

# Bird List

This list excludes most pelagic, vagrant, rare and one-off sightings.

• Australian Brush-turkey	• Red-chested Button-quail	• Crimson Rosella	• Dusky Honeyeater
• Orange-footed Scrubfowl	• Painted Button-quail	• Pale-headed Rosella	• Scarlet Honeyeater
• Brown Quail	• Latham's Snipe	• Pallid Cuckoo	• Jacky Winter
• Magpie Goose	• Black-tailed Godwit	• Brush Cuckoo	• Lemon-bellied Flycatcher
• Plumed Whistling-Duck	• Bar-tailed Godwit	• Fan-tailed Cuckoo	• Eastern Yellow Robin
• Wandering Whistling-Duck	• Whimbrel	• Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	• Mangrove Robin
• Black Swan	• Eastern Curlew	• Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	• White-browed Robin
• Radjah Shelduck	• Marsh Sandpiper	• Little Bronze-Cuckoo	• Eastern Whipbird
• Australian Wood Duck	• Common Greenshank	• Gould's Bronze-Cuckoo	• Varied Sittella
• Cotton Pygmy-goose	• Terek Sandpiper	• Common Koel	• Golden Whistler
• Pacific Black Duck	• Common Sandpiper	• Channel-billed Cuckoo	• Rufous Whistler
• Grey Teal	• Grey-tailed Tattler	• Pheasant Coucal	• Little Shrike-thrush
• Hardhead	• Ruddy Turnstone	• Barking Owl	• Grey Shrike-thrush
• Australasian Grebe	• Great Knot	• Southern Boobook	• Black-faced Monarch
• Great Crested Grebe	• Red Knot	• Barn Owl	• Spectacled Monarch
• Darter	• Sanderling	• Grass Owl	• White-eared Monarch
• Little Pied Cormorant	• Red-necked Stint	• Tawny Frogmouth	• Leaden Flycatcher
• Pied Cormorant	• Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	• Large-tailed Nightjar	• Magpie-lark
• Little Black Cormorant	• Curlew Sandpiper	• White-rumped Swiftlet	• Rufous Fantail
• Australian Pelican	• Comb-crested Jacana	• White-throated Needletail	• Grey Fantail
• White-faced Heron	• Bush Stone-curlew	• Fork-tailed Swift	• Willie Wagtail
• Little Egret	• Beach Stone-curlew	• Azure Kingfisher	• Spangled Drongo
• Eastern Reef Egret	• Pied Oystercatcher	• Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher	• Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
• White-necked Heron	• Sooty Oystercatcher	• Laughing Kookaburra	• Barred Cuckoo-shrike
• Great-billed Heron	• Black-winged Stilt	• Blue-winged Kookaburra	• White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike
• Great Egret	• Pacific Golden Plover	• Forest Kingfisher	• Cicadabird
• Intermediate Egret	• Grey Plover	• Red-backed Kingfisher	• White-winged Triller
• Cattle Egret	• Red-capped Plover	• Sacred Kingfisher	• Varied Triller
• Striated Heron	• Double-banded Plover	• Collared Kingfisher	• Olive-backed Oriole
• Glossy Ibis	• Lesser Sand Plover	• Rainbow Bee-eater	• Figbird
• Australian White Ibis	• Greater Sand Plover	• Dollarbird	• White-breasted Woodswallow
• Straw-necked Ibis	• Black-fronted Dotterel	• Noisy Pitta	• Black Butcherbird
• Royal Spoonbill	• Red-kneed Dotterel	• White-throated Treecreeper	• Pied Butcherbird
• Yellow-billed Spoonbill	• Masked Lapwing	• Red-backed Fairy-wren	• Australian Magpie
• Black-necked Stork	• Silver Gull	• Spotted Pardalote	• Pied Currawong
• Osprey	• Gull-billed Tern	• Striated Pardalote	• Torresian Crow
• Pacific Baza	• Caspian Tern	• White-browed Scrubwren	• Regent Bowerbird
• Black-shouldered Kite	• Lesser Crested Tern	• Large-billed Scrubwren	• Great Bowerbird
• Square-tailed Kite	• Crested Tern	• Weebill	• Richard's Pipit
• Black Kite	• Common Tern	• Brown Gerygone	• House Sparrow
• Whistling Kite	• Little Tern	• Mangrove Gerygone	• Double-barred Finch
• Brahminy Kite	• Whiskered Tern	• Large-billed Gerygone	• Red-browed Finch
• White-bellied Sea-Eagle	• White-winged Black Tern	• Fairy Gerygone	• Nutmeg Mannikin
• Spotted Harrier	• Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon)	• White-throated Gerygone	• Chestnut-breasted Mannikin
• Swamp Harrier	• White-headed Pigeon	• Brown Thornbill	• Yellow-bellied Sunbird
• Brown Goshawk	• Spotted Turtle-Dove	• Helmeted Friarbird	• Mistletoebird
• Grey Goshawk	• Brown Cuckoo-Dove	• Noisy Friarbird	• Welcome Swallow
• Collared Sparrowhawk	• Emerald Dove	• Little Friarbird	• Tree Martin
• Wedge-tailed Eagle	• Crested Pigeon	• Blue-faced Honeyeater	• Fairy Martin
• Little Eagle	• Squatter Pigeon	• Lewin's Honeyeater	• Red-whiskered Bulbul
• Brown Falcon	• Peaceful Dove	• Eungella Honeyeater	• Clamorous Reed-Warbler
• Australian Hobby	• Bar-shouldered Dove	• Yellow-faced Honeyeater	• Tawny Grassbird
• Peregrine Falcon	• Wompoo Fruit-Dove	• Mangrove Honeyeater	• Little Grassbird
• Nankeen Kestrel	• Superb Fruit-Dove	• Yellow Honeyeater	• Golden-headed Cisticola
• Brolga	• Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	• Fuscous Honeyeater	• Silvereye
• Buff-banded Rail	• Pied Imperial-Pigeon	• White-throated Honeyeater	• Bassian Thrush
• Bush-hen	• Topknot Pigeon	• White-cheeked Honeyeater	• Russet-tailed Thrush
• Baillon's Crake	• Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	• Brown Honeyeater	• Metallic Starling
• Purple Swamphen	• Galah	• Bar-breasted Honeyeater	
• Dusky Moorhen	• Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	• Eastern Spinebill	
• Eurasian Coot	• Rainbow Lorikeet		
• Australian Bustard	• Scaly-breasted Lorikeet		
• Red-backed Button-quail	• Australian King-Parrot		

