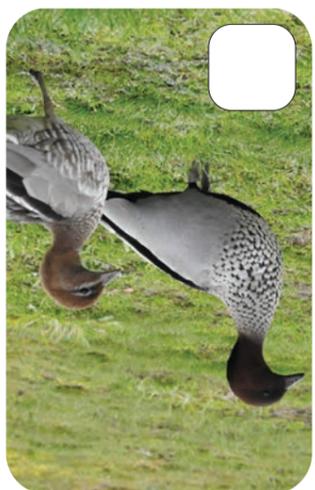


Australian Wood Duck
50cm | JC
Fact: AKA Manded Duck
Clue: Check dams, lakes, lawns



Masked Lapwing
38cm | JC
Fact: Left alone, I'm harmless
Clue: Find me in open spaces



Laughing Kookaburra
47cm | RL
Fact: I'm a large, dry land kingfisher. Clue: Hear me, or check powerlines



Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo
60cm | RL
Fact: I rely on pine trees for food. Clue: Talkative, leisurely in flight



New Holland Honeyeater
18cm | RL
Fact: Common, mid-sized Clue: Loves gardens, urban parks



Superb Fairywren
14cm | AM#; AB
Fact: I prefer ferns and shrubs held upright
Clue: Note, my tail



Australian (White) Ibis
75cm | JS
Fact: Flocks fly in 'V' or line formation. Clue: I graze damp or flooded fields



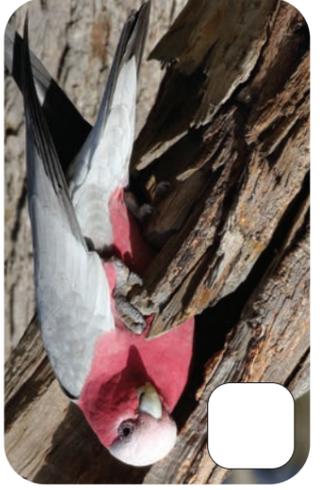
Wedge-tailed Eagle
110cm | RT#; AA#
Fact: Highest flight, and farmland patrols. Clue: Magpies, ravens reveal me



Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
50cm | RL
Fact: I'm atop avian intelligence. Clue: Listen out for my squark!



Galah
38cm | RL
Fact: I eat seeds, grains Clue: Spends much time on ground



Magpie-lark
31cm | JC; JC
Fact: I prefer open habitat Clue: Male (top), female (bottom)



Rainbow Lorikeet
31cm | RL
Fact: Loves flowering gumtrees. Clue: Note, my blue and breast of orange



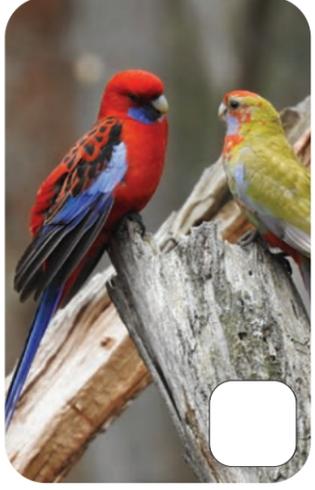
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Australian Magpie
44cm | JC
Fact: I'm a protective parent
Clue: Live anywhere, eat anything



Little Raven
50cm | JC
Fact: Mistaken as 'crows'; Vic has ravens only, bar far NW
Clue: I'm all-black, bearded



Crimson Rosella
37cm | JC
Fact: Feeds on ground, up trees
Clue: Olive green = young



Red Wattlebird
36cm | RL
Fact: Largest local Honeyeater
Clue: Red is my cheek 'wattle'

Birds

Did you see any additional species that are not featured on this list? Which ones? Record or draw, below.

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40 FAUNA - Checklist

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Wadawurrung People – Elders past, present, and emerging – of the Kulin Nation.

