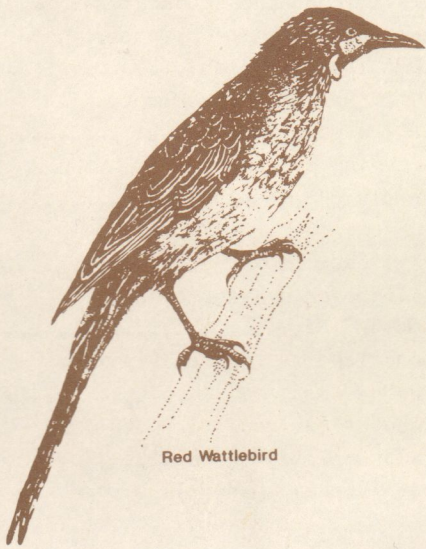
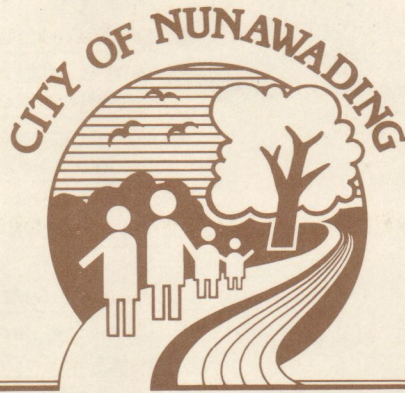


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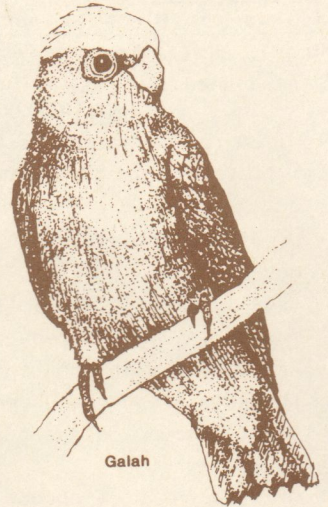


Red Wattlebird



**BLACKBURN
CREEKLANDS**

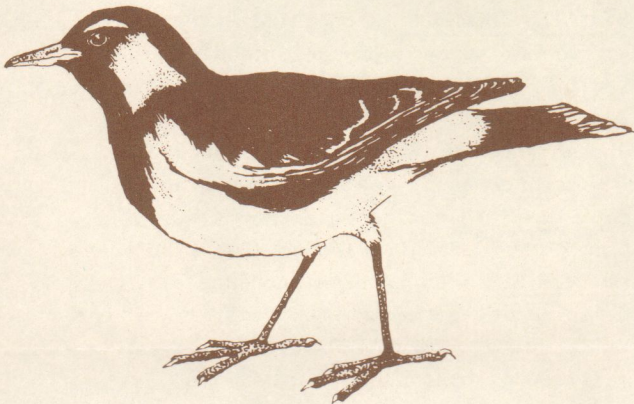
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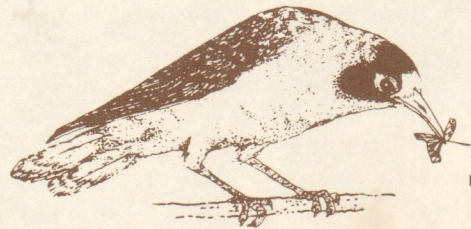
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The Blackburn Creeklands incorporating Black's Walk, Kalang Park and Furness Park, covers an area that extends from Middleborough Road in the west to Blackburn Road in the east, along Gardiners Creek. The parks are owned and maintained by the City of Nunawading with the advice and assistance of a Committee of Management. The name Blackburn Creeklands was adopted following the acquisition of additional land along the creek and formation of the Committee in 1984.

All species have been reliably sighted, with most observations occurring during the early morning or evenings. Those species which have only been seen on one occasion are noted. This checklist does not pretend to be exhaustive and should be regarded as a preliminary list only. It identifies 68 species of birds, including 9 species which have been introduced to Australia. Of these, almost half are commonly seen, although some species only visit during particular seasons. For a park of its size located within the Melbourne metropolitan area this extensive variety of species can only be regarded as remarkable.



