



Eurasian Wigeon
Anas penelope

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English name : Eurasian Wigeon

Scientific name : *Anas penelope*

Features

- ♦ Medium-sized duck, about 48 cm long.
- ♦ Grey beak (mouthpart) with black tip.
- ♦ Swim with webbed feet, like wearing a pair of fins.
- ♦ Males moult into their breeding plumage in spring, with brown head and milky yellow forehead.

Status & Habitats

- ♦ Common winter visitors.
- ♦ Found in freshwater and brackish wetlands.

Habits & Fun

- ♦ Enjoy staying in groups, with a loud “bill-bill-” call.

Facts

- ♦ Able to take off in water or on land when disturbed.
- ♦ Mainly feed on aquatic plants.

Observation

- ♦ Riverside Hide and Mudflat Hide

Areas in the Park



Northern Pintail
Anas acuta

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English name : Northern Pintail

Scientific name : *Anas acuta*

- Features
- ♦ Medium to large-sized duck, about 55 cm long.
 - ♦ Narrow long neck and sharp long tails.
 - ♦ Males have a contrasting deep brown head and a white neck.
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- Status & Habitats
- ♦ Common winter visitors.
 - ♦ Mainly found in brackish and freshwater wetlands.
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- Habits & Fun
- ♦ Mainly feed on aquatic plants, insects and small fishes.

- Facts
- ♦ Upends when feeding in shallow waters, forming an up-side-down posture in the water.
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- Observation
- ♦ Riverside Hide and Mudflat Hide
- Areas in the Park
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Black-faced Spoonbill
Platalea minor

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English name : Black-faced Spoonbill

Scientific name : *Platalea minor*

Features

- ♦ Large waterbird, about 76 cm long.
 - ♦ White plumage with black face and legs. The beak (mouthpart) resembles a spoon or a Chinese musical instrument, 'pi pa'.
 - ♦ Yellow crest and neck in the breeding season.
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Status & Habitats

- ♦ Common winter visitors. Had been recorded in Deep Bay. They can also be found in Northern China and Korea.
 - ♦ Found in brackish and freshwater wetlands, such as estuaries.
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Habits & Fun

Facts

- ♦ Mainly feed on fishes and other aquatic animals in shallow waters.
 - ♦ Use the spoon-shaped beak to sweep sideways in the water when feeding.
 - ♦ An endangered bird species with about 4000 individuals left.
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Observation

Areas in the Park

- ♦ Viewing Gallery of Visitor Centre, Riverside Hide and Mudflat Hide
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Black-crowned Night Heron
Nycticorax nycticorax

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English name : Black-crowned Night Heron

Scientific name : *Nycticorax nycticorax*

- Features
- ♦ Medium-sized heron, about 61 cm long.
 - ♦ Adults have a dark blue cap and back contrasting with the remainder of the body greyish white.
 - ♦ Develop 2 to 3 elongated nape feathers during the breeding season for courtship display.
 - ♦ Juveniles have white spots on the brown body.
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- Status & Habitats
- ♦ Most are residents but some are winter visitors.
 - ♦ Widely spread in Hong Kong.
 - ♦ Found in wetlands such as swamps, rivers and ponds.
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- Habits & Fun
- Facts
- ♦ Mainly feed on fish and other aquatic animals, such as frogs.
 - ♦ Often stay around the waterside and wait for their prey.
 - ♦ Make a “wa~wa~” call and fly off when disturbed.
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- Observation
- Areas in the Park
- ♦ Riverside Hide and Mudflat Hide
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Bleeding plumage



Chinese Pond Heron
Ardeola bacchus

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English name : Chinese Pond Heron

Scientific name : *Ardeola bacchus*

Features

- ◆ Small heron, about 46 cm long.
 - ◆ Yellow beak (mouthpart) and legs. Brown body with streaks on head, neck and breast.
 - ◆ The head and back turn into wine red and greyish blue respectively during the breeding season.
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Status & Habitats

- ◆ Common and widespread residents in Hong Kong.
 - ◆ Found in shallow waters of mangroves, swamps, paddies, fish ponds and rivers.
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Habits & Fun

- ◆ Mainly feed on insects, fishes and crustaceans.

