

## What is the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary

Within close proximity to Adelaide, the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary boasts a large diversity of resident and migratory shorebirds, waterbirds and bush birds. The 60 kms of sanctuary coastline is the perfect place to catch a glimpse of these birds in a mix of habitats and is complemented by local beachside communities that take pride in conserving the walking trails and natural amenity of the bird watching sites.

## Key birdwatching areas in the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary

Every year, between September and March, up to 27,000 shorebirds gather across the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary with more than 50 different species of migratory birds recorded. Just a 30 minute self-drive from Adelaide, a wonderful natural experience awaits you with two easily accessible gateways, north and south.

### Southern gateway

At the Southern gateway the St Kilda foreshore is a food bowl for many shorebirds and at times can draw in over 3000 foraging banded stilts. The Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary is also home to the iconic Black swan other noticeable birds include Red-capped plover and the Common greenshank. The Royal spoonbill with its efficiently shaped beak can be found year round in the mangroves along with Australian shelducks, Chestnut teal and Sooty oystercatchers on the flats.

### Northern gateway

The Northern gateway gives you access to kilometres of pristine coastline including samphire

and intertidal mudflats. A natural shorebird site, Thompson Beach residents for years have been living and working to protect shorebirds. For the best spots visit the area between Ruskin Road and the southern boat ramp. Shorebirds trails also offer great opportunities as they wind towards tidal creeks and areas known for roosting. Best for birds such as the Grey plover, Bar-tailed godwit, Ruddy turnstone and Red knot.

## Things to do near the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary

St Kilda Tramway Museum sits on the left hand side of St Kilda Road as you drive towards the small town of St Kilda, the Southern gateway. Ride historic trams and learn the history of the Adelaide tramway system. You can make a full day of it by including a visit to the St Kilda Adventure Playground and Mangrove Trail.

[www.trammuseumadelaide.com](http://www.trammuseumadelaide.com)

Book a kayak trip to get a different perspective of the birds. Adventure Kayaking SA at Garden Island at Port Adelaide offers a number of different packages to get you out on the water where you will experience dolphins, historic shipwrecks and some of the 25,000 shorebirds as part of the Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary. [www.adventurekayak.com.au](http://www.adventurekayak.com.au)

### Need more information?

The Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary was developed using collective impact tools and through strong partnerships. If you would like to participate in future partnership opportunities contact:

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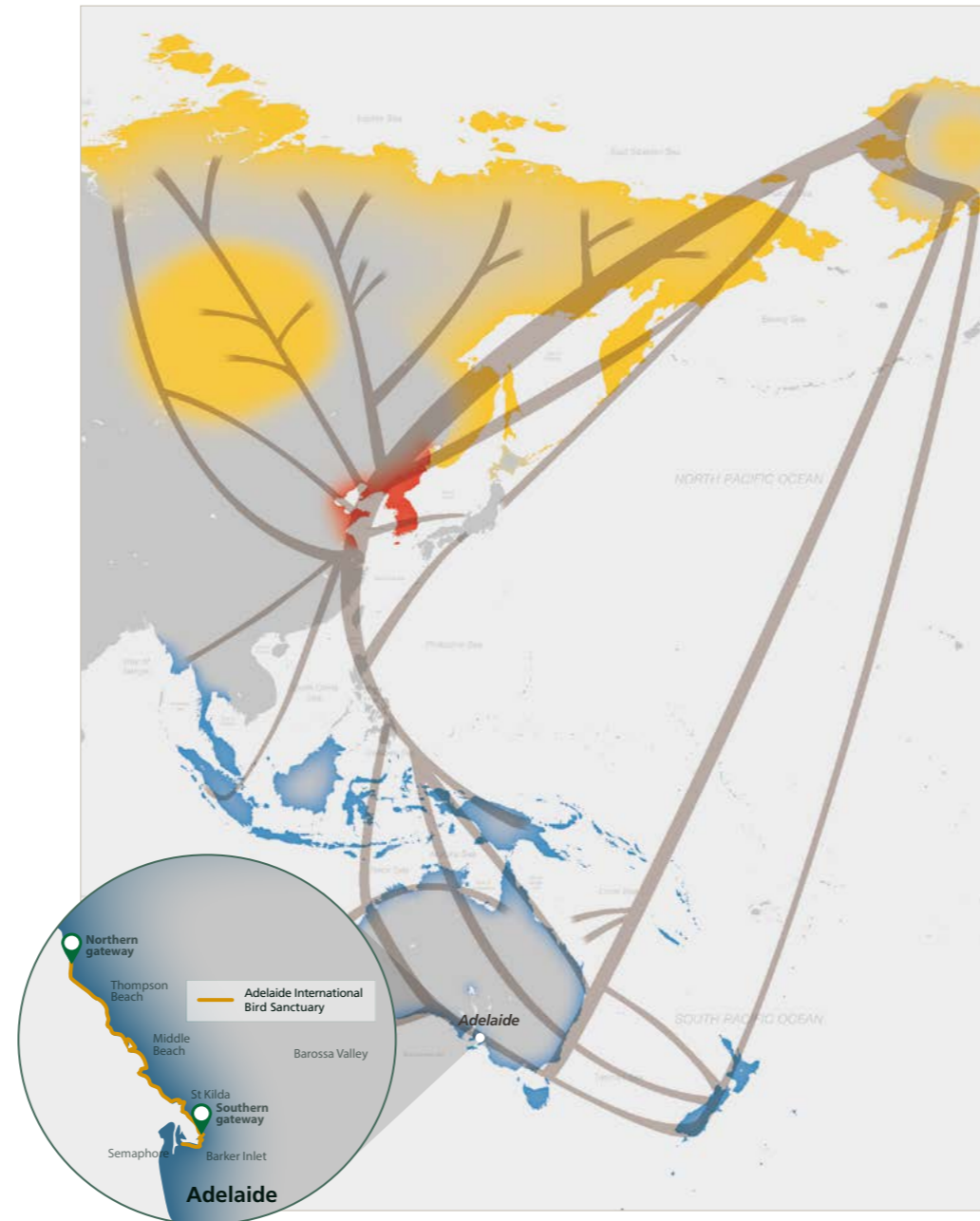


