

Birds of the Capertee Valley



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This list is based on observations by David Geering who has studied Regent Honeyeaters in the Capertee Valley since 1993. It has been supplemented by numerous records from the large number of birdwatchers that regularly visit the valley. Particular assistance has been received from Bruce Cox who has collated records from various other sources and Carol Proberts who conducts regular birding tours to the valley.

In all, 236 species are included on this list. Undoubtedly more species will be added in time.

An arbitrary assessment of the status of each species has been made. This is largely based on the expectation of recording the species during a day's bird watching in the valley. Hence some species, such as eagles, may be listed as common while other numerically more abundant species are listed as uncommon. A more comprehensive assessment of status, including details of where species are more likely to be found in the valley, will be included in anticipated reprints of this checklist.

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Number	English Name	Scientific Name	Status
009	Stubble Quail	<i>Coturnix pectoralis</i>	Uncommon visitor
011	Brown Quail	<i>Coturnix ypsilophora</i>	Common breeding visitor
217	Musk Duck	<i>Biziura lobata</i>	Rare visitor on larger dams
203	Black Swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	Rare visitor on larger dams
207	Australian Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadornoides</i>	Rare visitor
202	Australian Wood Duck	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>	Common breeding resident
208	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	Common breeding resident
212	Australasian Shoveler	<i>Anas rhynchotis</i>	Rare visitor
211	Grey Teal	<i>Anas gracilis</i>	Uncommon resident
210	Chestnut Teal	<i>Anas castanea</i>	Rare visitor
213	Pink-eared Duck	<i>Malacorhynchus membranaceus</i>	Rare visitor
215	Hardhead	<i>Aythya australis</i>	Uncommon visitor, occurring on larger dams
061	Australasian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
062	Hoary-headed Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus poliocephalus</i>	Rare visitor
101	Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	Rare visitor, occurring on larger dams
100	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i>	Uncommon visitor
097	Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	Uncommon visitor
096	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Uncommon visitor
106	Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	Rare visitor
188	White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	Common resident
185	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Rare visitor
189	White-necked Heron	<i>Ardea pacifica</i>	Uncommon visitor
187	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Rare visitor
186	Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	Rare visitor
977	Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea ibis</i>	Rare visitor

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192	Nankeen Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>	Rare visitor
195	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	Rare visitor, one known record
179	Australian White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis molucca</i>	Uncommon visitor
180	Straw-necked Ibis	<i>Threskiornis spinicollis</i>	Uncommon visitor
181	Royal Spoonbill	<i>Platalea regia</i>	Rare visitor
182	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	<i>Platalea flavipes</i>	Rare resident (?)
232	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus axillaris</i>	Common breeding resident
230	Square-tailed Kite	<i>Lophoictinia isura</i>	Rare resident
229	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Rare visitor
228	Whistling Kite	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>	Rare visitor
226	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Vagrant
218	Spotted Harrier	<i>Circus assimilis</i>	Rare visitor
219	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>	Rare visitor
221	Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipter fasciatus</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
220	Grey Goshawk	<i>Accipter novaehollandiae</i>	Rare visitor
222	Collared Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipter cirrhocephalus</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
224	Wedge-tailed Eagle	<i>Aquila audax</i>	Common breeding resident
225	Little Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus morphnoides</i>	Common breeding resident
239	Brown Falcon	<i>Falco berigora</i>	Common breeding resident
235	Australian Hobby	<i>Falco longipennis</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
238	Black Falcon	<i>Falco subniger</i>	Rare resident (?)
237	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Rare resident, probably breeding
240	Nankeen Kestrel	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>	Common breeding resident
050	Ballions Crane	<i>Porzana pusilla</i>	Rare visitor (?)
051	Spotless Crane	<i>Porzana tabuensis</i>	Rare visitor (?)
046	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	Uncommon visitor (?)
058	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
056	Dusky Moorhen	<i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i>	Common breeding resident
055	Black-tailed Native-hen	<i>Gallinula ventralis</i>	Rare visitor
059	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Uncommon breeding resident on larger dams
018	Little Button-quail	<i>Turnix velox</i>	Rare visitor
019	Red-chested Button-quail	<i>Turnix pyrrhotorax</i>	Rare visitor, one known record
014	Painted Button-quail	<i>Turnix varia</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
168	Latham's Snipe	<i>Gallinago hardwickii</i>	Rare summer migrant
158	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Rare summer migrant, one known record
163	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Rare summer migrant
170	Painted Snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	Rare visitor, one known record
146	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Rare visitor
144	Black-fronted Dotterel	<i>Euseyornis melanops</i>	Common breeding resident

