

Iron Range Area Bird Checklist

Southern Cassowary	R	Eastern Osprey	U
Australian Brush-turkey	C	Black-shouldered Kite	R
Orange-footed Scrubfowl	C	Pacific Baza	R
Brown Quail	R	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	C
King Quail	R	Whistling Kite	U
Magpie Goose	R	Brahminy Kite	C
Spotted Whistling Duck	U	Black Kite	U
Wandering Whistling-Duck	L,U	Brown Goshawk	U
Radjah Shelduck	R	Collared Sparrowhawk	R
Green Pygmy-goose	L,U	Grey Goshawk	C
Grey Teal	R	Nankeen Kestrel	R
Pacific Black Duck	L,U	Brown Falcon	R
Australasian Grebe	L,C	Australian Hobby	U
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	C	Peregrine Falcon	R
Emerald Dove	C	Sarus Crane	R
Peaceful Dove	C	Brolga	R
Bar-shouldered Dove	C	Red-necked Crane	U,h
Wompoo Fruit-Dove	C	White-browed Crane	R
Superb Fruit-Dove	C	Pale-vented Bush-hen	R,h
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	C	Bush Stone-curlew	R
Pied Imperial-Pigeon	C,M	Beach Stone-curlew	U
Topknot Pigeon	R	Australian Pied Oystercatcher	C
Tawny Frogmouth	R	Black-winged Stilt	L,U
Papuan Frogmouth	C	Pacific Golden Plover	C,M
Marbled Frogmouth	U,h	Grey Plover	R,M
White-throated Nightjar	R	Red-capped Plover	C
Spotted Nightjar	R	Lesser Sand Plover	C,M
Large-tailed Nightjar	R	Greater Sand Plover	C,M
Australian Owlet-Nightjar	C	Oriental Plover	L,R,M
Australian Swiftlet	C	Masked Lapwing	C
White-throated Needletail	R,M	Latham's Snipe	R,M
Fork-tailed Swift	R,M	Black-tailed Godwit	R,M
Lesser Frigatebird	C	Bar-tailed Godwit	U,M
Great Frigatebird	C	Little Curlew	U,M
Brown Booby	C	Whimbrel	C,M
Australasian Darter	U	Eastern Curlew	C,M
Little Pied Cormorant	U	Terek Sandpiper	C,M
Little Black Cormorant	U	Common Sandpiper	C,M
Black-necked Stork	R	Grey-tailed Tattler	C,M
Black Bittern	U	Wandering Tattler	R,M
White-necked Heron	R	Common Greenshank	R,M
Eastern Great Egret	C	Marsh Sandpiper	R,M
Intermediate Egret	U	Ruddy Turnstone	C,M
Cattle Egret	R	Great Knot	R,M
Striated Heron	U	Sanderling	R,M
Pied Heron	U	Red-necked Stint	C,M
White-faced Heron	U	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	U,M
Little Egret	U	Broad-billed Sandpiper	R,M
Eastern Reef Egret	C	Red-backed Button-quail	R
Nankeen Night-Heron	U	Buff-breasted Button-quail	R
Glossy Ibis	R	Common Noddy	C
Australian White Ibis	U	Black Noddy	C
Royal Spoonbill	R	Bridled Tern	C
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	R	Sooty Tern	U
		Little Tern	C

