



Native Waterbirds at UOW



Pacific Black Duck with ducklings at UOW. Photograph courtesy of A. Wardle

Our campus landscape has provided habitat for a variety of native water birds with many making Wollongong campus their home.

WATERBIRD RESIDENTS

Buff Banded Rail

The Buff Banded Rail (*Gallirallus phillippensis*) can be seen not far from the ponds before it will scurry into the cover of the reeds of the water's edge. It has a varied diet such as crustaceans, molluscs, insects, seeds, fruits and frogs.



Buff Banded Rail. Photograph courtesy of A. Wardle

Eurasian Coot

The Eurasian Coot (*Fulica atra*) has a white bill and face shield. They feed mostly on plant material and will dive underwater to feed.



Eurasian Coot. Photograph courtesy of A. Wardle

Dusky Moorhen

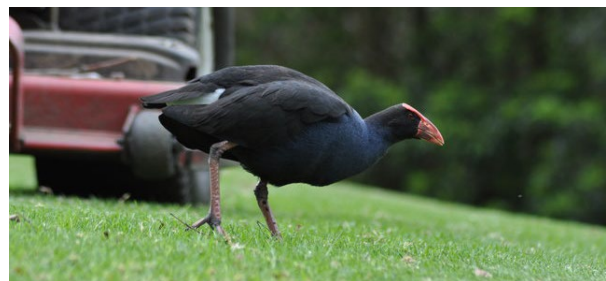
The Dusky Moorhen (*Gallinula tenebrosa*) has a red bill with a yellow tip and a red face shield. It is found in and around the campus ponds feeding on algae, water plants and grasses, seeds, fruits and insects.



Dusky Moorhen. Photograph courtesy of A. Wardle

Purple Swamphens

Purple swamphens (*Porphyrio porphyrio*) have a red bill and red face shield and a purple-blue colouring will most often be seen wandering around the edges of the campus ponds amongst the reeds. They eat the shoots of water plants and will eat snails and frogs.



Purple swamphen. Photograph courtesy of A. Wardle

The Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*), White Eyed Duck (*Aythya australis*) and the Australian

Wood Duck (*Chenonetta jubata*) are native ducks that inhabit the water ways of Wollongong Campus.

For more information about the ducks that you might see at Wollongong Campus please refer to the Factsheet – Get to know the ducks at UOW available for download at www.uow.edu.au/about/environment/CampusEnv/biodiversityWgong/ducks/index

OCCASIONAL VISITORS

Royal Spoonbill

The Royal Spoonbill (*Platalea regia*) is an occasional visitor feeding in the shallow waterways.



Royal Spoonbill. Photograph courtesy of A Wardle

White Ibis

The White Ibis (*Thereskiornis moloucca*) can sometimes be seen feeding in the shallow waters or on the lawns.



White Ibis. Photograph courtesy of A. Wardle

White-faced Heron

The White-faced Heron (*Egretta novaehollandiae*) is an occasional visitor seen wading as it feeds.



White-faced Heron. Photograph courtesy of A. Wardle

Little Pied Cormorant

The Little Pied Cormorant (*Microcarbo melanoleucos*) is sometimes seen diving for fish in the ponds or spreading its wings to dry itself on the shore.



Little Pied Cormorant on the Duck Sculpture. Photograph courtesy of A. Wardle

Australasian Darter

The Darter (*Anhinga novaehollandiae*) is often seen swimming in the ponds with only its neck and head visible above the water.



Australasian Darter. Photograph courtesy of A Wardle

If you have sighted or photographed other waterbirds on campus please let us know.

Source

The information about the birds listed in this factsheet has been obtained from the Birdlife Australia, Birds in Backyards website – <http://www.birdsinbackyards.net>.

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