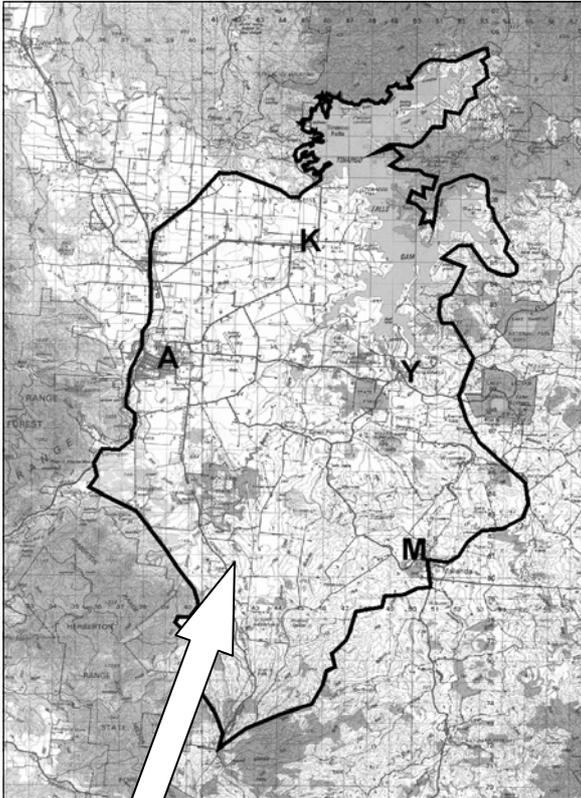


Atherton Tablelands IBA

Where is it? How do I know
I'm in the Atherton
Tablelands IBA?



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IBAs

are sites of international significance for key
bird species

IBAs are entirely non-governmental and impose no restrictions on private landowners. The key ("trigger") bird species and the sites are chosen using international criteria on bird species population size and conservation threats.

The Sarus Crane is the "trigger" species for the Atherton Tablelands IBA, which also has significant numbers of Bush Stone-curlews.

Cranes coexist very well with production systems on the Atherton Tablelands and the future of Sarus Cranes here depends on the future of Tablelands agriculture and major wetlands, including Tinaroo.

With your support BANQ will monitor Sarus on the Tablelands and work with landowners & local bodies to conserve cranes and their habitats.

Birds Australia is a partner organisation of BirdLife International, which leads the worldwide IBA program. Our annual Count results will go to BirdLife, who also monitor Sarus in India & SE Asia.

The Important Bird Area covers all the main feeding and roost sites for Sarus Cranes on the Inner Tablelands, including Bromfield Swamp, Hasties Swamp, Tinaroo shoreline sites and the cropping "Golden Triangle" from Malanda [M] & Yungaburra [Y] to Atherton [A], Tolga, and Kairi [K]. The boundaries follow roads and the shoreline of Tinaroo.

Input from Crane Counts 1997-2008 helped define this IBA, including the highest number of Sarus ever recorded at one time in Australia - over 3000 - plus hundreds of Brolgas.

Links

Birddata www.birddata.com.au/iba.vm

Birds Australia www.birdsaustralia.com.au/our-projects/important-bird-areas.html

BirdLife International www.birdlife.org

Brochures

The Birds Australia website has brochures and other downloads about IBAs in Australia, including a special brochure for Private Landowners - **see Link above**

BANQ

Also does IBA surveys in other parts of north Queensland with Bowerbirds, Cassowaries, Grasswrens and many more fascinating bird species.

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