

National Exotic Bird Registration Scheme

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The NEBRS provides a national approach for registering classified exotic birds throughout Australia. This scheme comes under the *Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1982* and is administered by Environment Australia. It came into force as of 2 October 1996.

The aims of the scheme are as follows:

- To hinder smuggling of exotic birds into Australia by making it harder to launder illegal birds through the enforcement of record keeping requirements
- Assist Australia to meet its obligation to CITES (Convention in International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora & Fauna). It allows the development of captive breeding programs to export live birds as specified by CITES.
- Prevent the establishment of additional pest species in Australia.
- Reduce the threat of introducing exotic avian diseases.
- Provide knowledge of the types and numbers of classified exotic birds in Australia & may assist in identification of exotic birds that may have been stolen.
- Facilitates consumer confidence in the legal status & origin of birds being purchased or traded and supports legal importation of live exotic birds, resulting in greater genetic diversity.

The development & implementation of the scheme has been overseen by the Exotic Birds Committee, which provides advice to the Minister on the operation of the scheme. The EBC currently has 7 members including a Chairperson all of whom have been appointed by The Minister. The members consist of representatives from aviculture, zoos & wildlife parks, State & Territory Agencies, AQIS, non-government conservation groups, commercial bird breeders & expert ornithologists. The committee's recommendations must be referred to the Federal Minister for the Environment for a final decision.

A list of species to be exempted from registration has been drawn up. This list considered the relative pest potential, conservation status & potential danger to humans of each exotic avian species. Also its likelihood of being a targeted species for smuggling, its numbers in Australian aviaries & its ability to hybridise with native birds. Species exempt from Registration (Schedule 9 to the Act) can be found in Appendix I.

The scheme requires that people possessing registrable birds must obtain a registration certificate which currently costs a flat rate of \$30 per annum. A registration certificate is also required by people wishing to purchase a registrable bird before the purchase can take place, if they do not already possess one.

Registrants are required to record details of numbers of individual birds in each species that they hold, any trades, transfers, hatchings or deaths. Details of same must be provided in an annual return which must be sent in if the holder wishes to renew their registration & thus continue to hold the birds. Currently there are approximately 1000 registration certificate holders Australia-wide.

There are 5 offences which apply under the scheme.

- possession of unregistered classified exotic birds ie possession of birds not
- on schedule 9;
- failure to maintain records;
- falsifications to, or omissions from, record books;
- transfer of registered birds to an unregistered person; and
- failure to supply annual returns of records.

Environment Australia administers the registration scheme. The Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) in Western Australia and the Department of Agriculture in New South Wales work closely with the Commonwealth to administer the scheme in their respective states.

Enforcement is via the federal bodies of the Australian Customs Service or the Australian Federal Police, or via local wildlife or agriculture authorities.

Appendix II lists the exotic bird species & the numbers registered under NEBRS, including the number of holders as of 14 May 1999. There were 7864 birds of 137 species, including hybrids. Please note that these figures do not include details from 125 registrations which were overdue at the time.

Further details can be obtained by writing to NEBRS, Wildlife Protection, Environment Australia, GPO Box 787, Canberra, ACT 2601. Ph: 02 6274 2302. Fax: 02 6274 1921; Email: wp-s~ea.gov.au

The presentation at this conference will concentrate on identification of some of these species.

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Appendix I

Schedule 9: *Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports & Imports) Act 1982 (the Act)*

The Schedule 9 lists Exotic Birds which are not classified as Exotic Birds for the purposes of the Exotic Bird Registration Scheme which entered into effect 2 October 1996. The original text of Schedule 9 was published in the *Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Amendment Act 1995*. This schedule will be amended from time to time. Please attempt to obtain the latest Gazetted Schedule 9 for sure and accurate reference. The list below includes amendments made on 25 October 1997 affecting 6 birds and which take effect from 1 November 1997.

