

Birds in Australia

Stage 2 - Student Activities

- What do you want to learn about Birds?

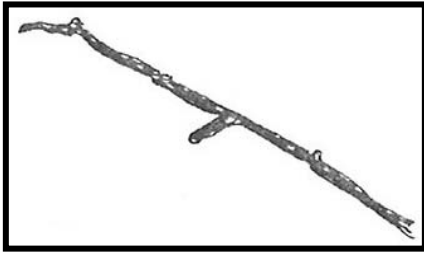
Go to the *Birds and Insects* exhibition on Level 2. The birds are in the display cases located around the outer walls of this exhibition. The collection holds a range of birds commonly seen in Australia; these birds are native Australian and introduced bird species.

1. a. Walk around the exhibition and have a look at all the birds.
b. Find birds with different types of feet and complete the table below. Make sure you draw the bird's foot in detail.

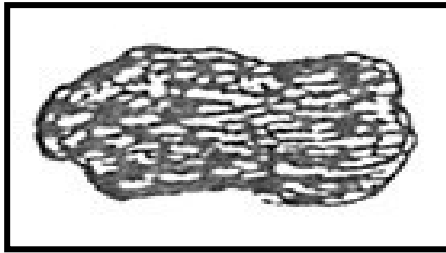
Foot	Name of bird	Drawing of foot
For swimming		
For running		
For digging		
For grasping and killing		
For perching		

2. a. Walk around the exhibition and look for nests.

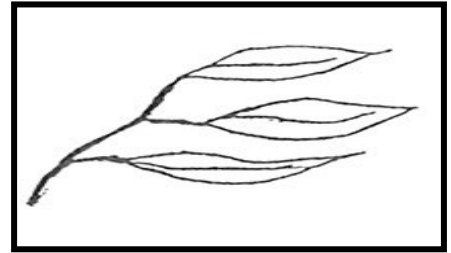
b. Under each drawing below name a bird that makes a nest with:



1. Sticks



2. Mud

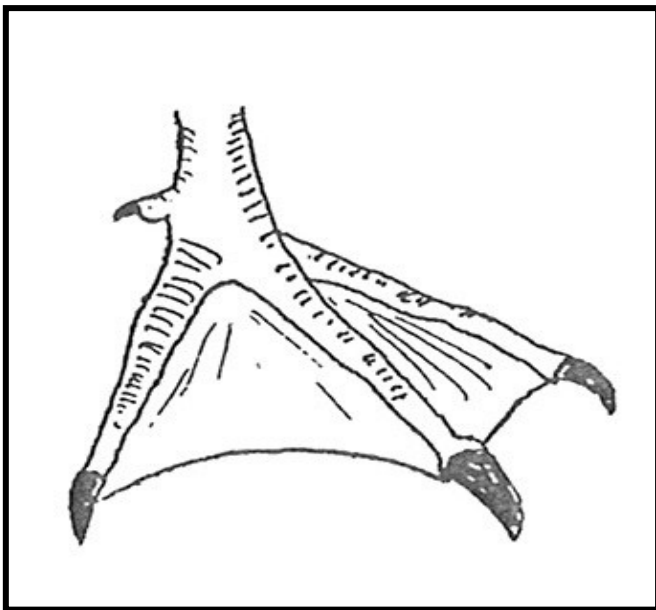


3. Leaves

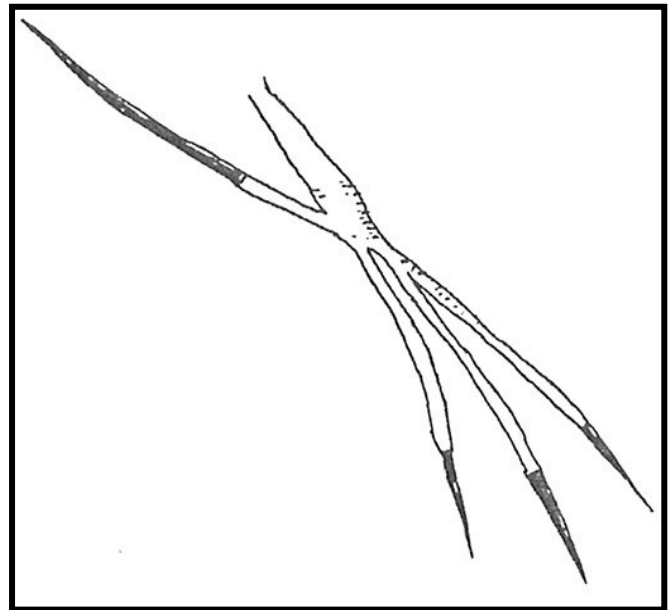
c. Why do you think the birds used these materials to build their nests?

3 a. Look for water birds in the exhibition

b. Under each box below name a water bird with feet like the drawing



Bird: _____



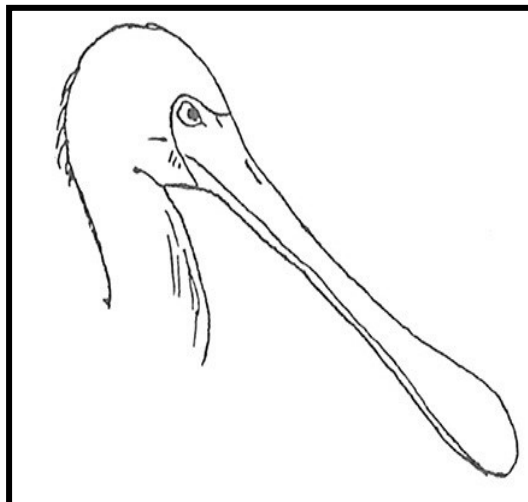
Bird: _____

c. Why are their feet different? (Think about where they live).

4 a. Look at the picture of the bird's bill below.

b. Find a bird with the same shaped bill in the exhibition.

c. What is the name of the bird you found?



d. What does the shape of this bill remind you of?

e. Why do you think the bill is this shape?

5 a. What birds eat. Find the kookaburra in the exhibition

b. Draw a picture of it in the box below

c. Draw some pictures of the kind of food you think a kookaburra may eat

6 a. Bird Habitats. Choose a bird and draw it carefully in the space below



b. Name of bird:

c. What habitat can you imagine this bird living in?

d. Why did you choose this bird to draw?
