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Summary and checklist of 2014 SA Highlights Tour

Dates of tour: 9 –14 November 2014

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Masked & White-browed Woodswallows, 13 Nov 2014, Gluepot © H Kieskamp

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Tour overview

The 2014 'SA Highlights tour' started in and returned to Adelaide (SA). We experienced near-perfect weather conditions, with abundant sunshine and no real heat. The first day started off well with an abundance of waterbirds at Greenfields wetlands, including Glossy Ibis and Baillon's Crake. Further along the road north, we had no trouble locating a pair of Slender-billed Thornbills, while around Port Augusta, the Banded Stilts were present as usual. The Arid Lands Botanical Gardens produced an abundance of honeyeaters including the sought-after Pied Honeyeater, and on our way to Lyndhurst we managed to tick off Chirruping Wedgebill. The next day was spent in the outback countryside around Lyndhurst, where we located Cinnamon Quail-thrush, Gibberbird, Rufous Fieldwren, White-backed Swallow, Zebra Finch and other good species. A Black-breasted Buzzard and a pair of Red-browed Pardalotes showed well. Flocks of Budgerigars and Cockatiels amused us with their acrobatic flight movements at a waterhole. A visit to a wetland near Leigh Creek the next morning produced Blue-billed, Freckled and Musk Duck while the rest of the day was spent in the beautiful Flinders Ranges where Short-tailed Grasswren performed on cue. Grey-fronted Honeyeaters were observed at close range while drinking, and Elegant Parrot and Redthroat were also located without much difficulty. The beautiful yet rare Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby provided photographic views. On the way south, a long wait at a Regent Parrot colony on the banks of the Murray river was eventually rewarded with good views of a pair. A day at Birdlife Australia's Gluepot Reserve was the highlight of the trip, with Striated Grasswren, Black-eared Miner, Chestnut Quail-thrush, Mulga Parrots, Major Mitchell's Cockatoos and many more all putting in an appearance. We were fortunate enough to observe Mulga Parrots, several species of Honeyeater and flocks of woodswallows at close range from the bird hides. But by far the most memorable moment was when we witnessed a Scarlet-chested Parrot young fledging from its nest hollow, lured out by its parents! On the last day, we followed the Murray river back to Adelaide, with views of Freckled Duck, Diamond Firetail and Australian Spotted Crake. A grand total of 191 bird species were recorded. The full bird list follows at the end of this document.

Itinerary

- 9 Nov:** Adelaide – Greenfields – Pt Augusta – Lyndhurst.
- 10 Nov:** Strzelecki track and Lyndhurst surrounds.
- 11 Nov:** Lyndhurst – Leigh Creek area – Flinders Ranges.
- 12 July:** Flinders Ranges, then on to Waikerie.
- 13 Nov:** All day at Birdlife Australia's Gluepot Reserve.
- 14 Nov:** Murray river and Adelaide hills, back to Adelaide.



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Scarlet-chested Parrot © C Melrose; Cockatiels © H Kieskamp; Grey-fronted Honeyeater © P Waanders; Budgerigars © H Kieskamp; Shortt-tailed Grasswren © P Waanders; Yellow-billed Spoonbills with Little Egret & White-necked Heron © P Waanders

