

Townsville and District Bird Checklist

Australian Brush-turkey	C	Eastern Great Egret	C	Greater Sand Plover	C,Mn	Channel-billed Cuckoo	C,Mn,h	Bridled Honeyeater	C,E	Northern Fantail	U
Orange-footed Scrubfowl	U	Intermediate Egret	C	Black-fronted Dotterel	C	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	U	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	U	Willie Wagtail	C
Brown Quail	U	Cattle Egret	C	Red-kneed Dotterel	R	Black-eared Cuckoo	R	Varied Honeyeater	LU	Australian Raven	C
Magpie Goose	C	Striated Heron	C	Banded Lapwing	R	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	U	Mangrove Honeyeater	LU	Torresian Crow	C
Plumed Whistling-Duck	C	White-faced Heron	C	Masked Lapwing	C	Little Bronze-Cuckoo	U	White-gaped Honeyeater	C	Leaden Flycatcher	C
Wandering Whistling-Duck	C	Little Egret	C	Comb-crested Jacana	C	Pallid Cuckoo	U	Yellow Honeyeater	C	Shining Flycatcher	U
Black Swan	C	Eastern Reef Egret	U	Australian Painted Snipe	R	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	C	Fuscous Honeyeater	LU	Restless Flycatcher	R
Radjah Shelduck	R	Nankeen Night-Heron	C	Latham's Snipe	U,Mn	Brush Cuckoo	C,h	Yellow-throated Miner	U	White-eared Monarch	R
Australian Wood Duck	R	Glossy Ibis	R	Black-tailed Godwit	U,Mn	Oriental Cuckoo	U,Mn	Brown-backed Honeyeater	C	Black-faced Monarch	U
Pink-eared Duck	R	Australian White Ibis	C	Bar-tailed Godwit	C,Mn	Rufous Owl	U	Rufous-throated Honeyeater	C	Spectacled Monarch	C
Cotton Pygmy-goose	U	Straw-necked Ibis	C	Little Curlew	R,Mn	Barking Owl	C,h	Dusky Honeyeater	C	Magpie Lark	C
Green Pygmy-goose	U	Royal Spoonbill	C	Whimbrel	C	Southern Boobook	U,h	Scarlet Honeyeater	U	Pied Monarch	U,E
Australasian Shoveler	R	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	U	Eastern Curlew	C	Sooty Owl	R,h	Brown Honeyeater	C	Yellow-breasted Boatbill	R
Grey Teal	U	Eastern Osprey	U	Common Sandpiper	U	Masked Owl	R	Black-chinned Honeyeater	U	White-winged Chough	R
Chestnut Teal	R	Black-shouldered Kite	C	Grey-tailed Tattler	C,Mn	Eastern Barn Owl	R	White-throated Honeyeater	C	Apostlebird	U
Pacific Black Duck	C	Square-tailed Kite	U	Common Greenshank	C,Mn	Eastern Grass Owl	R	White-naped Honeyeater	U	Victoria's Riflebird	C,E
Hardhead	C	Black-breasted Buzzard	R	Marsh Sandpiper	U,Mn	Azure Kingfisher	U	Blue-faced Honeyeater	C	Jacky Winter	R
Australasian Grebe	C	Pacific Baza	U	Wood Sandpiper	R	Little Kingfisher	U	Helmeted Friarbird	C	Lemon-bellied Flycatcher	U
Great Crested Grebe	C	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	C	Great Knot	C,Mn	Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher	u,Mn	Noisy Friarbird	C	Pale-yellow Robin	C
Rock Dove	C	Whistling Kite	C	Red Knot	U,Mn	Laughing Kookaburra	C	Little Friarbird	C	Eastern Yellow Robin	C
White-headed Pigeon	U	Brahminy Kite	C	Red-necked Stint	C,Mn	Blue-winged Kookaburra	C	Macleay's Honeyeater	C,E	Mangrove Robin	R
Spotted Dove	C	Black Kite	C	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	C,Mn	Forest Kingfisher	C	Grey-crowned Babbler	U	Grey-headed Robin	C,E
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	U	Brown Goshawk	U	Curlew Sandpiper	U,Mn	Red-backed Kingfisher	C	Chowchilla	C,E	White-browed Robin	LU
Emerald Dove	U	Collared Sparrowhawk	U	Red-backed Button-quail	R	Sacred Kingfisher	C	Eastern Whipbird	C	Horsfield's Bushlark	C
Common Bronzewing	U	Grey Goshawk	R	Painted Button-quail	R	Collared Kingfisher	R	Varied Sittella	U	Zitting Cisticola	R
Crested Pigeon	C	Spotted Harrier	R	Red-chested Button-quail	R	Rainbow Bee-eater	C,Mn	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	C	Golden-headed Cisticola	C