Facts

- ◆ Wade in shallow waters to prey.
 - ◆ Perch and nest on trees.
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Observation

- ◆ Life Zone, Riverside Hide and Mudflat Hide

Areas in the Park



Grey Heron
Ardea cinerea

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English Name : Grey Heron

Scientific Name : *Ardea cinerea*

- Features
- ♦ Large heron, about 98 cm long.
 - ♦ Covered in black, white and grey with a black stripe on head.
 - ♦ Juveniles are mainly pale grey.
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- Status & Habitats
- ♦ Common residents and winter visitors.
 - ♦ Commonly found in freshwater and brackish wetlands.
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Habits & Fun

- ♦ Hunt solitarily.

- Facts
- ♦ Usually stand and wait for their prey around the waterside.
 - ♦ Have a “Kwok~kwok~” call.
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- Observation
Areas in the Park
- ♦ Riverside Hide, Mudflat Hide and Fishpond Hide
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Great Egret
Ardea alba

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English Name : Great Egret

Scientific Name : *Ardea alba*

Features

- ◆ Large egret, about 90cm long.
- ◆ All-white plumage with a long neck. Beak (mouthpart) is yellow, and it turns black in the breeding season. Black legs and toes.
- ◆ The gape line extends behind the eyes.

Status & Habitats

- ◆ Common and widespread residents and winter visitors in Hong Kong.
- ◆ Found in streams, brackish and freshwater wetlands.

Habits & Fun

- ◆ Often stand and wait along the shore and prey on fishes in shallow waters.

Facts

- ◆ The neck forms a “S” shape in flight.
- ◆ Make a “ar~ar~” call and fly off when disturbed.

Observation

- ◆ Riverside Hide, Mudflat Hide and Fishpond Hide.

Areas in the Park



Little Egret
Egretta garzetta

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English name : Little Egret

Scientific name : *Egretta garzetta*

Features

- ♦ Small egret, about 61 cm long.
 - ♦ White all over. Long and slender neck. Black beak (mouthpart) and legs with yellow toes.
 - ♦ A pair of nape feathers appears in the breeding season.
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Status & Habitats

- ♦ Common residents, widely spread throughout the coastal areas in Hong Kong.
 - ♦ Found in streams, brackish and freshwater wetlands, urban areas and coastal areas.
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Habits & Fun

- ♦ Mainly feed on fishes.

Facts

- ♦ Often stay at the waterside and wait for their prey.
 - ♦ Have a harsh “ah-ah” call.
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Observation

- ♦ Riverside Hide, Mudflat Hide and Fishpond Hide

Areas in the Park



Great Cormorant
Phalacrocorax carbo



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English name : Great Cormorant

Scientific name : *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Features

- ♦ Large waterbird, about 86 cm long.
 - ♦ Black all over with yellow cheek and a hooked beak (mouthpart).
 - ♦ Webbed feet for swimming and diving.
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Status & Habitats

- ♦ Common winter visitors, thousands of individuals come to Hong Kong every year.
 - ♦ Found in brackish and freshwater wetlands and coastal areas.
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Habits & Fun

- ♦ Dive to capture fishes.

Facts

- ♦ Their feathers are specialized for diving and can absorb water easily, which can reduce the buoyance. Their webbed feet act as powerful propellers underwater.
 - ♦ Love sunbathing with their wings spread open on shore after diving to dry their wet feathers.
 - ♦ Live in groups and often fly in V-formation.
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Observation

- ♦ Viewing Gallery of Visitor Centre, Riverside Hide and Mudflat Hide

Areas in the Park

White-breasted Waterhen
Amaurornis phoenicurus

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English name : White-breasted Waterhen

Scientific name : *Amauornis phoenicurus*

- Features
- ♦ Large rail, about 33 cm long.
 - ♦ Adults: face to upper belly is white, back is brownish grey and vent is bright chestnut-coloured.
 - ♦ Juveniles: chin, throat and sides of breast are dull brown, and have long toes similar to adults.
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- Status & Habitats
- ♦ Common and widespread residents in Hong Kong.
 - ♦ Found in brackish and freshwater wetlands, streams, open countries and urban areas.
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- Habits & Fun
- ♦ Mainly feed on insects and fishes.

