

Birds sighted at Scotch in 1948 – 1954

Records of bird sightings are included in editions of *The Scotch Collegian* in 1953 and 1954, and in a student's exercise book from 1948-50. Some of the naming is muddled but the record is invaluable.

A. Native terrestrial

- Butcherbird: Grey
- Cuckoo: Black-faced cuckoo, Pallid; Shrike; Fan-tailed; Black-cheeked Cuckoo-shrike
- Fantail: Black and White Fantail; Rufous, Restless; Willie Wagtail
- Finch: Gold; Green
- Frogmouth: Tawny; Owlet Nightjar
- Gull: Silver
- Hawk: Brown Hawk, Collared Sparrow-Hawk; Nankeen Kestrel; Whistling Eagle
- Honeyeater: White Plumed, Eastern Spinebill, Fuscous; Yellow Tufted; Helmeted(?)
- Kingfisher: Sacred; Blue Winged; Kookaburra
- Magpie White-backed
- Miner: Noisy
- Mistletoe Bird
- Mud Lark
- Owl: Boobook (Mopoke)
- Pardalote: Speckled; Spotted
- Parrot: Blue Winged; Grass; Eastern Rosella, Lorikeet; Crimson Rosella, King Parrot
- Plover: Spur Winged
- Quail: Stubble
- Raven: Australian Crow [likely mis-identified]
- Reed Warbler: Australian
- Robin: Flame; Scarlet; Rose
- Silver Eye: Grey-backed
- Shrike-tit: Eastern
- Swallow: House; Dusty Wood
- Thornbill: Striated; Brown; Yellow-tailed
- Thrush: Grey; Speckled
- Triller: White-winged
- Wattlebird: Red; Little
- Wren: Blue

Native waterbirds

- Black Duck, Native Hen, Black Swan; Blue Crane; Chestnut Teal; Black Cormorant; Little Black Cormorant; White-faced Heron; White-necked Heron

B. Introduced

English Thrush, English Blackbird, English Starling, Indian Turtle Dove, Homing Pigeon, Training Pigeon, House Sparrow, Indian Mynah

C: Not recorded (but present in 2021)

Corella, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (present in 1978), Pied Currawong, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo

C: Comment

The Collegian, 1953, Page 101:

“It is a shame that we have to record an all-time record low in the number and variety of nests seen in the School grounds this year. Some boys do not seem to realise that the School is a sanctuary for birds. We should be proud of the number of nests we can boast of having in our grounds rather than be ashamed.”