

Cape York Tip Bird Species

Emu
Australian Brush-turkey
Orange-footed Scrubfowl
Brown Quail
Magpie Goose
Plumed Whistling-Duck
Wandering Whistling-Duck
Radjah Shelduck
Green Pygmy-goose
Grey Teal
Pacific Black Duck
Hardhead
Australasian Grebe
Brown Cuckoo-Dove
Emerald Dove
Peaceful Dove
Bar-shouldered Dove
Wompoo Fruit-Dove
Superb Fruit-Dove
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove
Pied Imperial-Pigeon
Tawny Frogmouth
Papuan Frogmouth
Marbled Frogmouth
White-throated Nightjar
Spotted Nightjar
Large-tailed Nightjar
White-throated Needletail
Fork-tailed Swift
Lesser Frigatebird
Great Frigatebird
Masked 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
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
Wedge-tailed Eagle
Nankeen Kestrel
Brown Falcon
Australian Hobby
Peregrine Falcon
Sarus Crane
Brolga
Purple Swamphen
Red-necked Crake
Buff-banded Rail
White-browed Crake
Pale-vented Bush-hen
Australian Bustard
Bush Stone-curlew
Beach Stone-curlew
Australian Pied Oystercatcher
Black-winged Stilt
Pacific Golden Plover
Grey Plover
Red-capped Plover
Lesser Sand Plover
Greater Sand Plover
Black-fronted Dotterel
Red-kneed Dotterel
Masked Lapwing
Swinhoe's Snipe
Black-tailed Godwit
Bar-tailed Godwit
Whimbrel
Eastern Curlew
Terek Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Grey-tailed Tattler
Wandering Tattler
Common Greenshank
Marsh Sandpiper
Common Redshank
Ruddy Turnstone
Asian Dowitcher
Great Knot
Red Knot
Sanderling
Red-necked Stint
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
Curlew Sandpiper
Broad-billed Sandpiper
Red-backed Button-quail
Pomarine Jaeger

Common Noddy
Black 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
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo
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
Brush Cuckoo
Oriental Cuckoo
Rufous Owl
Barking Owl
Eastern Barn Owl
Azure Kingfisher
Little Kingfisher
Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher
Laughing Kookaburra
Blue-winged Kookaburra
Yellow-billed Kingfisher
Forest Kingfisher
Sacred Kingfisher
Collared Kingfisher
Rainbow Bee-eater
Dollarbird
Red-bellied Pitta
Noisy Pitta
Great Bowerbird
Fawn-breasted Bowerbird
Red-backed Fairy-wren
Lovely Fairy-wren
Tropical Scrubwren
Weebill
Large-billed Gerygone
Fairy Gerygone
White-throated Gerygone
Red-browed Pardalote
Yellow-spotted Honeyeater
Graceful Honeyeater
Varied Honeyeater

Yellow Honeyeater
Brown-backed Honeyeater
Bar-breasted Honeyeater
Dusky Honeyeater
Red-headed Honeyeater
Banded Honeyeater
Brown Honeyeater
White-streaked Honeyeater
White-throated Honeyeater
Blue-faced Honeyeater
Helmeted Friarbird
Silver-crowned Friarbird
Noisy Friarbird
Little Friarbird
Tawny-breasted Honeyeater
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
Black Butcherbird
Black-backed Butcherbird
Pied Currawong
Spangled Drongo
Rufous Fantail
Northern Fantail
Willie Wagtail
Torresian Crow
Broad-billed Flycatcher
Leaden Flycatcher
Satin Flycatcher
Shining Flycatcher
Black-faced Monarch
Black-winged Monarch
Spectacled Monarch
Magpie-lark
Frilled Monarch
Yellow-breasted Boatbill
Trumpet Manucode
Magnificent Riflebird
Lemon-bellied Flycatcher
Yellow-legged Flycatcher
White-faced Robin
Mangrove Robin
White-browed Robin
Northern Scrub-Robin
Golden-headed Cisticola
Australian Reed-Warbler

Tawny Grassbird
Pale White-eye
Yellow White-eye
Welcome Swallow
Fairy Martin
Tree Martin
Metallic Starling
Common Myna
Mistletoebird
Olive-backed Sunbird
Red-browed Finch
Nutmeg Mannikin
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin
House Sparrow
Australasian Pipit

251 species

Species in **BOLD** are
Cape York special birds

Birds species list by Birds Australia; Klaus Uhlenhut, Kirrama Wildlife Tours (www.kirrama.com.au); and Lloyd Nielsen, (www.birdingaustralia.com.au). The list includes residents, wet and dry season migrants, regular visitors and some uncommon visitors: but not vagrants, very rare species or historical records.

Area: the list covers the far north of Cape York Peninsula N of 11° S, plus close inshore islands within 11km of the coast from Crab Is in the E, to Tern Is in the W. (The larger Torres Strait Islands like Thursday & Horn Is. are not in this zone).

Names and taxonomic order follow *Systematics and Taxonomy of Australian Birds* by L Christidis & W E Boles (CSIRO, Melbourne, 2008).

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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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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.

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

Far northern Cape York includes the communities of Bamaga, Seisia, Injinoo & Jacky-Jacky (airport area), Umagico, New Mapoon & Punsand Bay. There is a long Dry season (May-Nov) and heavy Wet (Dec-Apr) with temperatures ranging from 18° min to 32° max.

Diverse habitats include eucalypt woodland, vine forests & thickets, riparian rainforest, mangroves, melaleuca woodland, swamps, beaches, sedgeland and saltpans. Over 260 bird species of the area include Cape York specialities like Palm Cockatoo, Trumpet Manucode, Magnificent Riflebird, Yellow-billed Kingfisher, White-streaked Honeyeater and in the Wet, breeding Red-bellied Pittas.

There is good birding around the townships of Bamaga and Seisia but rainforest birds are most easily viewed in the Lockerbie Scrub between Bamaga and The Tip. Other key birding sites include Jacky Jacky (airport area), Jardine River National Park and Somerset.

Specialist bird tours are available in both wet and dry seasons, and fishing charter boats may offer trips to inshore islands to spot Pale White-eye, mangrove bird species and turtles. Other attractions include the northernmost point of Australia's mainland ('The Tip'), fishing and historical sites.

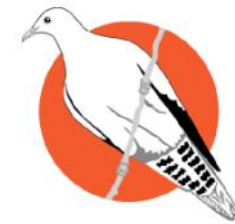
Note: Wet season (Dec-Apr) access is by air or sea only. At other times 4WD is essential, check road conditions. Alcohol restrictions apply on Cape York. There is a range of accommodation but services, fuel and supplies may be remote and travellers should be self-sufficient.

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