

Magpie-lark

Grallina cyanoleuca

When to look:

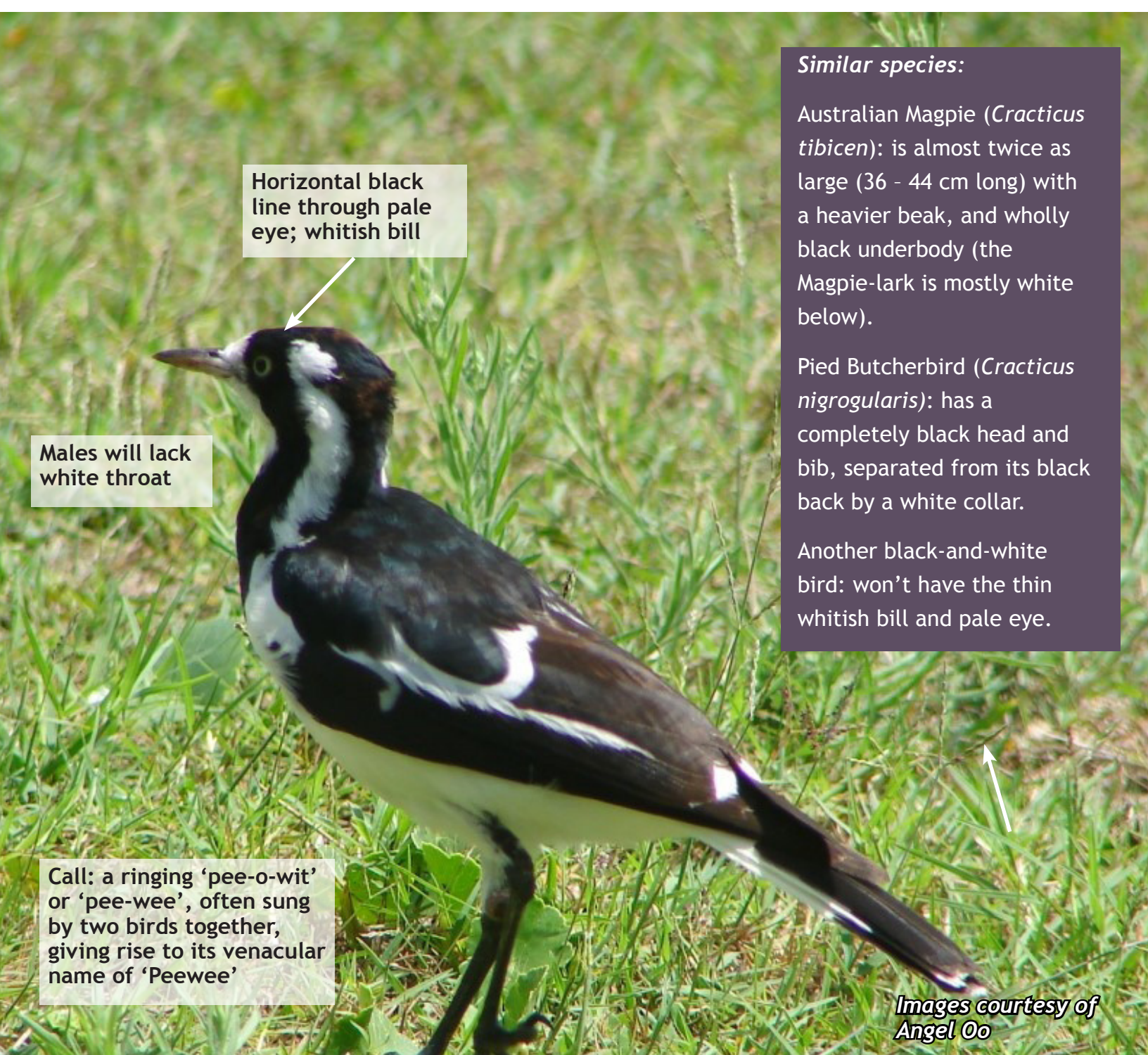
Throughout the year;
breeding is opportunistic

Similar species:

Australian Magpie (*Cracticus tibicen*): is almost twice as large (36 - 44 cm long) with a heavier beak, and wholly black underbody (the Magpie-lark is mostly white below).

Pied Butcherbird (*Cracticus nigrogularis*): has a completely black head and bib, separated from its black back by a white collar.

Another black-and-white bird: won't have the thin whitish bill and pale eye.



Horizontal black line through pale eye; whitish bill

Males will lack white throat

Call: a ringing 'pee-o-wit' or 'pee-wee', often sung by two birds together, giving rise to its venacular name of 'Peewee'

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