

FOUND FEATHERED FRIENDS

All my sculptures are constructed using plastic which has been found or is no longer wanted for its original purpose. The only new plastic I use are pins, (for eyes) cable ties and Scoobies (which have usually been given to me by kids who no longer follow that craze). As tempting as it is to buy the perfect plastic piece, I don't. That would be contrary to the philosophy of the work which is that there is plenty of junk in the world to use. I don't need to encourage more.

Many plastics fade and can become brittle with exposure to strong sunlight. The birds are made from a variety of plastics and some parts may be susceptible to UV light. I try not to use plastic that I know will degrade easily. Just to be on the safe side, if you want the birds to keep their colour, it is recommended that they be kept out of direct sunlight. If they get dusty, they can be brushed with a soft paintbrush or blown on with a gentle mouth.

SULPHUR CRESTED COCKATOO (locally abundant, common) (470 x 480 x 310mm)
Toy block container, doll arm, grey tubing, plastic cutlery, toy corn, Kwit dishwashing powder bottle, packing strap, spray can lid, K'nex, toy sword, take away coffee lids, white plastic bottle, wire, hot melt glue.

SUPERB FAIRY WREN (common) (150 x 60 x 100mm)
Plastic eggs, film canister, straws, packing strap, hair clip, Texta lids, pins, brown acetate, black tubing, plastic champagne cork, Kinder Surprise eggs, black lid, spray can lid, wire, hot melt glue.

PIED CURRAWONG (locally abundant, common) (190 x 120 x 320mm)
Coat hangers, canvas stretcher chips, sock hangers, plastic spoons, K'nex, plastic beads, Artline Texta lid, film canisters, plastic plates, straws, cable ties, black tubing, Haivanas thongs holders, Lynx deodorant cap, wire, hot melt glue.

GALAH (common) (190 x 110 x 200mm)
Toy sword, plastic ball, spray can lids, deodorant cap, Baskin Robbins spoon, toy utensils, aeroplane, toy Rhinoceros, car, packing strap, Texta lids, toy motor, hair clip, grey tubing, plastic building blocks, K'nex bits, wire, hot melt glue.

RAINBOW LORRIKEETS (abundant, common) (270 x 220 x 200mm)
Toy bowling pins, coat hangers, CD holder, plastic bowl, red pen lid, plastic boomerang, toy Brussels sprouts, toy asparagus, toy corn, detergent bottle, grey tubing, beads, Preen container, wire, hot melt glue.

BARN OWL (common) (390 x 160 x 140mm)
73 plastic forks, spray can lids, plastic eggs, chess pieces, 35mm negatives, black tubing, vegetable net bags, computer cable, toy plane, K'nex, toy sword, baby food lid, plastic oar, plastic cutlery, hair comb, packing strap, unidentified grey plastic, breath test tubes, white tubing, black tubing, wire, hot melt glue.

LAUGHING KOOKABURRA (common) (290 x 130 x 240)

Hair conditioner bottle, Latina pasta sauce lid, Christmas tree stand, yoghurt lid, cable ties, plastic plates, packing strap, toy moustache, chess pieces, game pieces, K'nex, 35mm film, wire, hot melt glue.

WHITE FACED HERON (common) (440 x 170 x 530mm)

Coat hanger, pen, spray nozzle, CD case, milk lids, packing strap, milk bottle, tubing from a guitar stand, hair conditioner bottle, party poppers, egg cup, blue laboratory straws, plastic stirrers, wire, hot melt glue.

GOLDEN WHISTLER (common to moderately common) (260 x 170 x 170mm)

Spoon, Lynx deodorant lid, film canister, game token, comb, swizzle stick, wiring conduit from VW Golf, packing strap, toy aeroplane, spray can lid, Kinder Surprise toy, CD holder, sock hanger, coat hanger, wire, hot melt glue.

FLAME ROBIN (common) (260 x 80 x 100mm)

Toy boxing glove, packing strap, plastic screws, Kinder Surprise egg, plastic Christmas bell flowers, Scoobies, black tubing, Gloria Jeans spoon, battery terminal cap, fake flower stem, plastic cup, wire, hot melt glue.

AUSTRALIAN KING PARROT (common) (250 x 210 x 300mm)

Preen bottle, toy asparagus, packing strap, toy bowling pin, green plastic space toy, grey mouse cable, toy helicopter blades, Mastermind game pieces, plastic screws, Christmas tree stand, plastic ice bucket lid, Singapore Hotel swizzle stick, takeaway food container, unidentified blue plastic, Kwit dishwashing powder bottle, wire, hot melt glue.

