

Atherton Tableland Bird Species

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| Southern Cassowary | R,Rs | Intermediate Egret | C,Sv |
| Australian Brush-turkey | C,Rs | Cattle Egret | C,Rs |
| Orange-footed Scrubfowl | C,Rs | Pied Heron | R,Sv |
| Stubble Quail | R,S? | White-faced Heron | C,Sv |
| Brown Quail | C,Rs | Little Egret | U,Sv |
| King Quail | R,S? | Nankeen Night-Heron | U,Rs |
| Maggie Goose | C,Sv | Glossy Ibis | U,Sv |
| Plumed Whistling-Duck | C,Sv | Australian White Ibis | C,Sv |
| Wandering Whistling-Duck | C,Sv | Straw-necked Ibis | C,Sv |
| Freckled Duck | R,OR | Royal Spoonbill | U,Sv |
| Black Swan | U,Sv | Yellow-billed Spoonbill | R,Sv |
| Radjah Shelduck | U,Sv | Eastern Osprey | U,Rs |
| Australian Wood Duck | C,Rs | Black-shouldered Kite | C,Rs |
| Pink-eared Duck | U,Sv | Letter-winged Kite | R,OR |
| Cotton Pygmy-goose | U,Sv | Square-tailed Kite | R,Rs |
| Green Pygmy-goose | C,Rs | Black-breasted Buzzard | R,OR |
| Garganey | Vag | Pacific Baza | C,Rs |
| Grey Teal | C,Sv | White-bellied Sea-Eagle | C,Rs |
| Chestnut Teal | R,OR | Whistling Kite | C,Rs |
| Pacific Black Duck | C,Rs | Brahminy Kite | U,S? |
| Hardhead | C,Sv | Black Kite | C,Rs |
| Australasian Grebe | C,Rs | Brown Goshawk | C,Rs |
| Hoary-headed Grebe | R,OR | Collared Sparrowhawk | U,Rs |
| Great Crested Grebe | C,Sv | Grey Goshawk | C,Rs |
| Rock Dove | C,Rs | Spotted Harrier | C,Rs |
| White-headed Pigeon | C,Rs | Swamp Harrier | U,Sv |
| Spotted Dove | C,Rs | Red Goshawk | R,S? |
| Brown Cuckoo-Dove | C,Rs | Wedge-tailed Eagle | C,Rs |
| Emerald Dove | C,Rs | Little Eagle | U,Rs |
| Common Bronzewing | R,Sv | Nankeen Kestrel | C,Rs |
| Crested Pigeon | C,Rs | Brown Falcon | C,Sv |
| Squatter Pigeon | C,Rs | Australian Hobby | C,Rs |
| Diamond Dove | R,OR | Grey Falcon | R,S? |
| Peaceful Dove | C,Rs | Black Falcon | R,OR |
| Bar-shouldered Dove | C,Rs | Peregrine Falcon | U,Rs |
| Wompoo Fruit-Dove | C,Rs | Sarus Crane | C,Sv |
| Superb Fruit-Dove | C,Rs | Brolga | C,Sv |
| Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove | U,Rs | Purple Swamphen | C,Rs |
| Pied Imperial-Pigeon | R,Mn | Red-necked Crane | R,Rs |
| Topknot Pigeon | C,Rs | Lewin's Rail | R,OR |
| Tawny Frogmouth | C,Rs | Buff-banded Rail | C,Rs |
| Papuan Frogmouth | U,Rs | Baillon's Crane | R,S? |
| White-throated Nightjar | R,Sv | Spotless Crane | R,Rs |
| Spotted Nightjar | R,Sv | White-browed Crane | U,Rs |
| Large-tailed Nightjar | U,Sv | Pale-vented Bush-hen | U,Rs |
| Australian Owllet-Nightjar | U,Sv | Black-tailed Native-hen | R,OR |
| Australian Swiftlet | C,Rs | Dusky Moorhen | U,Rs |
| White-throated Needletail | U,Mn | Eurasian Coot | C,Rs |
| Fork-tailed Swift | U,Mn | Australian Bustard | U,Sv |
| Australasian Darter | C,Rs | Bush Stone-curlew | C,Rs |
| Little Pied Cormorant | C,Rs | Black-winged Stilt | U,Sv |
| Great Cormorant | C,Rs | Red-necked Avocet | R,OR |
| Little Black Cormorant | C,Rs | Pacific Golden Plover | R,Mn |
| Pied Cormorant | R,Sv | Grey Plover | R,Mn |
| Australian Pelican | C,Sv | Little Ringed Plover | Vag |
| Black-necked Stork | U,Rs | Red-capped Plover | R,OR |
| Black Bittern | R,Sv | Oriental Plover | R,Mn |
| White-necked Heron | U,Sv | Black-fronted Dotterel | C,Sv |
| Eastern Great Egret | C,Sv | Red-kneed Dotterel | U,Sv |

