

Australian Magpie *Cracticus tibicen*

When to look:
Throughout the year

Its eyes are
red-brown

Similar species:

Pied Butcherbird: has a completely black head and bib that is separated from its black back by a completely white collar. Its underparts are white

Magpie-lark: is smaller with a smaller beak

Currawong: doesn't have large areas of white on its body, especially on the back of the neck. Also won't have the red iris

The back of its neck, upper tail and shoulders are white in males and grey in females

The rest of its body is black

Square-tipped tail

One toe faces backwards and three face forwards

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