EXOTIC BIRDS THAT ARE NOT CLASSIFIED EXOTIC BIRDS

<i>Struthio camelus</i>	Ostrich
<i>Anser cygnoides</i>	Chinese goose, Swan goose
<i>Anser anser</i>	Greytag and all domestic strains of geese
<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	Egyptian goose
<i>Tadorna variegata</i>	Paradise shelduck
<i>Cairina moschata</i>	Muscovy duck
<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	Turkey
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Mallard and all strains of domestic duck
<i>Aythya novaeseelandiae</i>	New Zealand Scaup
<i>Lophortyx californica</i>	California quail
<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	Northern bobwhite
<i>Alectoris chukar</i>	Chukar Partridge
<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Common quail
<i>Coturnix chinensis</i>	King quail, chinese painted quail
<i>Coturnix japonica</i>	Japanese quail
<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Red junglefowl -All strains of domestic chicken
<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>	Kalij pheasant
<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>	Silver pheasant
<i>Lophura swinhoii</i>	Swinhoe's pheasant
<i>Lophura diardi</i>	Siamese pheasant
<i>Syrnaticus reevesii</i>	Reeve's pheasant
<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Common pheasant
<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>	Golden pheasant
<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>	Lady Amherst's pheasant
<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	Indian peafowl
<i>Pavo muticus</i>	Green peafowl
<i>Numida meleagris</i>	Helmeted guineafowl
<i>Columba livia</i>	Rock pigeon, Common pigeon, Fancy pigeon
<i>Streptopelia "risoria"</i>	Ringed turtle dove
<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	Spotted dove
<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	Laughing dove
<i>Oena capensis</i>	Masked dove, Caped Harlequin, Namaqua dove.
<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	Talpacoti, Ruddy ground dove
<i>Gallicolumba luzonica</i>	Luzon bleeding heart pigeon
<i>Gallicolumba jobiensis</i>	New guinea, - White bibbed ground dove
<i>Eclectus roratus polychloros</i>	Red-sided Eclectus parrot
<i>Eclectus roratus solomonensis</i>	Solomon Island Eclectus parrot
<i>Cyanoramphus novaezelandiae</i>	Red-fronted kakariki
<i>Cyanoramphus auriceps auriceps</i>	Yellow-fronted kakariki
<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>	Peach-faced lovebird
<i>Agapornis fischeri</i>	Fischer's lovebird
<i>Agapornis personata</i>	Masked lovebird
<i>Agapornis lilianae</i>	Nyasa lovebird
<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	Alexandrine parrot
<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	Rose-ringed, Indian ring-necked parrot
<i>Psittacula himalayana</i>	Slaty-headed parrot