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| Banded Lapwing | R,OR | Little Kingfisher | U,Rs |
| Masked Lapwing | C,Rs | Buff-breasted Paradise-K/finer | R,Mn |
| Comb-crested Jacana | C,Rs | Laughing Kookaburra | C,Rs |
| Australian Painted Snipe | R,S? | Blue-winged Kookaburra | C,Rs |
| Latham's Snipe | R,Mn | Forest Kingfisher | C,Rs |
| Swinhoe's Snipe | R,Mn | Red-backed Kingfisher | U,Sv |
| Black-tailed Godwit | R,Mn | Sacred Kingfisher | U,Sv |
| Little Curlew | R,Mn | Rainbow Bee-eater | C,Rs |
| Common Sandpiper | U,Mn | Dollarbird | C,Mn |
| Common Greenshank | U,Mn | Noisy Pitta | U,Rs |
| Marsh Sandpiper | U,Mn | White-throated Treecreeper | C,Rs |
| Wood Sandpiper | U,Mn | Brown Treecreeper | U,Rs |
| Red-necked Stint | R,Mn | Spotted Catbird | C,Rs |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | R,Mn | Tooth-billed Bowerbird | C,Rs |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | C,Mn | Golden Bowerbird | C,Rs |
| Ruff | Vag | Satin Bowerbird | C,Rs |
| Red-backed Button-quail | R,S? | Great Bowerbird | C,Rs |
| Painted Button-quail | R,Rs | Red-backed Fairy-wren | C,Rs |
| Red-chested Button-quail | R,S? | Lovely Fairy-wren | U,Rs |
| Oriental Pratincole | R,Mn | Fernwren | C,Rs |
| Australian Pratincole | U,Mn | Yellow-throated Scrubwren | C,Rs |
| Gull-billed Tern | U,Sv | White-browed Scrubwren | C,Rs |
| Caspian Tern | U,Rs | Atherton Scrubwren | C,Rs |
| Whiskered Tern | U,Sv | Large-billed Scrubwren | C,Rs |
| White-winged Black Tern | U,Sv | Weebill | C,Rs |
| Silver Gull | R,Sv | Brown Gerygone | C,Rs |
| Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo | C,Rs | Large-billed Gerygone | U,Rs |
| Galah | C,Rs | Fairy Gerygone | C,Rs |
| Little Corella | R,OR | White-throated Gerygone | C,Rs |
| Sulphur-crested Cockatoo | C,Rs | Yellow Thornbill | U,Rs |
| Cockatiel | R,OR | Yellow-rumped Thornbill | R,OR |
| Rainbow Lorikeet | C,Rs | Buff-rumped Thornbill | R,OR |
| Scaly-breasted Lorikeet | C,Rs | Mountain Thornbill | C,Rs |
| Little Lorikeet | C,Rs | Spotted Pardalote | U,Rs |
| Double-eyed Fig-Parrot | C,Rs | Striated Pardalote | C,Rs |
| Australian King-Parrot | C,Rs | Eastern Spinebill | C,Rs |
| Red-winged Parrot | C,Rs | Lewin's Honeyeater | C,Rs |
| Crimson Rosella | C,Rs | Yellow-spotted Honeyeater | R,Sv |
| Pale-headed Rosella | C,Rs | Graceful Honeyeater | R,Sv |
| Pheasant Coucal | C,Rs | Bridled Honeyeater | C,Rs |
| Eastern Koel | C,Mn | Yellow-faced Honeyeater | C,Rs |
| Channel-billed Cuckoo | C,Mn | Yellow Honeyeater | C,Rs |
| Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo | U,Sv | Fuscous Honeyeater | C,Rs |
| Black-eared Cuckoo | R,Sv | Noisy Miner | C,Rs |
| Shining Bronze-Cuckoo | C,Sv | Yellow-throated Miner | R,Sv |
| Little Bronze-Cuckoo | C,Sv | Brown-backed Honeyeater | U,Mn |
| Pallid Cuckoo | C,Sv | Rufous-throated Honeyeater | R,Sv |
| Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo | R,OR | Dusky Honeyeater | C,Rs |
| Fan-tailed Cuckoo | C,Sv | Scarlet Honeyeater | C,Rs |
| Brush Cuckoo | C,Sv | Banded Honeyeater | U,Rs |
| Oriental Cuckoo | R,Mn | Brown Honeyeater | C,Rs |
| Rufous Owl | U,Rs | White-cheeked Honeyeater | C,Rs |
| Barking Owl | U,Rs | Black-chinned Honeyeater | R,Sv |
| Southern Boobook | C,Rs | White-throated Honeyeater | C,Rs |
| Sooty Owl | U,Rs | White-naped Honeyeater | U,Rs |
| Masked Owl | R,Rs | Blue-faced Honeyeater | C,Rs |
| Eastern Barn Owl | C,Rs | Helmeted Friarbird | C,Rs |
| Eastern Grass Owl | R,Rs | Noisy Friarbird | C,Rs |
| Azure Kingfisher | C,Rs | Little Friarbird | C,Rs |
| | | Macleay's Honeyeater | C,Rs |

