

# Bush Stone-curlew

## Description

The Bush Stone-curlew has dark brown feathers streaked with black and reddish-brown on top and white with clear black streaks underneath. They have a striking yellow eye with a bold white eyebrow and a small black beak.

## Diet

The Bush Stone-curlew is an omnivore and eats insects, molluscs, lizards and seeds.

## In the wild

When this bird is breeding or incubating eggs, they search for food close to the nest. At other times they search over vast distances. The female lays her eggs in a small scrape in the ground.

## Threats

Habitat destruction is a threat to these birds as well as introduced predators such as foxes and cats.

## At Perth Zoo

Bush Stone-curlews bred at Perth Zoo have been released into protected areas to help boost their numbers in the wild. The birds spend a few weeks in a soft release pen, forming a group to increase their chances of survival in the wild, before being released.

Bush Stone-curlews can be seen in the Western Australian Native Cockatoo Species Exhibit, which is part of the Australian Bushwalk.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**These birds are mostly nocturnal and let out an eerie wailing call at night.**



## Fast Facts



**Scientific Name:** *Burhinus grallarius*

**Conservation Status:** Least Concern

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Threatened

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**Body Length:** 50–60 cm

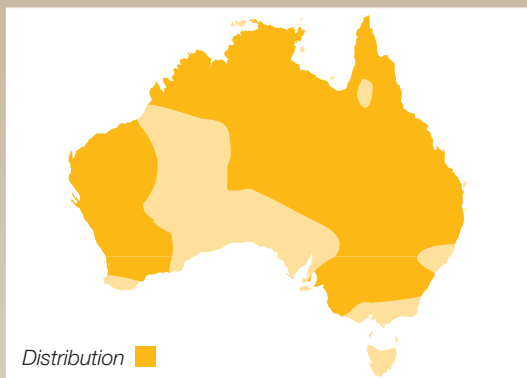
**Weight:** 625–670 g

**Incubation:** About 30 days

**Number of young:** 1–3

**Habitat:** Open woodland and Scrubland

**Distribution:** Australia



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