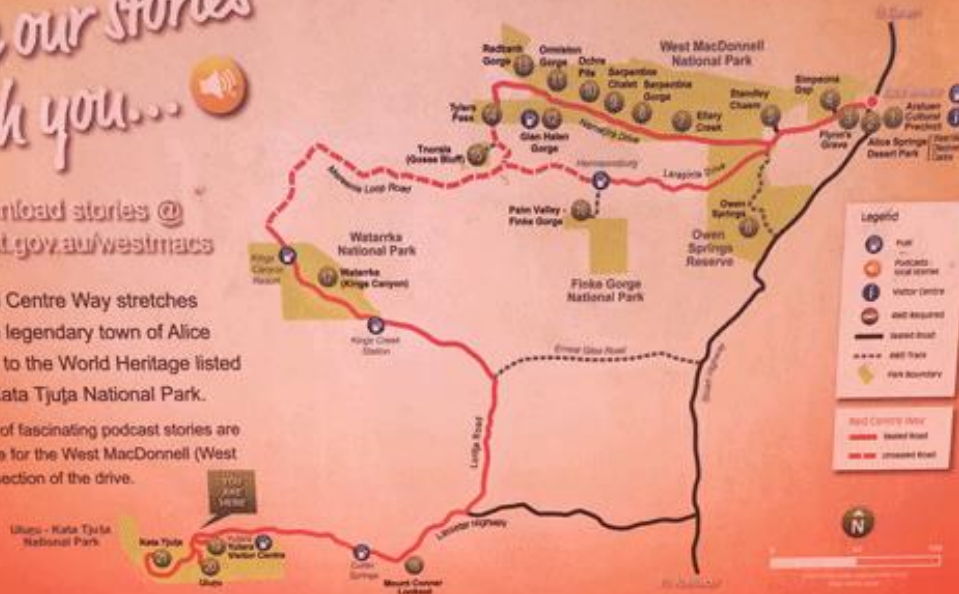
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- Memorial
- Scenic Lookout
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## Simpson's Gap

- Scenic Walks
- Wildlife Watching
- 4WD Park
- Camping

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- Scenic Walks
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## Owen Springs

- Four Wheel Driving
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- Walkthrough - 4WD/4x4
- Scenic Walks
- Spectacular Scenery
- Camping - 4WD/4x4

## Serpentine Gorge

- Scenic Walk
- Scenic Lookout
- Wildlife Watching

## Serpentine Chaiet

- Historical Ruins
- Scenic Walk
- Bush Camping - 4WD/4x4

## Ochre Pits

- Scenic Lookout
- Cultural Information
- Sealed Gap

## Ormiston Gorge

- Walkthrough - 4WD/4x4
- Scenic Walks
- Camping
- Shop

## Glen Helen Gorge

- Walkthrough - 4WD/4x4
- Scenic Walk
- Spectacular Scenery
- Camping - 4WD/4x4

### Safety and Travel Advice

The vast distances of the Northern Territory make it the perfect place for an outback experience, but remember:

- ⚠️ Ensure you have enough drinking water to last if emergency.
- ⚠️ Plan your fuel stops and carry extra fuel if travelling in remote areas.
- ⚠️ If leaving the main roads, let someone responsible know your destination and expected time of return.
- ⚠️ If you get lost or breakdown, do not leave your vehicle - a passing vehicle is more likely to locate than a missing person.

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went fine expect a flat tire in the middle of nowhere. We switched the tire in 45 minutes in windy and hot conditions. Kept on driving to our accommodation where we arrived midafternoon. Checked in, had a rest and then we had a nice walk around lodge.

[www.kingscanyonresort.com.au](http://www.kingscanyonresort.com.au) we tried the path leading up the small ridge and were rewarded with 2 pairs of *Spinifex Pigeon*.

**12/11.** The morning birding was done a few km down the road at the very touristy Kings Canyon. Everybody in the neighborhood seemed to be heading towards a hilltop to enjoy the sunrise. We walked a short dead end track, but actually we had the best birding along the main entrance road on our way back.

After breakfast the same procedure as last day, except that we had to buy a new spare tire. Then we were on our way towards Uluru/Ayers Rock, around 300 km away. Arrived to Desert Gardens Resort in the early afternoon and while going to the reception we found some Black Honeyeaters in the nearest small group of bushes. After dragging our luggage to the rooms we drove to the rock and enjoyed the sunset – together with loads of (other) tourists.

[www.ayersrockresort.com.au](http://www.ayersrockresort.com.au) actually not much of birds or birding close to the resort, except the mentioned honeyeater species at the entrance. Best birding for us was behind the info/culture center/gift shop near the rock, along a nice track.

**13/11.** Before breakfast some of us visited the sunrise viewing area at the rock while others went birding in the area opposite the sunset parking area. Those of us visiting the sunrise were more lucky than the others. Went back for breakfast, packed the car and started to drive the +400km back to Alice Springs. Arrived late afternoon to our hotel Double Tree by Hilton, situated on the edge off Todd River. We did not see anything of the river than the dry bed.

<http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/northern-territory/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-alice-springs>

The birding around the hotel rather poor but great areas just outside Alice, places like Simpson's Gap, the botanical garden and a little further away Kunoth Well.

**14/11.** Early breakfast and then we drove the 60 km to Kunoth Well. We had really good birding around the well and along the road to Hamilton's Down Youth Camp Track. Arrived back to AS in time for lunch, but first we made a short stop at the botanical garden again. After the meal we paid a visit to the old telegraph station and ended the day with a trip to Simpson's Gap.

**15/11.** Another sleep in morning because of a travelling day. Around lunch time we flew to Adelaide, where we picked up a rental car and drove to Victor Harbor for the night. This was a short drive of around 80 km. We had a nice and relaxing evening walk over the bridge to Granite Island a former whale station. Today's attraction is a breeding colony of Little Penguin. There are guided walks to the colony but one is not allowed to go there alone.



**Blue-tongued Skink** (*Tiliqua rugosa*)

**16/11.** We had another lazy morning with outside breakfast near the sea. Before checking out we had walk around Granite Island, then we packed the car and drove to Cape Jervis to catch the ferry to Kangaroo Island. Arrived a bit early but there was no problem to catch an earlier ferry. We stopped in Penneshaw on Kangaroo Island for lunch and in Kingscote to buy some supplies. We arrived to Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat (KIWR) in the early afternoon. After the check in we had a walk around the lodge on a well-maintained track. Got back just in time for the dinner.

[www.kiwr.com](http://www.kiwr.com) is placed just outside Flinders Chase National Park in a nice surrounding with a lot of birds and mammals. Short driving distances to Admirals Arch and Remarkable Rocks where both the scenery and good bird watching can be admired.

The national parks visitor center got most facilities including several tracks of different length. In the parking area we did see a few Koalas and on the surrounding fields good numbers of Cape barren Goose can be seen. This is also where the mandatory Park Pass can be purchased.

**17/11.** We started the day with a walk along the main road. Went back for breakfast and then we drove to Flinders Chase info center and looked at the Koala's in the trees around the parking lot. Purchased the day pass' and drove to Admirals arch and then we also visited the nearby Remarkable Rocks. Went back to the info center for lunch and after the break we drove to Hanson Rd and followed the road to the sea. We ended the day by taking a one hour birding trip to the parking area at Remarkable Rocks and looked for "missing" species.

**18/11.** Another sleep in morning. After breakfast we made a day trip, first to Seal Bay where we looked at the Sea Lion colony, saw our first black tiger snake (warning signs for those reptiles at the info Centre). Then we tried to visit Murray Lagoon, but the whole place was flooded. Visited also both Hanson and Vivonne Bay. Hanson Bay advertised for Koala sightings, and yes we did find half a dozen. Here we also found our first perched Purple-crowned Lorikeets. We also stopped at a small pond at the Kingscote/Seal Bay Crossing where we, among more frequent seen species, found a small party of Musk Duck, a Royal Spoonbill and a family party of Black-fronted Dotterel. Drove back to the lodge well in time for dinner and ended the day with a sunset walk along the main road. We found a Short-beaked Echidna and two good flocks of Purple-crowned Lorikeet.