Gull-billed Tern	C	Striated Pardalote	R
Caspian Tern	U	Yellow-spotted Honeyeater	C
White-winged Black Tern	R	Graceful Honeyeater	C
Roseate Tern	R	Varied Honeyeater	C
Black-naped Tern	C	Yellow Honeyeater	R
Common Tern	U	Brown-backed Honeyeater	C
Lesser Crested Tern	C	Rufous-banded Honeyeater	R
Crested Tern	C	Dusky Honeyeater	C
Silver Gull	C	Red-headed Honeyeater	R
Palm Cockatoo	C	Green-backed Honeyeater	C
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	C	Banded Honeyeater	R
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	R	Brown Honeyeater	R
Rainbow Lorikeet	C	White-streaked Honeyeater	U
Double-eyed Fig-Parrot	C	White-throated Honeyeater	C
Red-winged Parrot	R	Blue-faced Honeyeater	R
Eclectus Parrot	C	Helmeted Friarbird	C
Red-cheeked Parrot	C	Silver-crowned Friarbird	R
Pale-headed Rosella	R	Noisy Friarbird	U
Pheasant Coucal	C	Little Friarbird	R
Eastern Koel	C,M,h	Tawny-breasted Honeyeater	C
Channel-billed Cuckoo	U,M	Grey-crowned Babbler	R
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	R	Varied Sittella	R
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	R	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	C
Little Bronze-Cuckoo	C	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	C
Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo	U	Barred Cuckoo-shrike	R
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	U	Cicadabird	U,h
Brush Cuckoo	C,h	White-winged Triller	R
Oriental Cuckoo	U,M	Varied Triller	C
Rufous Owl	R	Mangrove Golden Whistler	R
Southern Boobook	R	Grey Whistler	C
Eastern Barn Owl	R	Rufous Whistler	C
Eastern Grass Owl	R	Little Shrike-thrush	C
Azure Kingfisher	C	Grey Shrike-thrush	U
Little Kingfisher	U	Australasian Figbird	C
Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher	C,M	Yellow Oriole	C
Laughing Kookaburra	R	Olive-backed Oriole	C
Blue-winged Kookaburra	C	White-breasted Woodswallow	C
Yellow-billed Kingfisher	C	Black Butcherbird	C
Forest Kingfisher	C	Pied Currawong	U
Sacred Kingfisher	U	Spangled Drongo	C
Collared Kingfisher	C	Rufous Fantail	C
Rainbow Bee-eater	C	Grey Fantail	R
Dollarbird	C,M	Northern Fantail	U
Red-bellied Pitta	U,M	Torresian Crow	R
Noisy Pitta	C	Broad-billed Flycatcher	U
Spotted Catbird	C	Leaden Flycatcher	C
Great Bowerbird	R	Satin Flycatcher	R
Fawn-breasted Bowerbird	U	Shining Flycatcher	C
Red-backed Fairy-wren	U	White-eared Monarch	C
Lovely Fairy-wren	C	Black-faced Monarch	U
Tropical Scrubwren	C	Black-winged Monarch	C,M
Weebill	R	Spectacled Monarch	C
Large-billed Gerygone	C	Magpie Lark	C
Fairy Gerygone	C	Frilled Monarch	C
White-throated Gerygone	R	Yellow-breasted Boatbill	C

Trumpet Manucode	C	Metallic Starling	C,M
Magnificent Riflebird	C	Mistletoebird	C
Lemon-bellied Flycatcher	C	Olive-backed Sunbird	C
Yellow-legged Flycatcher	U	House Sparrow	LC
White Faced Robin	C	Red-browed Finch	C
Mangrove Robin	U	Nutmeg Mannikin	R
White-browed Robin	C		
Northern Scrub Robin	C		
Golden-headed Cisticola	U	Birds in Bold are Cape	
Tawny Grassbird	R	York Specialties	
Silvereye	C		
Welcome Swallow	U		
Tree Martin	R	238 species	

LIST ANNOTATIONS

C=Common Likely to be recorded on most visits
U=Uncommon Recorded regularly but not every visit
R=Rare Recorded infrequently
L=Local

h=More often heard than seen
M=Migrant from the North (approx Oct-Mar)
Bold=Cape York Special

Definition: The C/U/R annotations in this list 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.

This information is compiled from over 500 Birds Australia Atlas Records from the Iron Range area and with additional advice from Ben Blewitt of Cassowary Tours (www.cassowarytours.com.au) and Brian Venables

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

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Declining species?

BANQ 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 further North. 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

This bird list covers birds that are likely to be found within the Iron Range National Park and surrounding areas. The surrounding areas include the townships of Portland Roads, Lockhart River and roads between them. The list also includes Chili Beach, the airport, some agricultural areas and coastal mangroves.

The Iron Range National Park contains the largest area of lowland rainforest in Australia. Fauna here starts to take on some of the flavor of New Guinea. Mammals such as the Common Spotted & Southern Common Cuscus and reptiles such as the Green Python are shared between the two. In terms of birdlife a number of spectacular species are also shared including the Palm Cockatoo, Eclectus Parrot, Red-cheeked Parrot, Magnificent Riflebird, Red-bellied Pitta, Trumpet Manucode & Black-winged Monarch.

Two bird species are endemic to Cape York, the Golden-shouldered Parrot and the White-streaked Honeyeater. The Parrot is found further south than this area but the White-streaked Honeyeater may be found in eucalypt woodland and vine scrub habitat although rarely in actual rainforest.

There are a number of interesting walking tracks within the National Park to explore. The road between Cooks Hut and Gordon Creek can also be very productive. In season numerous waders are present on Chili Beach and the mangroves can be explored for specialist species.

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