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**Readership:** Ages 1-7

**Author:** Jodie McLeod

**Illustrator:** Eloise Short

**Design:** Melissa Mylchreest

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“A BREATHTAKINGLY BEAUTIFUL BOOK...”

“A MUST-HAVE CHRISTMAS BOOK, HIGHLY  
RECOMMENDED FOR ALL AGES...”

~ *CBCA Reading Time*

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# The 12 Birds of Christmas

**MEDIA RELEASE:** From the award-winning author and illustrator of *The Black Cockatoo With One Feather Blue* comes this original rhyming read-aloud about giving, community and sharing the Christmas spirit.

Guess, count and spot 12 of Australia's most Christmassy birds and flowers in this joyful celebration of Christmas in the Australian bush!

Featuring 12 stunning bird portraits and a fun counting poem, readers will love using rhyming and visual clues to predict what number and bird will appear on the next page.

This beautiful-quality hardcover will be a delight for readers young and old for all the Christmases to come!  
*Available at selected bookstores and online.*

## About the author and illustrator:

This is the fourth collaboration between children's author Jodie McLeod and flora-and-fauna artist Eloise Short, both based in the Blue Mountains. Other picture books include *The Black Cockatoo With One Feather Blue* (2023) (CBCA notable; Winner: Best Picture Book, RZSNSW), *Leonard the Lyrebird* (2018) (Winner: Best Picture Book, RZSNSW) and its follow-up, *Lilah the Lyrebird* (2021).

Published by Jodie's own imprint, Wollemi Press, this gallery of gorgeous birds continues the creative duo's aim of connecting children with the natural world through books.