This edition features a selection of iconic, commonly seen, and easy-to-identify native birds, mammals, frogs, reptiles and insects. Forty species (plus the bonus 41st species on the cover), which can be found in Ballarat's forests, farmlands, gardens, residential areas, watercourses, and schoolyards! Included for each species is a fact and clue on where to find them or how to identify them. When you find a species tick the checkbox – bingo style! Images are not to scale.

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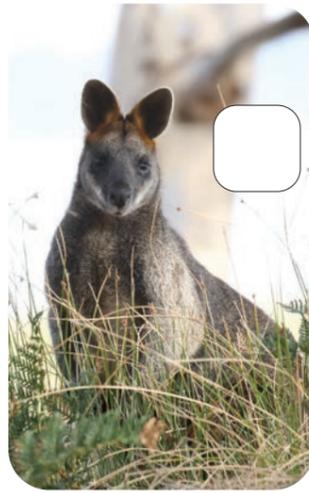
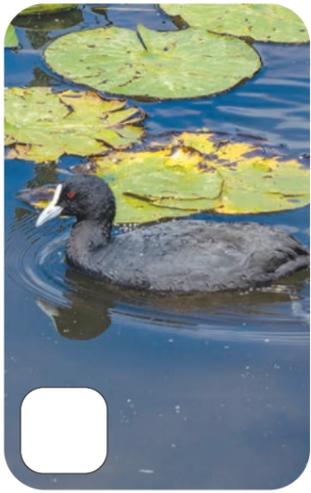
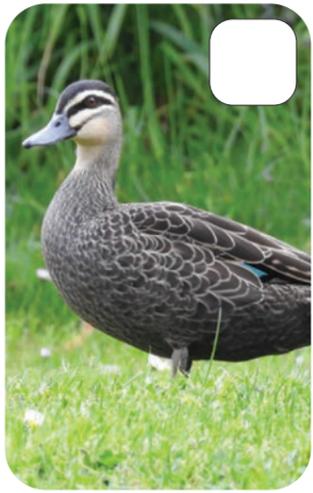
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Mammals

Frogs & Reptiles



Pacific Black Duck
60cm | JC
Fact: I'm common, widespread
Clue: Note, eye stripe, moustache

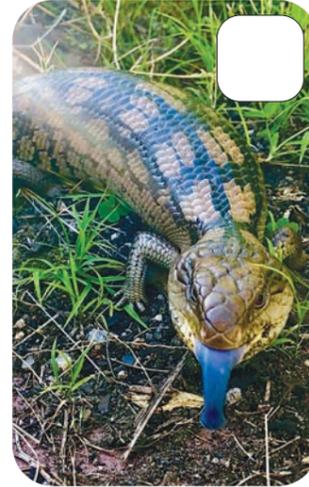
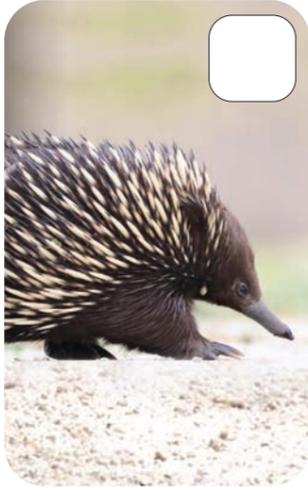
Eurasian Coot
38cm | JS
Fact: Name aside, I'm native
Clue: Note, white bill/face shield

Eastern Grey Kangaroo
130cm | RL
Fact: I'm most active at dawn/dusk. Clue: Unmistakably large, robust

Swamp (Black) Wallaby
130cm | RL
Fact: At home amongst ferns
Clue: I'm darker, smaller than roos

Eastern Banjo Frog
8cm | RR‡
Fact: AKA 'Pobblebonk'
Clue: Listen for my banjo call

Southern Brown Tree Frog
4.5cm | AM‡
Fact: I can be green too
Clue: I can be found in dry places too



Dusky Moorhen
40cm | JC
Fact: At home on water, waterside
Clue: Note, orange bill, legs

