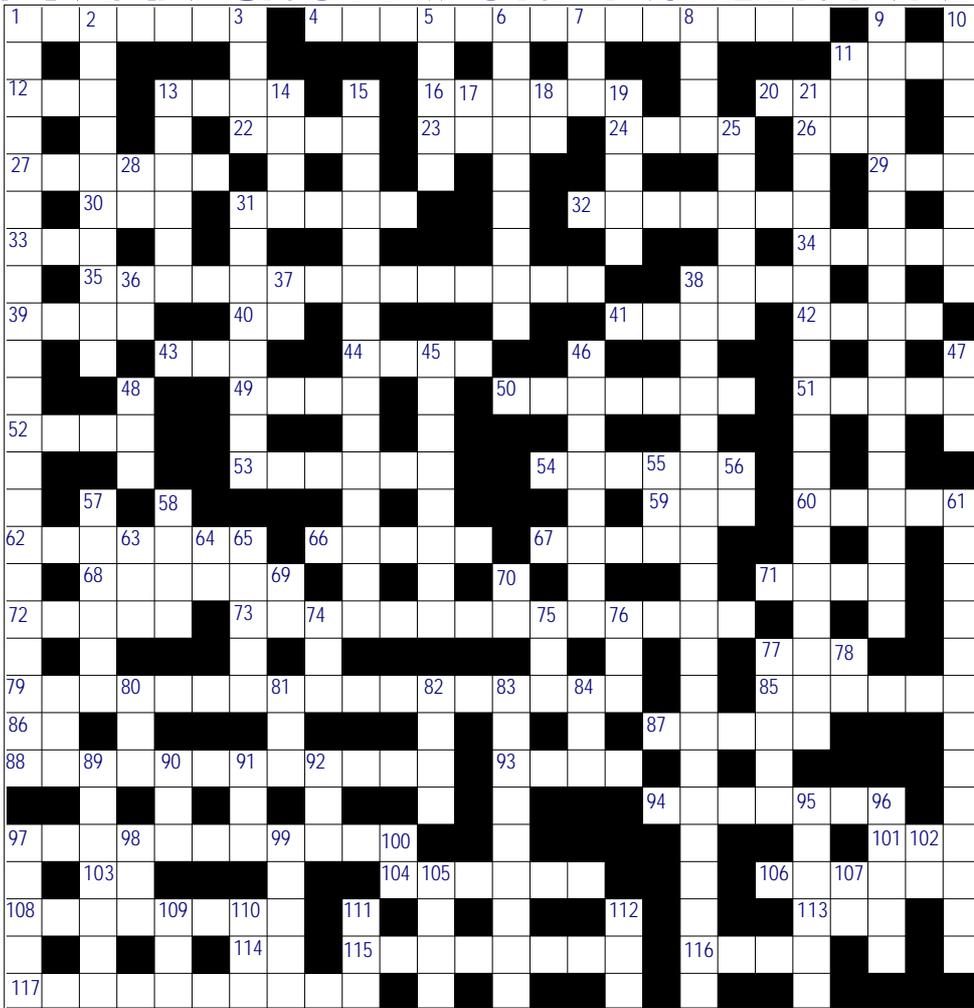


AVIAN CROSSWORD NUMBER NINE

Try your hand at this crossword, the theme of which is quality Australian birding spots birds and uncommon birds. It may help if you refer to the contents page of Sean Dooley's book, *The Big Twitch*, plus a field guide (e.g. Pizzey & Knight).



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Across clues

- 1 There's Citrine, Grey, Black-backed, Yellow-headed, Yellow-hooded and Willie... (7)
 4 Bushland west of Swan Hill renowned for its inland birds. (7,7)
 11 Sort (4)
 12 Female
 13 "contrasting dark, light or coloured bands across wing, tail or breast" (4)
 16 The Esplanade of this tropical city is a mecca for those with 'scopes wishing to see waders (6)
 20 Equipment (4)
 22 *Eudynamis scolopacea* (4)
 23 A child may fly this bird (4)
 24 Col, start passerine (4)
 26 I am, you ..., we ... Australian (3)
 27 "small mischievous elf-like creatures" (6) (ok, so what else fits!)
 29 ...Constrictor (3)
 30 Many loses start (3)
 31 "a number of birds of one kind feeding or flying together" (5)
 32 Birds Australia has converted this South Australian property into a bird sanctuary (7)
 33 Number of Toucan species in Australia (3)
 34 Eagle's nest (5)
 35 Area near the Woolamai National Park which is a home to the Regent Honeyeater (and Carol Proberts) (8,6)
 38 ..Bear, ...Rabbit (Fairy Story characters) (4)

- 39 Space, e.g. in a building (4)
 40 Negative start to Noddy (2)
 41 Galahs may eat the ... of Onion Weed, light... (4)
 42 Another name for 34 across (4)
 43 Ribbon on Bowerbird (3)
 44 ... Parrot (*Neophema petrophila*) (4)
 49 "to tear down or demolish" (4)
 50 *Stipiturus* (7)
 51 Line of hills, e.g. Iron (5)
 52 Sounds like turn (4)
 53 Usual (6)
 54 Red gum wetlands and lake north-east of Echuca-Moama, home to Superb Parrots (6)
 59 Avocet hits winner if it loses three letters (3)
 60 "suspension of hostilities" (5)
 62 South Australian conservation park 35 degrees S, 140 degrees E highly regarded for its dry country birds (6)
 66 Inside (5)
 67 Bush ... Curlew (5)
 68 "a fruit-eating bird of the family Ramphastidae of tropical America" (6)
 71 Some birders start a new bird list at the start of each (4)
 72 Noisy or Rainbow (4)
 73 Forested highland north-west of Newcastle, home of Lyrebirds, robins and thrushes (10,4)
 77 Purpose (3)
 79 Undulating plateau inland from Cairns and

