

Eubenangee Swamp Bird Checklist

Southern Cassowary	R,Rs	Intermediate Egret	C,Sv
Australian Brush-turkey	U,Rs	Great-billed Heron	R,S?
Orange-footed Scrubfowl	C,Rs	Cattle Egret	C,Rs
Brown Quail	R,S?	Striated Heron	R,Sv
King Quail	R,S?	Pied Heron	R,Mn
Magpie Goose	C,Sv	White-faced Heron	U,Sv
Plumed Whistling-Duck	R,Sv	Little Egret	U,Sv
Wandering Whistling-Duck	C,Rs	Nankeen Night-Heron	U,Rs
Black Swan	R,Sv	Glossy Ibis	R,Sv
Radjah Shelduck	R,Sv	Australian White Ibis	C,Sv
Australian Wood Duck	R,Sv	Straw-necked Ibis	R,Sv
Pink-eared Duck	R,Sv	Royal Spoonbill	C,Sv
Cotton Pygmy-goose	R,Sv	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	R,Sv
Green Pygmy-goose	C,Rs	Eastern Osprey	R,Sv
Grey Teal	R,Sv	Black-shouldered Kite	R,Sv
Pacific Black Duck	C,Rs	Pacific Baza	U,Rs
Hardhead	U,Sv	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	C,Sv
Australasian Grebe	C,Rs	Whistling Kite	C,Sv
Great Crested Grebe	R,Sv	Brahminy Kite	U,Rs
White-headed Pigeon	R,Sv	Black Kite	C,Sv
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	U,Rs	Brown Goshawk	R,Sv
Emerald Dove	U,Rs	Collared Sparrowhawk	R,Sv
Peaceful Dove	C,Rs	Grey Goshawk	R,Rs
Bar-shouldered Dove	C,Rs	Spotted Harrier	R,Sv
Wompoo Fruit-Dove	C,Rs	Swamp Harrier	U,Sv
Superb Fruit-Dove	U,Rs	Nankeen Kestrel	U,Rs
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	R,Sv	Brown Falcon	R,Sv
Pied Imperial-Pigeon	U,Mn	Australian Hobby	R,Sv
Topknot Pigeon	U,Sv	Sarus Crane	R,Sv
Tawny Frogmouth	R,S?	Brolga	R,Sv
Large-tailed Nightjar	U,Sv	Purple Swamphen	C,Rs
Australian Swiftlet	C,Rs	Red-necked Crake	C,Rs,h
White-throated Needletail	U,Mn	Buff-banded Rail	C,Rs
Fork-tailed Swift	R,Mn	Baillon's Crake	R,S?
Australasian Dart	C,Rs	Spotless Crake	R,S?
Little Pied Cormorant	C,Rs	White-browed Crake	C,Rs
Great Cormorant	R,Sv	Pale-vented Bush-hen	C,Rs,h
Little Black Cormorant	C,Rs	Dusky Moorhen	R,Sv
Pied Cormorant	R,Sv	Eurasian Coot	R,Sv
Australian Pelican	R,Sv	Bush Stone-curlew	U,Rs
Black-necked Stork	U,Sv	Black-winged Stilt	U,Sv
Australian Little Bittern	R,S?	Pacific Golden Plover	R,Mn
Black Bittern	R,Sv	Black-fronted Dotterel	U,Sv
White-necked Heron	R,Sv	Red-kneed Dotterel	R,Sv
Eastern Great Egret	C,Sv	Masked Lapwing	C,Rs

