Wildlife of the City of Adelaide

The City of Adelaide has diverse habitats for wildlife to live, feed and seek shelter including parklands, waterways, street trees, cemeteries, and gardens. From colourful Rainbow Lorikeets and Flying-Foxes to rare butterflies and seasonal rain moths, Adelaide has an incredible array of wildlife.

Common Brushtail Possum
Raises its young in a pouch, then shelters with them in tree hollows.



Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo
An occasional visitor, recognised by its yellow cheek patches and tail.





Chequered Copper Butterfly
A rare butterfly whose caterpillars depend on native sorrel and small black ants.

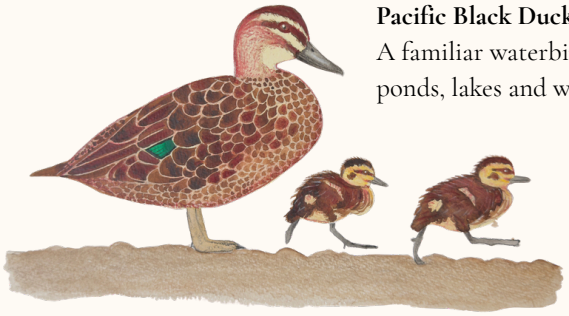


Crested Pigeon
A native pigeon whose wings make a clapping sound as it takes flight.



Eastern Bluetongue
A garden-dwelling lizard that shows its bright blue tongue when threatened.

Pacific Black Duck
A familiar waterbird found on ponds, lakes and wetlands.







Rain Moth
Emerges from the soil as an adult moth in autumn.

Grey-headed Flying-fox
A vulnerable native bat that roosts in large colonies called camps.



Rainbow Lorikeet
A colourful, noisy parrot commonly seen throughout the city.



Australian White Ibis
Often seen feeding around wetlands and parks.

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Wherever your adventures take you, we encourage you to connect with Traditional Owners to learn more about the significance of the plants, animals and landscape.

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