



# Bird Checklist for Foster Botanical Garden



**Common Mynah**  
*Acridotheres tristis*  
 - extremely vocal with loud screeching  
 - often seen in boisterous groups  
 - native to Asia



**White-rumped Shama or Shama Thrush**  
*Copsychus malabaricus*  
 - melodious songbird with a 'Tck' alarm call  
 - follows gardeners for insect handouts  
 - native to India & SE. Asia



**Red-crested or Brazilian Cardinal**  
*Paroaria coronata*  
 - juveniles have a brown crest and follow their parents around, waiting to be fed  
 - native to S. America



**Northern Cardinal**  
*Cardinalis cardinalis*  
 - males are bright red and females are light brown  
 - pairs mate for life and stay together year-round  
 - clear whistling song  
 - native to N. America



**Red-vented Bulbul**  
*Pycnonotus cafer*  
 - eats anything: orchid flower buds, baby birds  
 - notoriously clever at getting food  
 - native to India



**Red-whiskered Bulbul**  
*Pycnonotus jocosus*  
 - eats fruits, insects and nectar  
 - loud chattering songs early in the morning  
 - native to tropical Asia



**Cattle Egret**  
*Bubulcus ibis*  
 - follow cattle and lawnmowers to find insects  
 - has orange-buff plumes during breeding  
 - native to Africa & Spain



**Rose-ringed or Ring-necked Parakeet**  
*Psittacula krameri*  
 - males have red neck ring  
 - loud squawking call  
 - eats flowers and seed pods  
 - native to Africa & Asia



**Java Finch or Java Rice Sparrow**  
*Lonchura oryzivora*  
 - travel in groups to feed on grass seed  
 - native to Indonesia



**Common Waxbill**  
*Estrilda astrild*  
 - look for flocks feeding in grassy areas in afternoon  
 - native to Sub-Saharan Africa



**Spotted Dove**  
*Spilopelia chinensis*  
 - males coo and bow in courtship  
 - forage on the ground for seeds  
 - native to India & SE. Asia



**Zebra Dove or Barred Ground Dove**  
*Geopelia striata*  
 - small dove with soft staccato cooing calls  
 - very brave around humans at picnic tables  
 - native to SE. Asia



**Japanese White-eye or Mejiro**  
*Zosterops japonicus*  
 - small songbird  
 - solitary, can be hard to spot in the trees  
 - native to E. Asia



**White or Fairy Tern**  
*Gygis alba*  
 - **native to Hawaii**  
 - lay eggs directly on tree branch – no nest!  
 - beautifully agile fliers  
 - feed on small fish



**Pacific Golden Plover or Kōlea**  
*Pluvialis fulva*  
 - **native to Hawaii**  
 - migrates between Hawaii and Alaska  
 - return to the same grassy territory year after year



Male Kōlea breeding plumage