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132 Red-kneed Dotterel	<i>Erythrogonys cinctus</i>	Rare visitor
135 Banded Lapwing	<i>Vanellus tricolor</i>	Rare visitor, one known record
133 Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>	Common breeding resident
125 Silver Gull	<i>Larus novaehollandiae</i>	Rare visitor
957 Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	Uncommon resident. An introduced species.
989 Spotted Turtle-dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	Rare resident (?). Recently added to the list. An introduced species.
034 Common Bronzewing	<i>Phaps chalcoptera</i>	Common breeding resident
035 Brush Bronzewing	<i>Phaps elegans</i>	Rare visitor
043 Crested Pigeon	<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>	Common breeding resident
031 Diamond Dove	<i>Geopelia cuneata</i>	Rare visitor, possibly resident (?)
030 Peaceful Dove	<i>Geopelia placida</i>	Common breeding resident
032 Bar-shouldered Dove	<i>Geopelia humeralis</i>	Rare visitor
044 Wonga Pigeon	<i>Leucosarcia melanoleuca</i>	Uncommon resident of the scree slopes
265 Glossy Black-Cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus lathami</i>	Uncommon resident
267 Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus funereus</i>	Uncommon resident
268 Gang-gang Cockatoo	<i>Callocephalon fimbriatum</i>	Uncommon resident. Larger numbers in winter
273 Galah	<i>Cacatua roseicapilla</i>	Common breeding resident
272 Long-billed Corella	<i>Cacatua tenuirostris</i>	Rare resident (?). Recently added to list
271 Little Corella	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>	Uncommon resident. Numbers appear to be increasing
269 Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>	Common breeding resident
254 Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Rare visitor
258 Musk Lorikeet	<i>Glossopsitta concinna</i>	Uncommon to common resident
260 Little Lorikeet	<i>Glossopsitta pusilla</i>	Common breeding resident
281 Australian King-Parrot	<i>Alisterus scapularis</i>	Uncommon resident, larger numbers in winter
282 Crimson Rosella	<i>Platycercus elegans</i>	Uncommon resident, larger numbers in winter
288 Eastern Rosella	<i>Platycercus eximius</i>	Common breeding resident
309 Swift Parrot	<i>Lathamus discolor</i>	Rare winter migrant
295 Red-rumped Parrot	<i>Psephotus haematonotus</i>	Common breeding resident
310 Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	Rare breeding visitor during drought periods
302 Turquoise Parrot	<i>Neophema pulchella</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
337 Pallid Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus pallidus</i>	Common breeding summer migrant
339 Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosus</i>	Uncommon breeding summer migrant
338 Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>	Common breeding summer migrant. Some birds remain over winter
341 Black-eared Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx osculans</i>	Rare breeding summer migrant
342 Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx basalis</i>	Common breeding summer migrant. A few birds occur in winter in some years
344 Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>	Common breeding summer migrant. Some birds remain over winter

