

BLACK DUCK

Anas superciliosa



A common duck found throughout Australia.

This duck has the familiar “Quack” associated with ducks.

Often seen in parks where they can become quite tame, in the wild they are very wary.

They are closely related to the introduced Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* and will interbreed.

The Black duck is a typical dabbler (head down and tail up), and will feed on a variety of foods from seeds to crustaceans.



Nest box at the effluent reuse ponds occupied by Black ducks.

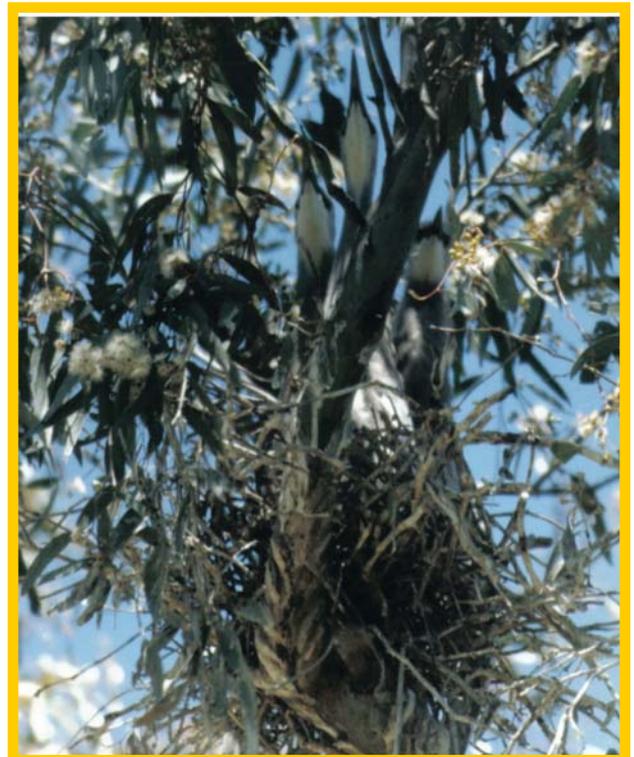
WHITE-FACED HERON

Ardea novaehollandiae



These wading birds, with long legs and a long bill, can be seen most days wading along the pond edges in search of food or roosting on structures.

They often nest in the surrounding eucalyptus trees, and the young are well camouflaged from the ground.



BLACK SWAN

Cygnus atratus

The largest waterfowl with a wingspan of up to two meters, the numbers vary throughout the year and one or two pairs will breed here in the spring.



Their diet consist of mainly aquatic vegetation and algae, they will also graze on the grasses around the ponds.

GLOSSY IBIS

Plegadis falcinellus

A small ibis, that when viewed in good light, exhibits strikingly rich colours.

It is an uncommon visitor to the effluent ponds and numbers from one to a dozen may be sighted once or twice a year, only staying for a week or so.



An immature Glossy Ibis, shown here feeding, can be recognised by the white marking on its neck.

PLUMED WHISTLING DUCK

Dendrocygna eytoni

A pale brown duck with pink legs and attractive plumes on its flanks, common at the effluent ponds and at times numbering in the hundreds.



They feed on vegetation such as grasses, seeds, water plants, and seem to enjoy cereal crops.

As their name suggests they do make a whistling sound and can be loud in flight. They also make a soft clicking sound.

Although Junee is located at the southern end of their range, conditions have been suitable for breeding to occur here from October 2004 well into February 2005.

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