<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	Plum-headed parrot
<i>Aratinga jandaya</i>	Janday conure
<i>Aratinga solstitialis</i>	Sun conure
<i>Nandayus nenday</i>	Nanday conure
<i>Myopsitta monachus</i>	Monk parrot
<i>Turdus merula</i>	Eurasian blackbird
<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Song thrush
<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>	Jacarina, Blue-black grassquit
<i>Tiaris canora</i>	Cuban grassquit
<i>Serinus canaria</i>	Canary
<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>	Yellow-fronted canary, Green singing finch
<i>Serinus flaviventris</i>	Yellow canary
<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	European greenfinch
<i>Carduelis sinica</i>	Oriental greenfinch
<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	European goldfinch
<i>Carduelis magellania</i>	Black-headed siskin
<i>Pytilia phoenicoptera</i>	Red-winged Pytilia, Aurora
<i>Pytilia hypogrammica lopezi</i>	Red-faced Aurora
<i>Pytilia hypogrammica</i>	Yellow-winged pytilia
<i>Pytilia melba</i>	Green-winged pytilia, Melba finch
<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	Red-billed firefinch
<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>	Blue-breasted cordonbleu
<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>	Red-cheeked cordonbleu
<i>Uraeginthus cyanocephala</i>	Blue-capped cordonbleu
<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	St Helena, Common waxbill
<i>Amandava amandava amandava</i>	Red avadavat
<i>Amandava amandava punicea</i>	Red strawberry finch
<i>Amandava formosa</i>	Green Strawberry, green avadat
<i>Amandava subflava</i>	Zebra waxbill, Orange breasted waxbill
<i>Erythrura psittacea</i>	Red-throated parrot finch, red faced parrot finch
<i>Erythrura trichroa</i>	Blue-faced parrot finch (excluding <i>Erythrura sigillifera</i>)
<i>Lonchura malabarica</i>	White-throated silverbill
<i>Lonchura bicolor</i>	Rufous backed Munia, Black and white munia
<i>Lonchura leucogastroides</i>	White-bellied, Javan munia
<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	Spice finch, scaly-breasted munia
<i>Lonchura malacca malacca</i>	Black-headed munia, black-headed nun.
<i>Lonchura malacca ferruginosa</i>	Chestnut Munia
<i>Lonchura malacca atricapilla</i>	Southern black-headed munia
<i>Lonchura maja</i>	White-headed munia
<i>Lonchura domestica</i>	Bengalese Mannikin
<i>Lonchura cantans</i>	Silverbill
<i>Padda oryzivora</i>	Java sparrow
<i>Amandina erythrocephala</i>	Red-headed Finch, Aberdeen finch
<i>Amandina fasciata</i>	Cut throat finch
<i>Passer domesticus</i>	House sparrow
<i>Passer montanus</i>	Eurasian tree sparrow
<i>Foudia madagascariensis</i>	Madagascar Fody
<i>Foudia eminentissima</i>	Red-headed fody
<i>Euplectes orix orix</i>	Red bishop, Grenadier weaver
<i>Euplectes orix franciscana</i>	Orange bishop weaver
<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>	Red-shouldered whydah, Fan tailed widow bird
<i>Vidua macroura</i>	Pin tailed whydah
<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Common starling
<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Common myna
<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	Red-whiskered bulbul
<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Common skylark

Appendix II

List of classified exotic bird species and numbers of holders registered under NEBRS, including the number of holders, 14 May 1999.

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	Birds	Registered
Anseriformes			
<i>Aix galericulata</i>	Mandarin Duck	126	29
<i>Aix sponsa</i>	Wood Duck	4	2
<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Canada Goose	74	12
<i>Cygnus olor</i>	Mute Swan	108	27
<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	Ruddy Shelduck	115	27
<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Canada goose	74	12
Ciconiiformes			
<i>Phoenicopterus chilensis</i>	Chilean Flamingo	5	2
<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	Greater Flamingo	1	1
Columbiformes			
<i>Goura victoria</i>	Victoria Crowned-Pigeon	2	1
<i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>	Nicobar Pigeon	72	10
<i>Streptopelia decaoto</i>	Collared Turtle-dove	2	1
<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>	Red Collared-Dove	69	10
Falconiformes			
<i>Vultur gryphus</i>	Andean Condor	4	2
Galliformes			
<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>	Black Francolin		
<i>Lophophorus impejanus</i>	Himalayan Monal	1	1
<i>Lophura edwardsi</i>	Edwards Pheasant	2	2
<i>Mitu tuberosa</i>	Razor-billed Curassow	2	1
<i>Mitu tuberosa</i>	Razor-billed curassow	5	2
Passeriformes			
<i>Amandava formosa</i>	Green Avadavat	151	22
<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	Eurasian Linnet	8	3
<i>Carduelis cucullata</i>	Red Siskin	1013	159
<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	Common Redpoll	37	6

