

Some birds of the Merri Creek valley:

CHESTNUT TEAL



Photo: C. Tzaros

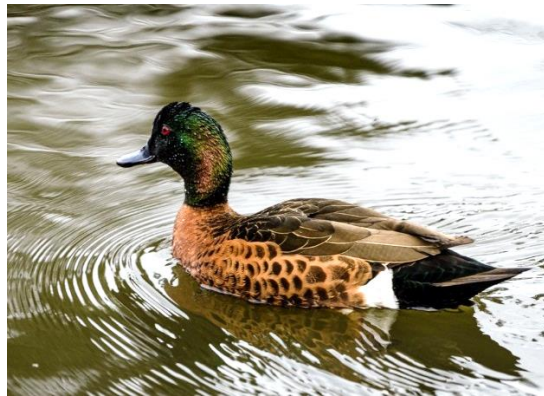


Photo: P. Mollison

An elegant small (40-48cm) duck, the male outside the breeding season looks like the female. Feeds by dabbling and up-ending in water. Grey Teal is similar to the female, but with whitish throat. More information:

<https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/species/Anas-castanea>

DUSKY MOORHEN



This water-loving 'hen' is often noisy, with shrieks, 'kerk's or repeated 'kok's. Flicks tail to show white under-edges. Jerks head when swimming. Forages in bank vegetation. More information:

<https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/species/Gallinula-tenebrosa>

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CRESTED PIGEON



A native pigeon (30-35cm), feeds on seeds on open ground. Whistling wingbeats.

More information:

<https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/species/Ocyphaps-lophotes>

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SPOTTED PARDALOTE



A tiny, active bird (8-10cm) that forages for insects in the leaves of trees, mainly eucalypts. Calls: 'deedee', or 'sleep, deedee'. Female lacks yellow on throat.

For more information:

<https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/species/Pardalotus-punctatus>

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NOISY MINER



Medium-sized (25-28cm) native honeyeater, loud, bold and colonial. Like the introduced brown Common (Indian) Mynah, Noisy Miners are aggressive to other birds. They feed in trees and on open ground.

More information:

<https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/species/Manorina-melanocephala>

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RED-RUMPED PARROT



These delicate parrots feed on seeds and grass on open ground, and can be quite tame unless disturbed by an off-leash dog. Mates for life, the grey-green female is much less colourful than the male.

More information:

<https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/species/Psephotus-haematonotus>



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