

HOW TO GET HERE

The Sale Common Wetlands is located off the South Gippsland Highway. Parking is available at John Street, or alternatively, park at the Sale Swing Bridge and walk up to the Wetlands.

ABOUT THE AREA

Sale is a paradise for bird watching, with lakes in the town and RAMSAR wetlands nearby. According to eBird.org Sale has hundreds of species.

- Lake Guthridge: 107 different bird species
- Lake Guyatt: 124 different bird species
- Sale Common: 159 different bird species

*Note that you may not see all birds listed due to Seasonal and Daily variations. Some birds on the list have not been seen since 1953!



OTHER ANIMALS FOUND AT THE SALE COMMON

Snakes (ALL of the below Snakes are Venomous!)
Caution is advised

Red Bellied Black Snake: Black with a red belly (can also be brown with a pale pink belly)

Tiger Snake: Can be all tan with either no stripes or dark stripes

Lowland Copperhead Snake: Can be different colours from grey to a reddish orange

OTHER ANIMALS THAT MAY BE SEEN

Grey Headed Flying Foxes: may be seen on the island in Lake Guthridge

Echidnas, Koalas, Wallabies and Kangaroos: Can be seen in Common (if you are lucky)

USEFUL FREE APPS

eBird: Provides a list of likely birds. It also allows you to record what bird you see and upload the data for others to use. Website gives descriptions and images of birds by location.

Wildlife Field Guide to Gippsland Lakes and its catchments: Shows most of the animals likely to be seen.

Field Guide to Victoria Fauna: Similar to above.

Aust Birds: Comprehensive guide but requires a reasonable knowledge of birds to be user friendly.



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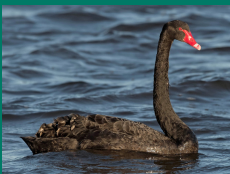
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BIRDS OF THE
SALE
COMMON
WETLANDS

WHAT BIRD IS THAT?

A SIMPLE GUIDE



WATER BIRDS

On, in or near water

Very large (~1m+)

Black Swan: All black, long neck and red bill

Pelican: Black and white with a huge scoop bill

Great Egret: All white, dagger like yellow beak with a long slender neck

Pacific Heron (White necked Heron): White head and neck, dark body and pointy beak

Large (60-80cm)

Little Pied Cormorant: Black and white, short pointy beak. Dives under water, often seen with wings drying out.

Little Black Cormorant: As above, but all black

Australasian Darter: Brown, very long and slender neck. Long pointy beak, dives under water and swims with only head and neck showing above water.

White Faced Heron: Grey; White face with long slender neck and pointy beak.

Royal Spoonbill: All white, black spoon shaped bill

Yellow billed Spoonbill: All white, pale spoon shaped bill.

Medium (30-60cm)

Swamp Hen: Black with blue chest, red beak (chicken like)

White Ibis: All white, distinct curve/hook bill

Straw Necked Ibis: Same as above but with dark wings

Caspian Tern: White with black head, large red beak.

Masked Lapwing (Hooded Plover): Slender with white front, tan wings and black cap. Yellow wattles and a loud call

Pacific Black Duck: Black and tan, distinct black stripe through eye

Chestnut Teal: Duck, male - dark brown with green head female - dappled tan with darkish head

Small (20-30cm)

Coot: All black with a white beak. Commonly found at Lake Guthridge.



TREE BIRDS

On, in or near trees and bushes

Medium (35cm+)

Sulphur Crested Cockatoo: All white with yellow tuft on head. Raucous and can be found in flocks

Little Raven: Black bird with black beak. (Looks similar to a crow.)

Australian Raven: As above, but varying bird call

Magpie: Black and white with strong black beak

Kookaburra: Brown with white head and distinctive laughing call.

Small(20-30cm)

Red Wattlebird: Grey/brown in colour streaked with white. Red Wattles behind the eyes.

Magpie Lark: Black and white with small beak.

Noisy Miner: Grey with black face. Yellow beak, legs and eye patch.

Common Myna Brown with darker head. Yellow beak, legs and eye patch.

Grey Shrike Thrush: Grey with brown or tan shoulders. White face and throat.

Crimson Rosella: Mostly red, black patches on back. Blue tail and wings.

Eastern Rosella: Red head and chest. Yellow belly, mottled black and gold back.

Rainbow Lorikeet: Blue head, green back and red or orange belly. Red beak.

Crested Pigeon: Grey or buff pigeon. Striped wings. Distinct spike on head.

Spotted Turtle Dove: Pigeon with black and white checks on back of the neck

Rock Dove: Town or Homing Pigeon

Tiny (10-20cm)

Yellow Face Honeyeater: Greyish green wings with streaky grey belly and yellow stripe under eye

Superb Fairy Wren: Erect tail. Male with vivid blue front, black head. Female all brown.

Red Browed Firetail: Brown with a red triangular beak. Red through eye and a red rump.

Brown Thornbill: Brown with a checkered front.

Eastern Spinebill: Grey or brown with tan front, white chin and curved beak.

Grey Fantail: Grey or black, white stripe near eye and on tail. Distinct fan tail.

Silver Eye: Greenish colour white ring around eye

Willy Wagtail: Black with white belly and long tail



SKY BIRDS

Birds that are rarely seen perching
Birds of Prey - soaring, gliding or hovering birds

Very Large (85-100cm ~ 200cm wingspan)

Wedge Tailed Eagle: Diamond tailed, dark brown to black in colour. Soars on V-shaped wings.

White-bellied Sea Eagle: White belly, black bar under wings. Soars on V-shaped wings. (Both most likely to be seen over the common)

Medium (~50cm)

Whistling Kite: Sandy brown, soars on flat wings constantly adjusting wing tips. Has a whistling call. Has a scruffy head that is obvious when perched.

Swamp Harrier: Dark brown. Soars on V-shaped wings.

Brown Shouldered Kite: White in colour, black strip under wing. Fluttering hover. Often seen over paddocks.

Collared Sparrowhawk: Striped grey and brown belly, with pointy wings. Likely to be seen perched.

OTHER BIRDS

Medium (25cm)

Whiskered Tern: White with black head and reddish beak. Flocks of 30+. Swooping low over wetlands in Spring

Small (15cm)

Welcome Swallow: Dark with slightly forked tail and a white rump. Rusty red throat noticeable when perched. Pointy wings and a swooping flight. Can be in quite large flocks.

