

# Birds of Singapore

An identification guide for common birds by WWF-Singapore



**Yellow-vented Bulbul**

*Pycnonotus goiavier*

## Sturnidae

Starlings



### Asian Glossy Starling

*Aplonis panayensis*  
Size: 22 - 25 cm

Black-green body with red eyes and black bill. They can be found in large flocks in forests, parks, and urban spaces.



### Common Myna

*Acridotheres tristis*  
Size: 24.5 - 27 cm

Brownish body with distinctive yellow eye patch, bill, and legs. They are found in parks and gardens, terrestrial, and urban environments.



### Common Hill Myna

*Gracula religiosa*  
Size: 27 - 31 cm

Jet-black, glossy plumage with bright orange-yellow wattles on their head. They have a bright orange bill and yellow legs.

## Oriolidae

Old World Orioles



### Black-naped Oriole

*Oriolus chinensis*  
Size: 24.5 - 27.5 cm

Golden-yellow body with a black streak across the eye, wings, and tail. They live in forests, mangroves, parks, and urban areas.

## Rallidae

Rails



### White-breasted Waterhen

*Amaurornis phoenicurus*  
Size: 28.5 - 36 cm

Dark grey upperparts, rufous undertail coverts, with a clean white face, breast, and underside. Common near wetlands, forests and parks with water bodies.

## Pycnonotidae

Bulbuls



### Straw-headed Bulbul

*Pycnonotus zeylanicus*  
Size: 29 cm

Brown body, yellow-orange crown, with a black stripe across the eye and behind bill. Can be easily recognised by their distinct loud and melodious song.



### Olive-winged Bulbul

*Pycnonotus plumosus*  
Size: 20 - 20.5 cm

Dull brown upperparts with olive-green wings. They occur in forests and mangroves.

## Accipitridae

Hawks, Eagles and Kites



### Brahminy Kite

*Haliastur indus*  
Size: 44 - 52 cm

Reddish-brown underside with a white head and breast. Wings form an 'M' shape when in flight.

## Nectariniidae

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters



### Ornate Sunbird

*Cinnyris ornatus*

Size: 11.5 cm

Males are olive-green on top, with iridescent blue patches on the forehead and throat. They are very common, found in many habitats throughout Singapore.



### Crimson Sunbird

*Aethopyga siparaja*

Size: 11 - 13.5 cm

Males have a bright red upper body with a blue crown and tail. Females are dull, olive-coloured with a yellow underside.



### Brown-throated Sunbird

*Anthreptes malacensis*

Size: 14 cm

Males are brown and metallic green around the head and neck, with a yellow belly. Common around coastal areas, mangroves, and parks.

## Dicruridae

Drongos



### Greater Racket-tailed Drongo

*Dicrurus paradiseus*

Size: 33 - 35.5 cm

Dark glossy feathers with two distinct long tail feathers. They occur in forest and mangrove habitats.

## Meropidae

Bee-eaters



### Blue-throated Bee-eater

*Merops viridis*

Size: 22.5 - 23.5 cm

Blue-green body with a chestnut crown, blue tail and throat. They live in forests and mangroves.



### Blue-tailed Bee-eater

*Merops philippinus*

Size: 23 - 24 cm

Green body with a yellow-brown throat, and a distinctive black stripe across the eye. They are frequently seen near large bodies of water.

## Alcedinidae

Kingfishers



### Collared Kingfisher

*Todiramphus chloris*

Size: 24 - 26 cm

Bright blue upperparts with a contrasting white collar and black bill. They are commonly found in parks, mangroves, and areas with water bodies.



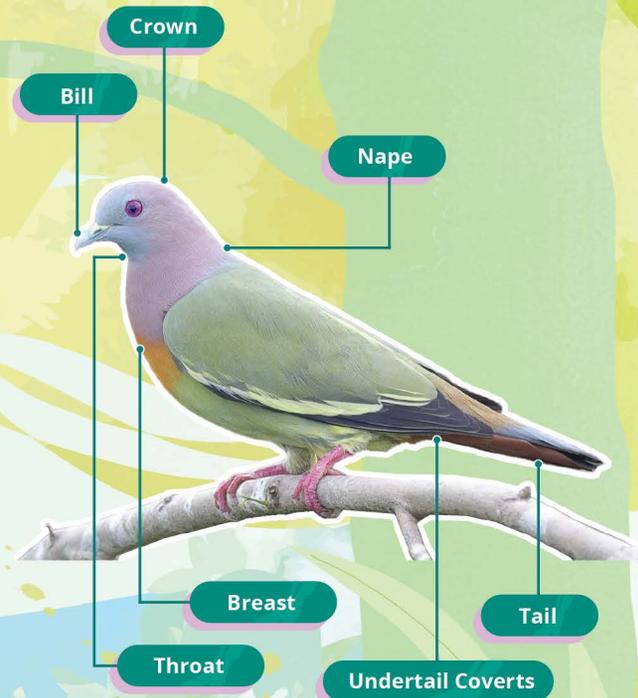
### White-throated Kingfisher

*Halcyon smyrnensis*

Size: 27.5 - 29.5 cm

Brown body, bright blue wings, with a white throat and breast. They occur in parks, mangroves, and areas with water bodies.

## Parts of a Bird



### Pink-necked Green Pigeon

*Treron vernans*

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