

# Charters Towers and District Bird Species

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| Emu                        | Nankeen Night-Heron          | Latham's Snipe            | Azure Kingfisher            | White-breasted Woodswallow | Golden-headed Cisticola    |
| Australian Brush-turkey    | Glossy Ibis                  | Black-tailed Godwit       | Laughing Kookaburra         | Masked Woodswallow         | Australian Reed-Warbler    |
| Stubble Quail              | Australian White Ibis        | Little Curlew             | Blue-winged Kookaburra      | White-browed Woodswallow   | Tawny Grassbird            |
| Brown Quail                | Straw-necked Ibis            | Whimbrel                  | Forest Kingfisher           | Black-faced Woodswallow    | Little Grassbird           |
| King Quail                 | Royal Spoonbill              | Terek Sandpiper           | Red-backed Kingfisher       | Dusky Woodswallow          | Rufous Songlark            |
| Magpie Goose               | Yellow-billed Spoonbill      | Common Sandpiper          | Sacred Kingfisher           | Little Woodswallow         | Brown Songlark             |
| Plumed Whistling-Duck      | Eastern Osprey               | Grey-tailed Tattler       | Rainbow Bee-eater           | Grey Butcherbird           | Silvereye                  |
| Wandering Whistling-Duck   | Black-shouldered Kite        | Common Greenshank         | Dollarbird                  | Pied Butcherbird           | White-backed Swallow       |
| Freckled Duck              | Letter-winged Kite           | Marsh Sandpiper           | Brown Treecreeper           | Australian Magpie          | Welcome Swallow            |
| Black Swan                 | Square-tailed Kite           | Wood Sandpiper            | Spotted Bowerbird           | Pied Currawong             | Fairy Martin               |
| Australian Wood Duck       | Black-breasted Buzzard       | Great Knot                | Great Bowerbird             | Spangled Drongo            | Tree Martin                |
| Pink-eared Duck            | Pacific Baza                 | Red Knot                  | Red-backed Fairy-wren       | Grey Fantail               | Mistletoebird              |
| Cotton Pygmy-goose         | White-bellied Sea-Eagle      | Red-necked Stint          | Variiegated Fairy-wren      | Willie Wagtail             | Zebra Finch                |
| Green Pygmy-goose          | Whistling Kite               | Sharp-tailed Sandpiper    | Weebill                     | Australian Raven           | Double-barred Finch        |
| Australasian Shoveler      | Black Kite                   | Curlew Sandpiper          | Western Gerygone            | Torresian Crow             | Black-throated Finch       |
| Grey Teal                  | Brown Goshawk                | Red-backed Button-quail   | Fairy Gerygone              | Leaden Flycatcher          | Plum-headed Finch          |
| Chestnut Teal              | Collared Sparrowhawk         | Red-chested Button-quail  | White-throated Gerygone     | Shining Flycatcher         | Nutmeg Mannikin - I        |
| Pacific Black Duck         | Spotted Harrier              | Little Button-quail       | Yellow-rumped Thornbill     | Restless Flycatcher        | Chestnut-breasted Mannikin |
| Hardhead                   | Swamp Harrier                | Oriental Pratincole       | Buff-rumped Thornbill       | Black-faced Monarch        | Pictorella Mannikin        |
| Australasian Grebe         | Wedge-tailed Eagle           | Australian Pratincole     | Red-browed Pardalote        | Magpie-lark                | House Sparrow              |
| Hoary-headed Grebe         | Little Eagle                 | Gull-billed Tern          | Striated Pardalote          | White-winged Chough        | Australasian Pipit         |
| Great Crested Grebe        | Nankeen Kestrel              | Caspian Tern              | Lewin's Honeyeater          | Apostlebird                |                            |
| Common Bronzewing          | Brown Falcon                 | Whiskered Tern            | Singing Honeyeater          | Jacky Winter               | <b>251 species</b>         |
| Flock Bronzewing           | Australian Hobby             | White-winged Black Tern   | Yellow Honeyeater           | Red-capped Robin           | R - Rare sightings         |
| Crested Pigeon             | Grey Falcon                  | Common Tern               | Grey-fronted Honeyeater     | Hooded Robin               | I - Introduced birds       |
| Squatter Pigeon            | Black Falcon                 | Silver Gull               | Fuscous Honeyeater          | Horsfield's Bushlark       |                            |
| Diamond Dove               | Peregrine Falcon             | Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo | Yellow-throated Miner       |                            |                            |
| Peaceful Dove              | Brolga                       | Galah                     | Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater    |                            |                            |
| Bar-shouldered Dove        | Purple Swamphen              | Long-billed Corella       | Rufous-throated Honeyeater  |                            |                            |
| Superb Fruit-Dove          | Buff-banded Rail             | Little Corella            | Crimson Chat                |                            |                            |
| Tawny Frogmouth            | Baillon's Crake              | Sulphur-crested Cockatoo  | Orange Chat                 |                            |                            |
| Spotted Nightjar           | Australian Spotted Crake     | Cockatiel                 | Scarlet Honeyeater          |                            |                            |
| Australian Owllet-Nightjar | White-browed Crake           | Rainbow Lorikeet          | Banded Honeyeater           |                            |                            |
| White-throated Needletail  | Pale-vented Bush-hen         | Scaly-breasted Lorikeet   | Brown Honeyeater            |                            |                            |
| Fork-tailed Swift          | Black-tailed Native-hen      | Red-winged Parrot         | White-throated Honeyeater   |                            |                            |
| Australasian Darter        | Dusky Moorhen                | Pale-headed Rosella       | Blue-faced Honeyeater       |                            |                            |
| Little Pied Cormorant      | Eurasian Coot                | Budgerigar                | Noisy Friarbird             |                            |                            |
| Great Cormorant            | Australian Bustard           | Pheasant Coucal           | Little Friarbird            |                            |                            |
| Little Black Cormorant     | Bush Stone-curlew            | Eastern Koel              | Striped Honeyeater          |                            |                            |
| Pied Cormorant             | Black-winged Stilt           | Channel-billed Cuckoo     | Grey-crowned Babbler        |                            |                            |
| Australian Pelican         | Red-necked Avocet            | Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo | Varied Sittella             |                            |                            |
| Black-necked Stork         | Pacific Golden Plover        | Black-eared Cuckoo        | Ground Cuckoo-shrike        |                            |                            |
| Black Bittern              | Red-capped Plover            | Shining Bronze-Cuckoo     | Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike   |                            |                            |
| White-necked Heron         | Lesser Sand Plover           | Pallid Cuckoo             | White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike |                            |                            |
| Eastern Great Egret        | Caspian Plover               | Fan-tailed Cuckoo         | Cicadabird                  |                            |                            |
| Intermediate Egret         | Oriental Plover              | Brush Cuckoo              | White-winged Triller        |                            |                            |
| Cattle Egret               | Black-fronted Dotterel       | Oriental Cuckoo           | Varied Triller              |                            |                            |
| Striated Heron             | Red-kneed Dotterel           | Barking Owl               | Rufous Whistler             |                            |                            |
| Pied Heron                 | Masked Lapwing               | Southern Boobook          | Grey Shrike-thrush          |                            |                            |
| White-faced Heron          | Comb-crested Jacana          | Eastern Barn Owl          | Australasian Figbird        |                            |                            |
| Little Egret               | Australian Painted Snipe - R | Eastern Grass Owl         | Olive-backed Oriole         |                            |                            |

