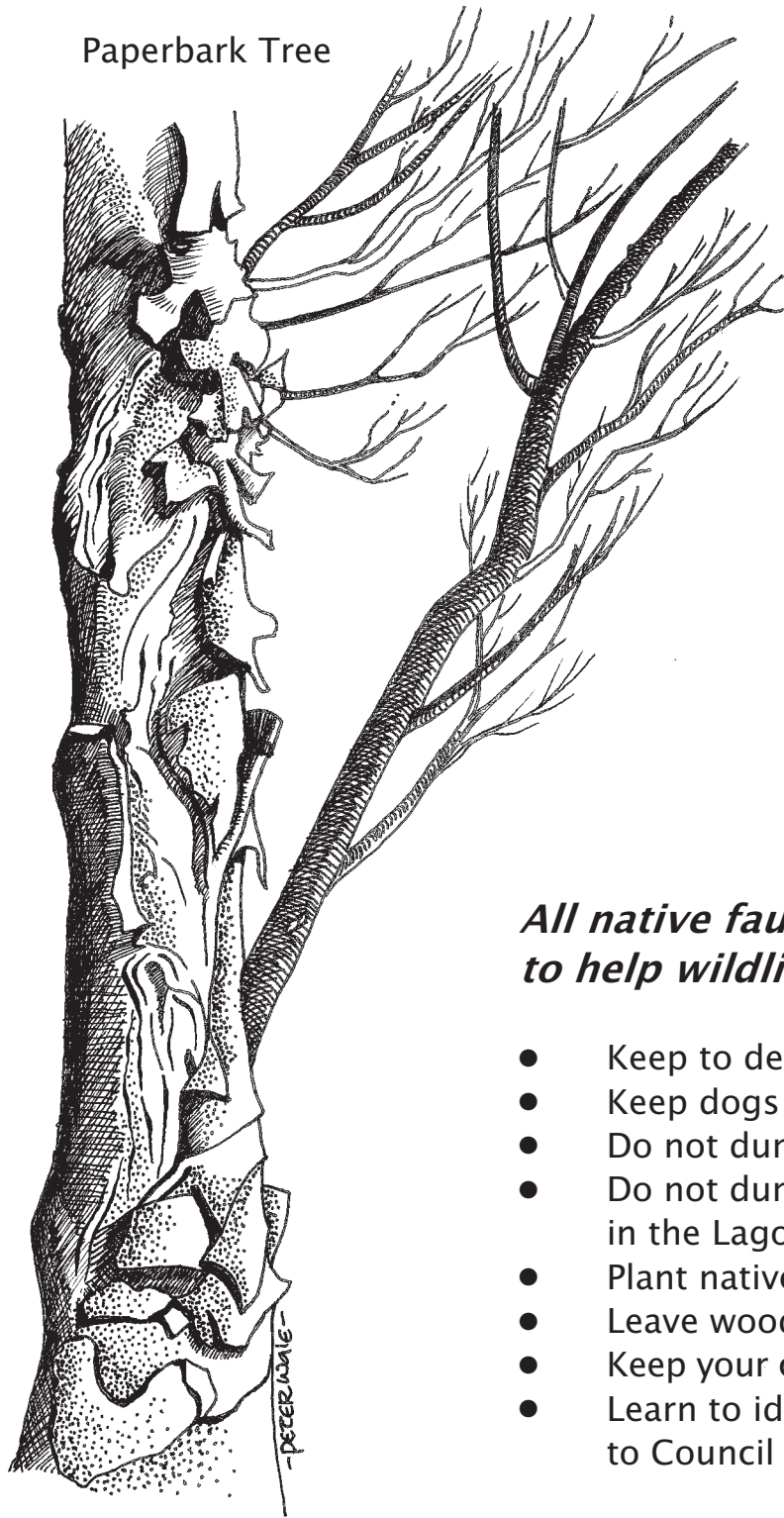


# How many birds can you see?

Paperbark Tree



Glenbrook Lagoon provided essential habitat for water birds. Smaller land based birds flit through the understory and larger birds such as parrots feed in the treetops.

