

Iron Range Area Bird Species

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

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

Trumpet Manucode	C	Metallic Starling	C,M
Magnificent Riflebird	C	Mistletoebird	C
Yellow-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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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.

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 and Trumpet Manucode.

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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