

# Copperlode Dam - Lake Morris Bird Checklist

Southern Cassowary  
Australian Brush-turkey  
Orange-footed Scrubfowl  
Australian Wood Duck  
Pacific Black Duck  
Australasian Grebe  
Great Crested Grebe  
Brown Cuckoo-Dove  
Emerald Dove  
Peaceful Dove  
Wompoo Fruit-Dove  
Superb Fruit-Dove  
Topknot Pigeon  
Tawny Frogmouth  
Australian Swiftlet  
Australasian Darter  
Little Pied Cormorant  
Great Cormorant  
Little Black Cormorant  
Pied Cormorant  
Australian Pelican  
Black-necked Stork  
Eastern Great Egret  
White-faced Heron  
Little Egret  
Nankeen Night-Heron  
Square-tailed Kite  
Pacific Baza  
White-bellied Sea-Eagle  
Whistling Kite  
Brahminy Kite  
Black Kite  
Brown Goshawk  
Grey Goshawk  
Peregrine Falcon  
Masked Lapwing  
Comb-crested Jacana  
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo  
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo  
Rainbow Lorikeet  
Scaly-breasted Lorikeet  
Double-eyed Fig-Parrot  
Australian King-Parrot  
Pheasant Coucal  
Eastern Koel  
Channel-billed Cuckoo  
Little Bronze-Cuckoo  
Fan-tailed Cuckoo  
Azure Kingfisher

Little Kingfisher  
Buff-breasted Paradise  
-Kingfisher  
Laughing Kookaburra  
Blue-winged Kookaburra  
Forest Kingfisher  
Sacred Kingfisher  
Rainbow Bee-eater  
Dollarbird  
Noisy Pitta  
Spotted Catbird  
Tooth-billed Bowerbird - E  
Satin Bowerbird  
Large-billed Scrubwren  
Brown Gerygone  
Large-billed Gerygone  
Fairy Gerygone  
White-throated Gerygone  
Spotted Pardalote  
Lewin's Honeyeater  
Yellow-spotted Honeyeater  
Graceful Honeyeater  
Yellow-faced Honeyeater  
Brown-backed Honeyeater  
Dusky Honeyeater  
Scarlet Honeyeater  
Brown Honeyeater  
White-throated Honeyeater  
Helmeted Friarbird  
Noisy Friarbird  
Macleay's Honeyeater - E  
Chowchilla - E  
Eastern Whipbird  
White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike  
Barred Cuckoo-shrike  
Cicadabird  
Varied Triller  
Golden Whistler  
Grey Whistler  
Little Shrike-thrush  
Bower's Shrike-thrush - E  
Australasian Figbird  
White-breasted Woodswallow  
Black Butcherbird  
Pied Currawong  
Spangled Drongo  
Rufous Fantail  
Grey Fantail  
Northern Fantail

Willie Wagtail  
Leaden Flycatcher  
Satin Flycatcher  
White-eared Monarch  
Black-faced Monarch  
Spectacled Monarch  
Magpie-lark  
Pied Monarch - E  
Yellow-breasted Boatbill  
Victoria's Riflebird - E  
Pale-yellow Robin  
Eastern Yellow Robin  
Silvereye  
Welcome Swallow  
Metallic Starling

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## Birdlife

The varied habitats including rainforest, woodland, grassland and water attract a range of bird species. Some are resident, some are seasonal migrants and some just occasional visitors. Vegetation in the recreation area attracts many butterflies and birds but to really appreciate the birdlife a walk across the dam into the rainforest will not disappoint. You may see a Noisy Pitta hopping across the forest floor, Wet Tropics endemics like Victoria's Riflebird, or even a Southern Cassowary.

Common Myna - I  
Mistletoebird  
Olive-backed Sunbird  
Crimson Finch  
Red-browed Finch  
Nutmeg Mannikin - I  
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin  
Australasian Pipit

## 120 species

E - Wet Tropics endemics

I - Introduced species

## Bushwalks

### Copperlode Dam to Crystal Cascades

About 60 mins (plus birdwatching time). Steep with rough terrain for 3km. A one way trip is easier from the Copperlode Dam end as it is mainly downhill. There are some numbered trees along the way and a guide is available from the Lake Morris kiosk.

### Bare Hill to Copperlode Dam

About 5 hours plus birding time, 'moderate'. Starts at the Bare Hill car park 2-3km on the left along the Davies Creek NP road and follows high voltage powerlines through a variety of rainforest for about 10km. Another 2km on it joins the road to Copperlode Dam. For a longer walk (17km, 7+ hours) start at Davies Creek NP.

### Clohesy River to Copperlode Dam

About 3 hours plus birding time, 10km, 'moderate'. Starts at the fig tree 9km along the Clohesy River Rd, off the Kennedy Highway between Kuranda and Mareeba. Passes through rainforest and eucalypt woodland, crossing several creeks along the way.

## NOTES

These are 1-way walking times only. A car shuttle with friends, starting at opposite ends, allows a more leisurely time for birdwatching. Always take water, food, and suitable clothing and shoes on all walks. Some tracks may be closed to vehicles and even pedestrians, mainly in the Wet season (Dec-Mar). Enquire at a National Parks office or Cairns Regional Council before planning your walk.

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# INFORMATION

## Location and Facilities

23 km SW of Cairns

16 km from the Brinsmead-Kamerunga Rd/  
Lake Morris turnoff

From Brinsmead-Kamerunga Rd, turn into Lake Morris Rd (signposted 'Copperlode Dam 16km'). The road winds up the face of the Isley Hills, passing through a high point of 500m. Several lookouts provide views to the coast or along the Redlynch Valley, with different habitats and a variety of birds.

Take care on the road which is narrow with sharp bends. Cyclists and especially in the first 5km, walkers, share the road with vehicles. **Note: This road is often closed.**

## Facilities

Picnic area with views, BBQs, toilets and parking. Kiosk with information and small Wet Tropics display. No swimming (the Lake is part of the Cairns water supply). Three bush-walking tracks which vary in length and difficulty, see inside page.

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