

*Please don't
confuse us!*



Hooded Plover
Rare and threatened

*You've given me
a bad reputation!*



Spur-winged Plover
or Masked Lapwing
Common and swooping

Why is it important to tell us apart?

When people hear the word 'plover', they think of a noisy, swooping bird that they might find in their front yard!

They then wonder why people are going to such trouble to protect these 'plovers'! It is the Hooded Plover that needs protecting.

For more information:
www.birdsaustralia.com.au/beach



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CONSERVATION THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Hooded Plovers nest on beaches from August to March. They are declining because so few of their eggs and chicks survive. The main threats are people, dogs, horses and vehicles; accidental crushing of eggs and chicks plus people inadvertently disturbing birds away from their eggs and preventing chicks from feeding, just by getting too close.

Please help the birds and give them undisturbed space to breed. Watch for signs and walk your dog on a lead.



Hooded Plover

Rare and threatened in Eastern Australia.

A coastal bird nesting exclusively on ocean beaches above the high tide mark, including dunes and estuaries.

Small bird, 19–21 cm long.

Shy, often seen running quickly across the sand, leading people out of their nesting area; may pretend to have a broken wing.



Spur-winged Plover (or Masked Lapwing)

Common and abundant.

Found in many habitats, nesting in the open in fields, backyards, footy ovals or on roofs.

Medium bird, 33–38 cm long.

Loud, often swoops when nesting to protect its eggs or chicks.