



BMRA Wildlife Update

August- November 2025

Busselton Margaret River Airport (BMRA) is committed to ensuring the safety of aircraft and passengers and we address and mitigate the risk that wildlife strikes present.

While the safety of aircraft is paramount, it is not possible to prevent all wildlife strikes. Our goal is to understand the source, location and species of wildlife which will then reduce the potential, frequency and severity of wildlife strikes.

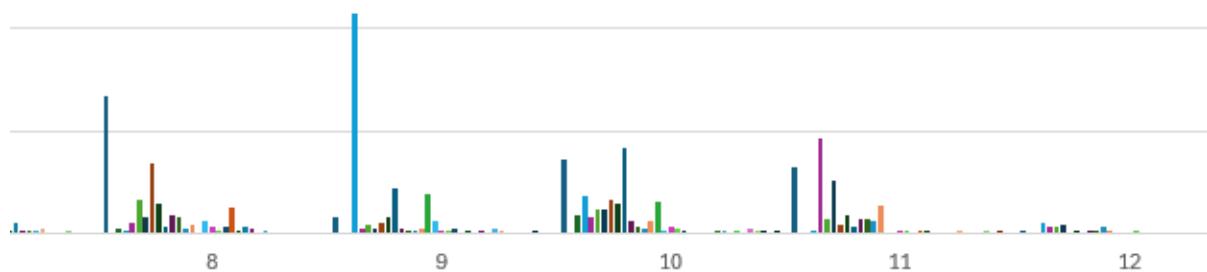
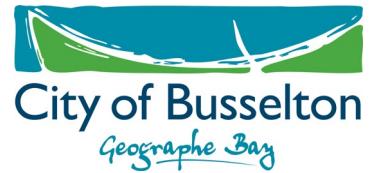
At the BMRA we operate within the framework of a Wildlife Hazard Management Plan (WHMP) which meets the requirements of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR 1998), subparagraph 139.105(1)(i) and the CASA Part 139 Manual of Standards (MOS) Chapter 17.

It is part of the Airport Reporting Officers (ARO'S) weekly tasks to undertake wildlife surveys once a week according to a set procedure in addition to bird dispersals prior to landings and take offs. Wildlife observations are analysed quarterly to understand bird count trends over time total wildlife activity by month.

During the reporting period the data collected shows a different range of bird activity and species of bird around the aerodrome.

- Peak wildlife activity times were between 7am and 10am
- Wildlife Foraging (looking for food or hunting) was most highly reported wildlife activity
- Zone 4 reported most active zone for wildlife
- There were 2,979 aircraft movements (to end of November) with no confirmed bird strikes in this reporting period





Species

- Martins
- Rock Parrot
- Australian Magpie
- Willie Wagtail
- Straw-necked Ibis
- White Faced Heron
- Nankeen Kestrel
- Australian Pipit
- Australian Ring Neck Parrot (Port Lincoln Ring Neck)
- Australian Raven
- Whistling kite
- Banded Lapwing
- Brown Falcon
- Black-faced Woodswallow
- Rabbit (European)
- Black-faced Cuckoo Shrike
- Australian Wood Duck
- Pacific Black Duck
- Australian White Ibis
- Australian Pied Cormorant
- Black Swan
- Letter-winged kite
- Australian Shelducks
- Butcherbird
- Replites
- Wedge-tailed Eagle
- European Fox