Australian Magpie Lark



Noisy Miner

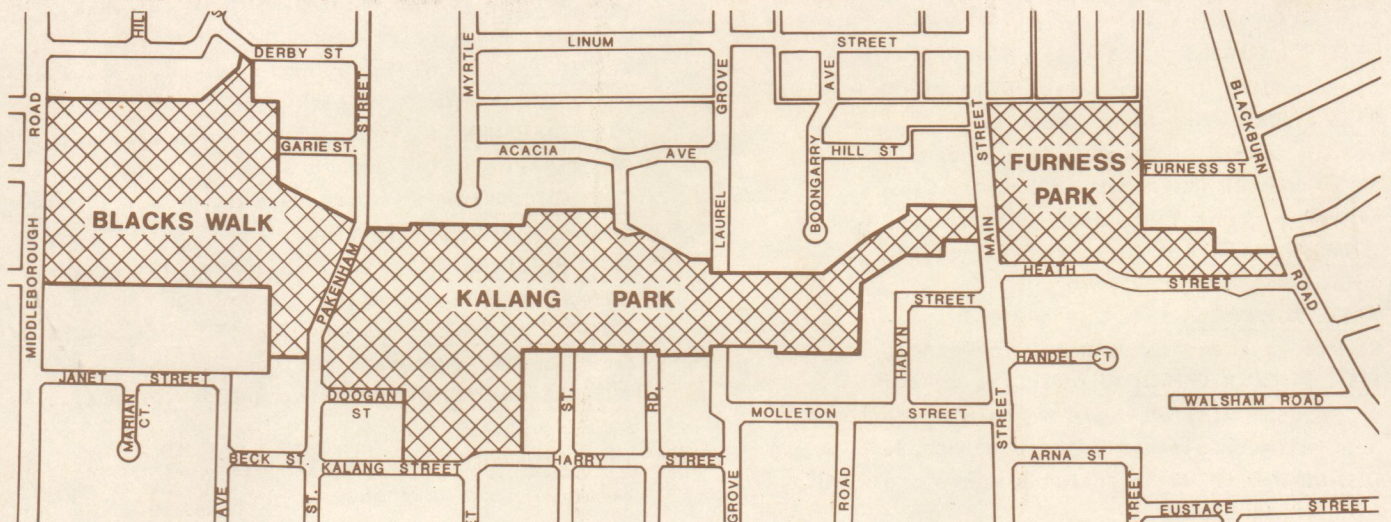
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KEY

The COMMON NAMES are based on G. Pizzey's A Field Guide to the Birds of Australia (1980, Collins, Sydney). An (I) next to the bird's name indicates an introduced species.

HABITAT/LOCATION

This item refers to the most likely location to visit to find a particular species:

- W** - Usually associated with the water in the creek.
- T** - Usually seen in the foliage and branches of medium and large trees.
- U** - Associated with the undergrowth and bush thickets along the creek.
- G** - Usually found on the grassy areas of the park area.
- S** - Often seen on telephone lines, house roofs, T.V. antennae, fences etc.
- O** - Most often seen flying overhead.

- WHITE-NECKED HERON (*Ardea pacifica*).....**W**
Observed only once feeding in creek.
- WHITE-FACED HERON (*Ardea novaehollandiae*).....**W**
Permanent breeding resident of area.
- WHITE IBIS (*Threskiornis molucca*).....**W/O**
Infrequent passage migrant.
- BLACK SWAN (*Cygnus atratus*).....**O**
Observed once flying overhead.
- BLACK DUCK (*Anas superciliosa*).....**W/O**
Common visitor along creek, breeding.
- BROWN GOSHAWK (*Accipiter fasciatus*).....**O**
Regular visitor usually seen overhead.
- LITTLE FALCON (*Falco longipennis*).....**O**
Regular visitor seen overhead, breeding.
- BROWN FALCON (*Falco berigora*).....**O/T**
Pair seen in area.
- MASKED PLOVER (*Vanellus miles*).....**G**
Common spring visitor, breeding.
- SILVER GULL (*Larus novaehollandiae*).....**O**
Occasionally seen passing overhead.
- DOMESTIC PIGEON (I) (*Columbia livea*).....**O/S**
Common suburban resident frequently seen flying overhead.
- SPOTTED TURTLEDOVE (I) (*Streptopelia chinensis*).....**S**
Common street resident.
- GANG-GANG COCKATOO (*Callocephalon fimbriatum*).....**O/T**
Unpredictable visitor, seen mostly in autumn and winter.
- GALAH (*Cacatua roseicapilla*).....**O/T/G**
Common, permanent resident, breeding.
- LONG-BILLED CORELLA (*Cacatua tenuirostris*)....**O/T**
Single bird seen on two occasions
- SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO (*Cacatua galerita*)...**O/T**
Seen and heard mostly in winter.
- RAINBOW LORIKEET (*Trichoglossus haematodus*)...**O/T**
Common, permanent resident, breeding.
- SCALY-BREASTED LORIKEET**T**
(*Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus*)
Regular visitor seen with other lorikeets usually during eucalypt flowering calendar.
- MUSK LORIKEET (*Glossopsitta concinna*).....**T**
Sizeable numbers seen during eucalypt flowering calendar.
- PURPLE CROWNED LORIKEET.....**O/T**
(*Glossopsitta porphyrocaphala*) Seasonal visitor seen associating with other lorikeets.
- LITTLE LORIKEET (*Glossopsitta pusilla*).....**T**
Seen feeding in association with other lorikeets.
- KING PARROT (*Alisterus scapularis*).....**T**
Single female observed only once.
- SWIFT PARROT (*Lathamus discolor*).....**O/T**
Winter migrant that feeds in the park.
- CRIMSON ROSELLA (*Platycercus elegans*).....**T**
Infrequent winter visitor.
- EASTERN ROSELLA (*Platycercus eximius*).....**T/G**
Common, permanent resident, breeding.
- PORT LINCOLN PARROT (*Barnardius zonarius*).....**T**
Infrequent visitor probably related to feral population resident in the Dandenongs.
- RED-RUMPED PARROT (*Psephotus haematotus*)....**T/G**
Sighted in area.
- BLUEBONNET (*Northiella haematogaster*).....**T**
Presumed aviary escapee.
- BOOBOOK OWL (*Ninox novaeseelandiae*).....**T**
Seen and heard during summer.