Comb-crested Jacana	C,Rs	Large-billed Scrubwren	C,Rs
Latham's Snipe	R,Mn	Brown Gerygone	R,S?
Black-tailed Godwit	R,Mn	Large-billed Gerygone	C,Rs
Little Curlew	R,Mn	Fairy Gerygone	C,Rs
Common Sandpiper	R,Mn	Yellow-spotted Honeyeater	C,Rs
Common Greenshank	R,Mn	Graceful Honeyeater	C,Rs
Marsh Sandpiper	R,Mn	Yellow Honeyeater	U,Rs
Wood Sandpiper	R,Mn	Brown-backed Honeyeater	C,Mn
Red-necked Stint	R,Mn	Dusky Honeyeater	C,Rs
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	R,Mn	Scarlet Honeyeater	R,Sv
Curlew Sandpiper	R,Mn	Brown Honeyeater	R,Sv
Red-backed Button-quail	R,S?	White-throated Honeyeater	R,Sv
Australian Pratincole	R,Mn	Helmeted Friarbird	C,Rs
Whiskered Tern	R,Sv	Noisy Friarbird	R,Sv
White-winged Black Tern	R,Sv	Little Friarbird	OR
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	C,Rs	Macleay's Honeyeater	C,Rs
Rainbow Lorikeet	C,Rs	Chowchilla	U,Rs
Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	U,Rs	Eastern Whipbird	C,Rs
Double-eyed Fig-Parrot	C,Rs	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	R,Rs
Australian King-Parrot	C,Rs	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	C,Rs
Pheasant Coucal	C,Rs	Barred Cuckoo-shrike	C,Rs
Eastern Koel	C,Mn	Cicadabird	U,Sv
Channel-billed Cuckoo	C,Mn	White-winged Triller	R,Sv
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	U,Sv	Varied Triller	C,Rs
Little Bronze-Cuckoo	C,Rs	Golden Whistler	U,Rs
Pallid Cuckoo	R,Sv	Grey Whistler	C,Rs
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	U,Sv	Rufous Whistler	C,Rs
Brush Cuckoo	C,Rs	Little Shrike-thrush	C,Rs
Oriental Cuckoo	R,Mn	Australasian Figbird	C,Rs
Sooty Owl	U,Rs	Yellow Oriole	C,Rs
Eastern Grass Owl	R,Rs	Olive-backed Oriole	R,Sv
Azure Kingfisher	U,Rs	White-breasted Woodswallow	C,Rs
Little Kingfisher	R,Sv	Black Butcherbird	C,Rs
Buff-breasted Paradise	C,Mn	Spangled Drongo	C,Rs
-Kingfisher		Rufous Fantail	C,Sv
Laughing Kookaburra	C,Rs	Grey Fantail	U,Sv
Blue-winged Kookaburra	OR	Northern Fantail	R,Sv
Forest Kingfisher	C,Rs	Willie Wagtail	C,Rs
Sacred Kingfisher	R,Sv	Torresian Crow	U,Rs
Rainbow Bee-eater	C,Rs	Leaden Flycatcher	C,Rs
Dollarbird	U,Mn	Satin Flycatcher	R,Sv
Noisy Pitta	U,Rs	Shining Flycatcher	C,Rs
Spotted Catbird	C,Rs	White-eared Monarch	R,Rs
Red-backed Fairy-wren	C,Rs	Black-faced Monarch	U,Sv
Lovely Fairy-wren	R,Rs	Spectacled Monarch	C,Rs

Magpie-lark	C,Rs	Metallic Starling	C,Rs
Pied Monarch	U,Rs	Common Myna	C,Rs
Yellow-breasted Boatbill	U,Rs	Mistletoebird	C,Rs
Victoria's Riflebird	U,Rs	Olive-backed Sunbird	C,Rs
Lemon-bellied Flycatcher	R,Sv	Crimson Finch	C,Rs
Pale-yellow Robin	C,Rs	Red-browed Finch	C,Rs
Horsfield's Bushlark	R,Sv	Nutmeg Mannikin	R,Sv
Golden-headed Cisticola	C,Rs	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	C,Rs
Australian Reed-Warbler	R,Sv	Australasian Pipit	R,Sv
Tawny Grassbird	C,Rs	Eastern Yellow Wagtail	Vag
Little Grassbird	R,S?		
Silvereye	C,Rs	205 species	
Barn Swallow	R,Mn		
Welcome Swallow	U,Rs		
Fairy Martin	U,Sv		
Tree Martin	U,Sv		

LIST ANNOTATIONS

Abundance

C=Common

Likely to be recorded on most visits

U=Uncommon

Recorded regularly but not every visit

R=Rare

Recorded infrequently

Vag=Vagrant

Does not usually occur in Australia

OR=Out of Range

Does not usually occur in this area

h=Heard

Heard more often than seen

Seasonal status

Rs=Resident, believed to occur in the area all year

Mn=Migrant from the North, approx Oct-Mar

Sv=Seasonal Visitor from within Australia

S?=Status uncertain

See over for further clarification of these annotations.

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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.

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List Annotations

The **Abundance (C/U/R)** annotations 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, within the area described in this list.

The **Seasonal Status** annotations give a guide as how much time a species might spend in this area. Thus **Resident** species are believed to occur at least somewhere within the area all year round. **Seasonal Visitors** include migrants from within Australia, wandering nomadic species which move to the area when local conditions are suitable and also waterbirds such as ducks and egrets which may move out of the area to breed when conditions inland are suitable.

INFORMATION

Eubenangee Swamp is a nationally important coastal freshwater wetland. Habitats include open water, native grassland and sedges, palm and melaleuca swamps, rainforest and seasonally-flooded rainforest along the Alice River. It is mainly surrounded by private land growing sugar cane and bananas. Many of these habitats here are not readily accessible by the general public. The only facility is a 1.5km walking track through gallery forest along the Alice River and up Grassy Hill, with excellent views over the swamp.

The swamp/wetland section never completely dries up and as such it is an important waterbird refuge in dry times. Some species not normally present may occur only in times of drought. Also sections of the walking track may also be seasonally inundated which may affect some of the records

Birds such as Southern Cassowary and Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher do make use of the park but are unlikely to occur in areas accessible by the public.

A number of bird species are seasonal visitors and their occurrence depends on the availability of food inside the park and elsewhere. Other species are nocturnal, but given the presence of Saltwater Crocodiles in the park, night time birding is not recommended.

Most of the Swamp, around 1900ha, is reserved as National Park and field staff work to control serious wetland weeds and replant native vegetation along boundaries and waterways. Many natural drainage lines have been restored. This allows the Swamp and walking track to flood after heavy rains, and may close the Park.

Check with a National Park office if visiting in summer (Wet season).

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