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347 Common Koel	<i>Eudynamis scolopacea</i>	Rare summer migrant
348 Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	Rare summer migrant
248 Powerful Owl	<i>Ninox strenua</i>	Rare resident
246 Barking Owl	<i>Ninox connivens</i>	Rare breeding resident
242 Southern Boobook	<i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
250 Masked Owl	<i>Tyto novaehollandiae</i>	Rare visitor (?)
249 Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Uncommon visitor
313 Tawny Frogmouth	<i>Podargus strigoides</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
330 White-throated Nightjar	<i>Eurostopodus mystacalis</i>	Uncommon summer migrant inhabiting the scree slopes
317 Australian Owlet-nightjar	<i>Aegotheles cristatus</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
334 White-throated Needletail	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	Uncommon summer migrant
335 Fork-tailed Swift	<i>Apus pacificus</i>	Rare summer migrant
319 Azure Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo azurea</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
322 Laughing Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>	Common breeding resident
326 Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sancta</i>	Uncommon breeding summer migrant
329 Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Common breeding summer migrant
318 Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	Rare breeding summer migrant
350 Superb Lyrebird	<i>Menura novaehollandiae</i>	Common breeding resident of the scree slopes
558 White-throated Treecreeper	<i>Cormobates leucophaea</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
560 Red-browed Treecreeper	<i>Climacteris erythroptera</i>	Rare breeding resident
555 Brown Treecreeper	<i>Climacteris picumnus</i>	Common breeding resident
529 Superb Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus cyaneus</i>	Common breeding resident
536 Variegated Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus lamberti</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
565 Spotted Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus punctatus</i>	Common breeding resident
976 Striated Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>	Common breeding resident
505 Rockwarbler	<i>Origma solitaria</i>	Uncommon breeding resident of the scree slopes
488 White-browed Scrubwren	<i>Sericornis frontalis</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
498 Chestnut-rumped Heathwren	<i>Hylacola pyrrhopygia</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
504 Speckled Warbler	<i>Chthonicola sagittata</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
465 Weebill	<i>Smicronis brevirostris</i>	Common breeding resident
454 Brown Gerygone	<i>Gerygone mouki</i>	Rare visitor
463 Western Gerygone	<i>Gerygone fusca</i>	Uncommon breeding summer migrant
453 White-throated Gerygone	<i>Gerygone olivacea</i>	Common breeding summer migrant
475 Brown Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza pusilla</i>	Common breeding resident
484 Buff-rumped Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza reguloides</i>	Common breeding resident
486 Yellow-rumped Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza chrysorrhoa</i>	Common breeding resident
471 Yellow Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza nana</i>	Common breeding resident
470 Striated Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza lineata</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
466 Southern Whiteface	<i>Aphelocephala leucopsis</i>	Uncommon breeding resident

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638 Red Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera carunculata</i>	Common breeding resident
640 Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater	<i>Acanthagenys rufogularis</i>	Rare visitor
585 Striped Honeyeater	<i>Plectorhyncha lanceolata</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
645 Noisy Friarbird	<i>Philemon corniculatus</i>	Common breeding resident, larger numbers in winter
646 Little Friarbird	<i>Philemon citreogularis</i>	Rare visitor
603 Regent Honeyeater	<i>Xanthomyza phrygia</i>	Uncommon breeding species. Most regular in winter and spring but records all months
641 Blue-faced Honeyeater	<i>Entomyzon cyanotis</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
633 Bell Miner	<i>Manorina melanophrys</i>	Uncommon breeding resident, in suitable habitats in eastern part of valley
634 Noisy Miner	<i>Manorina melanocephala</i>	Common breeding resident
605 Lewin's Honeyeater	<i>Meliphaga lewinii</i>	Rare visitor
614 Yellow-faced Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus chrysops</i>	Common winter migrant. Some birds in summer, may breed
608 Singing Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus virescens</i>	Rare visitor
617 White-eared Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus leucotis</i>	Rare breeding resident
619 Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus melanops</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
613 Fuscous Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus fuscus</i>	Common breeding resident
625 White-plumed Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus penicillatus</i>	Common breeding resident
580 Black-chinned Honeyeater	<i>Melithreptus gularis</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
583 Brown-headed Honeyeater	<i>Melithreptus brevirostris</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
578 White-naped Honeyeater	<i>Melithreptus lunatus</i>	Common winter migrant with some birds present over summer, may breed
598 Painted Honeyeater	<i>Grantiella picta</i>	Rare summer migrant
630 Crescent Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera</i>	Rare visitor
631 New Holland Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris novaehollandiae</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
632 White-cheeked Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris nigra</i>	Rare visitor
591 Eastern Spinebill	<i>Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris</i>	Uncommon resident
589 Black Honeyeater	<i>Certhionyx niger</i>	Rare visitor
586 Scarlet Honeyeater	<i>Myzomela sanguinolenta</i>	Uncommon visitor (?). In some years common.
449 Crimson Chat	<i>Epthianura tricolor</i>	Rare visitor, one known record
448 White-fronted Chat	<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>	Rare visitor, one known record
377 Jacky Winter	<i>Microeca fascinans</i>	Common breeding resident
380 Scarlet Robin	<i>Petroica multicolor</i>	Uncommon winter migrant, a few summer records in west of valley
381 Red-capped Robin	<i>Petroica goodenovii</i>	Rare breeding resident
382 Flame Robin	<i>Petroica phoenicea</i>	Uncommon winter migrant
384 Rose Robin	<i>Petroica rosea</i>	Uncommon winter migrant
385 Hooded Robin	<i>Melanodryas cucullata</i>	Common breeding resident

