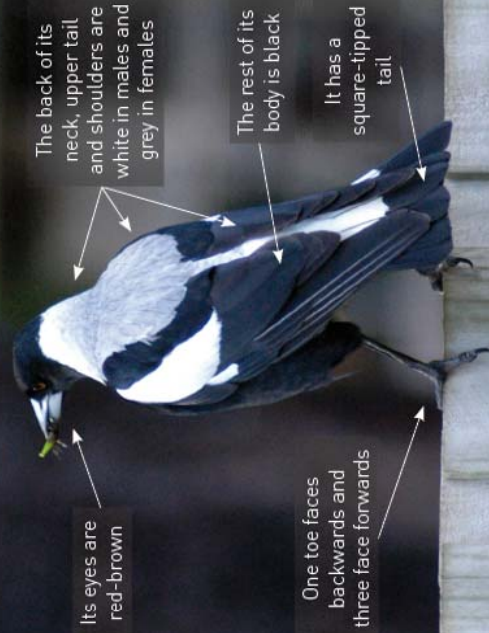


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Australian Magpie *(Cracticus tibicen)*

When to look:
June to December

Female Australian Magpie



Its eyes are red-brown

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

The rest of its body is black

It has a square-tipped tail

One toe faces backwards and three face forwards

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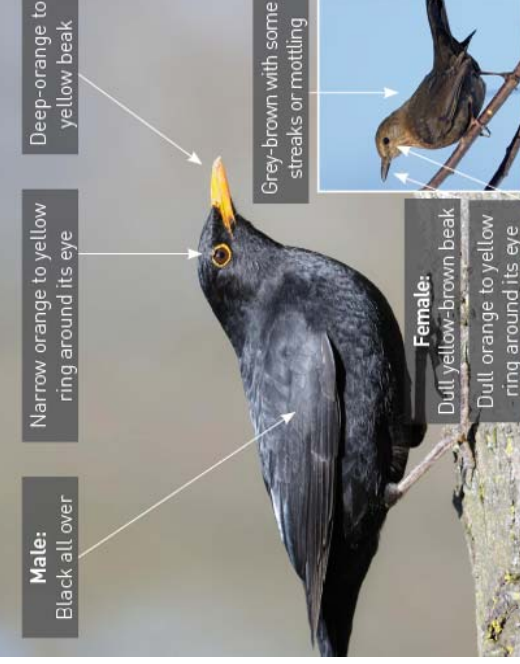
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Common Blackbird *Turdus merula*

When to look:
August to February



Male:
Black all over

Narrow orange to yellow ring around its eye

Deep-orange to yellow beak

Female:
Dull yellow-brown beak

Dull orange to yellow ring around its eye

Grey-brown with some streaks or mottling

Images courtesy of Maitea Di Nicola (male), Arto Hakola (female)



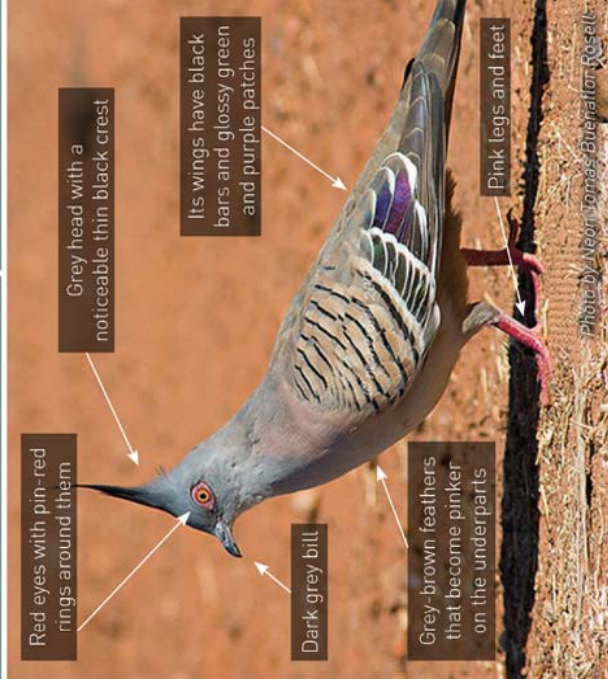
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Crested Pigeon *Ocyphaps lophotes*