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| Striped Honeyeater | R,OR | Restless Flycatcher | R,OR |
| Grey-crowned Babbler | C,Rs | White-eared Monarch | U,Rs |
| Chowchilla | C,Rs | Black-faced Monarch | C,Sv |
| Eastern Whipbird | C,Rs | Spectacled Monarch | C,Rs |
| Varied Sittella | U,Rs | Maggie-lark | C,Rs |
| Ground Cuckoo-shrike | R,OR | Pied Monarch | C,Rs |
| Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike | C,Rs | Yellow-breasted Boatbill | C,Rs |
| White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike | C,Rs | Apostlebird | U,Rs |
| Barred Cuckoo-shrike | C,Rs | Victoria's Riflebird | C,Rs |
| Cicadabird | C,Sv | Jacky Winter | R,OR |
| White-winged Triller | R,OR | Lemon-bellied Flycatcher | U,Rs |
| Varied Triller | C,Rs | Pale-yellow Robin | C,Rs |
| Crested Shrike-tit | U,Rs | Eastern Yellow Robin | C,Rs |
| Golden Whistler | C,Rs | Grey-headed Robin | C,Rs |
| Grey Whistler | R,OR | White-browed Robin | U,Rs |
| Rufous Whistler | C,Rs | Horsfield's Bushlark | U,Sv |
| Little Shrike-thrush | C,Rs | Golden-headed Cisticola | C,Rs |
| Bower's Shrike-thrush | C,Rs | Australian Reed-Warbler | U,Sv |
| Grey Shrike-thrush | C,Rs | Tawny Grassbird | C,Rs |
| Australasian Figbird | C,Rs | Silveryeye | C,Rs |
| Yellow Oriole | R,Sv | Barn Swallow | Vag |
| Olive-backed Oriole | C,Rs | Welcome Swallow | C,Rs |
| White-breasted Woodswallow | C,Rs | Fairy Martin | C,Rs |
| Masked Woodswallow | R,OR | Tree Martin | C,Rs |
| White-browed Woodswallow | R,OR | Red-rumped Swallow | Vag |
| Black-faced Woodswallow | R,Sv | Bassian Thrush | C,Rs |
| Dusky Woodswallow | U,Sv | Russet-tailed Thrush | U,Rs |
| Little Woodswallow | R,OR | Metallic Starling | C,Mn |
| Black Butcherbird | U,Sv | Common Myna | C,Rs |
| Grey Butcherbird | C,Rs | Mistletoebird | C,Rs |
| Pied Butcherbird | C,Rs | Olive-backed Sunbird | C,Rs |
| Australian Magpie | C,Rs | Zebra Finch | R,OR |
| Pied Currawong | C,Rs | Double-barred Finch | C,Rs |
| Spangled Drongo | C,Sv | Black-throated Finch | U,Rs |
| Rufous Fantail | C,Sv | Plum-headed Finch | R,OR |
| Grey Fantail | C,Rs | Red-browed Finch | C,Rs |
| Northern Fantail | R,Sv | Blue-faced Parrot-Finch | U,Rs |
| Willie Wagtail | C,Rs | Nutmeg Mannikin | U,Rs |
| Torresian Crow | C,Rs | Chestnut-breasted Mannikin | C,Rs |
| Leaden Flycatcher | C,Rs | House Sparrow | C,Rs |
| Satin Flycatcher | R,Sv | Australasian Pipit | C,Rs |
| Shining Flycatcher | R,OR | | |