**Short-beaked Echidna, trying to hide from the photographer.**



**19/11.** Had another lazy morning that started with a good breakfast. Made a day trip to Stokes Bay and walked through the narrow path among rocks and boulders to the hidden bay. We stopped for lunch in Pardana before we drove back to Flinders Chase N.P and had a long nice afternoon walk along the Platypus track. Without seeing any Platypus, but the walk was nice on a well maintained track. Ended the day with a sunset walk along the main road, like the previous day. Heard a couple of Bush Stone-curlew and a Southern Boobook.

**20/11.** Check out day. Packed and drove to Penneshaw, via American River, where we looked for Glossy Black-cockatoo without luck. We arrived rather early to the ferry so once again we managed to go with an earlier departure. Back on the mainland we had around 100 km to our hotel in Hahndorf. After the check in procedure we drove towards Laratinga Wetlands and after a few wrong choices of roads we finally found the well-spaced parking lot.

[www.themanna.com.au](http://www.themanna.com.au) *Placed in the middle of the town so there is actually no birding just around the hotel.*

**21/11.** Birding at the wetlands after breakfast, back for lunch and then we drove to Mt Lofty where we spent the afternoon. Here we had good looks at the local "Adelaide Rosella".

**22/11.** Started with a pre breakfast visit to Laratinga. After the check out from The Manna we all went to the wetlands and had an hours walk. Continued towards Adelaide with a break at Belair N.P where we walked for a good hour, finding a Koala. Arrived to the airport hotel early afternoon, returned the rental car and had a well-deserved dinner at the hotel.

**23/11.** Early rise for the flight to Hong Kong where we arrived in the early afternoon local time. Our visits in Hong Kong both before and after Australia are another story in a separate trip report.

## Guide

We only used a guide for one day, the very first full day up in Capertee Valley. As Carol Proberts stopped to guide birders up in the valley she advised us to contact Ross Crates. He can be contacted on the following email: [ross.crates@anu.edu.au](mailto:ross.crates@anu.edu.au)

Ross is a PhD candidate working with research of the Regent Honeyeater in Capertee Valley and is willing to show the valley and its birds to others, if he is around.

We had an absolutely fantastic day out in the field with a great and enthusiastic guide as excellent company. We learnt a lot of the symbiosis between trees, plants and birds from him. We can really recommend him.

## Literature and (some) useful links

For bird id we used Birds of Australia, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> edition, K. Simpson & N. Day.

The Complete Guide to Finding the Birds of Australia for birding hot spots along our way.

We had already bought 3 CD: s with bird calls pre our first trip to Australia from Lloyd Nelson. Visit Lloyd's web page. [www.birdingaustralia.com.au](http://www.birdingaustralia.com.au)

Very easy to order from and pay to over the internet. Shipments arrived safely in just about a week. As a complement some more bird calls were found on Xeno-canto.

For mammals we used A Field Guide to the Mammals of Australia, P. Menkhorst & F. Knight.

For Australia as a tourist destination we used The Rough Guide to Australia, 10<sup>th</sup> edition, published in September 2011.

## General links

National Parks information <http://www.environment.gov.au>

Weather <http://www.weatherzone.com.au>

## Birding links

<http://ebird.org/content/australia>

This is an excellent way to find out about bird sightings region by region, local hot spots and much more.

<http://www.birdwatch-australia.com.au>

<http://www.bmbirding.com.au/> birdwatching in Blue Mountains

<http://www.sabirding.com> birdwatching in Southern Australia, very useful.

### Abbreviations to the species list

Used in the species list as follows for the Australia regions we visited

NSW = New South Wales

VIC = Victoria

NT = Northern Territory

SA = Southern Australia

KIWR = Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat

## Species List

### Cape Barren Goose (*Cereopsis novaehollandiae*)

**SA:** 90 KIWR 16/11 and 25 Flinders Chase N.P. 17/11.



**Cape barren Goose**

### Black Swan (*Cygnus atratus*)

**VIC:** 30 roadside birds 6/11, 5 (2 ad+3 imm) Lakes Entrance 6/11 and 50 Lakes Entrance 7/11.

**SA:** 2 in a small pond Kingscote/Seal Bay road crossing 18/11, 10 Murray Lagoon 18/11, 4 Stoke Bay 19/11, 4 roadside 19/11 and common American River 20/11.

### Australian Shelduck (*Tadorna tadornoides*)

**Vic:** 4 roadside birds 6/11.

**SA:** 70 Murray Lagoon 18/11 and 8 Stoke Bay 19/11.

### Maned Duck (*Chenonetta jubata*)

**NSW:** 4 Capertee Valley 30/10 and 20 Royal N.P 2/11.

**VIC:** 10 Lakes Entrance 7/11.

**NT:** 10 Alice Springs 13/11.

**SA:** 2 Victor Harbor 15/11, 2 Flinders Chase N.P. 17/11 and common Laratinga Wetlands 20-22/11.

**Mallard** (*Anas platyrhynchos*)

**SA:** 1 male Laratinga Wetlands 20/11.

**Pacific Black Duck** (*Anas superciliosa*)

**NSW:** 1 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**SA:** 2 in a small pond Kingscote/Seal Bay road crossing 18/11 and common Laratinga Wetlands 20-22/11.

**Australian Shoveler** (*Anas rhynchos*)

**SA:** 3 (1 male+2 female) Laratinga Wetlands 21/11.

**Gray Teal** (*Anas gracilis*)

**SA:** 2 in a small pond Kingscote/Seal Bay road crossing 18/11 and common 20 Laratinga Wetlands 20-22/11.

**Chestnut Teal** (*Anas castanea*)

**NSW:** 1 pair seen near paperbark Camp 3/11.

**VIC:** 1 pair Lakes Entrance 6/11 and 1 male there 7/11.

**SA:** up to 10 seen Laratinga Wetlands 20-22/11.

**Pink-eared Duck** (*Malacorhynchus membranaceus*)

**SA:** 2 Laratinga Wetlands 20/11 and 10 Laratinga Wetlands 21/11.

**White-eyed Duck** (*Aythya australis*)

**SA:** 2 Laratinga Wetlands 21/11.

**Blue-billed Duck** (*Oxyura australis*)

**SA:** 3 male Laratinga Wetlands 21/11.

**Musk Duck** (*Biziura lobata*)

**SA:** 5 in a small pond Kingscote/Seal Bay road crossing 18/11.

**Australasian Grebe** (*Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*)

**NT:** 2 Simpson's Gap 10 and 1 there 14/11.

**SA:** 1 in a small pond Kingscote/Seal Bay road crossing 18/11.

**Hoary-headed Grebe** (*Poliiocephalus poliocephalus*)

**NT:** 1 Kunothe Well 14/11.

**SA:** 2 in a small pond Kingscote/Seal Bay road crossing 18/11 and 2 Laratinga Wetlands 21/11.

**Yellow-nosed Albatross** (*Thalassarche chlororhynchos*)

**NSW:** around 10 Ben Boyd N.P 5/11.

*Honestly a little too far out to be an absolutely safe id, but it was most likely this species.*

**Black-browed Albatross** (*Thalassarche melanophris*)

**NSW:** 1 Ben Boyd N.P 5/11.

*One of the few birds that passed close to the shore. We saw some more further out that probably was this species as well.*

**Northern Giant-Petrel** (*Macronectes halli*)

**NSW:** 1 Ben Boyd N.P 5/11.

*One of the birds that passed really close to the shore.*

**Short-tailed Shearwater** (*Puffinus tenuirostris*)

**NSW:** hundreds, if not thousands Ben Boyd N.P 5/11.

*A little too far out to be an absolutely safe id, but it was most likely this species.*

**White-faced Heron** (*Egretta novaehollandiae*)

**NSW:** 2 Capertee Valley 30/10 and 3 Glen Davis 31/10.

**VIC:** 2 roadside 8/11 and 1 roadside between Walhalla and Melbourne 9/11.

**SA:** 1 Stoke Bay 19/11 and 2 Laratinga Wetlands 21-22/11.



**White-faced Heron**

**Cattle Egret** (*Bubulcus ibis*)

**NSW:** 2 roadside birds 2/11.

**VIC:** 5 roadside 6/11.

**Australian Ibis** (*Threskiornis moluccus*)

**NSW:** 1 Sydney-Capertee 29/10 and 8 roadside birds seen 4/11.

**VIC:** 5 Lakes Entrance 7/11 and 15 roadside 8/11.

**SA:** 5 Penneshaw-Flinders Chase 16/11, 3 in a small pond Kingscote/Seal Bay road crossing 18/11, 1 roadside 19/11, 6 American River 20/11 and 1 Laratinga Wetlands 21/11.