PIED OYSTERCATCHER (common) (280 x 140 x 420mm)

Bag sealer, film canisters sushi fish lids, map pins, two toy pieces, Haivanas thongs holders, shoe horn, black takeaway food container, coffee lid, unidentified black plastic, packing strap, Lego, spray can lid, cable ties, garbage bin lid, Polaroid film container, hair trimmer comb, Texta plug, red wire, Texta tubes, red tubing, black tubing wire, hot melt glue.

SILVER GULL (locally abundant, common) (170 x 100 x 350mm)

Knitting needle, balloon stick, spray can lid, molecular model piece, beads, pins, packing strap, plastic spoons, toy sword sheath, orange juice container, stirrer, coat hanger, garbage bin lid, ice tongs, plastic plate, building block, Scoobies, red wire, wire, hot melt glue.

REGENT BOWERBIRD (uncommon) (170 x 120 x 340mm)

Spray can lid, Texta cap, knitting needle, mastermind game piece, black game piece, Lynx deodorant cap, packing strap, Pea Beau cap, wiring conduit from VW Golf, yellow coat hanger, black microwave meal dish, Gloria Jeans knife, black tubing, Kwit dishwashing powder bottle, film canisters, black takeaway food container, cable ties, swizzle stick, hair band, Haivanas thongs holders, black tubing, plastic berries, wire, hot melt glue.

BLACK SHOULDERED KITE (common) (330 x 120 x 360mm)
Plastic chess rook, coat hanger, black takeaway food container, K'nex, red game piece, white sports drink bottle, packing strap, computer plastic, cable ties, grey toy, spray can lid, unidentified grey plastic, plastic wooden club, yellow electrical wire, yellow clothesline wire, black tubing, plastic knives, grey meat tray, toy sword sheath, wire, hot melt glue.

RAINBOW BEE EATER (common) (190 x 190 x 260mm)
Swizzle stick, packing strap, plastic egg, Kinder Surprise toy, game piece, pins, green takeaway container, spray can nozzle, Bic razor handles, black plastic spoons, cable ties, Kinder Surprise eggs, pop block, orange lid, Scoobies, black cable, plastic plant leaf, gear toy, unidentified plastic, wire, hot melt glue.

EASTERN SPINEBILL (common) (210 x 180 x 210mm)
Black key ring, Kinder Surprise egg, plastic bag handle, swizzle stick, avocado tray, packing strap, red beads, pins, black tubing, dolls boot, toy tree stump, plastic flower stems, straws, red wire, wire, hot melt glue.

CRESTED TERN (common) (180 x 150 x 300mm)
Whipped cream lid, Lynx deodorant lid, knitting needle, pinwheel rod, pins, spray can lid, plastic spoons, dental floss container, toys, toy spanner, plastic knives, packing strap, tubing, lid from tennis ball can, model soldier piece, wire, hot melt glue.

SATIN BOWERBIRD (MALE) (moderately common) (130 x 110 x 300mm)
Texta lids, plastic pins, packing strap, yoghurt lids, ice cream container, toy spoon, unidentified toy, yellow tubing, purple beads, yellow wire, wire, hot melt glue.

SATIN BOWERBIRD (FEMALE) (moderately common) (155 x 110 x 290mm)
Texta lid, army toy, toy cabbage, shampoo container, packing strap, black tubing, Microfiche, Mastermind game pieces, black pins, wire, hot melt glue.

WELCOME SWALLOWS (common) (25 x 200 x 180mm approx)
Sports drink bottle, packing strap, orange seedling tray, take away coffee lids, plastic spoons, oyster tray, wire, hot melt glue.

REGENT HONEYEATER (rare) (240 x 200 x 160mm)
Deodorant cap, swizzle stick, comb, pins, toy plastic broom, black spoon, Lego pieces, packing strap, tubing, assorted wire, lunchbox lid, wire, hot melt glue.

DIAMOND FIRETAIL (moderately common) (70 x 40 x 130mm)
Orange bag closer, packing strap, spray can lid, black plastic belt, red beads, 35mm film, Microfiche, McDonalds coffee lid, black tubing, wire, hot melt glue.

GOULDIAN FINCH red faced morph (uncommon) (230 x 170 x 100mm)
Toothpaste lids, spray can lids, packing strap, deodorant lid, pins, balloon stem, knitting needle, toy castle turret roof, baby toy, 35mm film, straws, wire, hot melt glue.