321 Species

Abundance

C=Common

Likely to be recorded on most visits

U=Uncommon

Recorded regularly but not every visit

R=Rare

Recorded infrequently

Seasonal status

Rs= Resident, believed to occur in the area all year

Mn=Migrant from countries to the North, approx Oct-Mar

Sv= Seasonal Visitor from within Australia

S?= Status uncertain

Vag= Vagrant Does not usually occur in Australia

OR= Out of Range Does not usually occur in this area

WHO ARE WE?

Birds Australia North Queensland (BANQ) is a regional group of the national organisation Birds Australia (Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union, RAOU), formed in 1901 - the oldest Australian society concerned with national and international bird study and conservation.

The BANQ area covers Queensland from Ayr north to the Torres Strait Islands and west to the Northern Territory border. Area representatives are based in Townsville, Mount Isa, Cairns, Atherton Tableland, Mossman/ Daintree, and Cape York.

Members receive a quarterly newsletter *Contact Call* and enjoy Australia's best bird magazine *Wingspan*. Regular field trips and campouts cater for all levels of expertise from beginner to professional and emphasise fun as well as worthwhile projects.

List Annotations

The **Abundance (C/U/R)** annotations 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, within the area described in this list.

The **Seasonal Status** annotations give a guide as how much time a species might spend in this area. Thus **Resident** species are believed to occur at least somewhere within the area all year round. **Seasonal Visitors** include migrants from within Australia, wandering nomadic species which move to the area when local conditions are suitable and also waterbirds such as ducks and egrets which may move out of the area to breed when conditions inland are suitable.

INFORMATION

The *Atherton Tableland* covers the area from Mareeba in the north, south to Herberton and Ravenshoe, east to Millaa Millaa and the Coastal Range. It includes the districts around Atherton, Malanda and Yungaburra and Lakes Tinaroo, Eacham and Barrine. For the purposes of this list areas around Kuranda and Julatten are not included

Habitats include rainforest, dry woodlands, wet and dry sclerophyll forest, swamps and open water. Large areas (mainly rainforest) are protected in the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. The diverse habitat attracts a large range of bird species within a relatively small area and offers great birdwatching opportunities, with over 300 species including all Wet Tropic endemics, Blue-faced Parrot-Finch and Sarus Crane (winter/Dry season).

National Parks/ reserves: Mt. Hypipamee ("The Crater"), Longlands Gap, Wongabel, Hasties Swamp, Halloran's Hill, Davies Creek, Danbulla, Crater Lakes (Barrine & Eacham), Malanda Falls, Curtain Fig

Areas of interest: Lake Tinaroo, Bromfield Swamp, Nardello's Lagoon, Kaban, Mareeba Wetlands, Tolga Scrub, Pelican Point

See also —

BANQ Brochures for Hasties Swamp (No 10), Pelican Point (No 17), Atherton Township (No 19), Lake Eacham (No 21), Lake Barrine (No 22).

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