**Straw-necked Ibis** (*Threskiornis spinicollis*)

**VIC:** 2 Lakes Entrance 7/11 and 40 roadside 8/11,

**SA:** 1 seen between Penneshaw and Flinders Chase 16/11.

**Royal Spoonbill** (*Platalea regia*)

**SA:** 1 in a small pond Kingscote/Seal Bay road crossing 18/11.

**Australasian Gannet** (*Morus serrator*)

**NSW:** 10 Booderee N.P 3/11, 5 Eden 4/11, 2 Eden 5/11 and 30 Ben Boyd N.P 5/11.

**SA:** 1 adult Flinders Chase N.P. 17/11

**Little Black Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*)

**NSW:** 5 roadside 2/11.

**VIC:** 3 Lakes Entrance 7/11.

**NT:** 1 Ormiston Gorge 11/11 and 10 in a roadside pond Kings Canyon and Yulara 12/11.

**SA:** 1 Laratinga Wetlands 20-21/11.

**Great Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*)

**NSW:** 2 roadside 2/11, 10 Eden 4/11 and 20 there 5/11.

**VIC:** 200 Lakes Entrance 7/11.

**SA:** 2 Flinders Chase N.P. 17/11 and 2 Seal Bay 18/11.

**Pied Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax varius*)

**NSW:** up to 50 Eden 4-5/11.

**SA:** 8 Victor Harbor 15/11, 2 Seal Bay 18/11, 2 Stoke Bay 19/11 and 2 Penneshaw Harbor 20/11.

**Black-faced Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax fuscescens*)

**SA:** 15 Seal Bay 18/11 and 40 Penneshaw Harbor 20/11.

**Little Pied Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax melanoleucos*)

**NSW:** 1 Ben Boyd N.P 5/11.

**SA:** 1 seen between Penneshaw and Flinders Chase 16/11, 2 in a small pond Kingscote/Seal Bay road crossing 18/11 and 2 Laratinga Wetlands 20-21/11.

**Australasian Darter** (*Anhinga novaehollandiae*)

**NSW:** 1 Eden 4/11.

**NT:** 1 Glen Helen Gorge 10/11.

**Australian Pelican** (*Pelecanus conspicillatus*)

**NSW:** 10 roadside 2/11, 2 roadside 3/11 and up to 12 Eden 4-5/11.

**VIC:** 2 Lakes Entrance 6/11 and 30 there 7/11.

**SA:** 3 Stoke Bay 19/11, 5 American River 20/11 and 1 Laratinga Wetlands 20-21/11.

**Spotless Crake** (*Porzana tabuensis*)

**SA:** 1 Laratinga Wetlands 21/11.

**Australasian Swamphen** (*Porphyrio porphyrio*)

**NSW:** 5 Royal N.P 2/11.

**SA:** up to 25 Laratinga Wetlands 20-22/11.

**Dusky Moorhen** (*Gallinula tenebrosa*)

**NSW:** 1 Capertee Valley 30/10 and 5 Royal N.P 2/11.

**SA:** 2 Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat 17/11 and common Laratinga Wetlands 20-22/11.

**Eurasian Coot** (*Fulica atra*)

**NT:** 8 Glen Helen Gorge 10/11.

**SA:** 1 Murray Lagoon 18/11 and common Laratinga Wetlands 20-22/11.

**Bush Thick-knee** (*Burhinus grallarius*)

**SA:** 3 heard Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat 19/11.

**Pied Oystercatcher** (*Haematopus longirostris*)

**Vic:** 2 roadside 6/11, 1 Lakes Entrance 7/11 and 4 there 8/11.

**SA:** 2 Seal Bay 18/11 and 2 American River 20/11.

**Sooty Oystercatcher** (*Haematopus fuliginosus*)

**NSW:** 10 Sea Cliff Bridge 2/11.

**SA:** 2 Flinders Chase N.P. 17/11 and 3 Stoke Bay 19/11.

**Masked Lapwing** (*Vanellus miles*)

**NSW:** 1 seen along the road between Sydney and Capertee 29/10, 1 Capertee Valley 30/10, 5 roadside birds 3/11 and 10 Eden 4-5/11.

**VIC:** 1 Lakes Entrance 7/11 and 3 roadside 8/11.

**SA:** common.

**Black-fronted Dotterel** (*Euseyornis melanops*)

**SA:** 1 pair with 2 chicks in a small pond at Kingscote/Seal Bay road crossing 18/11, 1 Laratinga Wetlands 21/11 and 3 Laratinga Wetlands 22/11.

**Red-necked Stint** (*Calidris ruficollis*)

**Vic:** 1 Lakes Entrance 7/11.

**Common Greenshank** (*Tringa nebularia*)

**SA:** 1 American River 20/11.

**Pomarine Jaeger** (*Stercorarius pomarinus*)

**NSW:** 1 imm bird Ben Boyd N.P 5/11.

*Another of the few birds that passed our point at close range.*

**Silver Gull** (*Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae*)

**NSW:** 100 Sea Cliff Bridge 2/11, 50 roadside 4/11 and 50 Eden 4/11.

**VIC:** common Lakes Entrance 6-7/11.

**SA:** common.

**Pacific Gull** (*Larus pacificus*)

**VIC:** 4 (3 ad+1 imm) Lakes Entrance 6/11.

**SA:** 3 adult Victor Harbor 15/11, 20 Flinders Chase N.P. 17/11, 1 adult Seal Bay 18/11, 3 adult Stoke Bay 19/11 and 1 adult Penneshaw Harbor 20/11.

**Australian Fairy Tern** (*Sternula nereis*)

**SA:** 2 Flinders Chase N.P. 17/11.

*Seen at close range around Admirals Arch.*

**Caspian Tern** (*Hydroprogne caspia*)

**VIC:** 1 adult Lakes Entrance 7/11.

**SA:** 1 Victor Harbor 15/11 and 1 Seal Bay 18/11.

**Great Crested Tern** (*Thalasseus bergii*)

**NSW:** 10 Eden 4/11 and 200 Ben Boyd N.P 5/11.

**VIC:** 4 Lakes Entrance 6/11.

**SA:** common on Kangaroo Island 16-20/11.

**Spotted Dove** (*Streptopelia chinensis*)

**NSW:** up to 5 Eden 4-5/11.

**VIC:** 2 Lakes Entrance 7/11.

**SA:** Up to 4 seen on each visit to Laratinga Wetlands 20-22/11.

**Common Bronzewing** (*Phaps chalcoptera*)

**NSW:** 20 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**VIC:** 2 Lakes Entrance 6-7/11.

**NT:** 2 Kings Canyon 12/11.

**SA:** Up to 4 seen on each visit to Laratinga Wetlands 20-22/11.

**Crested Pigeon** (*Ocyphaps lophotes*)

**NSW:** 1 Glen Davis 29/10, 2 Capertee Valley 30/10, 4 Glen Davis 31/10 and 7 roadside 2/11.

**NT:** common.

**SA:** 2 Laratinga Wetlands 21/11.

**Spinifex Pigeon** (*Geophaps plumifera*)

**NT:** 2 pairs Kings Canyon 11/11.



**Spinifex Pigeon**

**Diamond Dove** (*Geopelia cuneata*)

**NT:** 2 Simpson's Gap 10/11, 8 Ormiston Gorge 11/11, up to 10 Kings Canyon 11-12/11, 3 Uluru 12/11, 1 roadside Uluru-Alice Springs 13/11 and 10 Kunoth Well 14/11.