WETLANDS FOREST GRASSLANDS SEASHORE MANGROVES TOWNS

UNCATEGORISED WATERBIRDS RAPTORS WADERS GULLS, TERNS PIGEONS, DOVES, ETC CUCKOOS NIGHT BIRDS KINGFISHERS HONEYEATERS FLYCATCHERS

# Birdwatching around Mackay

**The Beaches.** Waders can be seen on most beaches with large flocks in summer. Try Town Beach, Illawong Beach, Harbour Beach, Slade Point and Blacks Beach Spit. The tidal lagoon and the mouth of Shellgrit Creek are excellent wader sites and easily accessible. The Great-billed Heron has been seen occasionally and at Vines Creek, Barnes Creek and Bassett Basin near East Point.

**Keeleys Road.** Brolgas are often seen in the grassy paddocks beside the road. A short distance from Keeleys Road-Slade Point Road T-junction, a boardwalk runs through the melaleucas to a bird hide overlooking wetlands.

**Slade Point Reserve.** Enter from Teal Street or Jansen Street. This provides good bush birding with Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove and Orange-footed Scrubfowl usually seen and/or heard.

**Harbour Wetlands** on the corner of Harbour Road and Slade Point Road provide habitat for waterbirds, waders and terns. *There is no public access.*

**Pioneer River (North).** Follow the road from Mulherin Park south to East Point. The estuary, the mangroves and the dunal vegetation provide excellent habitat for a great number of species, including many migratory waders. Large flocks of pelicans, cormorants, gulls and terns can often be seen feeding in the shallows on the incoming tide. Flocks of Little Tern are present in summer.

**Pioneer River (South).** Start at the eastern end of River Street and walk along the embankment towards the mouth of the river to find bush birds, waders, terns, oystercatchers and Beach Stone-curlews. There is 4-wheel drive access from East Gordon Street.

**Andergrove Caravan Park.** The Park and environs are good areas for ducks, bush birds and the Buff-banded Rail. Check with Park management for permission.