Squatter Pigeon	U	Swamp Harrier	R	Little Button-quail	R	Dollarbird	C,Mn	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	C	Australian Reed-Warbler	U
Diamond Dove	R	Wedge-tailed Eagle	U	Oriental Pratincole	R,Mn	Noisy Pitta	C,h	Barred Cuckoo-shrike	U,h	Tawny Grassbird	U
Peaceful Dove	C	Little Eagle	R	Australian Pratincole	U	White-throated Treecreeper	C	Cicadabird	R,h	Rufous Songlark	U
Bar-shouldered Dove	C	Nankeen Kestrel	C	Little Tern	C	Brown Treecreeper	U	White-winged Triller	U	Silveryeye	U
Wompoo Fruit-Dove	U,h	Brown Falcon	C	Gull-billed Tern	C	Spotted Catbird	C,h	Varied Triller	U	Welcome Swallow	C
Superb Fruit-Dove	R,h	Australian Hobby	U	Caspian Tern	C	Tooth-billed Bowerbird	LC,E	Crested Shrike-tit	R	Fairy Martin	C
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	R,h	Black Falcon	R	Whiskered Tern	U	Golden Bowerbird	LC,E	Golden Whistler	C	Tree Martin	C
Pied Imperial-Pigeon	C,Mn	Peregrine Falcon	U	White-winged Black Tern	U	Satin Bowerbird	C	Grey Whistler	R	Metallic Starling	C,Mn
Topknot Pigeon	C	Sarus Crane	U,Mw	Common Tern	U	Great Bowerbird	C	Rufous Whistler	U	Common Myna	C
Tawny Frogmouth	C	Brolga	C	Lesser Crested Tern	U	Red-backed Fairy-wren	C	Little Shrike-thrush	C	Mistletoebird	C
Papuan Frogmouth	R	Purple Swamphen	U	Crested Tern	C	Lovely Fairy-wren	R	Bower's Shrike-thrush	C,E	Olive-backed Sunbird	C
White-throated Nightjar	U	Red-necked Crake	R,h	Silver Gull	C	Fernwren	R,E	Grey Shrike-thrush	C,h	Zebra Finch	U
Spotted Nightjar	R	Buff-banded Rail	U	Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	C	Yellow-throated Scrubwren	C	Australasian Figbird	C	Double-barred Finch	C
Large-tailed Nightjar	U,h	Baillon's Crake	R	Galah	C	White-browed Scrubwren	U	Olive-backed Oriole	U	Black-throated Finch	U
Australian Owllet-Nightjar	U	White-browed Crake	R	Little Corella	C	Large-billed Scrubwren	C	White-breasted Woodswallow	C	Crimson Finch	U
Australian Swiftlet	U	Pale-vented Bush-hen	R,h	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	C	Weebill	C	Masked Woodswallow	U	Plum-headed Finch	U
White-throated Needletail	R,Mn	Dusky Moorhen	C	Cockatiel	U	Brown Gerygone	C	White-browed Woodswallow	U	Red-browed Finch	C
Fork-tailed Swift	R,Mn	Eurasian Coot	C	Rainbow Lorikeet	C	Mangrove Gerygone	U	Black-faced Woodswallow	C	Nutmeg Mannikin	C
Brown Booby	U	Australian Bustard	C	Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	C	Large-billed Gerygone	U	Dusky Woodswallow	U	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	C
Australasian Darter	C	Bush Stone-curlew	C,h	Little Lorikeet	U	Fairy Gerygone	C	Little Woodswallow	R	Pictorella Mannikin	R
Little Pied Cormorant	C	Beach Stone-curlew	LU	Double-eyed Fig-Parrot	R	White-throated Gerygone	U	Black Butcherbird	U,h	House Sparrow	C
Great Cormorant	C	Australian Pied Oystercatcher	C	Australian King-Parrot	U	Mountain Thornbill	R,E	Grey Butcherbird	U	Australasian Pipit	C
Little Black Cormorant	C	Sooty Oystercatcher	R	Red-winged Parrot	C	Spotted Pardalote	R	Pied Butcherbird	C		
Pied Cormorant	U	Black-winged Stilt	C	Crimson Rosella	C	Striated Pardalote	C	Australian Magpie	C	318 species	
Australian Pelican	C	Pacific Golden Plover	C,Mn	Pale-headed Rosella	C	Eastern Spinebill	C	Pied Currawong	U		
Black-necked Stork	C	Grey Plover	U,Mn	Budgerigar	R	Lewin's Honeyeater	C	Spangled Drongo	U		
Black Bittern	C	Red-capped Plover	U	Pheasant Coucal	C	Yellow-spotted Honeyeater	C	Rufous Fantail	U		
White-necked Heron	U	Lesser Sand Plover	C,Mn	Eastern Koel	C,Mn,h	Graceful Honeyeater	U	Grey Fantail	C		

