

Route 1



Bird Route 1 – Birding the Town

It is possible to do much of this route on foot. Start from either the Visitors Centre or the Rotary Lookout above the lake and watch for feeding flocks of cormorant and Pelican on the Lake which are usually accompanied by Silver Gull and possibly some terns. Follow the dirt road down from the lookout to lake side area known as Frogs Hollow. Heron, ibis and spoonbill can often be spotted foraging or loafing around the southern shore.

The dirt road finishes at the Lake Cargelligo/Condobolin Road and here you can turn left to Condobolin and you will find Nilssons Lane about 2.7 kms. Just off this road to the left is a hide on the lake and the surrounding eucalypts often have roosting Nankeen Night Heron, Egret and Cormorant. Depending on water levels a range of ducks will be found around the saplings and reeds around the water's edge. If there has been significant rainfall then it is worth crossing the causeway and checking the large ephemeral wetland on the right-hand side.

Retrace your steps towards town and after a short distance you will reach the dirt road to the showground which is followed almost to the rail crossing where the hide will be obvious on the left. There are White-winged and Splendid Fairy Wrens and other small passerines found in the low scrub on both sides of this road.

The hide offers views both north and south with a large range of Duck species, Cormorant, Swamphean, Black-tailed Native Hen and Grebe on either side. From the hide, you can walk along the embankment of the settlement ponds. Crakes are found in the reeds along the bank and depending on the water levels and the time of year this is the area to scan for migratory wading birds. A spotting scope would be useful as there is little cover in the area.

From the hide, it is worth travelling down across the railway by foot when there is water in the areas on either side of the road. From here it is a pleasant walk past the golf course back into town. When you are close to the silos and freight yard keep your eyes open for species which may be attracted to the grain (Parrots and Pigeons) and those that are attracted to them (Falcons and Hawks).

Another walk is to follow the paths and board walk along the lake edge. This combines local history (e.g. the ochre pits) and bird watching. Apart from lake birds a variety of wetland and bush species will be found enroute. To finish the day, take the short drive to Deadman's Point and with luck you will be greeted by Great Crested Grebe and Black Swan.

SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT

- V – vagrant
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205	Plumed Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna eytoni</i>	U
216	Blue-billed Duck	<i>Oxyura australis</i>	U
214	Freckled Duck	<i>Stictonetta naevosa</i>	R

203	Black Swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	M
207	Australian Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadornoides</i>	M
212	Australian Shoveler	<i>Anas rhynchos</i>	M
211	Grey Teal	<i>Anas gracilis</i>	C
210	Chestnut Teal	<i>Anas castanea</i>	M
213	Pink-eared Duck	<i>Malacorhynchus membranaceus</i>	M
215	Hardhead	<i>Aythya australis</i>	M
61	Australasian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>	C
62	Hoary-headed Grebe	<i>Poliocephalus poliocephalus</i>	M
101	Australasian Darter	<i>Anhinga novaehollandiae</i>	C
100	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo melanoleucos</i>	C
97	Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	C
185	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	U
186	Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	M
197	Australasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus poiciloptilus</i>	R
195	Australian Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus dubius</i>	R
179	Australian White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis molucca</i>	C
180	Straw-necked Ibis	<i>Threskiornis spinicollis</i>	C
181	Royal Spoonbill	<i>Platalea regia</i>	C
182	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	<i>Platalea flavipes</i>	C
50	Baillon's Crake	<i>Porzana pusilla</i>	M
49	Australian Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana fluminea</i>	M
51	Spotless Crake	<i>Porzana tabuensis</i>	M
58	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	C

56	Dusky Moorhen	<i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i>	C
55	Black-tailed Native-hen	<i>Tribonyx ventralis</i>	C
59	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	C
168	Latham's Snipe	<i>Gallinago hardwickii</i>	M S
152	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	V S
159	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	M S
158	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	U S
154	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	R S
162	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	M S
978	Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	R S
163	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	M S
170	Australian Painted Snipe	<i>Rostratula australis</i>	U S
146	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	M
148	Red-necked Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra novaehollandiae</i>	U
143	Red-capped Plover	<i>Charadrius ruficapillus</i>	M
132	Red-kneed Dotterel	<i>Erythrogonys cinctus</i>	M
173	Australian Pratincole	<i>Stiltia isabella</i>	M S
112	Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>	U
110	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	U
357	Welcome Swallow	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	C
524	Australian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus australis</i>	M S
522	Little Grassbird	<i>Megalurus gramineus</i>	C

525	Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis</i>	M S
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965	Long-toed Stint	<i>Calidris subminuta</i>	R S
46	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	U
109	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	R

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62	Hoary-headed Grebe	<i>Poliiocephalus poliocephalus</i>	M
60	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	M
101	Australasian Darter	<i>Anhinga novaehollandiae</i>	C
100	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo melanoleucos</i>	C
99	Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax varius</i>	M
97	Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	C
96	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	M
106	Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	C
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228	Whistling Kite	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>	C
226	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	M
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125	Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	M
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957	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	C
273	Galah	<i>Eolophus roseicapillus</i>	C
294	Australian Ringneck	<i>Barnardius zonarius</i>	C
242	Southern Boobook	<i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>	C
705	Australian Magpie	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>	C
694	Pied Currawong	<i>Strepera graculina</i>	C
675	Apostlebird	<i>Struthidea cinerea</i>	C
995	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	C
357	Welcome Swallow	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	C
991	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	C
999	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	C

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9 9 4	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	R
9 9 6	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	R

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