

## »» BIRDS OF QUEENS GARDENS

Queens Gardens is home to many species of birds, all attracted to the permanent water supply and the vast array of native trees and shrubs that often flower and fruit one after the other, providing constant food.



The Sulphur Crested Cockatoo (*Cacatua galerita*) is a symbol of Australia. Large flocks, calling loudly can often be seen flying overhead or searching for food on the ground.



The Black Faced Cuckoo shrike (*Coracina novaehollandiae*) has an undulating flight and more often than not a broad black eye stripe.



The Sacred Ibis (*Threskiornis molucca*) in its natural habitat is an insect seeker dipping its long beak below the soil and leaf litter to search for grubs. Unfortunately urbanisation has allowed this usually sleek bird to become a scavenger.



The Great Bower bird (*Chlamydera nuchalis*) is often seen as it collects colourful pieces for its bower where it courts the female with elaborate displays and calls.

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