

Feather Fascination!

with local Birdwatcher, Jim Butler



Digital Field Guide: The joy of knowing!

Want the fun of putting a name to that beautiful bird in front of you? The Moggill Creek Catchment Group (MCCG) Website has launched the "Digital Field Guide" that will ensure you find an accurate and informative answer either on your phone or your computer!

The MCCG Guide has two Lists: Common Birds in the MCC; and Rare or Vagrant Birds in the MCC. The List of Common Birds is clearly the place to start. If you cannot find the bird you want

there, go to the second list. If you still cannot find your bird it means that you are outside the MCC! For example, the Apostlebird and the Grey-crowned Babbler are not found in the MCC but are in adjacent Catchments.

To make your search efficient the Common Bird List is divided into two sections: Water Birds (29 Species) and Land Birds (155 Species). The first column of the Lists contains thumb-nail photos of each bird, this is where you start. The bird names are arranged

alphabetically. When you think you have found the bird you want to identify, click on the thumb-nail and it will expand into a full screen photo and you can check out all the details of the bird. Then returning to the List you can get further information: "Where the bird feeds"; "What it eats"; Relevant "Feather Fascinations" articles; "Notes" – bird size, detectability, preferred habitat.

Ed Frazer's photos in this article do not have captions! The Holiday Challenge to you is to identify the birds using the Digital Field Guide. Go to the MCCG website <http://www.moggillcreek.org/> and on the left side click on "Catchment Field Guides". The answers are there! I will put up the correct answers on the website under "Latest News" in a week. Check it out! The Priceless Prize: the deep personal satisfaction of learning about wonderful birds!

Happy Christmas Birding

~ Jim

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