



Large Birds



How to be large-bird friendly:

Checklist

- Tall mature tree for perching, roosting or nesting
- Natural or artificial hollows
- Range of tall shrubs
- Range of grasses
- Water sources at different levels
- Keep your cats enclosed inside the house or in a cat run and adhere to local cat curfew laws - cats take a considerable toll on wildlife, particularly birds
- Avoid using chemicals in the garden
- Avoid the use of poison on unwanted house pests such as rats and mice
- Avoid feeding local birds
- Avoid netting trees. If you must, net responsibly and keep all netting taut on a frame or only net individual fruit

While being pretty to look at, lovely to listen to and cheeky to watch, birds play various important roles in our landscape. Some large birds may also eat other animals including lizards, frogs and small mammals. Large birds tend to have different habitat requirements to small birds. Ensuring that your garden has a lot of plant diversity will help to accommodate a wide range of species.

Please be mindful when planting trees of how they will grow and mature as this could affect the structure of your house. If you are considering installing a nest box or artificial hollow, for your safety please seek the assistance of a professional.




Some large bird species found in Whitehorse




Tawny Frogmouth

Podargus strigoides

 **Size:** 44cm

 **Call:** Soft, deep, continuous, 'ooo-ooo-ooo' sound


 **Eats:** Nocturnal insects, spiders and some small animals




Eastern Rosella

Platycercus eximius

 **Size:** 30cm

 **Call:** 'pee-pt-eee' or 'kwink kwink' when perched


 **Eats:** Seeds and fruits mostly




Laughing Kookaburra

Dacelo novaeguineae

 **Size:** 42cm

 **Call:** Loud 'koo-koo-koo-koo-kaa-kaa-kaa'

 **Eats:** Mostly insects and worms, sometimes small lizards and snakes



Suggested plants:



Trees	1	Black Sheoak (<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>)
	2	Yellow Box (<i>Eucalyptus melliodora</i>)
	3	Golden Wattle (<i>Acacia pycnantha</i>)
Shrubs	4	Tree Violet (<i>Melicytus denatus</i>)
	5	Prickly Currant Bush (<i>Coprosma quadrifida</i>)
Grass	6	Tussock Grass (<i>Poa spp.</i>)