- TAMMY FROGMOUTH (*Podargus strigoides*).....**T**
Breeding resident within Parkland.
- SPINE-TAILED SWIFT (*Hirundapus caudacutus*).....**O**
Summer migrant preceding weather changes.
- LAUGHING KOOKABURRA (*Dacela gigas*).....**T**
Breeding resident of variable occurrence.
- SACRED KINGFISHER (*Halycon Sancta*).....**W**
Single bird seen during summer.
- TREE MARTIN (*Cecropis nigricans*).....**O**
Sighted in area.
- WELCOME SWALLOW (*Hirundo neoxena*).....**O**
Commonly seen flying over grassed area.
- BLACK-FACED CUCKOO SHRIKE.....**T**
(*Coricina hovaehollandiae*) Summer visitor.
- BLACKBIRD (I) (*Turdus merula*).....**U/S**
Conspicuous, permanent resident, breeding.
- SONG THRUSH (I) (*Turdus philomelos*).....**U**
Unobtrusive resident usually seen in winter.
- PINK ROBIN (*Petroica rodinogaster*).....**U**
Seen in thickets near creek in winter.
- GOLDEN WHISTLER (*Pachycephala pectoralis*).....**T**
Single bird seen once in neighbouring gardens.
- GREY FANTAIL (*Rhipidura fuliginosa*).....**T**
Irregular summer visitor.
- WILLIE WAGTAIL (*Rhipidura leucophrys*).....**T/U/G**
Common, permanent resident along creek.
- SUPERB BLUE WREN (*Malurus cyaneus*).....**U**
Rare visitor to thickets along creek.
- WHITE-BROWED SCRUB WREN (*Sericornis frontalis*)..**U**
Common, permanent resident, breeding.
- BROWN THORNBILL (*Acanthiza pusilla*).....**T/U**
Regular visitor to bush thickets.
- STRIATED THORNBILL (*Acanthiza lineata*).....**T**
Infrequent summer visitor, breeding.
- VARIED SITELLA (*Daphoenositta chrysoptera*).....**T**
Seen in area.
- RED WATTLEBIRD (*Anthochaera carunculata*).....**T**
Common, permanent resident, breeding.
- BELL MINER (*Manorina melanophrys*).....**T**
Common resident of fringing 'Bellbird' area.
- NOISY MINER (*Manorina melanocephala*).....**T**
Conspicuous, permanent resident, breeding.
- WHITE-PLUMED HONEYEATER.....**T**
(*Lichenostomus penicillatus*)
Commonly seen resident of area.
- EASTERN SPINEBILL.....**T/U**
(*Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*)
Regular winter visitor to area.
- MISTLETOEBIRD (*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*).....**T**
Occasionally seen feeding in mistletoe blossom.
- SPOTTED PARDALOTE (*Pardalotus punctatus*).....**T**
Infrequent and inconspicuous visitor often heard rather than seen.
- STRIATED PARDALOTE (*Pardalotus striatus*).....**T**
Uncommon and rarely seen visitor.
- GREY-BREASTED WHITE-EYE (*Zosterops lateralis*).....**T/U**
Common garden visitor seen in area along creek.
- EUROPEAN GREENFINCH (I) (*Carduel chloris*).....**U**
Several birds seen feeding along creek.
- HOUSE SPARROW (I) (*Passer domesticus*).....**U/S**
Common suburban street resident breeding.
- TREE SPARROW (I) (*Passer montanus*).....**T/U/S**
Suburban street resident.
- COMMON STARLING (I) (*Sturnus vulgaris*).....**T/G/S**
Common, permanent resident, breeding.
- COMMON MYNA (I) (*Acridotheres tristis*).....**T/G/S**
Common, permanent resident, breeding
- MAGPIE LARK (*Grallina cyanoleuca*).....**T/S**
Permanent resident in park area.
- PIED CURRAWONG (*Strepera graculina*).....**O/T**
Regular winter visitor to area.
- GREY CURRAWONG (*Strepera versicolor*).....**O/T**
Single confirmed sighting.
- GREY BUTCHERBIRD (*Cracticus torquatus*).....**T**
Common, permanent resident, breeding.
- AUSTRALIAN MAGPIE (*Gymnorhina tibicen*).....**T/G**
Conspicuous, permanent resident breeding.
- AUSTRALIAN RAVEN (*Corvus coronoides*).....**O/T**
Commonly seen in area.
- LITTLE RAVEN (*Corvus mellori*).....**O/T**
Commonly seen in area.

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