# Birds you may see

## in the Capertee Valley

Approximately 242 bird species have been recorded in the Capertee Valley. Many of the birds on this list are nomadic or migratory; they may be in the valley for only a few months each year.

#### KEY: C = common in the valley; U = uncommon:

R = rare in the valley;

## I = introduced

## **Ouails**

Brown Quail C	Stubble Quail U
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Duck	s, G	eese	&	Swans	
Black	Swa	n R			

Australian Shelduck

AUSTIALIALI SHELUUCK R
Pink-eared Duck R
Australian Wood Duck C
Pacific Black Duck C
Australasian Shoveler R
Grey Teal ∪
Chestnut Teal R
Hardhead U
Blue-billed Duck R
Musk Duck R
Grebes

## Australasian Grebe C

Hoary-headed Grebe R

Ibises & Spoonbills
Australian White Ibis $\cup$
Straw-necked Ibis ∪
Glossy Ibis R
Royal Spoonbill U

#### Yellow-billed Spoonbill U Herons, Egrets & Bitterns

Little Black Cormorant U

## Welcome to the Capertee Valley

Capertee Valley is within the traditional country of the Wiradjuri people. Located on the western edge of the Blue Mountains and only three hours travel from Sydney, it is the widest enclosed valley in the world – wider and longer than the USA's Grand Canyon. The valley is recognised internationally as an Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) and one of the 50 top birdwatching places in the world.

This scenic valley encompasses the hamlets of Glen Davis, Glen Alice and Bogee and is surrounded by the Wollemi, Capertee and Gardens of Stone national parks and the Mugii Murum-ban State Conservation Area. A diversity of habitats has resulted in a proliferation of bird species finding refuge here. Surrounded on all sides by spectacular sandstone cliffs, the valley is in a transition zone where the forests of the Blue Mountains give way to the woodlands of the NSW western slopes. Vegetation varies from semirainforest to open forest, grassy woodlands and farmland grasslands. Not as heavily cleared as many other rural areas, the valley retains large areas of the critically endangered White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland. Many woodland bird species, whose populations have fallen

Great Cormorant U	
Australasian Darter R	Н
Kites, Hawks & Eagles Square-tailed Kite R	
Black-shouldered Kite C	Н
Black Kite R	Н
Whistling Kite R	Н
White-bellied Sea-Eagle R	Н
Swamp Harrier R	Н
Spotted Harrier U	Н
Grey Goshawk R	Н
Brown Goshawk U	Н
Collared Sparrowhawk U	Н
Wedge-tailed Eagle C	Н
Little Eagle U	Н
Falcons	_
Nankeen Kestrel C	
Australian Hobby U	
Brown Falcon C	
Black Falcon R	
Peregrine Falcon ∪	
Rails, Crakes & Water-hens	
Buff-banded Rail ∪	
Baillon's Crake R	
Spotless Crake R	
Purple Swamphen ∪	
Dusky Moorhen C	
Black-tailed Native-hen R	
Eurasian Coot U	
Button-quails	
Painted Button-quail C	
Red-chested Button-quail R	H
Little Button-quail R	Н
Stilts, Plovers, Waders, etc.	
Black-winged Stilt R	
Banded Lapwing R	Н
Masked Lapwing C	Н
Red-kneed Dotterel R	Н
Black-fronted Dotterel C	Н
Australian Painted Snipe R	Н
Latham's Snipe R	Н
Common Greenshank R	Н
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper R	Н
Gulls	_
Silver Gull R	
Pigeons & Doves	
Rock Dove ∪	
Spotted Dove R I	$\Box$
Brown Cuckoo-Dove R	
Common Bronzewing C	
Brush Bronzewing R	

Crested Pigeon C
Wonga Pigeon U
Diamond Dove R
Peaceful Dove C
Bar-shouldered Dove ∪
Cockatoos
Glossy Black-Cockatoo U
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo U
Gang-gang Cockatoo ∪
Galah C
Long-billed Corella R
Little Corella C
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo C
Parrots & Lorikeets
Rainbow Lorikeet R
Musk Lorikeet U
Little Lorikeet C
Crimson Rosella U
Eastern Rosella C
Red-rumped Parrot C
Turquoise Parrot ∪
Swift Parrot R
Budgerigar R
Australian King-Parrot ∪
Red-winged Parrot R
Cuckoos
Eastern Koel ∪
Channel-billed Cuckoo ∪
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo C
Black-eared Cuckoo R
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo C
Pallid Cuckoo C
Fan-tailed Cuckoo C
Brush Cuckoo U
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#### **Owls** Sooty Owl R