WHO ARE WE?

BirdLife Northern Queensland & BirdLife Townsville

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The branches organize both scientific and social activities. These include bird surveys, outings, workshops and presentations with guest speakers. The regular field trips and campouts cater for all levels of expertise from beginner to professional and emphasise fun as well as worthwhile conservation projects.

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LIST ANNOTATIONS

C=Common Likely to be recorded on most visits
U=Uncommon Recorded regularly but not every visit
R=Rare Recorded infrequently
L=Local

h=More often heard than seen
Mn=Migrant from the North (approx Oct-Mar)
Mw=Migrant from the West (approx May-Sep)
E=Wet Tropics Endemic

Definition: The C/U/R annotations in this list give an indication of how easy or difficult it might be to find a species. They indicate the likelihood that an experienced birder might record the species, during a day bird-watching, at the right time of year, in the appropriate habitat.

INFORMATION

Townsville district covers an area from Paluma south to Townsville City, inland to Herveys Range and Woodstock, and south to Giru.

Within this area are many habitats including coastal beaches and mangroves, freshwater swamps, dams and lagoons, creeks and rivers, melaleuca woodland, dry eucalypt woodland, wet sclerophyll and upland rainforest. This diversity of habitats attracts a large range of bird species within a relatively small area and offers birding opportunities with over 350 species, including many Wet Tropics endemics. Townsville's relatively dry climate allows many inland species to reach the coast.

Parks and reserves: Paluma Range, Bluewater Forest Reserve, Bowling Green Bay, Magnetic Island, Town Common.

Areas of interest: Cromarty and Giru Wetlands, Ross River, Ross River Dam, Toonpan, Serpentine Lagoon, Palmetum.

This list is a guide to species birders might reasonably expect to see, across all seasons and a range of weather and other conditions. They include residents, seasonal migrants, regular visitors and some uncommon visitors.

Names and taxonomic order used for the list follow *Systematics and Taxonomy of Australian Birds* by L Christidis and W E Boles (CSIRO, Melbourne, 2008). Birdlist by J Wieneke

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