**Peaceful Dove** (*Geopelia placida*)

**NSW:** 4 (2+2 heard) Capertee Valley 30/10.

**NT:** 1 Ellery Creek 10/11 and 1 Ormiston Gorge 11/11.

**Channel-billed Cuckoo** (*Scythrops novaehollandiae*)

**NSW:** 1 heard Capertee Valley 30/10.

**Shining Bronze-Cuckoo** (*Chrysococcyx lucidus*)

**NSW:** 1 Scenic World, Katoomba 1/11, 2 (1+1 heard) Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay 3/11 and 2 heard

Booderee N.P 3/11.

**VIC:** 1 roadside bird heard 6/11, 1 heard Lakes Entrance 7/11, 2 heard Walhalla 8 and 9/11.

**SA:** 1 singing Kingscote/Seal Bay crossing 18/11

**Pallid Cuckoo** (*Cacomantis pallidus*)

**NSW:** 1 singing Capertee Valley 30/10.

**Fan-tailed Cuckoo** (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*)

**NSW:** 1 heard Capertee Valley 30/10, 1 seen Scenic World, Katoomba 1/11, 1 heard Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay and 1 heard Booderee N.P 3/11.

**VIC:** 1 Lakes Entrance 6/11, 1 roadside bird heard 8/11, 1 heard Walhalla 8/11 and 5 (1+4 heard) Walhalla 9/11.

**Brush Cuckoo** (*Cacomantis variolosus*)

**NSW:** 3 (2+1 heard) Capertee Valley 30/10 and 1 seen Booderee N.P 3/11.

**Southern Boobook** (*Ninox novaeseelandiae*)

**NSW:** 1 heard Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay 2/11.

**SA:** 1 heard Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat 19/11.

**Azure Kingfisher** (*Ceyx azureus*)

**NSW:** 1 Booderee N.P 3/11.

**Laughing Kookaburra** (*Dacelo novaeguineae*)

**NSW:** 5 Capertee Valley 30/10, 2 Glen Davis 31/10 and 3 Booderee N.P 3/11.

**Vic:** 3 Lakes Entrance 6/11, 5 Lakes Entrance 7/11, 3 Walhalla 8/11 and 2 Moondarra State Forest 9/11.

**SA:** 1 Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat 17/11 and 1 Belair N.P 22/11.



**Laughing Kookaburra**



**Red-backed Kingfisher** (*Todiramphus pyrrhopygius*)

**NT:** 1 Kings Canyon 12/11 and 1 roadside bird between Kings Canyon and Yulara 12/11.

**Sacred Kingfisher** (*Todiramphus sanctus*)

**NT:** 3 Ormiston Gorge 11/11 and 3 Simpson's Gap 14/11.

**Rainbow Bee-eater** (*Merops ornatus*)

**NSW:** 1 Capertee Valley 30/10 and 3 Glen Davis 31/10.

**NT:** 2 Glen Helen Gorge 10/11, 3 Glen Helen-Kings Canyon 11/11, 4 Kings Canyon 11/11, 1 Simpson's Gap and 1 Alice Springs 14/11.

**Dollarbird** (*Eurystomus orientalis*)

**NSW:** 2 Capertee Valley 30/10 and 2 Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay 3/11.

**Australian Kite** (*Elanus axillaris*)

**NSW:** 1 Glen Davis 29/10,

**VIC:** 1 roadside bird between Walhalla and Melbourne 9/11.

**NT:** 3 Alice Springs-Glen Helen 10/11, 2 Kings Canyon 12/11, 1 Alice Springs 13/11 and 1 Alice Springs 14/11.

**Black-breasted Kite** (*Hamirostra melanosternon*)

**NT:** 2 roadside birds between Alice Springs and Glen Helen 10/11, 2 between Glen Helen and Kings Canyon 11/11, 1 between Kings Canyon and Yulara 12/11 and 2 between Uluru and Alice Springs 13/11.



**Black-breasted Kite**

**Little Eagle** (*Hieraaetus morphnoides*)

**NSW:** 1 Cullen Bullen 31/10.

**NT:** 1 seen between Glen Helen and Kings Canyon 11/11 and 1 between Kings Canyon and Yulara 12/11.

**Wedge-tailed Eagle** (*Aquila audax*)

**NSW:** 1 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**NT:** 2 Uluru-Alice Springs 13/11.

**SA:** 2 Flinders Chase N.P. 17/11, 1 Murray Lagoon 18/11, 1 Stoke Bay and 4 roadside birds 19/11, also 1 Belair N.P 22/11.

**Brown Goshawk** (*Accipiter fasciatus*)

**NT:** 1 Kings Canyon 12/11 and 1 Kunoth Well 14/11.

**Collared Sparrowhawk** (*Accipiter cirrocephalus*)

**VIC:** 1 Moondarra State Forest 9/11.

**NT:** 1 Kunoth Well 14/11.

**SA:** 1 Laratinga Wetlands 22/11 and 1 Belair N.P 22/11.

**Black Kite** (*Milvus migrans*)

**NT:** 5 seen between Alice Springs and Glen Helen 10/11, 6 between Uluru and Alice Springs 13/11 and 4 Alice Springs 14/11.

**Whistling Kite** (*Haliastur sphenurus*)

**NSW:** 1 Booderee N.P 3/11, 1 Eden 4-5/11 and 1 Ben Boyd N.P 5/11.

**VIC:** 2 Lakes Entrance 7/11.

**NT:** 1 seen between Glen Helen and Kings Canyon 11/11, 2 between Uluru and Alice Springs 13/11 and 2 Kunoth Well 14/11.

**White-bellied Sea-Eagle** (*Haliaeetus leucogaster*)

**NSW:** 2 adult Sea Cliff Bridge 2/11, 4 Booderee N.P 3/11, 2 Eden 4-5/11 and 1 Ben Boyd N.P 5/11.

**Australian Kestrel** (*Falco cenchroides*)

**NSW:** 1 Glen Davis 31/10, 2 roadside 2/11 and 1 roadside 4/11.

**NT:** 3 between Glen Helen and Kings Canyon 11/11, 1 Kings Canyon 12/11, 2 between Kings Canyon to Yulara 12/11, 5 between Uluru and Alice Springs 13/11, 1 Simpson's Gap 14/11 and 1 Kunoth Well 14/11.

**SA:** 5 roadside birds Penneshaw to Flinders Chase 16/11 and 1 Stoke Bay 19/11.

**Brown Falcon** (*Falco berigora*)

**NSW:** 1 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**NT:** 5 seen between Uluru-Alice Springs 13/11 and 4 Kunoth Well 14/11.

*Both observations in NT were probably family parties.*

**Peregrine Falcon** (*Falco peregrinus*)

**NT:** 2 Simpson's Gap 14/11.

**Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo** (*Calyptorhynchus banksii*)

**NT:** around 80 Kunoth Well 14/11.

**Glossy Black-Cockatoo** (*Calyptorhynchus lathami*)

**NSW:** 4 Evans Lookout 31/10.

**Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo** (*Calyptorhynchus funereus*)

**VIC:** 4 Lakes Entrance 7/11.

**SA:** 1 Flinders Chase N.P. 19/11, around 40 American River 20/11 and 2 flying by, near Belair N.P 22/11.



**Glossy Black-cockatoo**

**Gang-gang Cockatoo** (*Callocephalon fimbriatum*)

**NSW:** 5 Booderee N.P 3/11.

**Galah** (*Eolophus roseicapilla*)

**NSW:** Common

**Vic:** Common

**NT:** Common

**SA:** Common

**Little Corella** (*Cacatua sanguinea*)

**NSW:** 1 Glen Davis 29/10.

**Vic:** up to 4 Lakes Entrance 6-8/11.

**NT:** 5 Uluru-Alice Springs 13/11.

**SA:** at least 150 in a flock Penneshaw-Flinders Chase 16/11, 2 roadside 19/11 and fairly common around Laratinga Wetlands 20-22/11.