Australian Masked Owl R
Eastern Barn Owl U
Powerful Owl R
Barking Owl ∪
Southern Boobook C
Frogmouths & Nightjars
Tawny Frogmouth U
White-throated Nightjar U
Australian Owlet-nightjar U
Swifts
White-throated Needletail $\cup$
Fork-tailed Swift R

**Kingfishers & allies** 

Dollarbird U Laughing Kookaburra C

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## **Butcherbirds & allies**

Grey Butcherbird U Pied Butcherbird U Australian Magpie ( Pied Currawong Grey Currawong R Woodswallows

White-breasted Woodswallow R Masked Woodswallow White-browed Woodswallow Dusky Woodswallow C

## **Cuckoo-shrikes & Trillers**

Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike C White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike U Cicadabird U White-winged Triller U

# **Sittellas**

Varied Sittella U Whistlers & allies Crested Shrike-tit U Gilbert's Whistler R Golden Whistler U Rufous Whistler Grey Shrike-thrush C **Orioles** Olive-backed Oriole C

**Fantails & Monarchs** Willie Wagtail C Grey Fantail Rufous Fantail R Black-faced Monarch R Magpie-lark C Leaden Flycatcher U Satin Flycatcher R Restless Flycatcher (

## **Ravens & Crows** Little Raven U Australian Raven Australian Mudnesters White-winged Chough C Australian Robins

Eastern Yellow Robin C Hooded Robin U Jacky Winter C Rose Robin U Flame Robin U Scarlet Robin U Red-capped Robin U

#### Larks, Cisticolas, Reed-Warblers, etc.

Horsfield's Bushlark U Golden-headed Cisticola U Australian Reed-Warbler U Tawny Grassbird R Little Grassbird R Rufous Songlark C Brown Songlark U

#### White-eyes

Silvereye C **Swallows & Martins** White-backed Swallow ∪ Welcome Swallow C Fairy Martin C Tree Martin C **Starlings & Mynas** Common Myna R I Common Starling C Thrushes Bassian Thrush R Common Blackbird R Flowerpeckers Mistletoebird C **Sparrows & Finches** House Sparrow UⅠ Beautiful Firetail R Diamond Firetail Red-browed Finch Plum-headed Finch U Zebra Finch C Double-barred Finch C Chestnut-breasted Mannikin R European Goldfinch R I

Australasian Pipit C

**Pipits** 

# **Capertee** Valley

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# Map & Guide to Birdwatching

To Hunter Valley & Newcastle via Byle

Capertee Valley **Glen Alice** 

alarmingly elsewhere, remain relatively common and easily seen here.

#### **Regent Honeyeater tree planting**

Since 1994 a prime conservation focus has been extending the habitat of the critically endangered Regent Honeyeater. Nearly 300ha has been revegetated by volunteers since planting began, with over 150,000 seedlings planted on private properties across the valley. A 2013 survey found 89 species of birds in these planted areas, with ten of them being threatened species. Tree-planting weekends are held each spring and autumn and new volunteer tree-planters are always welcome; no experience necessary.

For more information about volunteer tree-plantings in the Capertee Valley contact BirdLife Australia (Sydney office) on 0296471033 or southernnsw@birdlife.org.au.

You have more chance of seeing a Regent Honeyeater in the *Capertee Valley than* anywhere else in the world. Illustration: Fiona Lumsden.





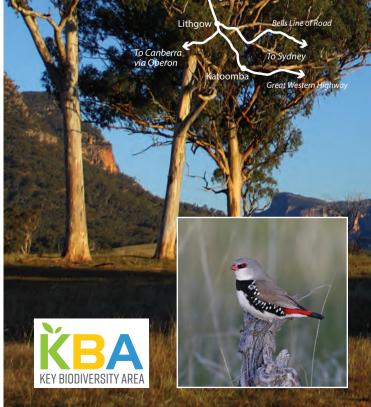








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# **Capertee Valley** bird trail

## Before you set off ...

Part of the valley's charm is its comparative isolation. There aren't any petrol stations, but there is a cafe 'From the Paddock' which is open Thursday - Sunday 9am to 3pm and, depending on your service provider and location, there may be no mobile phone coverage.