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392 Eastern Yellow Robin	<i>Eopsaltria australis</i>	Common breeding resident
443 Grey-crowned Babbler	<i>Pomatostomus temporalis</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
445 White-browed Babbler	<i>Pomatostomus superciliosus</i>	Common breeding resident
421 Eastern Whipbird	<i>Psophodes olivaceus</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
436 Spotted Quail-thrush	<i>Cinclosoma punctatum</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
549 Varied Sittella	<i>Daphoenositta chrysoptera</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
416 Crested Shrike-tit	<i>Falcunculus frontatus</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
403 Gilbert's Whistler	<i>Pachycephala inornata</i>	Rare visitor (?) records in 2000, 2001, 2002 & 2003
398 Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>	Uncommon resident, numbers increase in winter
401 Rufous Whistler	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>	Common breeding summer migrant, some birds present over winter
408 Grey Shrike-thrush	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>	Common breeding resident
373 Black-faced Monarch	<i>Monarcha melanopsis</i>	Rare visitor
365 Leaden Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra rubecula</i>	Uncommon breeding summer migrant
366 Satin Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i>	Rare visitor, may be under reported
369 Restless Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra inquieta</i>	Common breeding resident
415 Magpie-lark	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	Common breeding resident
362 Rufous Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>	Rare summer migrant
361 Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i>	Common breeding resident
364 Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	Common breeding resident
424 Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	Common breeding resident
425 White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina papuensis</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
429 Cicadabird	<i>Coracina tenuirostris</i>	Uncommon summer migrant
430 White-winged Triller	<i>Lalage sueurii</i>	Uncommon summer migrant
671 Olive-backed Oriole	<i>Oriolus sagittatus</i>	Common breeding summer migrant
543 White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	Rare visitor
544 Masked Woodswallow	<i>Artamus personatus</i>	Rare breeding summer migrant
545 White-browed Woodswallow	<i>Artamus superciliosus</i>	Common summer breeding migrant in varying numbers. Occur most, but not all, years
546 Black-faced Woodswallow	<i>Artamus cinereus</i>	Rare visitor, one known record
547 Dusky Woodswallow	<i>Artamus cyanopterus</i>	Common breeding resident
702 Grey Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus torquatus</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
700 Pied Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
705 Australian Magpie	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>	Common breeding resident
694 Pied Currawong	<i>Strepera graculina</i>	Uncommon resident, numbers increase in winter when common
697 Grey Currawong	<i>Strepera versicolor</i>	Rare visitor
930 Australian Raven	<i>Corvus coronoides</i>	Common breeding resident
954 Little Raven	<i>Corvus mellori</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
693 White-winged Chough	<i>Corcorax melanorhamphos</i>	Common breeding resident

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679 Satin Bowerbird	<i>Ptilonorhynchus violaceus</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
648 Singing Bushlark	<i>Mirafra javanica</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
647 Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i>	Common breeding resident
995 House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Uncommon breeding resident. An introduced species
653 Zebra Finch	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>	Common breeding resident
655 Double-barred Finch	<i>Taeniopygia bichenovii</i>	Common breeding resident
661 Plum-headed Finch	<i>Neochmia modesta</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
662 Red-browed Finch	<i>Neochmia temporalis</i>	Common breeding resident
652 Diamond Firetail	<i>Stagonopleura guttata</i>	Common breeding resident
650 Beautiful Firetail	<i>Stagonopleura bella</i>	Rare visitor, most records in winter
996 European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Rare breeding resident. An introduced species
564 Mistletoebird	<i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i>	Common breeding resident
358 White-backed Swallow	<i>Cheramoeca leucosternus</i>	Uncommon breeding resident (?)
357 Welcome Swallow	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	Common breeding resident
359 Tree Martin	<i>Hirundo nigricans</i>	Common breeding summer migrant. A few birds may occur during winter
360 Fairy Martin	<i>Hirundo ariel</i>	Common breeding summer migrant
524 Clamorous Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>	Uncommon breeding summer migrant
522 Little Grassbird	<i>Megalurus gramineus</i>	Rare visitor
509 Rufous Songlark	<i>Cinclorhamphus mathewsi</i>	Common breeding summer migrant. Some birds remain over winter
508 Brown Songlark	<i>Cinclorhamphus cruralis</i>	Rare breeding summer migrant
525 Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis</i>	Uncommon breeding resident
574 Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	Common breeding resident, greater numbers during winter
779 Bassian Thrush	<i>Zoothera lunulata</i>	Rare breeding resident
991 Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Rare breeding resident. An introduced species.
999 Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Common breeding resident. An introduced species.
998 Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Rare visitor, one known record. An introduced species.



