

Charters Towers and District Bird Species

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	251 species
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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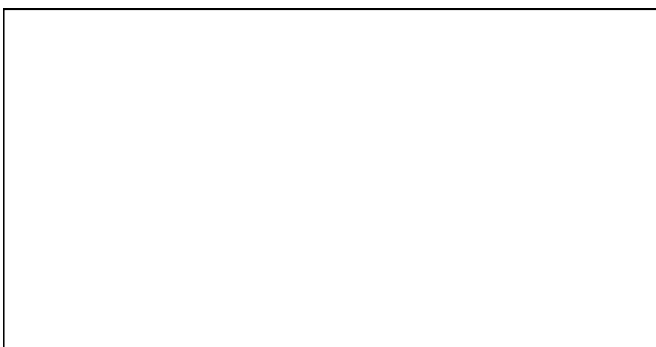
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INFORMATION

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.

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

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.

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