- Facts
- ♦ The head moves back-and-forth and the tail flicks when walking.
 - ♦ Have a loud “Kuo-oa, kuo-oa” call.
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- Observation
- ♦ Riverside Hide and around Wetland Discovery Centre

Areas in the Park

Black-winged Stilt
Himantopus himantopus

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English name : Black-winged Stilt

Scientific name : *Himantopus himantopus*

Features

- ◆ Medium-sized wader, about 37 cm long.
 - ◆ Black back and wings, with head, neck, tail and belly in white.
 - ◆ Slender body with a pair of long pink legs.
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Status & Habitats

- ◆ Common spring and autumn passage migrants and uncommon winter visitors.
 - ◆ Found in brackish and freshwater wetlands.
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Habits & Fun

- ◆ Mainly feed on small fishes, insects and tadpoles.

Facts

- ◆ They can feed in deeper waters because of their long legs.
 - ◆ They build small nests near water. Breeding has been recorded in Hong Kong Wetland Park.
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Observation

- ◆ Riverside Hide and Mudflat Hide

Areas in the Park



Pied Avocet

Recurvirostra avosetta



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English name : Pied Avocet

Scientific name : *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Features

- ♦ Medium-sized wader, about 44 cm long.
- ♦ Black beak (mouthpart), slender and up-curved.
- ♦ Distinctive black-and-white plumage.

Status & Habitats

- ♦ Very common winter visitors.
- ♦ Mainly found in brackish wetlands.

Habits & Fun

- ♦ Swing the beak in shallow water to look for prey when feeding.

Facts

- ♦ Mainly feed on small aquatic animals, such as shrimps and snails.

Observation

- ♦ Riverside Hide and Mudflat Hide

Areas in the Park

Spotted Dove
Spilopelia chinensis



Sound of
Spotted Dove

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English name : Spotted Dove

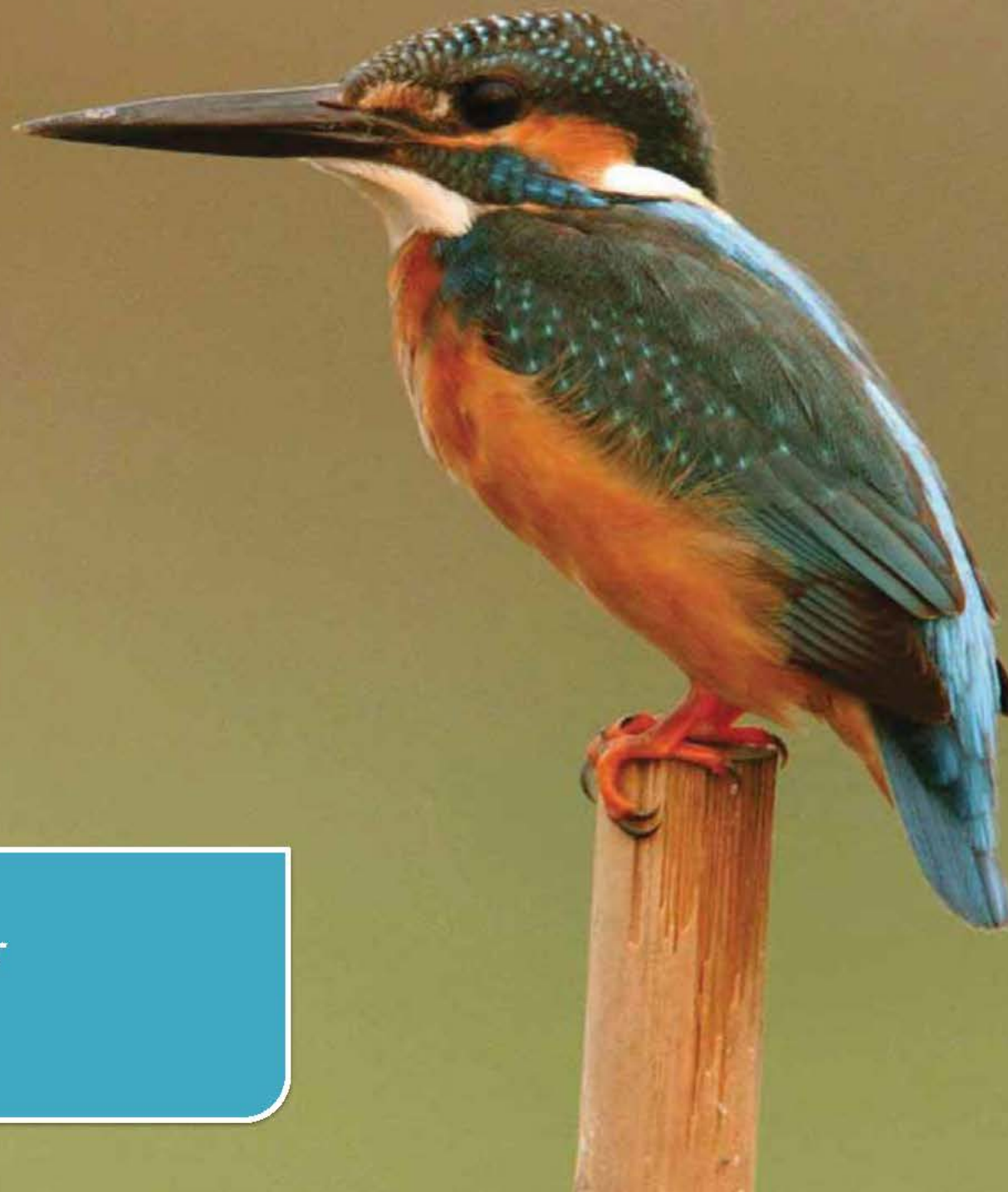
Scientific name : *Spilopelia chinensis*

