

Mount Surprise Bird Species

Emu	Australian White Ibis	Pheasant Coucal	White-throated Honeyeater	Mistletoebird	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin
Australian Brush-turkey	Straw-necked Ibis	Eastern Koel	Blue-faced Honeyeater	Zebra Finch	Australasian Pipit
Brown Quail	Royal Spoonbill	Channel-billed Cuckoo	Noisy Friarbird	Double-barred Finch	134 species
Magpie Goose	Pacific Baza	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	Little Friarbird	Black-throated Finch	Updated April 2013
Plumed Whistling-Duck	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Pallid Cuckoo	Grey-crowned Babbler	Red-browed Finch	
Wandering Whistling-Duck	Whistling Kite	Brush Cuckoo	Varied Sittella		
Radjah Shelduck	Black Kite	Barking Owl	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Bird list by Mt Surprise Gems with additional records from BirdLife .	
Australian Wood Duck	Brown Goshawk	Southern Boobook	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike		
Pacific Black Duck	Collared Sparrowhawk	Eastern Barn Owl	White-winged Triller		
Australasian Grebe	Spotted Harrier	Azure Kingfisher	Australasian Figbird		
Common Bronzewing	Wedge-tailed Eagle	Blue-winged Kookaburra	Olive-backed Oriole	Mount Surprise Gems was established by keen birdwatchers Pete and Pam Blackburn who have been compiling their bird list since 1998. More information -	
Crested Pigeon	Little Eagle	Forest Kingfisher	Masked Woodswallow		
Spinifex Pigeon	Nankeen Kestrel	Red-backed Kingfisher	White-browed Woodswallow		
Squatter Pigeon	Brown Falcon	Sacred Kingfisher	Black-faced Woodswallow		
Peaceful Dove	Grey Falcon	Rainbow Bee-eater	Dusky Woodswallow		
Bar-shouldered Dove	Peregrine Falcon	Dollarbird	Little Woodswallow		
Tawny Frogmouth	Brolga	Great Bowerbird	Pied Butcherbird		
Australian Owlet-Nightjar	Australian Bustard	Red-backed Fairy-wren	Australian Magpie		
Australasian Darter	Bush Stone-curlew	Variiegated Fairy-wren	Pied Currawong		
Little Pied Cormorant	Black-fronted Dotterel	Weebill	Spangled Drongo		
Great Cormorant	Banded Lapwing	Fairy Gerygone	Grey Fantail		
Little Black Cormorant	Masked Lapwing	White-throated Gerygone	Northern Fantail		
Pied Cormorant	Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Yellow Thornbill	Willie Wagtail		
Australian Pelican	Galah	Red-browed Pardalote	Australian Raven		
Black-necked Stork	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Striated Pardalote	Torresian Crow		
Black Bittern	Cockatiel	Singing Honeyeater	Leaden Flycatcher		
White-necked Heron	Rainbow Lorikeet	Yellow Honeyeater	Satin Flycatcher		
Eastern Great Egret	Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	Yellow-throated Miner	Restless Flycatcher		
Intermediate Egret	Varied Lorikeet	Rufous-throated Honeyeater	Magpie-lark		
White-faced Heron	Red-winged Parrot	Banded Honeyeater	Apostlebird		
Little Egret	Pale-headed Rosella	Brown Honeyeater	Lemon-bellied Flycatcher		
Nankeen Night-Heron	Budgerigar	Black-chinned Honeyeater	Silvereye		

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

WHO ARE WE?

BirdLife Northern Queensland

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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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INFORMATION

Mt Surprise is a small historic railway and mining town located on the edge of the Undara Lava fields, at the gateway to north Queensland's Gulf Savannah. The region supports grazing, mining and tourism and most rainfall (776mm a year) occurs Dec-March.

Birds on this list are found in varied habitats within 5km of town - eucalypt woodland, melaleuca, vine thickets, local gardens and dams, and along creeks; plus the O'Brien's Gemfields about 40km NW of town: a hilly, rugged granite area with large boulders. Other wildlife includes many macropods (kangaroos and relatives), especially Rufous Bettongs.

Mt Surprise has a store, a hotel and a van park with units and camping. Apart from birdwatching, activities include gem fossicking, lapidary workshop, bushwalking, historical displays and the Savannahlander Outback Train. Note: in the Gulf Country facilities can be remote and visitors should be well-prepared.

More information

www.bedrockvillage.com.au

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Location

18°04'48" S 144°11'24"E (GDA94)

171 km SW of Ravenshoe

From Ravenshoe follow the Kennedy Hwy west through Mt Garnet to the 40-Mile Scrub (see BANQ Brochure No. 16). 3km past the southern Scrub boundary the Kennedy Hwy diverges south (left) to The Lynd and south-west (right) to Undara, Mt Surprise, Georgetown and the Gulf. Mt Surprise is 56km from the turnoff.

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