

Weipa and District Bird Checklist

Australian Brush-turkey
Orange-footed Scrubfowl
Brown Quail
Magpie Goose
Spotted Whistling-Duck - C
Plumed Whistling-Duck
Wandering Whistling-Duck
Radjah Shelduck
Pink-eared Duck
Cotton Pygmy-goose
Green Pygmy-goose
Grey Teal
Pacific Black Duck
Hardhead
Australasian Grebe
Great Crested Grebe
Emerald Dove
Common Bronzewing
Peaceful Dove
Bar-shouldered Dove
Wompoo Fruit-Dove
Superb Fruit-Dove
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove
Pied Imperial-Pigeon
Topknot Pigeon
Tawny Frogmouth
Papuan Frogmouth
White-throated Nightjar
Spotted Nightjar
Large-tailed Nightjar
Australian Swiftlet
White-throated Needletail
Fork-tailed Swift
Lesser Frigatebird
Great Frigatebird
Red-footed Booby
Brown Booby
Australasian Darter
Little Pied Cormorant
Great Cormorant
Little Black Cormorant
Pied Cormorant
Australian Pelican
Black-necked Stork
Black Bittern
White-necked Heron
Eastern Great Egret
Intermediate Egret
Great-billed Heron
Cattle Egret
Striated Heron

Pied Heron
White-faced Heron
Little Egret
Eastern Reef Egret
Nankeen Night-Heron
Glossy Ibis
Australian White Ibis
Straw-necked Ibis
Royal Spoonbill
Yellow-billed Spoonbill
Eastern Osprey
Black-shouldered Kite
Square-tailed Kite
Black-breasted Buzzard
Pacific Baza
White-bellied Sea-Eagle
Whistling Kite
Brahminy Kite
Black Kite
Brown Goshawk
Collared Sparrowhawk
Grey Goshawk
Spotted Harrier
Swamp Harrier
Little Eagle
Nankeen Kestrel
Brown Falcon
Australian Hobby
Black Falcon
Peregrine Falcon
Sarus Crane
Brolga
Purple Swamphen
White-browed Crake
Eurasian Coot
Australian Bustard
Bush Stone-curlew
Beach Stone-curlew
Australian Pied Oystercatcher
Black-winged Stilt
Red-necked Avocet
Pacific Golden Plover
Grey Plover
Red-capped Plover
Lesser Sand Plover
Greater Sand Plover
Oriental Plover
Black-fronted Dotterel
Red-kneed Dotterel
Banded Lapwing
Masked Lapwing

Comb-crested Jacana
Latham's Snipe
Black-tailed Godwit
Bar-tailed Godwit
Little Curlew
Whimbrel
Eastern Curlew
Terek Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Grey-tailed Tattler
Common Greenshank
Marsh Sandpiper
Asian Dowitcher
Great Knot
Red Knot
Red-necked Stint
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
Curlew Sandpiper
Red-chested Button-quail
Australian Pratincole
Common Noddy
Bridled Tern
Little Tern
Gull-billed Tern
Caspian Tern
Whiskered Tern
White-winged Black Tern
Roseate Tern
Black-naped Tern
Common Tern
Lesser Crested Tern
Crested Tern
Silver Gull
Palm Cockatoo - C
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo
Galah
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Rainbow Lorikeet
Red-winged Parrot
Pale-headed Rosella
Pheasant Coucal
Eastern Koel
Channel-billed Cuckoo
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo
Little Bronze-Cuckoo
Pallid Cuckoo
Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo-C
Fan-tailed Cuckoo
Brush Cuckoo
Oriental Cuckoo
Rufous Owl

Southern Boobook
Eastern Barn Owl
Eastern Grass Owl
Azure Kingfisher
Little Kingfisher
Laughing Kookaburra
Blue-winged Kookaburra
Yellow-billed Kingfisher - C
Forest Kingfisher
Red-backed Kingfisher
Sacred Kingfisher
Collared Kingfisher
Rainbow Bee-eater
Dollarbird
Brown Treecreeper
Great Bowerbird
Fawn-breasted Bowerbird-C
Red-backed Fairy-wren
Lovely Fairy-wren
Tropical Scrubwren - C
Weebill
Mangrove Gerygone
Large-billed Gerygone
Fairy Gerygone
White-throated Gerygone
Red-browed Pardalote
Striated Pardalote
Yellow-spotted Honeyeater
Graceful Honeyeater
White-gaped Honeyeater
Yellow Honeyeater
Yellow-tinted Honeyeater
Brown-backed Honeyeater
Bar-breasted Honeyeater
Rufous-banded Honeyeater
Dusky Honeyeater
Red-headed Honeyeater
Banded Honeyeater
Brown Honeyeater
White-streaked Honeyeater - C
White-throated Honeyeater
Blue-faced Honeyeater
Helmeted Friarbird
Silver-crowned Friarbird
Noisy Friarbird
Little Friarbird
Tawny-breasted Honeyeater - C
Grey-crowned Babbler
Varied Sittella
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike
Cicadabird