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1	Emu	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	33	Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax varius</i>
2	Musk Duck	<i>Biziura lobata</i>	34	Australasian Darter	<i>Anhinga novaehollandiae</i>
3	Freckled Duck	<i>Stictonetta naevosa</i>	35	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus axillaris</i>
4	Black Swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	36	Whistling Kite	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>
5	Australian Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadornoides</i>	37	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
6	Australian Wood Duck	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>	38	Black-breasted Buzzard	<i>Hamirostra melanosternon</i>
7	Pink-eared Duck	<i>Malacorhynchus membranaceus</i>	39	Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>
8	Australasian Shoveler	<i>Anas rhynchotis</i>	40	Collared Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter cirrocephalus</i>
9	Grey Teal	<i>Anas gracilis</i>	41	Spotted Harrier	<i>Circus assimilis</i>
10	Chestnut Teal	<i>Anas castanea</i>	42	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>
11	Northern Mallard ¹	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	43	Wedge-tailed Eagle	<i>Aquila audax</i>
12	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	44	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>
13	Hardhead	<i>Aythya australis</i>	45	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>
14	Blue-billed Duck	<i>Oxyura australis</i>	46	Baillon's Crake	<i>Porzana pusilla</i>
15	Malleefowl	<i>Leipoa ocellata</i>	47	Australian Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana fluminea</i>
16	Stubble Quail	<i>Coturnix pectoralis</i>	48	Black-tailed Native-hen	<i>Tribonyx ventralis</i>
17	Australasian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>	49	Dusky Moorhen	<i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i>
18	Hoary-headed Grebe	<i>Poliiocephalus poliiocephalus</i>	50	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>
19	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	51	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
20	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	52	Red-necked Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra novaehollandiae</i>
21	Australian White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis molucca</i>	53	Banded Stilt	<i>Cladorhynchus leucocephalus</i>
22	Straw-necked Ibis	<i>Threskiornis spinicollis</i>	54	Red-capped Plover	<i>Charadrius ruficapillus</i>
23	Royal Spoonbill	<i>Platalea regia</i>	55	Black-fronted Dotterel	<i>Elsayornis melanops</i>
24	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	<i>Platalea flavipes</i>	56	Red-kneed Dotterel	<i>Erythrogonys cinctus</i>
25	White-necked Heron	<i>Ardea pacifica</i>	57	Banded Lapwing	<i>Vanellus tricolor</i>
26	Eastern Great Egret	<i>Ardea modesta</i>	58	Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>
27	White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	59	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
28	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	60	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
29	Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	61	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
30	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo melanoleucus</i>	62	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>
31	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	63	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>
32	Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>			

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64	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	96	Regent Parrot	<i>Polytelis anthopeplus</i>
65	Australian Pratincole	<i>Stiltia isabella</i>	97	Red-rumped Parrot	<i>Psephotus haematonotus</i>
66	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	98	Mulga Parrot	<i>Psephotus varius</i>
67	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	99	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>
68	Pacific Gull	<i>Larus pacificus</i>	100	Elegant Parrot	<i>Neophema elegans</i>
69	Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	101	Scarlet-chested Parrot	<i>Neophema splendens</i>
70	Rock Dove ¹	<i>Columba livia</i>	102	White-browed Treecreeper	<i>Climacteris affinis</i>
71	Spotted Dove ¹	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	103	Brown Treecreeper	<i>Climacteris picumnus</i>
72	Common Bronzewing	<i>Phaps chalcoptera</i>	104	Superb Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus cyaneus</i>
73	Crested Pigeon	<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>	105	Splendid Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus splendens</i>
74	Diamond Dove	<i>Geopelia cuneata</i>	106	White-winged Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus leucopterus</i>
75	Peaceful Dove	<i>Geopelia striata</i>	107	Variiegated Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus lamberti</i>
76	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chalcites basalis</i>	108	Striated Grasswren	<i>Amytornis striatus</i>
77	Pallid Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis pallidus</i>	109	Short-tailed Grasswren	<i>Amytornis merrotsyi</i>
78	Laughing Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>	110	Pied Honeyeater	<i>Certhionyx variegatus</i>
79	Red-backed Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus pyrrhopygius</i>	111	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus chrysops</i>
80	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>	112	Singing Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus virescens</i>
81	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	113	Yellow-plumed Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus ornatus</i>
82	Nankeen Kestrel	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>	114	Grey-fronted Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus plumulus</i>
83	Brown Falcon	<i>Falco berigora</i>	115	White-plumed Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus penicillatus</i>
84	Australian Hobby	<i>Falco longipennis</i>	116	White-fronted Honeyeater	<i>Purnella albifrons</i>
85	Galah	<i>Eolophus roseicapillus</i>	117	Noisy Miner	<i>Manorina melanocephala</i>
86	Major Mitchell's Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua leadbeateri</i>	118	Yellow-throated Miner	<i>Manorina flavigula</i>
87	Little Corella	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>	119	Black-eared Miner	<i>Manorina melanotis</i>
88	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>	120	Striped Honeyeater	<i>Plectorhyncha lanceolata</i>
89	Cockatiel	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	121	Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater	<i>Acanthagenys rufogularis</i>
90	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	122	Red Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera carunculata</i>
91	Purple-crowned Lorikeet	<i>Glossopsitta porphyrocephala</i>	123	Little Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera chrysoptera</i>
92	Crimson (Adelaide) Rosella	<i>Platycercus (elegans) adelaidea</i>	124	Orange Chat	<i>Epthianura aurifrons</i>
93	Crimson (Yellow) Rosella	<i>Platycercus (elegans) flaveolus</i>	125	White-fronted Chat	<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>
94	Australian (Pt Lincoln) Ringneck	<i>Barnardius (zonarius) zonarius</i>	126	Gibberbird	<i>Ashbyia lovensis</i>
95	Australian (Mallee) Ringneck	<i>Barnardius (zonarius) barnardi</i>	127	New Holland Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris novaehollandiae</i>

