

# Fact Sheet Wetland Birds



## Migratory birds

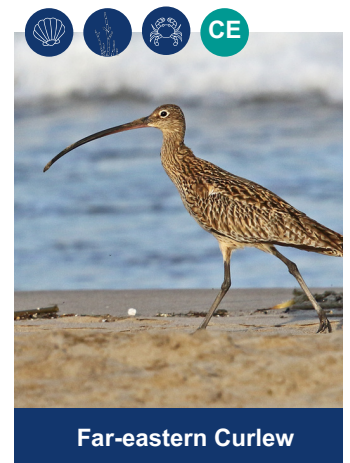
There are around 32 migratory birds that can be found throughout the 'Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula site'. Western Treatment Plant, Lake Connewarre and Swan Bay are hotspots for migratory birds over our summer due to the large areas of freshwater wetlands, saline estuaries, lakes and intertidal mudflats. This fact sheet features the migratory shorebirds that have a known range at our local Ramsar wetland and the icons on each bird image illustrate their habitat requirements and their threatened status (as per the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988). Note that many of these species can be difficult to spot and identify.

## Icon Legend

- Coasts/beaches. May also forage in washed up seagrass.
- Freshwater wetland. Includes inland lakes and rivers.
- Saltmarsh
- Saline estuaries/rivers. Includes seagrass bays.
- Tidal mudflats

## Icon Legend

- VU Vulnerable
- EN Endangered
- CE Critically Endangered

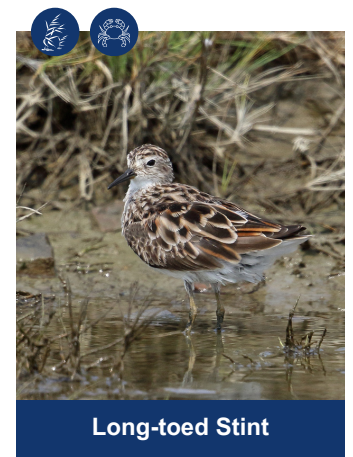
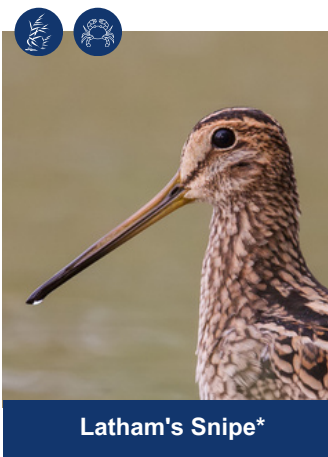


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## Did you know?

Mudflats or washed up seagrass (also known as wrack) are extremely important to our migrating shorebirds. Mudflats and seagrass wrack are host to tiny animals including crustaceans, isopods and other invertebrates that are food for birds like the Red-necked Stint. The next time you see dead seagrass on a beach, have a look and see what tiny animals you can see!



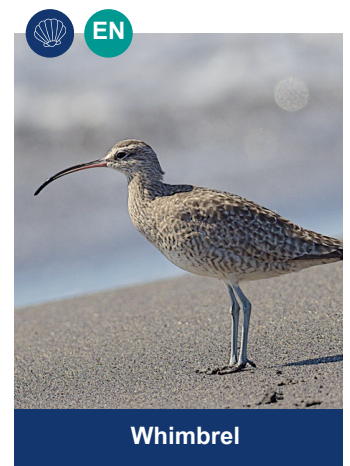
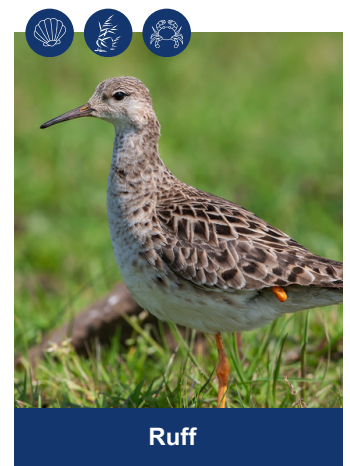
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## Birdwatching tips

It is truly amazing to observe these birds in the wild and many people spend their summers looking and photographing these birds. However, when birdwatching, consider the following to reduce disturbance:

- Avoid wearing bright clothing
- Speak quietly and consistently
- Stick to the tracks
- Keep an eye out for nesting birds - give them space
- Go in small groups
- Walk slowly and take your time



## Learn more

**BirdLife Australia:** [www.birdlife.org.au](http://www.birdlife.org.au)

**eBird:** [www.ebird.org.au](http://www.ebird.org.au)

**DEECA Wetlands and Migratory Shorebirds:**

[www.dcceew.gov.au/water/wetlands/publications/factsheet-wetlands-migratory-shorebirds](http://www.dcceew.gov.au/water/wetlands/publications/factsheet-wetlands-migratory-shorebirds)

**Migratory Shorebirds:** <https://birdlife.org.au/programs/migratory-shorebirds/>

**Wing Threads:** [www.wingthreads.com](http://www.wingthreads.com)

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