



Australian White Ibis

Name	Scientific	<i>Threskiornis molucca</i>
	Common	Australian White Ibis
Description	The Australian White Ibis measures between 65-75cm. It has bare black skin on its head, neck and legs and a long down-curved bill. The rest of its plumage is white, apart from some black plumes above the tail.	
Habitat	Likes to be near both fresh and tidal wetlands as well as in farm pasture.	
What it feeds on	Crustaceans and other small aquatic animals.	
Where it feeds	In shallow water and damp land.	
Breeding	Breeding can take place between June-November. 2-5 eggs are laid and reared by both birds. These birds breed in large, closely packed colonies often with herons, spoonbills and egrets. Booragoon Lake is a breeding spot in metropolitan Perth.	
Did you know?	Australian white ibis feed by stirring shallow water with their bills open and then eating the small aquatic animals they find.	



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