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128	Brown-headed Honeyeater	<i>Melithreptus brevirostris</i>	159	White-winged Triller	<i>Lalage sueurii</i>
129	Spotted Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus punctatus</i>	160	Gilbert's Whistler	<i>Pachycephala inornata</i>
130	Red-browed Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus rubricatus</i>	161	Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>
131	Striated Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>	162	Rufous Whistler	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>
132	White-browed Scrubwren	<i>Sericornis frontalis</i>	163	Grey Shrike-thrush	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>
133	Shy Heathwren	<i>Calamanthus cautus</i>	164	Crested Bellbird	<i>Oreoica gutturalis</i>
134	Rufous Fieldwren	<i>Calamanthus campestris</i>	165	Restless Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra inquieta</i>
135	Redthroat	<i>Pyrrholaemus brunneus</i>	166	Magpie-lark	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>
136	Weebill	<i>Smicronis brevirostris</i>	167	Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa</i>
137	Yellow Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza nana</i>	168	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>
138	Yellow-rumped Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza chrysorrhoa</i>	169	Australian Raven	<i>Corvus coronoides</i>
139	Chestnut-rumped Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza uropygialis</i>	170	Little Raven	<i>Corvus mellori</i>
140	Slender-billed Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza iredalei</i>	171	Little Crow	<i>Corvus bennetti</i>
141	Inland Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza apicalis</i>	172	White-winged Chough	<i>Corcorax melanorhamphos</i>
142	Brown Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza pusilla</i>	173	Apostlebird	<i>Struthidea cinerea</i>
143	Southern Whiteface	<i>Aphelocephala leucopsis</i>	174	Jacky Winter	<i>Microeca fascians</i>
144	White-browed Babbler	<i>Pomatostomus superciliosus</i>	175	Red-capped Robin	<i>Petroica goodenovii</i>
145	Chestnut-crowned Babbler	<i>Pomatostomus ruficeps</i>	176	Hooded Robin	<i>Melanodryas cucullata</i>
146	Cinnamon Quail-thrush	<i>Cinclosoma cinnamomeum</i>	177	Southern Scrub-robin	<i>Drymodes brunneopygia</i>
147	Chestnut Quail-thrush	<i>Cinclosoma castanotum</i>	178	White-backed Swallow	<i>Cheramoeca leucosterna</i>
148	Chirruping Wedgebill	<i>Psophodes cristatus</i>	179	Welcome Swallow	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>
149	Grey Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus torquatus</i>	180	Fairy Martin	<i>Petrochelidon ariel</i>
150	Pied Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i>	181	Tree Martin	<i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i>
151	Australian Magpie	<i>Cracticus tibicen</i>	182	Australian Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus australis</i>
152	Grey Currawong	<i>Strepera versicolor</i>	183	Little Grassbird	<i>Megalurus gramineus</i>
153	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	184	Brown Songlark	<i>Cincloramphus cruralis</i>
154	Masked Woodswallow	<i>Artamus personatus</i>	185	Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>
155	White-browed Woodswallow	<i>Artamus superciliosus</i>	186	Common Starling ¹	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
156	Black-faced Woodswallow	<i>Artamus cinereus</i>	187	Common Blackbird ¹	<i>Turdus merula</i>
157	Dusky Woodswallow	<i>Artamus cyanopterus</i>	188	House Sparrow ¹	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
158	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	189	Zebra Finch	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>
			190	Diamond Firetail	<i>Stagonopleura guttata</i>
			191	Australasian Pipit	<i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i>