

Melton Environment Group

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How did you hear about Melton Environment
Group?

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Website: <http://meltonenvironmentgroup.org.au/>;

Blog: <http://natureoutwest.wordpress.com/>;

Facebook: facebook.Melton-Environment-Group

Birds of Pinkerton Forest

Pinkerton Forest is home to an impressive diversity of native plants and wildlife. Over 120 bird species have been observed here to date. It provides refuge for many threatened woodland birds such as:

- Diamond Firetail
- Zebra Finch
- Southern Whiteface
- Jacky Winter
- Brown Treecreeper
- It provides a nesting site for Wedge-tailed Eagles and White-bellied Sea-eagles

History of Bird watching at Melton

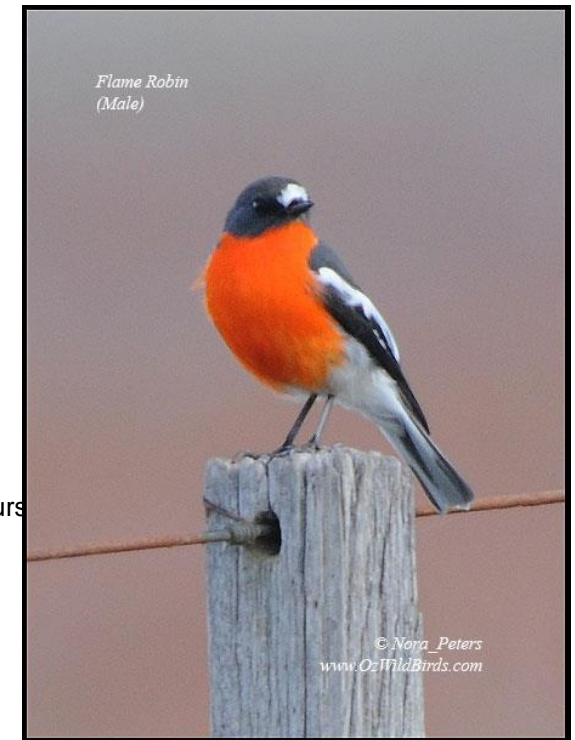
Melton has been in the forefront of interest in the natural environment for a very long time. Bird watchers have been coming here to observe birdlife since the 1890's. In the days before privately owned vehicles became commonplace, bird watchers would travel to Melton by train, then travel overland to Long Forest Mallee or Toolern Value. Then return home again by train.

Field Naturalists Club of Victoria member and early ornithologist A J Campbell was a member of the Pinkerton family, early settlers at Melton, after whom Pinkerton Forest is named. His interest in birds and natural history was fuelled by visits to Pinkerton Forest and the nearby Werribee River. He advocated the creation of 'Wattle Day' to commemorate these most well-known of Australian flowers; and as a celebration of Australia.

A detailed description of Melton birds, as well as the history of bird watching in Melton, can be read in:
Birds of the Long Forest 1889 – 2005: Hewish, Ward, Bugg & Munday



BIRDS OF PINKERTON FOREST





Birds of Pinkerton Forest

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Australian Shelduck | Wood Duck |
| Pacific Black Duck | Grey Teal |
| Chestnut Teal | White Ibis |
| Straw-necked Ibis | Cattle Egret |
| White-faced Heron | White-necked Heron |
| Little Pied Cormorant | Little Black Cormorant |
| Great Cormorant | Darter |
| Nankeen Kestrel | Australian Hobby |
| Brown Falcon | Peregrine Falcon |
| Black-shouldered Kite | Whistling Kite |
| Wedge-tailed Eagle | White-bellied Sea-eagle |
| Little Eagle | Swamp Harrier |
| Black Kite | Grey Goshawk |
| Brown Goshawk | Collared Sparrowhawk |
| Masked Lapwing | Red-kneed Dotterel |
| Black-fronted Dotterel | Common Pigeon |
| Spotted Dove | Common Bronzewing |
| Galah | Sulphur-crested Cockatoo |
| Little Corella | Long-billed Corella |
| Rainbow Lorikeet | Purple-crowned Lorikeet |
| Musk Lorikeet | Crimson Rosella |
| Eastern Rosella | Red-rumped parrot |
| Shining Bronze-cuckoo | Horsfields Bronze-cuckoo |
| Pallid Cuckoo | Fan-tailed Cuckoo |
| Eastern Barn Owl | Southern Boobook |
| Kookaburra | Sacred Kingfisher |
| Brown Treecreeper | Superb Fairy-wren |
| White-plumed Honeyeater | Brown-headed Honeyeater |
| White-naped Honeyeater | New Holland Honeyeater |
| Red Wattlebird | Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater |
| White-fronted Chat | Weebill |
| Spotted Pardalote | Striated Pardalote |
| Brown Thornbill | Yellow-rumped Thornbill |
| Yellow Thornbill | Striated Thornbill |
| Southern Whiteface | Australian Magpie |
| Masked Woodswallow | White-browed Woodswallow |
| Dusky Woodswallow | Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike |
| White-winged Triller | Varied Sirella |
| Crested Shriketit | Golden Whistler |
| Rufous Whistler | Grey Shrikethrush |
| Willy Wagtail | Grey Fantail |

- Magpielark
- Little Raven
- Jacky Winter
- Scarlet Robin
- Tree Martin
- Eurasian Skylark
- Silvereye
- Starling
- House Sparrow
- Red-browed Finch
- Australian Pipit
- Goldfinch

- Restless Flycatcher
- Australian Raven
- Flame Robin
- Welcome Swallow
- Fairy Martin
- Rufous Songlark
- Common Mynah
- Blackbird
- Diamond Firetail
- Zebra Finch
- Greenfinch



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