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- Features
- ♦ Medium-sized bird, about 30 cm long.
 - ♦ Brown plumage with dense white spots on the black hind neck.
 - ♦ Juveniles do not have such neck spots.

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- Status & Habitats
- ♦ Very common and widespread residents in Hong Kong.
 - ♦ Found in open countries, woodlands and urban areas.

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- Habits & Fun
- ♦ Usually feed on ground.
- Facts
- ♦ Mainly feed on seeds and insects.
 - ♦ Have a low pitch “Hoo...Hoo...” call.

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- Observation Areas in the Park
- ♦ Different areas in the Park such as: Stream Walk, bushes and grasslands near Life Zone
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Common Kingfisher
Alcedo atthis



Sound of
Common Kingfisher

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English name : Common Kingfisher

Scientific name : *Alcedo atthis*

Features

- ♦ Small kingfisher, about 16 cm long.
- ♦ Brightly coloured bird with blue and brownish orange plumage, and a pair of red legs
- ♦ Short tail with a long and hard beak. Black beak for male while female's lower beak is red.

Status & Habitats

- ♦ Common winter visitors and passage migrants, uncommon summer visitors.
- ♦ Widespread in wetlands of Hong Kong.
- ♦ Found in streams, open countries, wetlands and urban areas.

Habits & Fun

- ♦ Mainly feed on small fishes, aquatic insects and crustaceans.

Facts

- ♦ Usually stand near water or hover in the air when feeding.
- ♦ Dive into water to catch the prey.

Observation

- ♦ Riverside Hide and Mudflat Hide

Areas in the Park



Red-whiskered Bulbul
Pycnonotus jocosus



Sound of Red-
whiskered Bulbul

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English name : Red-whiskered Bulbul

Scientific name : *Pycnonotus jocosus*

- Features
- ♦ Small bird, about 20 cm long.
 - ♦ Adults have a black crown and red ear-coverts; juveniles lack the red ear-coverts.
 - ♦ Red vent.
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- Status & Habitats
- ♦ Very common and widespread residents in Hong Kong.
 - ♦ Found in open countries, woodlands and urban areas.
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- Habits & Fun
- ♦ Mainly feed on fruits and insects.
- Facts
- ♦ Usually appear in groups.
 - ♦ Have a bright and loud call.
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- Observation
- ♦ Different areas in the Park such as: Stream Walk and bushes near Life Zone
- Areas in the Park
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Chinese Bulbul
Pycnonotus sinensis



