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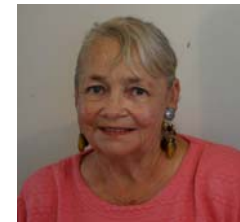
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Spoonbill, for book cover illustration and design, Sou'West Victoria Bird Observers' Guide.



Herons ... acrylic, detail from *Maranoa Riverboat...*



Maranoa Riverboat Acrylic 1m 30cm x 50 cm

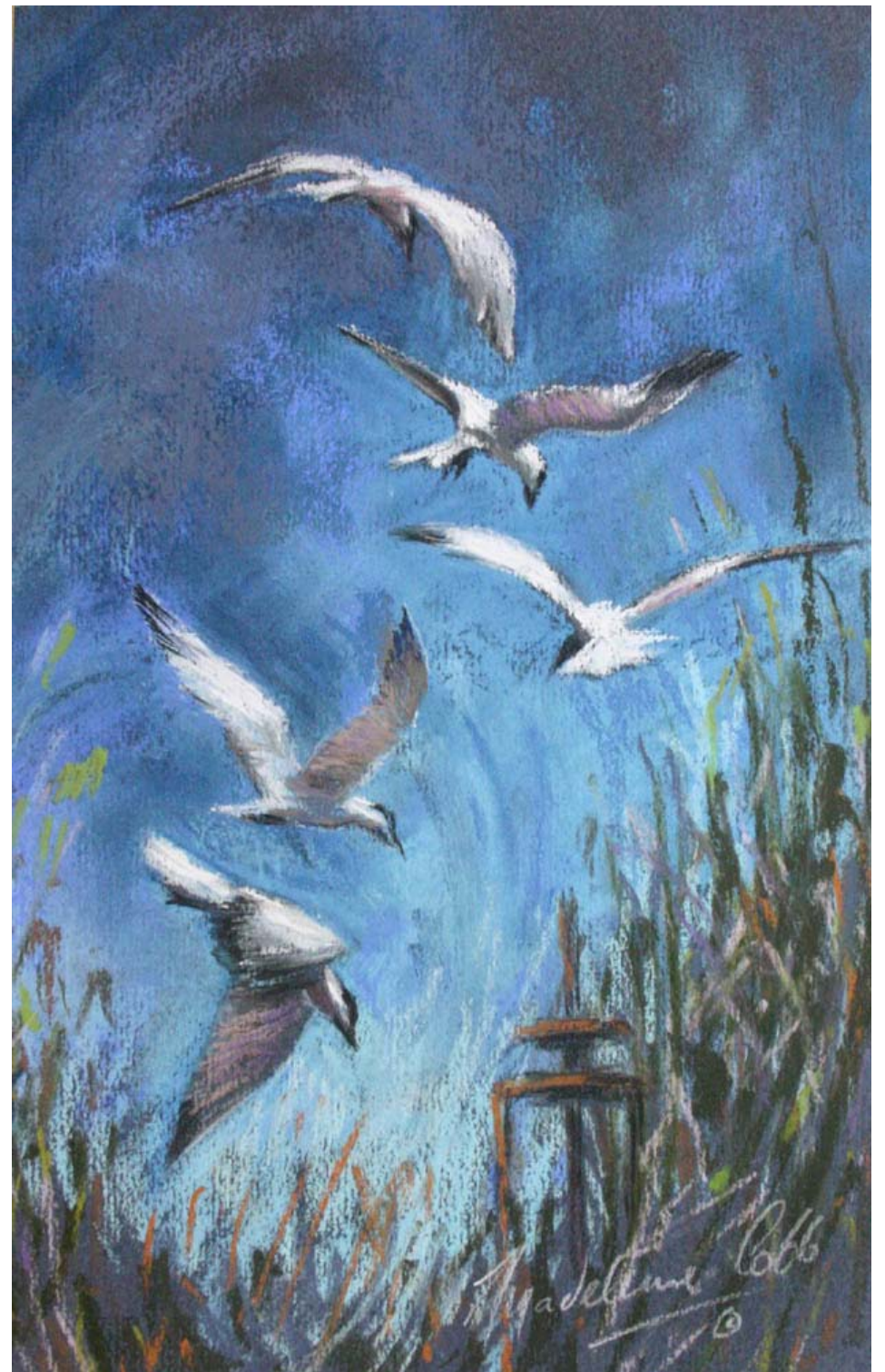
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SILVER TERNS

With wings like knives
Fishing terns fly
Chopping sky
Into splinters of blue

These angled scimitars
The shining water parts
Slashing mirror shadows
For frenzied silver darts

. . . continued . . .



Down below diver slides,
Rising bubbles streaming ...
Lifts the glittering prize,
Falling droplets gleaming.

Turn by turn
They dance on air,
And tern by tern
The swarming liquid shoal
Is spun about ...
...the living wheel made whole.

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(There is a set of four paintings to this poem, one for each verse. Not included here is the underwater diver, and the one of the shoal of tiny native fish).





Frogmouth
Keolotai 7/4/52
yellow eye, pale yellow ruff
black, amber gray & fawn feathers
white fingerprint spots & speckles

Frogmouth Owl, pencil drawing from life



Young Wood Duck
Willingboro '82

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Wood Ducklings, pencil drawing from life ...



Herons Flight Acrylic 30x80 Cm

My blue wrens
flit and twittered
Living in my wild rose thicket

Safely cased in thorns
movement warns
Intruders scratched deep and wicked.

Family dances in my almond tree
Showing off babies just to me.
Flipping hopping bravely come
On my carpet for every crumb.
Hip hop don't stop, quick collects
All last nights crop, dead insects.
Don't move, don't breathe,
Totally still, until they leave,
And they have picked
Every single scrumptious bit.

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My Blue Wrens Pastel 77x32 cm

