



Write or draw  
your thoughts  
on how you  
think we can  
help to protect  
wetlands



# OSHC Zoo Adventure

## Exploring wetland birds

Do all Australian Wetland birds look the same?

As you explore the Zoo today

- Visit the Australian Rainforest and Australian Wetland Aviaries (O11 and O12 on your Zoo Map)
- Put a tick, stamp or sticker in the box next to the picture of the birds as you see them
- Look at the size and shapes of the Australian Wetland birds, bodies, beaks, wings, legs and feet.
- Think about why they are physically different even though they live in the same habitat.



Principal Partner  
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Your name:

## Australia is a great place to go bird watching... We have over 800 different kinds of birds!

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Bar Shouldered Dove

Can you find it?



Black Winged Stilt

Can you find it?



Buff Banded Rail

Can you find it?

## What would we do without Wetlands?

As well as being interesting places to visit, Wetlands;

- Help to clean and filter the water in them. As water fills and flows through the wetland area, plants filter out pollution and chemicals
- Soak up water from heavy rains, overflowing rivers and creeks protecting us from floods
- Have plants that hold on to and support wet soils, preventing land-slides and erosion
- Provide a habitat (home) for many kinds of plants and animals
- Provide humans with food and a beautiful place to visit



**Now that you know more about wetlands**

Think about what you can do to help to protect wetlands

Use the pictures of birds beaks and feet as a guide to match up and compare with the wetland birds

- Talk about the different types of food that would be available to the wetland birds
- Talk about which different areas of the wetland the birds would spend most of their time in



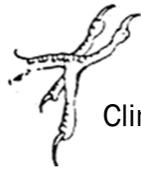
Fish eater



Insect eater



Running



Climbing



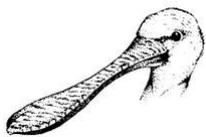
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Swimming



Wading



Omnivore



Hunting



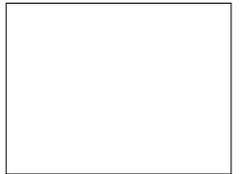
Eurasian Coot

Can you find it?



Glossy Ibis

Can you find it?



Little Pied Cormorant

Can you find it?



Pied Heron

Can you find it?



## Birds beaks and feet can give us clues about how they live and what they eat



Red Collared Lorikeet

Can you find it?



Red-tailed Black Cockatoo

Can you find it?



Royal Spoonbill

Can you find it?



Tawny Frogmouth

Can you find it?



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Nectar eater



Seed eater



Predator



Omnivore

Turn the page for more beaks and feet