White-winged Triller
Varied Triller
Mangrove Golden Whistler
Grey Whistler
Rufous Whistler
Little Shrike-thrush
Grey Shrike-thrush
Australasian Figbird
Yellow Oriole
Olive-backed Oriole
White-breasted Woodswallow
Masked Woodswallow
White-browed Woodswallow
Little Woodswallow
Black Butcherbird
Black-backed Butcherbird - C
Pied Butcherbird
Spangled Drongo
Rufous Fantail
Arafura Fantail
Northern Fantail
Willie Wagtail
Torresian Crow
Broad-billed Flycatcher
Leaden Flycatcher
Satin Flycatcher
Shining Flycatcher
Black-faced Monarch

Spectacled Monarch
Magpie-lark
Friiled Monarch - C
Yellow-breasted Boatbill
Trumpet Manucode - C
Magnificent Riflebird - C
Lemon-bellied Flycatcher
White-browed Robin
Golden-headed Cisticola
Tawny Grassbird
Welcome Swallow
Fairy Martin
Tree Martin
Mistletoebird
Olive-backed Sunbird
Double-barred Finch
Red-browed Finch
Nutmeg Mannikin - I
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin
Australasian Pipit

254 species

C - Cape York special birds

I - Introduced birds

Names and taxonomic order used for the bird list follow
Systematics and Taxonomy of Australian Birds
by L Christidis & W E Boles (CSIRO, Melbourne, 2008)

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Bird species list provided by Birds Australia

New or unusual sightings?

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WHO ARE WE?

BirdLife Northern Queensland

is a branch of the national organisation BirdLife Australia, formed in 2012 by the merger of Birds Australia and BOCA.

BirdLife Northern Queensland organizes 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.

Members receive a quarterly newsletter *Contact Call* detailing local activities and also enjoy *BirdLife Australia* magazine dealing with national bird issues.

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www.birdlife.org.au

Declining species?

BirdLife Northern Queensland is interested to receive any information about two species in particular.

Fawn-breasted Bowerbird There is some concern that Fawn-breasted Bowerbirds may be in decline. Sightings across Cape York have reducing over the last 20 years, particularly around the Tip. Reasons for this are unclear. There are a handful of records of perhaps stragglers at Weipa.

Southern Cassowary This bird is only recorded very rarely on Cape York in apparently suitable habitat. Bird population densities are much lower than in the Wet Tropics and a population at Lockerbie Scrub near Bamaga is now extinct. It does appear to be hanging on in the Iron Range National Park and perhaps the McIlwraith Range to the South.

Please let us know if you record either species anywhere on Cape York

INFORMATION

Weipa on the far north-west coast of Cape York Peninsula is a great birding location with access to a variety of habitats. There are coastal dunes, wetlands, mangroves, patches of vine forest, gallery forests along the major rivers as well as the tall open Darwin Stringybark forests of the Weipa plateau.

A highlight of visiting Weipa is the only known mainland roost of frigatebirds. Large numbers of both Great and Lesser Frigatebirds roost on the western Weipa peninsula. Many come down to roost after sunset, just on dark, along the main road into town between the port facilities and Evans Landing. Visitors also come to Weipa to see Spotted Whistling Ducks and Cape York specialities like Magnificent Riflebird. Local Stringybark forests are a refuge for the disappearing black-backed form of the Brown Treecreeper.

There are no national parks or public nature reserves in the vicinity of Weipa. Outside the township of Weipa, all land is either on mining lease or Aboriginal land.

Numbers for access information and permits:

Weipa Town Authority (07) 4030 9400

Napranum Council (07) 4069 9477

Mapoon Council (07) 4090 9124

Aurukun Shire Council (07) 4060 6800

Local information including can be downloaded from

www.weipatownoffice.com

Note: In the Wet season (Dec-Mar) Weipa is usually accessible only by air or sea. Check road conditions before travelling.

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