

Water Birds of the Loddon River



Photo: Andrew Leed

Australian White Ibis (*Threskiornis molucca*)

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- The long deep croak call "Urgkk...urgkk" you may hear at the river isn't a frog, it's me!
- I have a long curved bill that helps me to dig for worms.
- I live in a large flock and wander wetlands and rivers looking for food.
- I roost in large trees at night and build my nest in the reeds.

Breeding: June - November, 2-5 eggs



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Whistling Kite (*Haliastur sphenurus*)

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- Up in the skies my whistling call "Peee-aa-rgh, ka ke-ki-kiki..." can be heard.
- I have dark brown wings which form the shape of an 'M' when I fly.
- I build large stick nests in the tallest tree close to water.
- I feed on dead animals and sometimes catch live prey.

Breeding: July - November, 2-3 eggs



Photo: Malcolm Brown

Purple Swamphen (*Porphyrio porphyrio*)

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- "Kak...kak...kak!" - That's how I say 'hello' along the river.
- I am loud, colourful, territorial and one of the largest waterhens.
- After crashlanding into the water, I nest in reeds and graze on grass along the riverbank.
- I am omnivorous and feed on reeds, rushes, frogs, snails and even eggs. I also like ducklings when I can catch them.

Breeding: July - December, 3-8 eggs



Photo: Vanessa Murray

Yellow-billed Spoonbill (*Platalea flavipes*)

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- I am usually a silent bird but if I'm scared I will clap my bill and softly grunt.
- I have a large yellow bill, which looks like a soup spoon!
- I can be found in large flocks and roost among the trees during the day.
- I feed in shallow water by using my large bill as a net to eat up water bugs and small fish.

Breeding: August - March, 2-3 eggs



Photo: Barry Hancock

Brolga (*Grus rubicunda*)

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- I have a very loud call "Grruw...grruw" which you can hear from far away.
- I have a red head and long legs and I like to dance during the breeding season.
- I am part of a large flock that wander around wetlands and swamps.
- I feed in the water and eat all sorts of bugs and small fish.

Breeding: August - December, 2-4 eggs



Photo: Vanessa Murray

Nankeen Night Heron (*Nycticorax caledonicus*)

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- "Crooooack..." My deep croak voice is often heard at night.
- I have beautiful long white feathers that hang from my head.
- I am nocturnal and roost in well covered trees during the day.
- I feed on small fish, water bugs and grubs at night.

Breeding: September - January, 2-4 eggs

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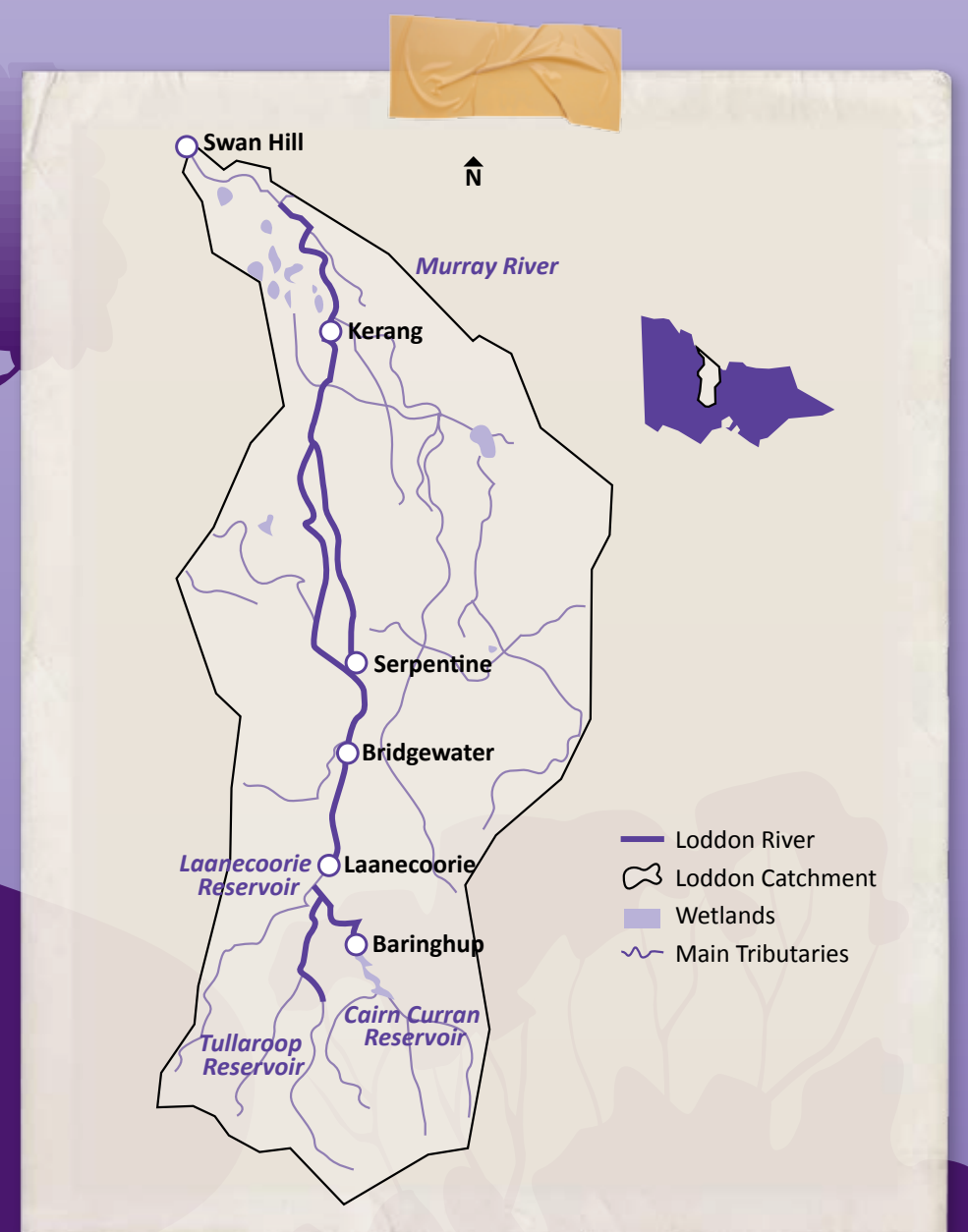
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The North Central Catchment Management Authority advises that this is not a complete list of species within the Loddon River. Please visit www.nccma.vic.gov.au to discover more about these amazing creatures.



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