

BIRDS TO SEE ON PORTLAND-PORT FAIRY PELAGIC TRIPS

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Sea birds (page No. from Pizzey, for illustrations):

1. **Silver gull** (p. 225) – grey & white body & black wingtips
2. **Pacific gull** (p. 223) – tip of low & upper bill red; black tail tip seen in flight
3. **Kelp gull** (p. 223) – tip of lower bill red; legs ivory, white tail
4. **Black-faced cormorant** (p. 105) – pied bird; black on bill & cap extends below eye and bill; black flank
5. **Little pied cormorant** (p. 105) – small pied bird; yellow bill; adult has no black flank mark or yellow near eye
6. **Great cormorant** (p. 103) – large black body; yellow/white throat-face patch
7. **Pied cormorant** (p. 105) – large black & white body, black flank patch; orange facial patch
8. **Cattle egret** (p. 113) – yellow bill, shorter tail & legs than intermediate egret.
9. **White-faced heron** (p. 111) – grey body and white face marks
10. **Sooty oystercatcher** (p. 199) – all black with red eye, bill & legs
11. **Pied oystercatcher** (p. 199) – black & white body with red eyes & legs
12. **Caspian tern** (p. 231) – v red bill & black cap & crest
13. **Crested tern** (p. 231) – fairly large tern, yellow bill & crested black cap
14. **White-fronted tern** (p. 233) – small bird, white saddle over bill & white collar below black cap
15. **Little penguin** (p. 46) – blue-black above, white below
16. **Australian gannet** (p. 97) – large; black tips & back edge of upper & lower wing; orange crown & neck
17. **Arctic jaeger** (p. 221) – v brown falcon-like bird; whitish wing patches above & below; barred abdomen.
18. **Pomarine jaeger** (p. 221) – as above, but bigger & larger white wingpatch at base of primaries
19. **Long-tailed jaeger** (p. 221) – ~ as above, slender tern-like bird with long tail spines
20. **Great skua** (p. 219) – v hooked bill, broad winged, bulky, dark brown bird with white base to primaries
21. **South polar skua** (p. 219) – as above but smaller, pale nape and breast, fawn or grey collar
22. **Great-winged petrel** (p. 55) – large, long-winged brown bird; whitish area around black bill; wedge tail
23. **Kerguelen petrel** (p. 55) – greyer; paler inner leading edge; silver sheen to underside of primaries
24. **White-chinned petrel** (p. 67) – large, dark bird with pale bill and sometimes a whitish chin
25. **Southern giant-petrel** (p. 51) – juv. like big dark brown albatross, with massive yellow bill & nostril tube
26. **Northern giant-petrel** (p. 51) – juv. as above but orange tip on lower bill; adult whitish face & neck
27. **Cape petrel** (p. 53) – upper body & wings chequered black & white; underbody white; black throat & mantle
28. **Southern fulmar** (p. 53) – grey & white above, white under, blackish tip to bill & wings

29. **White-headed petrel** (p. 57) – black bill & eye; white head, front & rump; grey back & wings; white underbody
30. **Grey petrel** (p. 69) – greyish upper body & wings (both sides); all-white underbody except tail
31. **Soft-plumaged petrel** (p. 59) – dark grey underwing band, grey breast band on white underparts
32. **Mottled petrel** (p. 61) – heavy black M underwing, grey abdomen; grey back with black M; white throat
33. **Gould’s petrel** (p. 63) – like Mottled petrel but all white under & darker head & back of neck
34. **Cooks petrel** (p. 61) – white underbody; black back, grey wing & short underwing bar, white forehead; legs blue
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36. **Antarctic petrel** (p. 53) – brown above; white underbody & tail, white trailing edge of wing
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39. **Grey-backed storm-petrel** (p. 93) – as above, but dark head & neck with white belly & wing stripe
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42. **Fairy prion** (p. 65) – little bluish & white bird, skims waves; dark M on back, with wide black tail-tip
43. **Slender-billed prion** (p. 65) – ~as above but shorter dark tail tip and only faint dark M on back; white eyebrow
44. **Antarctic prion** (p. 65) – winter-spring visitor offshore but distinguishable from other spp. in hand
45. **Salvin’s prion** (p. 65) – similar to above
46. **Short-tailed shearwater** (p. 73) – dark body; short wedge-tail.
47. **Sooty shearwater** (p. 73) – dark body; large, whitish underwing patch
48. **Flesh-footed shearwater** (p. 73) – dark; pale bill with black-tip; legs pink; pale base to u-wing primaries; fantail
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51. **Little shearwater** (p. 77) – small, fast-flying; blackish back, white under, narrow black trailing wing edge
52. **Black-browed albatross** (p. 83) – black eye-brow, black wing above & tail tip & wide black underwing edges.
53. **Yellow-nosed albatross** (p. 83) – yellow topline on dark bill; underwing narrow black edges
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55. **Grey-headed albatross** (p. 87) – gold bill as above, less white area underwing & all-grey head-neck
56. **Shy albatross** (p. 85) - bill grey-ivory, head-neck grey; narrow black edges underwing & black arm pit
57. **Wandering albatross** (p. 79) – v. big; imm. brown & white mask; adult white body & b&w wings (old >white)
58. **Royal albatross** (p. 81) – imm not brown; less white on upper wing than W Alb; black in tail & lead wing edge
59. **Sooty albatross** (p. 89) – v. large, long-winged, sooty brown all over; pointed, wedge tail.