Sound of
Chinese Bulbul

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English name : Chinese Bulbul

Scientific name : *Pycnonotus sinensis*

- Features
- ♦ Small bird, about 19 cm long.
 - ♦ Adults have a white nape and olive green back; juveniles do not have the white nape.
 - ♦ White patches on cheek with a grey belly.
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- Status & Habitats
- ♦ Very common and widespread residents in Hong Kong.
 - ♦ Found in wetlands, woodlands, open countries and urban areas.
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Habits & Fun

- ♦ Mainly feed on fruits and sometimes hunt for insects.

- Facts
- ♦ Usually appear in groups.
 - ♦ Have a clear and loud call.
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Observation Areas in the Park

- ♦ Different areas in the Park such as: Stream Walk and shrubs near Life Zone



Sooty-headed Bulbul
Pycnonotus aurigaster



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English name : Sooty-headed Bulbul

Scientific name : *Pycnonotus aurigaster*

Features

- ◆ Small bird, around 20 cm long.
 - ◆ Adults have a slightly erected black crown.
 - ◆ Brown grey upper part, with a greyish white throat and belly.
 - ◆ Red vent, while juveniles have yellow vent.
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Status & Habitats

- ◆ Rare residents that widespread in open areas in Hong Kong.
 - ◆ Found in shrubs and margin of woodlands.
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Habits & Fun

- ◆ Mainly feed on fruits and insects.

Facts

- ◆ Have a pleasant call.
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Observation

- ◆ Trees near Wetland Discovery Centre and Succession Walk

Areas in the park

Masked Laughingthrush
Garrulax perspicillatus



Sound of Masked
Laughingthrush

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English name : Masked Laughingthrush

Scientific name : *Garrulax perspicillatus*

- Features
- ♦ Medium-sized bird, about 30 cm long.
 - ♦ Brown plumage with a distinctive black mask on the face, brownish-yellow vent.
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- Status & Habitats
- ♦ Common residents widely spread in shrub lands of Hong Kong.
 - ♦ Found in open countries, woodlands and urban areas.
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Habits & Fun

- ♦ Often jump on the ground when foraging.

- Facts
- ♦ Mainly feed on seeds and insects.
 - ♦ Usually stay in small flocks with loud “bill-bill-” calls, so that they are nicknamed as “Seven Sisters” in Chinese.
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Observation

- ♦ Shrubs and grasslands near walkways in the Park

Areas in the Park



Oriental Magpie Robin
Copsychus saularis



Sound of Oriental
Magpie Robin

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English name : Oriental Magpie Robin

Scientific name : *Copsychus saularis*

- Features
- ♦ Small bird, about 19-21 cm long.
 - ♦ Males have a plumage in blue-black and white.
 - ♦ Females have a plumage in dark grey instead of blue-black.
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- Status & Habitats
- ♦ Common and widespread residents in Hong Kong.
 - ♦ Found in brackish wetlands, open countries, woodlands and urban areas.
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Habits & Fun

- ♦ Mainly feed on insects.

- Facts
- ♦ Wag their tail up-and-down when resting.
 - ♦ Have a pleasant call, and often imitate the calls of other bird species.
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- Observation
Areas in the Park
- ♦ Different areas in the Park such as: Stream Walk and shrubs near Life Zone
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White Wagtail
Motacilla alba



Sound of White Wagtail

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English name : White Wagtail

Scientific name : *Motacilla alba*

Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Small bird, about 18-19 cm long.♦ Black, white and grey plumage.♦ Black plumage on the breast resemble to a baby's bib.
Status & Habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Common winter visitors and passage migrants, some of them are residents.♦ Widespread in Hong Kong.♦ Found in brackish and freshwater wetlands, open countries, streams, coastal areas and islands.
Habits & Fun	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Mainly feed on insects.
Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Unique flight path of a wavy trajectory.♦ Inflight calls like "chi-chi-" sounds.
Observation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Riverside Hide, Mudflat Hide and Life Zone
Areas in the Park	