When to look:
August to March



Red eyes with pin-red rings around them

Grey head with a noticeable thin black crest

Its wings have black bars and glossy green and purple patches

Dark grey bill

Grey-brown feathers that become pinker on the underparts

Pink legs and feet

Photo by Neon Tomas Buehler/Rosell



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European Wasp *Vespa germanica*

When to look:
Spring to autumn



Transparent wings

Yellow legs

Pair of black spots and a black triangle on each yellow band

Bright yellow and black bands across its abdomen

Black antennae

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Garden Skinks

Lampropholis guichenoti
and *L. delicata*

When to look:
September to February



Lampropholis guichenoti

Its total length is 8–10 cm

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Grey-headed Flying-fox

Pteropus poliocephalus

When to look:
September to April



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Honey Bee

Apis mellifera

When to look:
From early spring



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Magpie-lark

Grallina cyanoleuca

When to look:
August to February in
the south and any time
after rain in drier areas



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Masked Lapwing *Vanellus miles*

When to look:
Late spring through winter (northern Australia). Late winter to early spring (southern Australia).



Yellow wattle from its forehead to behind its eye and hangs down beside its chin

Brown back and wings

Black on the top of its head

Yellow bill

White neck and underparts

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Southern Bullfrog, Eastern Banjo or Eastern Pobblebonk Frog *Limnodynastes dumerilii*

When to look:
August to April



Grey, to olive-green, dark brown or black back, with dark marbling or flecks

Warty and rough back

Prominent gland on its outer back leg

Pale yellow stripe running from under its eye to its arm

Its sides commonly have a purple or bronze sheen, mottled with black

Tip: listen for its call, a single "bonk" or "plonk" that is usually repeated every few seconds

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Welcome Swallow *Hirundo neoxena*

When to look:
August to March



Eyes and bill are black

Its forehead, throat and upper breast are rust in colour

Light to dark grey on its breast and belly

Metallic blue-black on top

A white band or row of spots on the long tail feathers

A distinctive deeply forked tail

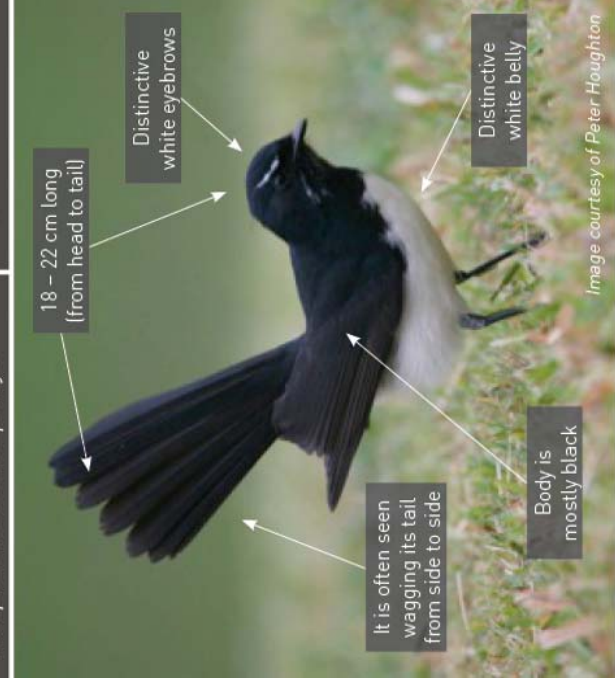
Grey legs and feet

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Willie Wagtail *Rhipidura leucophrys*

When to look:
August to February



18 – 22 cm long (from head to tail)

Distinctive white eyebrows

It is often seen wagging its tail from side to side

Body is mostly black

Distinctive white belly

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