**The Gooseponds.** Access this wetland from Valley Street. Bush birds and waterbirds are always present.

**Gooseponds Creek.** Access from Heaths Road or behind Windmill Motel for waterbirds.

**River Boardwalk.** Follow the walk from behind Caneland Shopping Centre towards the city. You may see honeyeaters, gulls, terns and waders.

**Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens** are located at the southern entrance to Mackay with the main entrance in Lagoon Street. There is a good variety of species, including waterbirds. The Red-whiskered Bulbul can be found in nearby streets, in Planlands and East Gordon Street.

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**St Helens Beach**  
Turn off Highway 1 at Calen and follow the signs. There is good bush birding and sometimes large flocks of Pied Oystercatchers.



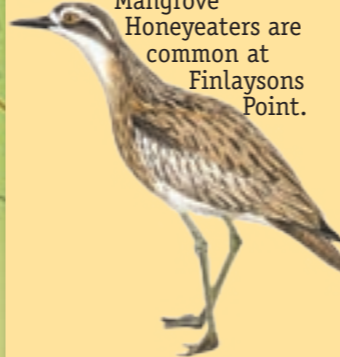
Calen

**Mount Charlton.**  
Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfishers are common between November and March and nest in the area.



Mt Charlton

**Seaforth**  
is a reliable place for waders and the Great Bowerbird (and bower). Bush Stone-curlews can be seen in home gardens. Mangrove Honeyeaters are common at Finlaysons Point.



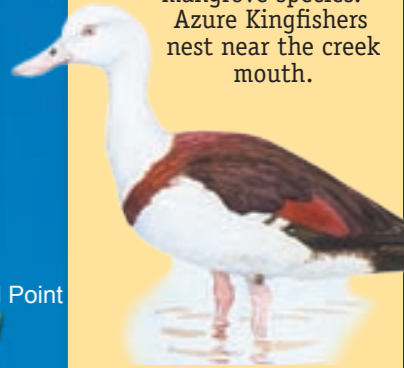
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**Cape Hillsborough (and Mangrove Boardwalk).**  
Rose-crowned Fruit-Doves have often been seen. In summer Metallic Starlings nest between Halliday Bay turn-off and Smalleys Beach turn-off.



Shoal Point

**McEwens Beach**  
Turn off Highway 1, 7.8 kms south of the traffic lights near the Information Centre. It is an excellent area for waterbirds and mangrove species. Azure Kingfishers nest near the creek mouth.



**Padaminka Wildlife Reserve**  
at Walkerston can be visited by appointment (07 4959 3770). One hundred and sixty species have been recorded including Bush-hen and Lemon-bellied Flycatcher.



Bucasia Eimeo

Slade Point

Harbour

**Eungella National Park** is situated in the Clarke Range, the only place in the world where the Eungella Honeyeater can be found.



Council Parks and Reserves offer pleasant and peaceful rest areas and good birding.

Never enter private property without seeking the permission of the owner.

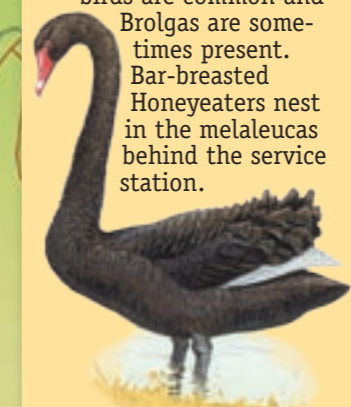
Permits are required to enter State Forests and are obtainable at Old Parks & Wildlife, Wood Street, Mackay. We welcome birders to our area. For more information contact the Mackay and Whitsunday Branch of the Bird Observers Club of Australia  
Phone 4952 2964

You will need binoculars, sunscreen, insect repellent, water and a field guide (preferably human)

**Kinchant Dam.**  
The large wetland is excellent for waterbirds including Cotton Pygmy-geese and nesting Great Crested Grebes. Bush Stone-curlews can usually be found on the grassy slope on the approach to the picnic area.



**Mac's Truck Stop** is on Highway 1 about 7 kms past the McEwens Beach turn-off. Waterbirds are common and Brolgas are sometimes present. Bar-breasted Honeyeaters nest in the melaleucas behind the service station.



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Broken River

Finch Hatton

Pinnacle

Gargett

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Kinchant Dam

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Eton

Walkerston

Racecourse

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