- Townsville after which a species of Thornbill is named (8,9)
 85 Beach gains right and leaves a violation (6)
 86 Negative start to Noddy (2)
 87 "a number of young chicks hatched about the same time" (5)
 88 Swamp in Ingham named after owls (4,8)
 93 Feral bird from India (4)
 94 Queensland highland near Julatten renowned for its uncommon tropical birds (2,5)
 97 Few claim to have seen this rare nocturnal bird; 10 down was reserved to protect its habitat (5,6)
 101 Female bird, chook (3)
 103 Laugh in middle of Chat (2)
 104 Rock Warbler (6)
 106 Birds Australia sweeps an observatory near this town (6)
 108 *Erythronyx* or *Elsyornis* (8)
 113 Singular of 13 across (3)
 114 Myself (2)
 115 Chowchilla (8)
 116 Good birders can recognise birds by their(4)
 117 This town, famous for its Tree Kangaroos and birds, sounds like a younger borough (10)

Down clues

- 1 Its name suggests it might be an allies' hospital, but its home to Werribee's waders (7,9,5)
2 Common car, uncommon bird (4,6)
3 Fool about (4)
5 Cheeky parrot? (5)
6 Melbourne bayside suburb with a large wetland (9)
7 Trains do this on Rails? (3)
8 "roundish reproductive bodies produced by female birds with an albumen jelly encased in a shell" (4)
9 A Birds Australia reserve located alongside the Great Australian Bight (4,4,9)
10 A large and remote bird sanctuary located in the Tanami Desert (8)
11 Bitumen, .. and feathers (3)
13 The State Park near this town, the name of which is a mythical beast, is home to Sooty Owl, Powerful Owl and White-throated Nightjars (6)
14 What plants grow in (4)
15 An endangered *Manorina*, colonies of which are found in 32 across (5-5,5)
17 Artificial intelligence (initials) (1,1)
18 About start of Reeve (2)
19 An oil ... can be devastating to sea birds (5)
21 An uncommon ground-dwelling bird of heathlands between East Gippsland and Brisbane (see photo of Rufous species) (7,11)



- 25 Outstanding, ... Fairy-wren or ... Parrot (6)
28 Not out (2)
31 Uncommon ground-dwelling bird found on 94 across and in moist gullies of 79 across, often in the company of 115 across (8)
36 Morning (1,1)
37 ..be or not .. be? (2)
38 "a rich grass-green bird with a black bill, cobalt-blue forehead/face, and an olive-brown washed dark-red tail, usually in flocks of about 20 foraging on rainforest trees, bamboo or seeding grasses, sometimes on 94 across" (4-5,6-5)
45 Victorian Town located close to the Hume Freeway, the bushland around which is home to the Regent Honeyeater and Turquoise Parrot (8)
46 Locality where "Kingfisher Park Birdwatchers Lodge" is located (8)
47 White-bellied ...-Eagle (3)
48 Common ground insect (3)
55 Male person (3)
56 Male (2)
57 Mallee National Park renowned for its Regent Parrots, honeyeaters and inland birds (6)
58 *Carharacta* (4)

- 61 Tasmanian isthmus, named after the Wedgetailed Eagle, from which some pelagic trips depart (9,4)
63 Decay, Tommy ... (3)
64 Alternating current (initials) (1,1)
65 "placed under prohibition or ban, e.g. collecting eggs of the Masked Plover" (5)
69 Not applicable (1,1)
70 Street (abbreviation) (2)
75 Eggs (3)
76 Start tadpole, a ... overdone (3)
77 Home, nest (5)
78 Myself (2)
80 "the self or person" (3)
81 Zero (3)
82 Lean, record of birds observed (4)
83 Weight on headless ends of a flamingo around Binna Burra in the Border Ranges and home to Alberts Lyrebird and other tropical species (9)
84 White-fronted Chat (3)
89 Make taut (7)
90 Not dry (3)
91 Drink made from Camellia leaves popular with bird observers about elevenish (3)
92 What birds fly in (3)
95 "a type of bird song with trills, quavers or melodic embellishment" (6)
96 Sounds like waders are sure to be seen there (5)
97 Pelagic friend of "Big Ears"? (5)
98 All bird watchers should wear one on a sunny day (3)
99 Governor, measuring stick (5)
100 Turnoff (abbreviation) (1,1)
105 "amount in relation to a unit of another thing, a measurement (4)
107 Australian Award (initials) (1,1)
109 Period (3)
110 Large flightless Australian bird (3)
111 Extinct bird which follows mother across the Murray from Echuca (3)
112 The Large-tailed Nightjar is also known as ...-bird because of the sound of its calls (3)
• Lots of outstanding birding spots and endangered birds could not be included in this puzzle.

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