All 19 bird-watching sites shown on this map are easily accessible. A small section of the route is unsealed but suitable for 2WD vehicles. After rain you may need a 4WD vehicle to visit. Site 8.

If you wish to enter Capertee National Park (Site 14) call NPWS Mudgee office (02 6370 9000) for the padlock access code.

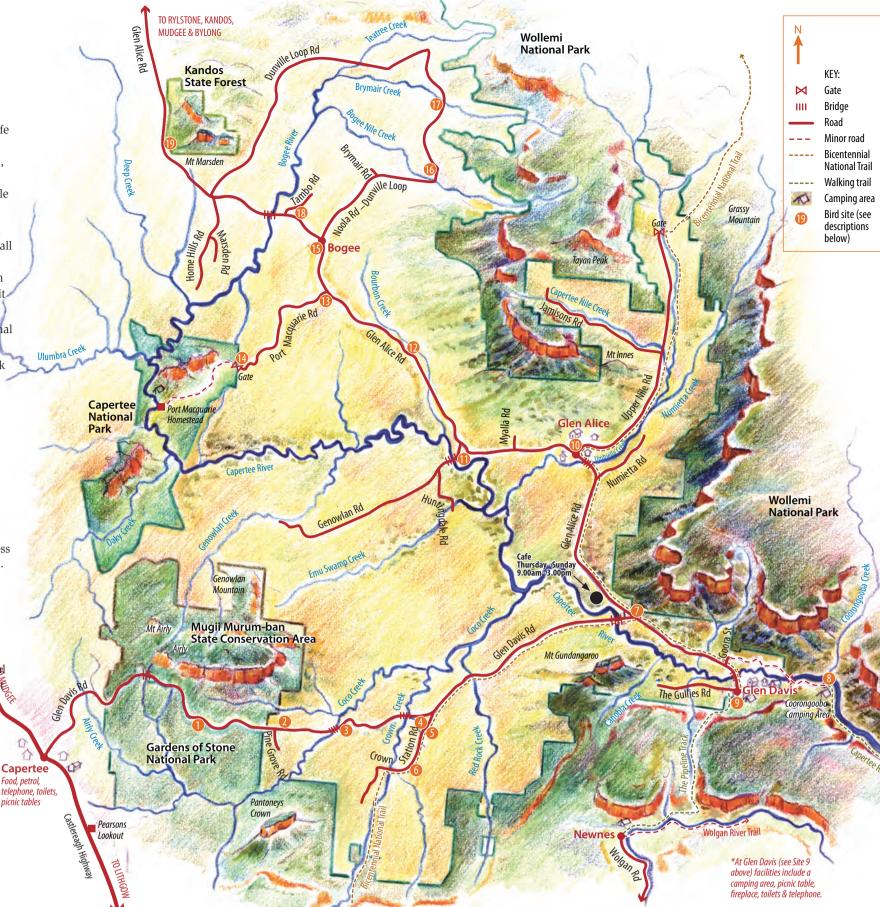
#### Please take care

- Gravel roads may be slippery
- when wet.
- Look out for cattle and wildlife.
- Park off the road.
- Don't park across gates.
- Don't stand in the middle of bridges and roads.
- Don't enter private property unless you have the owner's permission.
- Remove your own rubbish: take it with you.
- Please don't use playback, it can disrupt breeding.

#### **National Trail**

The Australian Bicentennial National Trail (BNT) is a 5,330-km self-relia multi-use route through bush, wilderness and mountain areas: www.nationaltrail.com.au

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# **Birdwatching sites**

#### (site numbers correspond to map)

Key species listed here are an example only and might not always be present at the sites listed, or might be found at other sites. Some species are widespread or sporadic and cannot be linked to particular sites.

KEY: km = running distance along main route from Capertee; GPS coordinates: gda 94;

(diversion) means a diversion off the main route, therefore no km shown

- Start: 0 km 33°08.781' S; 149°59.075' E Capertee. Heading north-west from Sydney, turn right off Castlereagh Highway (east) into Glen Davis Road
- 10.5 km 33°08.189' S; 150°03.313' E

(diversion) - 33°09.193' S; 150°08.488' E 6 2.5 km along Crown Station Road to cattle grid and junction with letterboxes Turquoise Parrot, Striped Honeyeater, White-browed Woodswallow (summer), Diamond Firetail