**Sulphur-crested Cockatoo** (*Cacatua galerita*)

**NSW:** common.

**VIC:** 2 Lakes Entrance 7/11, 50 roadside birds 8/11, 10 Walhalla 8/11 and 35 in a flock between Walhalla and Melbourne 9/11.

**SA:** recorded Laratinga Wetlands 20-22/11.

**Cockatiel** (*Nymphicus hollandicus*)

**NT:** 6 flying by Kings Canyon 11/11, 45 Kings Canyon 12/11 and 4 Kunoht Well 14/11.

**Australian King-Parrot** (*Alisterus scapularis*)

**NSW:** 1 Capertee Valley 30/10, 6 Katoomba 31/10, 1 Scenic World, Katoomba 1/11, 10 roadside 3/11 and

1 Booderee N.P 3/11.

**Turquoise Parrot** (*Neophema pulchella*)

**NSW:** 2 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**Port Lincoln Parrot** (*Barnardius zonarius*)

**NT:** 1 Olive Pink Bot. Garden, Alice Springs 10/11, 1 Simpson's Gap 10/11, 1 seen between Alice Springs and Glen Helen 10/11, 5 Ormiston Gorge 11/11, 3 Uluru 12/11 and up to 30 Alice Springs 13-14/11.

**Crimson Rosella** (*Platycercus elegans*)

**NSW:** common.

**VIC:** up to 10 Lakes Entrance 6-7/11 and 20 Walhalla 8/11.

**SA:** up to 5 Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat 16-17/11, 2 Flinders Chase N.P. 17/11, up to 6 seen Laratinga Wetlands 20-22/11, 6 Mt. Lofty 21/11 and 6 Belair N.P 22/11.

*The birds around Adelaide is often called "Adelaide Rosella". Looking really different from the "normal" Crimson Rosella.*



**Crimson "Adelaide" Rosella.**

**Eastern Rosella** (*Platycercus eximius*)

**NSW:** 6 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**VIC:** 2 Lakes Entrance 7/11.

**Mulga Parrot** (*Psephotus varius*)

**NT:** 5 Kunothe Well 14/11.

**Budgerigar** (*Melopsittacus undulatus*)

**NT:** 50 Ormiston Gorge 11/11, 50 seen between Glen Helen and Kings Canyon 11/11, common Kings Canyon 11-12/11, 30 between Kings Canyon and Yulara 12/11, 100 Uluru 13/11, at least 500 in small to medium flocks seen between Uluru and Erdlunda 13/11 and 5 Kunothe Well 14/11.

**Musk Lorikeet** (*Glossopsitta concinna*)

**NSW:** 50 Capertee Valley 30/10 and 20 Glen Davis 31/10.

**SA:** up to 15 Laratinga Wetlands 20-22/11 and 4 Belair N.P 22/11.

**Little Lorikeet** (*Glossopsitta pusilla*)  
**NSW:** 4 Capertee Valley 30/10.



**Mulga Parrot**



**Not the best photo of a "Budgie", but a real one.....and one of our first.**

**Purple-crowned Lorikeet** (*Glossopsitta porphyrocephala*)

**SA:** 10 Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat 17/11, 80 (50+30) near Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat 18/11, 40 Hanson Bay 18/11, 10 Flinders Chase N.P. 19/11 and at least 4 Laratinga Wetlands 21/11.

**Rainbow Lorikeet** (*Trichoglossus haematodus*)

**NSW:** common.

**VIC:** common.

**SA:** common.



**Purple-crowned Lorikeet's**

**Superb Lyrebird** (*Menura novaehollandiae*)

**NSW:** 2 Scenic World, Katoomba 1/11.

**Satin Bowerbird** (*Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*)

**NSW:** 1 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**VIC:** 6 female colored Walhalla 8/11.

**Western Bowerbird** (*Chlamydera guttata*)

**NT:** 1 Olive Pink Bot. Garden, Alice Springs 10/11 and 2 there 14/11 and 1 Ormiston Gorge 11/11.



**Western Bowerbird**

**White-throated Treecreeper** (*Cormobates leucophaea*)

**NSW:** 1 Capertee Valley 30/10 and 1 Tableland Road, Wentworth 1/11.

**VIC:** 4 (2+2 heard) Walhalla 9/11.

**Red-browed Treecreeper** (*Climacteris erythrops*)

**VIC:** 2 Walhalla 8/11.

**Brown Treecreeper** (*Climacteris picumnus*)

**NSW:** 10 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**Variiegated Fairywren** (*Malurus lamberti*)

**NT:** 3 (1 male+2 female colored) Ormiston Gorge 11/11 and 10 (2 ad male, the rest female colored) Uluru 13/11.

**Splendid Fairywren** (*Malurus splendens*)

**NT:** 1 male Kings Canyon 11/11 and 5 (a family group) Alice Springs 13/11.

**Superb Fairywren** (*Malurus cyaneus*)

**NSW:** 10 Capertee Valley 30/10, 10 Glen Davis 31/10, 2 Royal N.P 2/11, common Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay 2-3/11 and 10 Booderee N.P 3/11.

**VIC:** 10 Walhalla 8/11.

**SA:** very common.

**White-winged Fairywren** (*Malurus leucopterus*)

**NT:** 1 female with 5-6 juvenile birds Uluru 12/11 and a family group, incl adult male, of 6-7 birds Kunoth Well 14/11.



**Suberb and White-winged Fairywren**

**Eastern Spinebill** (*Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*)

**NSW:** 1 Capertee Valley 30/10, 2 Evans Lookout 31/10, 2 Mount Tomah Botanical Garden 31/10, 2 Tableland Road, Werntworth 1/11, 2 Scenic World, Katoomba 1/11, 4 Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay 3/11, 5 Booderee N.P 3/11 and 2 Eden 5/11.

**VIC:** 1 Lakes Entrance 7/11 and common Walhalla 8/11.

**SA:** common on Kangaroo Island.

**Lewin's Honeyeater** (*Meliphaga lewinii*)

**NSW:** 5 Scenic World, Katoomba 1/11, 2 Royal N.P 2/11 and 3 Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay 3/11.

**VIC:** up to 5 Walhalla 8-9/11.

**Yellow-faced Honeyeater** (*Lichenostomus chrysops*)

**NSW:** 2 Capertee Valley 30/10, 2 Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay 3/11, 5 Booderee N.P 3/11, 2 Eden 5/11 and