This list includes residents, seasonal migrants, regular and uncommon visitors and rare sightings reviewed by national or state Rarities Committees ("R"). Names and taxonomic order used for the list follow *Systematics and Taxonomy of Australian Birds* by L Christidis & W E Boles (CSIRO, Melbourne, 2008). Thank you to Peter and Hazel Britton for permission to base this list on their bird observations from 1983-2000. Full details: *The Sunbird*, Vol 30 No 3, pp. 61-88.

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# INFORMATION

Over 250 bird species have been recorded within 70 km of *Charters Towers* in undulating grassy woodlands, wetlands ranging from seasonal pools to major storages, and along watercourses including the Burdekin River.

Australian Bustards are widespread in grassland. Crimson and Orange Chats and Plum-headed Finch sometimes occur in large numbers. A few Ground Cuckoo-shrikes may be seen in lightly wooded country, April-July. The Burdekin River & Weir can have many waterbirds. Check small wetlands like roadside borrow pits for Black-throated Finch (endangered southern form) and report sightings to the Recovery Team at [www.blackthroatedfinch.com](http://www.blackthroatedfinch.com).

### **Key birdwatching areas**

Dalrymple National Park, Fletcher Creek & other Council Reserves, Burdekin Weir, Mingela Dam. Much of the area is private land without public access. However (with care) there is good birding in vegetation and small dams viewed from parking spots along local gravel roads and highways.

### **Charters Towers Visitor Information Centre**

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[www.charterstowers.qld.gov.au](http://www.charterstowers.qld.gov.au)

[tourinfo@charterstowers.qld.gov.au](mailto:tourinfo@charterstowers.qld.gov.au)

The website includes area map & accommodation details.

## **Location and Facilities**

20°04'S 146°15'E (GDA 94)

130 km SW of Townsville

### **Facilities**

Charters Towers and nearby towns have a wide range of accommodation, including farmstays and camping on some parks and reserves. Ask the Information Centre about road condition and access to birding sites, especially during the Wet Season (Nov-Mar), and contact QPWS about National park camping. Tours of historical buildings and mining facilities are a feature of the district.

# CHARTERS TOWERS and DISTRICT

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