Figure 1. Every year more than 10 million shorebirds travel back and forth between their Arctic breeding grounds (yellow) and their Australasian non-breeding homes (blue). They travel along migration routes (dark grey). These routes are complex and numerous and are only stylised in this representation. BirdLife Australia

The Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary support thousands of migratory shorebirds every year that come to feed and roost for more than six months annually.

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# Birds found in the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary

## Migratory shorebirds



Curlew sandpiper



Sharp-tailed sandpiper



Red-necked stint



Grey plover



Common greenshank



Ruddy turnstone



Red knot



Bar-tailed godwit



Eastern curlew



Pacific golden plover

## Residential shorebirds



Red-capped plover



Sooty oystercatcher



Red-necked avocet



Black-winged stilt



Royal spoonbill

## Bush birds



Elegant parrot



White-winged fairy-wren



Singing honeyeater



Sapphire thornbill

How many  
**HAVE YOU  
SEEN?**

## Water birds



Pelican



Black swan

*The Kaurna people are the Traditional Owners of the greater Adelaide plains, including the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary.*

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## Bird Tours SA



Bird Tours SA offer customised bird tours around South Australia and the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary. They offer part-day and multi-day tours.

Book at [www.birdtourssa.com](http://www.birdtourssa.com)

## Other things to see and do in Adelaide



### Cleland Wildlife Park

One of Adelaide's top tourist attractions. Feed kangaroos as they laze, wander through wetlands, hold a koala and immerse yourself amongst 130 species of Australian wildlife. Open seven days and only 20 minutes from the city!



### Port River Dolphin Cruises

What could be more relaxing than taking a cruise along the Port River. Sit back and enjoy the scenery and see how many dolphins you can spot along the way!



### The wine capital of Australia

There are over 200 cellar doors on Adelaide's doorstep. Adelaide is the wine capital of Australia. We're sure you've heard of the Barossa Valley. There is so much to explore, including McLaren Vale, the Adelaide Hills, Clare Valley and more!



### Adelaide Oval

Adelaide Oval has hosted both cricket and football at the highest level since colonial times and its iconic, historic and cultural presence remains today. The iconic ground has brought the two sports together at the redeveloped Adelaide Oval, delivering an internationally renowned and world-class venue for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



### The festival state

Adelaide's rich cultural life is demonstrated not just in its galleries and theatres, but most dynamically in its calendar of festivals and events. From world music to sports cars, opera to cycling – Adelaide's events calendar is world class.

Find out more and subscribe to our newsletter at: [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au)