*Did you know that over 70 species of birds have been sighted and recorded here? Many birds are seasonal visitors. Waterfowl tend to live at the Lagoon and are especially vulnerable when nesting. Cats & dogs, no matter how friendly, can disturb birds so that they do not nest or raise young. There is a concern that there are fewer species of waterfowl. If you want to record local bird species please contact Council.*

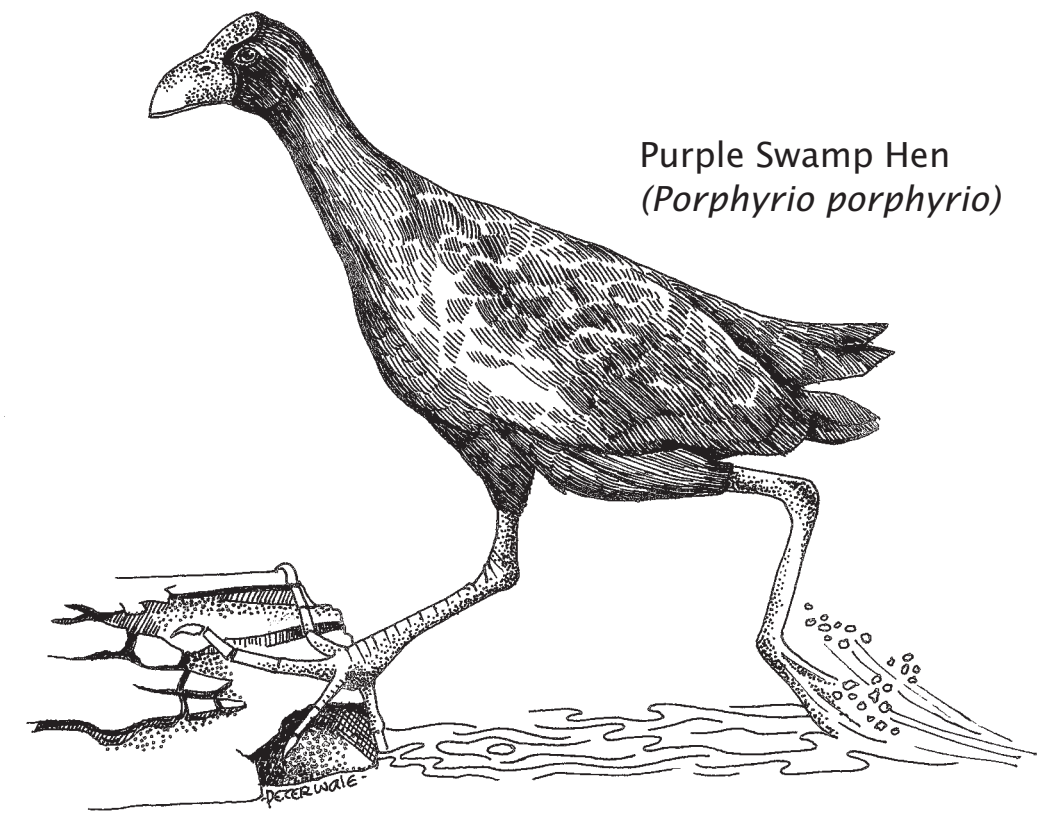
**All native fauna are protected. What you can do to help wildlife.**

- Keep to designated paths
- Keep dogs on leashes because they disturb nesting birds
- Do not dump unwanted pets or possums in the Reserve
- Do not dump unwanted turtles, ducks or aquarium plants in the Lagoon
- Plant native trees and shrubs in your garden
- Leave wood and bush rock for animal habitat
- Keep your cats out of the Reserve at all times and inside at night
- Learn to identify fauna species and report unusual sightings to Council

The Long-necked Turtle (*Chelodina longicollis*) is a native of the Lagoon still surviving in small numbers despite pollution and other urban impacts. The Turtles come ashore to sunbake and lay eggs, sometimes in residential gardens. These reptiles eat aquatic insects, frogs, tadpoles and fish. They also face competition with a pet escapee, the exotic Red-eared Slider Turtle.

Mammals such as kangaroos, wallabies, wombats, bandicoots and gliders would once have thrived here and the area would have been an important hunting ground for the local Darug aboriginal people. Today, few mammals remain, but Ringtail Possums and micro-bats can still be found around the lagoon.

The curious Purple Swamp Hen is a native resident of the Lagoon that lives in the marshes and feeds in the open grassland.



Purple Swamp Hen  
(*Porphyrio porphyrio*)

For further information please contact Council on 4780 5000 or visit us at: [www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

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