5 Ben Boyd N.P 5/11.

**VIC:** 2 Lakes Entrance 6/11, 1 Walhalla 8/11 and 2 there 9/11, also 2 Moondarra State Forest 9/11.

**SA:** 1 Belair N.P 22/11.

**Yellow-tufted Honeyeater** (*Lichenostomus melanops*)

**NSW:** 5 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**Purple-gaped Honeyeater** (*Lichenostomus cratitius*)

**SA:** 5 Flinders Chase N.P. 17/11 and 2 Vivonne Bay 18/11.



**Purple-gaped Honeyeater**

**Bell Miner** (*Manorina melanophrys*)

**NSW:** a flock of 5-10 seen and heard Capertee Valley 30/10.

**Noisy Miner** (*Manorina melanocephala*)

**NSW:** 2 Sydney-Capertee 29/10, 20 Capertee Valley 30/10 and 5 Royal N.P 2/11.

**SA:** 2 Laratinga Wetlands 20/11.

**Yellow-throated Miner** (*Manorina flavigula*)

**NT:** common.

**Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater** (*Acanthagenys rufogularis*)

**NT:** common.

**Little Wattlebird** (*Anthochaera chrysoptera*)

**NSW:** 10 Booderee N.P 3/11 and 5 Eden 4-5/11.

**Regent Honeyeater** (*Anthochaera phrygia*)

**NSW:** 4 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**Red Wattlebird** (*Anthochaera carunculata*)

**NSW:** 20 Capertee Valley 30/10, 5 Glen Davis 31/10, 4 Scenic World, Katoomba 1/11 and 2 Eden 5/11.



**VIC:** common Lakes Entrance 6-7/11 and 10 Walhalla 8/11.

**SA:** very common Kangaroo Island and Laratinga Wetlands.

**Singing Honeyeater** (*Lichenostomus virescens*)

**NT:** common.

**SA:** 5 Victor Harbor 15/11.

**White-plumed Honeyeater** (*Lichenostomus penicillatus*)

**NSW:** 4 Glen Davis 29/10, 20 Capertee Valley 30/10 and 10 Glen Davis 31/10.

**NT:** very common.

**SA:** common Laratinga Wetlands 20-22/11.



**White-plumed Honeyeater**

**Fuscous Honeyeater** (*Lichenostomus fuscus*)

**NSW:** 5 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**Gray-headed Honeyeater** (*Lichenostomus keartlandi*)

**NT:** 5 seen between Alice Springs and Glen Helen 10/11, also 5 Simpson's Gap 14/11.

**Gray Honeyeater** (*Conopophila whitei*)

**NT:** 1 Hamilton's Down Youth Camp track 14/11.

*In company with a few thornbills, **BUT** foraging lonely in, and at mid elevation, in a smaller eucalypt tree. The bird was seen 4.3 km down the road, on the right side, about 50-100 m from the road.*

**Crimson Chat** (*Epthianura tricolor*)

**NT:** 3 (1 pair+1 male) between Glen Helen and Kings Canyon 11/11, 5 (2 ad male, 1 female and 2 juvenile birds) Uluru 12/11, 1 pair Uluru 13/11, 1 roadside pair between Uluru and Alice Springs 13/11 and 1 pair Kunoth Well 14/11.

**White-fronted Chat** (*Epthianura albifrons*)

**SA:** 1 around a small pond at Kingscote/Seal Bay crossing 18/11 and 6 (probably a family group) Stoke Bay

19/11.

**Black Honeyeater** (*Sugomel niger*)

**NT:** up to 5 seen outside the hotel entrance Yulara 12-13/11.



**Young Black Honeyeater**

**Scarlet Myzomela** (*Myzomela sanguinolenta*)

**NSW:** 1 male Capertee Valley 30/10 and 10 Eden 5/11.

**Tawny-crowned Honeyeater** (*Gliciphila melanops*)

**SA:** 2 Flinders Chase N.P. 17/11.

**Crescent Honeyeater** (*Phylidonyris pyrrhopterus*)

**SA:** common Kangaroo Island 16-19/11.



**Crescent Honeyeater**

**New Holland Honeyeater** (*Phylidonyris novaehollandiae*)

**NSW:** 5 Mount Tomah Botanical Garden 31/10, 5 Tableland Road, Wentworth 1/11, 2 Royal N.P 2/11, 25 Booderee N.P 3/11 and 5-10 Eden 4-5/11.

**VIC:** recorded.

**SA:** very common Kangaroo Island and around Laratinga Wetlands.

**White-eared Honeyeater** (*Lichenostomus leucotis*)

**NSW:** 2 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**SA:** 4 Flinders Chase N.P. 19/11.

**White-naped Honeyeater** (*Melithreptus lunatus*)

**NSW:** 5 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**Brown-headed Honeyeater** (*Melithreptus brevirostris*)

**SA:** 1 KIWR 16/11.

**Black-chinned Honeyeater** (*Melithreptus gularis*)

**NSW:** 5 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**Striped Honeyeater** (*Plectorhyncha lanceolata*)

**NSW:** 1 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**Little Friarbird** (*Philemon citreogularis*)

**NSW:** 5 Glen Davis 29/10 and common Capertee Valley 30/10.

**Noisy Friarbird** (*Philemon corniculatus*)

**NSW:** 10 Capertee Valley 29-30/10.

**Eastern Bristlebird** (*Dasyornis brachypterus*)

**NSW:** 1 Booderee N.P 3/11.

**Spotted Pardalote** (*Pardalotus punctatus*)

**NSW:** 2 Capertee Valley 30/10 and 1 Booderee N.P 3/11.

**VIC:** 1 Moondarra State Forest 9/11.

**SA:** 2 Flinders Chase N.P. 19/11.

**Striated Pardalote** (*Pardalotus striatus*)

**NSW:** 2 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**SA:** 2 Flinders Chase N.P. 17/11 and at least 8 Hanson Bay 18/11.

*Among those near Hanson Bay were 2 pairs visiting nest boxes and feeding chicks inside.*

**Rock Warbler** (*Origma solitaria*)

**NSW:** 1 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**White-browed Scrubwren** (*Sericornis frontalis*)

**NSW:** common.

**VIC:** 1 roadside 6/11, 3 Lakes Entrance 7/11 and 2 Walhalla 8/11.

**SA:** common Kangaroo Island 16-19/11.

**Redthroat** (*Pyrrholaemus brunneus*)

**NT:** 1 female colored between Glen Helen and Kings Canyon 11/11.

**Speckled Warbler** (*Pyrrholaemus sagittatus*)

**NSW:** 2 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**Chestnut-rumped Heathwren** (*Hylacola pyrrhopygia*)

**NSW:** 2 (1+1 heard) Booderee N.P 3/11.

**Buff-rumped Thornbill** (*Acanthiza reguloides*)

**NSW:** 1 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**Brown Thornbill** (*Acanthiza pusilla*)

**NSW:** common.

**VIC:** 10 Lakes Entrance 7/11, 3 roadside 8/11 and common Walhalla 8/11.

**SA:** common Kangaroo Island 16-19/11.

**Yellow-rumped Thornbill** (*Acanthiza chrysorrhoa*)

**NSW:** 5 Glen Davis 29/10 and 10 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**NT:** 3 Alice Springs 13/11, 4 Simpson's Gap 14/11 and 10 Hamilton's Down Youth Camp track 14/11.

**Slaty-backed Thornbill** (*Acanthiza robustirostris*)

**NT:** 1 roadside bird between Glen Helen and Kings Canyon 11/11, 2 Kings Canyon 11/11 and 2 Hamilton's Down Youth Camp track 14/11.

**Yellow Thornbill** (*Acanthiza nana*)

**NSW:** 2 Ben Boyd N.P 5/11.

**Striated Thornbill** (*Acanthiza lineata*)

**VIC:** 2 roadside birds seen 6/11.

**SA:** 2-3 Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat 16-17/11.

**Weebill** (*Smicronis brevirostris*)

**NSW:** 1 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**NT:** 2 Alice Springs 14/11.

**White-throated Gerygone** (*Gerygone olivacea*)

**NSW:** 5-10 seen and heard Capertee Valley 30/10 .

**Brown Gerygone** (*Gerygone mouki*)

**NSW:** 1 Booderee N.P 3/11.

**Southern Whiteface** (*Aphelocephala leucopsis*)

**NSW:** 1 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**NT:** 4 Kunothe Well 14/11

**Gray-crowned Babbler** (*Pomatostomus temporalis*)

**NSW:** 2 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**NT:** 2 Olive Pink Bot. Garden, Alice Springs 10/11, 2 Ormiston Gorge 11/11 and 8 Alice Springs 14/11.

**White-browed Babbler** (*Pomatostomus superciliosus*)

**NSW:** 4 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**NT:** 5 Uluru 12/11 and 5 Hamilton's Down Youth Camp track 14/11.

**Eastern Whipbird** (*Psophodes olivaceus*)

**NSW:** 2 heard Capertee Valley 30/10, 1 heard Evans Lookout 31/10 and 2 (1+1 heard) Scenic World,

Katoomba 1/11.