#### 29.2 km - 33°05.999' S; 150°13.930' E 7

Tri-intersection, Glen Alice and Glen Davis roads Rainbow Bee-eater, Rufous Songlark, Horsfield's Bushlark, White-backed Swallow (summer), Brown Falcon, Zebra Finch, Double-barred Finch

#### (diversion) - 33°07.385' S; 150°19.335' E 8

Turn right at tri-intersection for Glen Davis. After 4.6 km turn left into Goora Street then right over cattle grid to get to Coorongooba Camping Area in Wollemi National Park (5 km). 4WD may be needed depending on recent rainfall Superb Lyrebird, Rockwarbler, White-throated Gerygone, Bell Miner, Cicadabird

## 13 51.2 km - 32°59.012' S; 150°06.529' E Corner of Port Macquarie Road

Regent Honeyeater, Musk Lorikeet, Crested Shrike-tit, Hooded Robin

14 (diversion) - 33°00.529' S; 150°04.173' E Locked gate to Capertee National Park at end of Port Macquarie Road (5.8 km from intersection). To enter the park contact NPWS Mudgee (02 6370 9000) for padlock access code

Regent Honeyeater, Turquoise Parrot, Peaceful Dove

## 15 53.5 km - 32°57.831' S: 150°06.337' E

Pull-in area on left at the beginning of Noola-Dunville Loop Road (Dunville Loop is 21.3 km) Pallid Cuckoo, Grey-crowned Babbler, Western Gerygone, Painted Button-quail

RH side Gardens of Stone sign, walking track to south

Wonga Pigeon, Gang-gang Cockatoo, Red-browed Treecreeper, Eastern Whipbird

#### 2 14.4 km - 33°08.288' S; 150°06.036' E Roadside near 'Nioka' - park LH side of driveway

Little Lorikeet, Turquoise Parrot, Brown Treecreeper, Regent Honeyeater, Diamond Firetail

## 3 16.4 km - 33°08.176' S; 150°06.809' E

Coco Creek Bridge; park LH or RH side after the bridge

Turquoise Parrot, Painted Honeyeater (summer), Scarlet Honeyeater, Plum-headed Finch, Diamond Firetail, Mistletoebird

#### 4 20.2 km - 33°08.049' S; 150°09.043' E

Junction of Crown Station and Glen Davis roads Little Lorikeet, Regent Honeyeater, Black-chinned Honeyeater

#### (diversion) - 33°08.285' S; 150°08.880' E 5

0.5 km along Crown Station Road to gully with windmill Hooded Robin, White-browed Babbler, Plum-headed Finch

#### 9 (diversion) - 33°07.375' S; 150°16.900' E

From Goora Street intersection, 1 km across bridge to Glen Davis Community Centre and camping ground

Brown Treecreeper, Rockwarbler, Black-chinned Honeyeater, Speckled Warbler, Dusky Woodswallow

### 10 37.7 km - 33°02.584' S; 150°12.872' E

#### Glen Alice, behind church and around community hall

Rainbow Bee-eater, Sacred Kingfisher, Red-rumped Parrot, Grey-crowned Babbler, Crested Shrike-tit, Diamond Firetail

## 11 42.9 km - 33°02.536' S; 150°09.601' E

Left into Genowlan Road, bridge 0.8 km from intersection; park on LHS before the bridge

Little Eagle, Little Lorikeet, Striped Honeyeater, Restless Flycatcher, Olive-backed Oriole, Mistletoebird

#### 12 48.8 km - 32°59.752' S; 150°07.712' E

#### Side track on RH side of Glen Alice Road to 'Yanderra' gate

Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater, White-browed Babbler, Hooded Robin, Plum-headed Finch

16 (diversion) - 32°56.125' S; 150°09.141' E 6.9 km along Dunville Loop, park on LH side among White Box and walk 1 km to grid and end of forest Gang-gang Cockatoo, Noisy Friarbird

#### 17 (diversion) - 32°54.590' S; 150°09.308' E 9.8 km along Dunville Loop - near creek crossing and windmill

Flame Robin, Yellow-rumped Thornbill

### 18 54.8 km - 32°57.335' S; 150°05.760' E Pull-in area on RH side

Western Gerygone, Speckled Warbler, Buff-rumped Thornbill, Painted Button-quail

#### 19 62 km - 32°54.560' S; 150°02.292' E

Kandos State Forest, entrance gate on RH side (sometimes closed)

Musk Lorikeet, Glossy Black-Cockatoo, Weebill, chance of crakes at the reedy dam