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Carduelis notata	Black-headed Siskin	2	1
Carduelis spinoides	Yellow-breasted Greenfinch	131	15
Carduelis spinus	Eurasian Siskin	81	7
Carpodacus mexicanus	House Finch	16	2
Carpodacus purpureus	Purple Finch	8	2
Copsychus malabaricus	White-rumped Shama	3	1
Copsychus saularis	Oriental Magpie-Robin	2	1
Coryphospingus cucullatus	Red-crested Finch	14	2
Erythrura cyaneovirens	Red-headed Parrotfinch	25	1
Erythrura pealii	Fiji Parrotfinch	3	1
Erythrura tricolor	Tricolored Parrotfinch	175	23
Erythrura trichroa X E. tricolor	Blue-faced parrotfinch x tricoloured parrotfinch	1	1
Estrilda caerulescens	Lavender waxbill	2	1
Estrilda melpoda	Orange-cheeked Waxbill	46	4
Estrilda troglodytes	Black-rumped Waxbill	28	2
Euplectes afer	Yellow-crowned Bishop	41	6
Euschistospiza dybowskii	Dybowskis Twinspot	165	25
Fringilla coelebs	Chaffinch	188	50
Leiothrix argentea	Silver-eared Mesia	29	6
Leiothrix lutea	Red-billed Leiothrix	122	37
Paroaria coronata	Red-crested Cardinal	47	13
Passer flaveolus	Plain-backed Sparrow	4	1
Passer luteus	Sudan Golden-Sparrow	584	108
Serinus atrogularis	Southern Yellow-rumped Seedeater	46	9
Serinus dorsostriatus	White-bellied Canary	1	1
Serinus serinus	European Serin	14	4
Serinus xanthopygius	Abyssinian Yellow-rumped Seedeater	18	4
Sicalis flaveola	Saffron Finch	102	28
Uraeginthus granatina	Common Grenadier	59	8
Uraeginthus ianthinogaster	Purple Grenadier	16	3

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Lonchura fringilloides	Magpie Mannikin	6	1
Vidua paradisaea	Paradise wydah	3	1
Psittaciformes			
Agapornis nigrigenis	Black-cheeked Lovebird	16	2
Alisterus amboinensis	Moluccan King-Parrot	3	1
Amazona aestiva	Blue-fronted Parrot	131	24
Amazona albifrons	White-fronted Parrot	6	3
Amazona amazonica	Orange-winged Parrot	9	5
Amazona auropalliata	Yellow-naped Parrot	32	5
Amazona autumnalis	Red-lored Amazon	4	2
Amazona brasiliensis	Red-tailed parrot	3	1
Amazona finschi	Lilac-crowned Parrot	7	4
Amazona leucocephala	Cuban Parrot	2	1
Amazona ochrocephala	Yellow-headed Amazon	115	14
Amazona viridigenalis	Red-crowned Parrot	8	2
Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus	Hyacinth Macaw	12	4
Ara ambigua	Great Green Macaw	2	1
Ara ararauna	Blue and Gold Macaw	285	120
Ara auricollis	Yellow-collared Macaw	14	3
Ara chloropterus	Green-winged Macaw	104	30
Ara macao	Scarlet Macaw	124	44
Ara manilata	Red-bellied Macaw	4	1
Ara maracana	Blue-winged Macaw	5	3
Ara militaris	Military Macaw		
Ara nobilis	Red-shouldered Macaw	88	16
Ara rubrogenys	Red-fronted Macaw	9	4
Ara severa	Chestnut-fronted Macaw	5	4
Aratinga acuticaudata	Blue-crowned Parakeet	10	3