**VIC:** common Lakes Entrance 7/11.



**Eastern Whipbird**

**White-breasted Woodswallow** (*Artamus leucorhynchus*)

**NT:** 2 seen between Uluru and Alice Springs 13/11.

**Masked Woodswallow** (*Artamus personatus*)

**NT:** 2 birds seen between Glen Helen and Kings Canyon 11/11.

**Black-faced Woodswallow** (*Artamus cinereus*)

**NT:** 3 Simpson's Gap 10/11, 1 Glen Helen-Kings Canyon 11/11, 10 Uluru 12/11, 5 Uluru-Alice Springs 13/11, 5 Simpson's Gap 14/11 and 3 Kunoth Well 14/11.

**Dusky Woodswallow** (*Artamus cyanopterus*)

**NSW:** 5 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**SA:** 2 Flinders Chase N.P. 19/11.

**Little Woodswallow** (*Artamus minor*)

**NT:** 5 Simpson's Gap 10/11 and 1 Ormiston Gorge 11/11.

**Gray Butcherbird** (*Cracticus torquatus*)

**VIC:** 1 Lakes Entrance 6/11 and 4 (2 ad+2 imm) Lakes Entrance 7/11.

**Pied Butcherbird** (*Cracticus nigrogularis*)

**NT:** 1 Ellery Creek 10/11, 1 Ormiston Gorge 11/11, 1 roadside bird between Kings Canyon and Yulara 12/11, also 1 Alice Springs 14/11.

**Australian Magpie** (*Gymnorhina tibicen*)

**NSW:** common.

**VIC:** common.

**NT:** recorded Ellery Creek and Kunoth Well.

**SA:** common.

**Pied Currawong** (*Strepera graculina*)

**NSW:** 4 Sydney-Capertee 29/10, 2 Katoomba 31/10 and 10 Scenic World, Katoomba 1/11.

**VIC:** 5 Walhalla 8/11.

**Gray Currawong** (*Strepera versicolor*)

**SA:** 5 Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat 17/11, up to 15 Flinders Chase N.P. 17-19/11, 5 American River 20/11 and 2 Belair N.P. 22/11.

**Black-faced Cuckooshrike** (*Coracina novaehollandiae*)

**NSW:** 1 Glen Davis 29/10, 5 Capertee Valley 30/10, 1 Katoomba 31/10, 1 Tableland Road, Werntworth 1/11 and 1 Scenic World, Katoomba 1/11.

**VIC:** 2 Lakes Entrance 6-7/11.

**NT:** common.

**SA:** 2 Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat 17/11 and 2 Flinders Chase N.P. 17/11.

**White-winged Triller** (*Lalage tricolor*)

**NT:** 1 Kunoth Well 14/11.

**Varied Sittella** (*Daphoenositta chrysoptera*)

**NSW:** 4 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**Crested Shrike-tit** (*Falcunculus frontatus*)

**NSW:** 1 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**Gray Shrike-Thrush** (*Colluricincla harmonica*)

**NSW:** 1 Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay 3/11 and 2 Walhalla 8/11.

**NT:** 2 Kings Canyon 12/11.

**SA:** 1 Flinders Chase N.P. 19/11, up to 5 Laratinga Wetlands 20-21/11 and 1 Belair N.P. 22/11.

**Golden Whistler** (*Pachycephala pectoralis*)

**NSW:** 3 Scenic World, Katoomba 1/11, 5 Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay 3/11 and 5 Booderee N.P. 3/11.

**VIC:** common Walhalla 8-9/11 and 2 heard Moondarra State Forest 9/11.

**SA:** up to 4 singing Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat 16-17/11, 1 male Murray Lagoon 18/11 and 3 Flinders Chase N.P. 19/11.

**Rufous Whistler** (*Pachycephala rufiventris*)

**NSW:** 10 Capertee Valley 30/10, 5 Tableland Road, Werntworth 1/11 and 5 Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay 3/11.

**NT:** common.

**Crested Bellbird** (*Oreoica gutturalis*)

**NT:** 1 male Kunoth Well 14/11 and 1 female Hamilton's Down Youth Camp track 14/11.

**Olive-backed Oriole** (*Oriolus sagittatus*)

**NSW:** 2 Capertee Valley 30/10 and 3 Booderee N.P. 3/11.

**VIC:** 2 Lakes Entrance 6/11, 3 Lakes Entrance 7/11, 2 heard Walhalla 8/11 and 2 heard Moondarra State Forest 9/11.

**Willie-wagtail** (*Rhipidura leucophrys*)

**NSW:** common Capertee Valley and Glen Davis 30-31/10.

**VIC:** recorded Lakes Entrance 7/11.

**NT:** 5 Kings Canyon 12/11, 4 Uluru 12/11, 10 between Uluru and Alice Springs 13/11 and 4 Kunooh Well 14/11.

**SA:** 5 Penneshaw-Flinders Chase 16/11, 2 Kingscote/Seal Bay road crossing 18/11 and up to 4 Laratinga Wetlands 20-22/11.

**Rufous Fantail** (*Rhipidura rufifrons*)

**NSW:** 1 Booderee N.P 3/11.

**Gray Fantail** (*Rhipidura albiscapa*)

**NSW:** 2 Tableland Road, Werntworth 1/11, 3 Booderee N.P 3/11 and 1 Eden 5/11.

**VIC:** 2 roadside 6/11, up to 10 Lakes Entrance 6-7/11 and 5 Walhalla 8/11.

**NT:** 2 Hamilton's Down Youth Camp track 14/11.

**SA:** up to 5 Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat 16-17/11 and 5 Flinders Chase N.P. 19/11.

**Black-faced Monarch** (*Monarcha melanopsis*)

**NSW:** 1 Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay 3/11 and 1 Booderee N.P 3/11.

**Magpie-lark** (*Grallina cyanoleuca*)

**NSW:** 5 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**VIC:** a common roadside bird.

**NT:** 5 Olive Pink Bot. Garden, Alice Springs 10/11, 5 Simpson's Gap 10/11, 5 Ellery Creek 10/11, 5 Ormiston Gorge 11/11, 20 between Uluru and Alice Springs 13/11 and common Alice Springs 14/11.

**SA:** 3 Kingscote/Seal Bay road crossing 18/11, 4 Hanson Bay 18/11 and up to 5 Laratinga Wetlands 20-22/11.

**Leaden Flycatcher** (*Myiagra rubecula*)

**NSW:** 1 female colored Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay 3/11.

**Torresian Crow** (*Corvus orru*)

**VIC:** 5 seen between Glen Helen and Kings Canyon 11/11, 10 between Kings Canyon and Yulara 12/11 and 10 between Uluru and Alice Springs 13/11.

**Little Crow** (*Corvus bennetti*)

**NT:** 15 Alice Springs 14/11.

**Australian Raven** (*Corvus coronoides*)

**NSW:** common

**VIC:** 5 Lakes Entrance 7/11, 10 roadside 8/11 and 20 Moondarra State Forest 9/11.

**SA:** 20 Penneshaw-Flinders Chase 16/11 and 20 Flinders Chase N.P. 19/11.

**Little Raven** (*Corvus mellori*)

**SA:** 10 Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat 17/11, up to 15 Flinders Chase N.P. 17-19/11, 5 Mt. Lofty 21/11 and 5 Belair N.P 22/11.

**White-winged Chough** (*Corcorax melanorhamphos*)

**NSW:** 20 Capertee Valley 30/10 and 5 Glen Davis 31/10.

**Jacky-winter** (*Microeca fascinans*)

**NSW:** Common Capertee Valley 30/10.

**Scarlet Robin** (*Petroica boodang*)

**SA:** 1 male Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat 16/11 and another male there 17/11, 1 male Flinders Chase N.P. 17/11 and 1 male Stoke Bay 19/11.

**Red-capped Robin** (*Petroica goodenovii*)

**NT:** 4 (a family party) Uluru 12/11.



**Red-capped and Scarlet Robin**

**Flame Robin** (*Petroica phoenicea*)

**VIC:** 1 pair Walhalla 8/11.

**Rose Robin** (*Petroica rosea*)

**VIC:** 1 male Walhalla 8/11.

**Hooded Robin** (*Melanodryas cucullata*)

**NSW:** 1 male Capertee Valley 30/10.

**NT:** 2 Simpson's Gap 10/11, 6 Glen Helen-Kings Canyon 11/11, 1 Kings Canyon 12/11, 2 Uluru 12/11, 1 pair Simpson's Gap 14/11.



