

Karumba-Normanton Bird Checklist

Emu
Australian Brush-turkey
Brown Quail
Magpie Goose
Plumed Whistling-Duck
Wandering Whistling-Duck
Black Swan
Radjah Shelduck
Australian Wood Duck
Pink-eared Duck
Green Pygmy-goose
Grey Teal
Pacific Black Duck
Hardhead
Australasian Grebe
Hoary-headed Grebe
Great Crested Grebe
Rock Dove - I
Crested Pigeon
Squatter Pigeon
Diamond Dove
Peaceful Dove
Bar-shouldered Dove
Pied Imperial-Pigeon
Tawny Frogmouth
Spotted Nightjar
Australian Owlet-Nightjar
Fork-tailed Swift
Great Frigatebird
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
White-bellied Sea-Eagle
Whistling Kite
Brahminy Kite
Black Kite
Brown Goshawk
Collared Sparrowhawk
Grey Goshawk
Spotted Harrier
Swamp Harrier
Wedge-tailed Eagle
Little Eagle
Nankeen Kestrel
Brown Falcon
Australian Hobby
Black Falcon
Sarus Crane
Brolga
Purple Swamphen
Spotted Crake
Dusky Moorhen
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
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
Ruddy Turnstone
Great Knot
Red Knot
Sanderling
Red-necked Stint
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
Curlew Sandpiper
Broad-billed Sandpiper
Oriental Pratincole
Australian Pratincole
Little Tern
Gull-billed Tern
Caspian Tern
Whiskered Tern
Common Tern
Lesser Crested Tern
Crested Tern
Silver Gull
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo
Galah
Little Corella
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Cockatiel
Rainbow Lorikeet
Varied Lorikeet
Red-winged Parrot
Pale-headed Rosella
Pheasant Coucal
Eastern Koel
Channel-billed Cuckoo
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo
Little Bronze-Cuckoo
Brush Cuckoo
Barking Owl
Southern Boobook
Azure Kingfisher
Blue-winged Kookaburra
Forest Kingfisher
Red-backed Kingfisher
Sacred Kingfisher
Collared Kingfisher
Rainbow Bee-eater
Dollarbird
Great Bowerbird

Red-backed Fairy-wren
Variegated Fairy-wren
Weebill
Mangrove Gerygone
Western Gerygone
White-throated Gerygone
Red-browed Pardalote
Striated Pardalote
White-gaped Honeyeater
Yellow Honeyeater
Grey-fronted Honeyeater
Yellow-tinted Honeyeater
Yellow-throated Miner
Bar-breasted Honeyeater
Rufous-banded Honeyeater
Rufous-throated Honeyeater
Crimson Chat
Red-headed Honeyeater
Brown Honeyeater
White-throated Honeyeater
Blue-faced Honeyeater
Silver-crowned Friarbird
Little Friarbird
Grey-crowned Babbler
Ground Cuckoo-shrike
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike
White-winged Triller
Mangrove Golden Whistler
Rufous Whistler
White-breasted Whistler
Little Shrike-thrush
Grey Shrike-thrush
Australasian Figbird
Yellow Oriole
Olive-backed Oriole
White-breasted Woodswallow
Masked Woodswallow
White-browed Woodswallow
Black-faced Woodswallow
Little Woodswallow
Pied Butcherbird
Australian Magpie
Spangled Drongo
Arafura Fantail
Grey Fantail
Mangrove Grey Fantail
Northern Fantail
Willie Wagtail
Australian Raven

Torresian Crow
Broad-billed Flycatcher
Leaden Flycatcher
Restless Flycatcher
Magpie-lark
Apostlebird
Jacky Winter
Mangrove Robin
Horsfield's Bushlark
Zitting Cisticola
Golden-headed Cisticola
Australian Reed-Warbler
Tawny Grassbird
Rufous Songlark
Brown Songlark
Yellow White-eye

Silvereye
Welcome Swallow
Fairy Martin
Tree Martin
Mistletoebird
Zebra Finch
Double-barred Finch
Black-throated Finch
Star Finch
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin
Pictorella Mannikin
House Sparrow - I
Australasian Pipit

229 species
I - Introduced birds

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Checklist by BirdLife Northern Queensland. It is a guide to species birders might reasonably expect to see within a 40km radius of Karumba (including Normanton township) across all seasons and a range of weather conditions. It includes residents, seasonal migrants, regular visitors and some uncommon visitors but not vagrants or very rare species.

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INFORMATION

Normanton is a small town on the Norman River in North Queensland's Gulf Savannah. Nearby *Karumba* is a fishing village and port. The region supports grazing, mining, fishing and tourism. Main access roads are bitumen but the area is low lying and can be isolated by floods Dec-March. But after the Wet Season is a good time to view waterbirds in the wetland zone between Normanton and Karumba, including Sarus Cranes with young.

Sarus Cranes spend the dry season feeding on the Atherton Tablelands but return to the gulf area to breed in Summer. Some Cranes and Brolgas may stay all year.

Sought-after species in mangroves and swampy grasslands include White-breasted Whistler, Zitting Cisticola, Arafura Fantail, Mangrove Robin and Yellow-White-eye. Mangrove Golden Whistler is occasionally spotted by the lucky visitor. Boat tours at Karumba specialise in mangrove bird species as well as Saltwater Crocodiles and spectacular sunsets.

'Outback by the sea'

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Advance bookings are advisable for accommodation and the Gulflander Train as this area is very popular in the dry season. Fuel and basic supplies are available but in the Gulf Region facilities can be remote, and visitors should be well-prepared. Road conditions should be checked before travelling Nov-May.

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