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<i>Aratinga aurea</i>	Golden-crown Conure	92	18
<i>Aratinga auricapilla</i>	Golden-capped Parakeet	5	2
<i>Aratinga auricapilla</i> x <i>A. jandaya</i>	Golden-capped Parakeet x Janday conure	4	1
<i>Aratinga guarouba</i>	Golden Parakeet	25	10
<i>Aratinga weddellii</i>	Dusky-headed Parakeet	6	2
<i>Bolborhynchus lineola</i>	Barred Parakeet	11	2
<i>Cacatua alba</i>	White Cockatoo	17	5
<i>Cacatua moluccensis</i>	Salmon-crested Cockatoo	9	5
<i>Chalcopsitta atra</i>	Black Lory	8	2
<i>Chalcopsitta atra</i> x <i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Black Lory x Rainbow Lorikeet	5	2
<i>Chalcopsitta cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Lory	1	1
<i>Chalcopsitta cardinalis</i> x <i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Cardinal Lory x Rainbow Lorikeet	3	1
<i>Cyanoliseus patagonus</i>	Burrowing Parakeet	20	7
<i>Deropterus accipitrinus</i>	Red-fan Parrot	5	2
<i>Eclectus roratus</i>	Eclectus Parrot	36	12
<i>Eos bornea</i>	Red Lory	198	49
<i>Eos cyanogenia</i>	Black-winged Lory	7	2
<i>Eos histrio</i>	Red-and-blue Lory	19	7
<i>Eos reticulata</i>	Blue-streaked Lory	13	2
<i>Eos squamata</i>	Violet-necked Lory	5	2
<i>Forpus coelestis</i>	Pacific Parrotlet	1	1
<i>Neopsittacus musschenbroekii</i>	Yellow-billed Lorikeet	2	1
<i>Loriculus galgulus</i>	Blue-crowned Hanging-Parrot	3	1
<i>Lorius chlorocercus</i>	Yellow-bibbed Lory	57	16
<i>Lorius domicella</i>	Purple-naped Lory	4	2
<i>Lorius garrulus</i>	Chattering Lory	156	51
<i>Lorius lory</i>	Black-capped Lory	114	14

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Phigys solitarius	Collared Lory	3	1
Pionites leucogaster	White-bellied Parrot	5	1
Pionites melanocephala	Black-headed Parrot	63	9
Pionus chalcopterus	Bronze-winged Parrot	1	1
Poicephalus gulielmi	Red-fronted Parrot	7	2
Poicephalus meyeri	Meyers Parrot	3	1
Poicephalus rufiventris	Red-bellied Parrot	7	2
Poicephalus senegalus	Senegal Parrot	34	11
Pseudeos fuscata	Dusky Lory	121	25
Psittacula alexandri	Red-breasted Parakeet	606	121
Psittacula columboides	Malabar Parakeet	226	42
Psittacula derbiana	Derbyan Parakeet	417	109
Psittacula roseata	Blossom-headed Parakeet	2	1
Psittacus erithacus	African Grey Parrot	217	76
Psitteuteles goldiei	Goldies Lorikeet	6	2
Pyrrhura cruentata	Blue-throated Conure	23	7
Pyrrhura egregia	Fiery-shouldered Parakeet	7	2
Pyrrhura frontalis	Maroon-bellied Conure	54	17
Pyrrhura leucotis	White-eared Parakeet	7	1
Pyrrhura melanura	Maroon-tailed Conure	9	2
Pyrrhura molinae	Green-cheeked Parakeet	310	56
Pyrrhura perlata	Pearly Parakeet	8	3
Pyrrhura picta	Painted Parakeet	13	3
Pyrrhura rhodogaster	Crimson-bellied Parakeet	7	2
Pyrrhura rupicola	Black-capped Parakeet	15	5
Rhynchopsitta pachyrhyncha	Thick-billed Parrot	1	1
Trichoglossus euteles	Olive-headed Lorikeet	6	2
Trichoglossus haematodus	Rainbow Lorikeet	45	11

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Trichoglossus johnstoniae	Mindanao Lorikeet	2	1
Trichoglossus ornatus	Ornate Lorikeet	5	1
Rheiformes			
Rhea americana	Greater Rhea	22	5
Struthioniformes			
Apteryx australis	Brown Kiwi	2	1
Total number of species		137	
Total number of birds and registrations		7864	