White-faced Heron
69cm | JC
Fact: Common heron
Clue: Stalks shallows, drainage lines

Short-beaked Echidna
44cm | IB
Fact: I'm an egg-laying mammal! Clue: Prefer sandy soil, logs, undergrowth

Koala
70cm | RL
Fact: I can sleep 20 hours a day. Clue: Favourite food tree is Manna Gums (white bark)

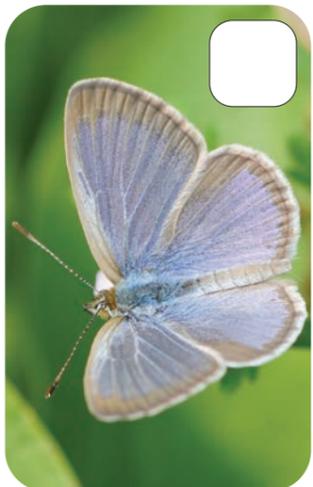
Blotched Bluetongue
50cm | TS‡
Fact: Eat snails, at farms, gardens. Clue: Winter hibernation; Stripes = Common Bluetongue

Pale-flecked Garden Sunskink
9cm | JC
Fact: Yes, my tail drops off, but please do be gentle! Clue: AKA Common Garden Skink

Butterflies

Insects

Insects



Common Grass-Blue
3cm | RR‡
Fact: Most common small 'Blue' butterfly
Clue: Check unmown lawns

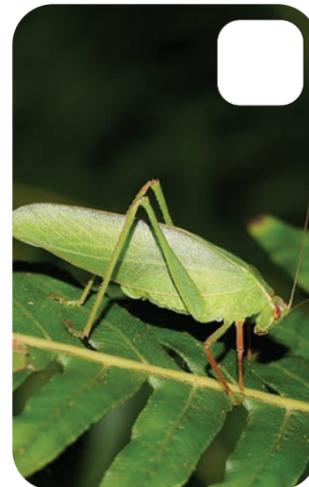
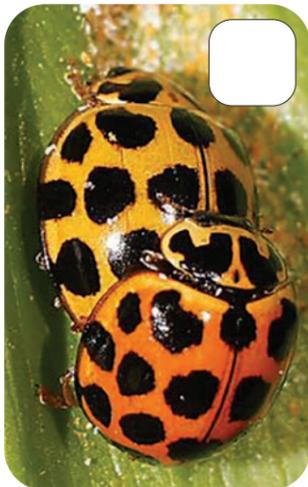
Common Brown
6.5cm | RR‡
Fact: Common, widespread
Clue: Two colour varieties, one with beige wing patch

Southern Moon Moth
8.5cm | RR‡
Fact: AKA Southern Old Lady
Clue: Note, the 'eyes' on wings

Common Halfband
1cm | RR‡
Fact: I'm a Dronefly, not a bee
Clue: Note, my fly eyes

Harlequin Red Bug
1cm | JP‡
Fact: Common, widespread
Clue: All ages look different, as per image

Wingless Grasshopper
2cm | RR‡
Fact: Flightless, unlike other grasshoppers
Clue: I can be green too



Australian Painted Lady
5cm | RR‡
Fact: I'm no Monarch
Clue: Note 'eyespot' of lower wing

Caper White
5.5cm | RR‡
Fact: I'm no Cabbage White
Clue: Note, stain-glass underwing

Large Spotted Ladybird
0.8cm | RR‡
Fact: Eats aphids which are more or less a plant lice
Clue: Colour varies, spots don't

Variegated Lady Beetle
0.7cm | RR‡
Fact: AKA Spotted Amber Ladybeetle. Clue: Colour varies, spots don't

Common Garden Katydid
4cm | RR‡
Fact: Related to grasshoppers
Clue: Leafy camouflage

Australian Garden Mantis
4cm | RR‡
Fact: Predator, harmless to you
Clue: AKA Australian Green Mantis