**Hooded Robin**



**Eastern Yellow Robin** (*Eopsaltria australis*)

**NSW:** 2 Capertee Valley 30/10, 1 Scenic World, Katoomba 1/11 and 2 Booderee N.P 3/11.

**VIC:** 1 Lakes Entrance 7/11 and common Walhalla 8-9/11.

**Australasian Bushlark** (*Mirafra javanica*)

**NSW:** 2 Glen Davis 31/10.

**Sky Lark** (*Alauda arvensis*)

**SA:** 2 heard singing Cape Jervis 16/11.

**Welcome Swallow** (*Hirundo neoxena*)

**NSW:** common.

**VIC:** common.

**SA:** common.

**Fairy Martin** (*Petrochelidon ariel*)

**NSW:** 10 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**NT:** 50 Glen Helen Gorge 10/11, 25 Ormiston Gorge 11/11, 10 Kings Canyon 12/11 and 30 Uluru 12/11.

**Tree Martin** (*Petrochelidon nigricans*)

**SA:** 5 roadside birds between Penneshaw and Flinders Chase 16/11, 10 Penneshaw Harbor 20/11, 10 Laratinga Wetlands 21/11 and 30 Laratinga Wetlands 22/11.

**White-backed Swallow** (*Cheramoeca leucosterna*)

**NT:** 20 seen between Uluru and Alice Springs 13/11 and 2 Kunothe Well 14/11.

**Australian Reed-Warbler** (*Acrocephalus australis*)

**NSW:** 1 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**NT:** 2 heard Glen Helen Gorge 10/11.

**SA:** common (both seen and heard) Laratinga Wetlands 20-22/11.

**Spinifex-bird** (*Megalurus carteri*)

**NT:** 3 Ormiston Gorge 11/11.



**Spinifexbird**

**Little Grassbird** (*Megalurus gramineus*)

**NT:** 1 Kings Canyon 12/11.

**SA:** 1 Laratinga Wetlands 20/11 and 4 there 21/11.

**Rufous Songlark** (*Megalurus mathewsi*)

**NSW:** 1 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**NT:** 1 Kings Canyon 12/11 and 1 Kunoth Well 14/11.

**Silvereye** (*Zosterops lateralis*)

**NSW:** 1 Capertee Valley 30/10, 5 Eden 5/11 and 5 Ben Boyd N.P 5/11.

**VIC:** common Lakes Entrance 7/11.

**SA:** common.

**Olive-tailed Thrush** (*Zoothera lunulata*)

**NSW:** 2 Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay 2-3/11.

**SA:** 1 Flinders Chase N.P. 19/11.

**Eurasian Blackbird** (*Turdus merula*)

**NSW:** 10 Eden 4/11.

**VIC:** 10 Walhalla-Melbourne 9/11, 5 Victor Harbor 15/11,

**SA:** fairly common.

**Common Myna** (*Acridotheres tristis*)

**NSW:** 5 Sydney-Capertee 29/10, 5 Katoomba 31/10 and 10 roadside birds 2/11.

2 Lakes Entrance 6/11, 4 Lakes Entrance 7/11, 10 roadside 8/11, 50 Walhalla-Melbourne 9/11

**European Starling** (*Sturnus vulgaris*)

**NSW:** common Capertee Valley 30/10, 20 Glen Davis 31/10 and 10 Eden 4/11.

**VIC:** common.

**SA:** locally common.

**Mistletoebird** (*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*)

**NSW:** 2 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**NT:** 5 Ormiston Gorge 11/11 and 4 Simpson's Gap 14/11.

**SA:** 1 Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat 17/11.

**Australasian Pipit** (*Anthus novaeseelandiae*)

**NSW:** 2 Capertee Valley 30/10 and 2 Glen Davis 31/10.

**NT:** 1 Simpson's Gap 10/11 and 2 seen between Glen Helen and Kings Canyon 11/11.

**European Goldfinch** (*Carduelis carduelis*)

**VIC:** 1 roadside bird seen between Walhalla and Melbourne 9/11.

**SA:** 1 Cape Jervis 16/11, 5 Murray Lagoon 18/11 and 5 Stoke Bay 19/11.

**House Sparrow** (*Passer domesticus*)

**NSW:** 10 Capertee Valley 30/10 and 30 Eden 4/11.

**VIC:** recorded Lakes Entrance 7/11.

**Diamond Firetail** (*Stagonopleura guttata*)

**NSW:** 5 Capertee Valley 30/10.

**Red-browed Firetail** (*Neochmia temporalis*)

**NSW:** 10 Capertee Valley 30/10, 2 Glen Davis 31/10, 2 Tableland Road, Werntworth 1/11 and 2 Booderee

N.P 3/11.

**VIC:** 10 Walhalla 8/11.

**Zebra Finch** (*Taeniopygia guttata*)

**NSW:** 5 Capertee Valley 30/10 and 10 Glen Davis 31/10.

**NT:** everywhere.....

**Double-barred Finch** (*Taeniopygia bichenovii*)

**NSW:** 2 Capertee Valley 30/10 and 10 Glen Davis 31/10.

## **MAMMALS species list**

Names and order follows Menkhorst & Knight.

**Short-beaked Echidna** (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*)

1 seen in the botanical garden Booderee, N.P. NSW 3/11, 1 Lakes Entrance, VIC 7/11 and 1 during an evening walk around KIWR, Kangaroo Island, SA 18/11.

**Agile Antechinus** (*Antechinus agilis*)

1 Lakes Entrance, VIC 7/11.

*(Not safely ID but most likely this species)*

**Koala** (*Phascolarctos cinereus*)

4 Flinders Chase N.P, Kangaroo Island 17/11, 6 seen Hanson Bay, Kangaroo Island 18/11 and 1 Belair N.P, Adelaide Hills 22/11. All sightings SA.

**Common Wombat** (*Vombatus ursinus*)

1 Capertee Valley, NSW 30/10.



**Koala**

**Common Brushtail Possum** (*Trichosurus vulpecula*)

1 Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay, NSW 3/11.

**Tammar Wallaby** (*Macropus eugenii*)

4 KIWR, Kangaroo Island 16/11 and 12 seen 18/11, also around 35 Flinders Chase N.P, Kangaroo Island 19/11. All sightings SA.

**Eastern Grey Kangaroo** (*Macropus giganteus*)

10-15 Capertee Valley, NSW 30/10, 5 Booderee, NSW N.P 3/11

**Western Grey Kangaroo** (*Macropus fuliginosus*)

2 Flinders Chase N.P, Kangaroo Island 17/11, 15 Hanson Bay, Kangaroo Island and around 30 during an evening walk around KIWR, Kangaroo Island 18/11, also 15 Flinders Chase N.P, Kangaroo Island 19/11. All sightings SA. *This ssp is also called Kangaroo Island Kangaroo.*

**Euro** (*Macropus robustus*)

4 Alice Springs (Old Telegraph stn), NT 14/11.

**Red Fox** (*Vulpes vulpes*)

1 Capertee Valley, NSW 30/10.

**Dingo** (*Canis lupus dingo*)

1 seen near Kings Canyon, NT 11/11.



**Tammar Wallaby**

**New Zealand Fur Seal** (*Arctocephalus forsteri*)  
60 Flinders Chase N.P, Kangaroo Island, SA 17/11.

**Australian Sea Lion** (*Neophoca cinerea*)  
80 Seal Bay, Kangaroo Island, SA 18/11.



**A happy Sea Lion pup.**

**Common Bottlenose Dolphin** (*Tursiops truncatus*)  
10 Eden, NSW 4/11 and 2 Ben Boyd N.P, NSW 5/11.

**Humpback Whale** (*Megaptera novaeangliae*)  
5-10 Sea Cliff Bridge, NSW 2/11, female with calf Eden, NSW 4/11 and 10 Ben Boyd N.P, NSW 5/11.

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