

Lake Barrine Bird Species

Southern Cassowary
Australian Brush-turkey
Orange-footed Scrubfowl
Brown Quail
Plumed Whistling-Duck
Wandering Whistling-Duck
Cotton Pygmy-goose
Pacific Black Duck
Hardhead
Australasian Grebe
Great Crested Grebe
White-headed Pigeon
Brown Cuckoo-Dove
Emerald Dove
Peaceful Dove
Wompoo Fruit-Dove
Superb Fruit-Dove
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove
Topknot Pigeon
Papuan Frogmouth
Australian Swiftlet
White-throated Needletail
Fork-tailed Swift
Australasian Darter
Little Pied Cormorant
Great Cormorant
Little Black Cormorant
Australian Pelican
Intermediate Egret
White-faced Heron
Nankeen Night-Heron
Square-tailed Kite
Pacific Baza
White-bellied Sea-Eagle
Whistling Kite
Brahminy Kite
Black Kite
Brown Goshawk
Collared Sparrowhawk
Grey Goshawk
Peregrine Falcon
Sarus Crane

Purple Swamphen
Red-necked Crake
Buff-banded Rail
Spotless Crake
White-browed Crake
Pale-vented Bush-hen
Dusky Moorhen
Eurasian Coot
Masked Lapwing
Comb-crested Jacana
Latham's Snipe
Roseate Tern
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Rainbow Lorikeet
Scaly-breasted Lorikeet
Double-eyed Fig-Parrot
Australian King-Parrot
Pheasant Coucal
Eastern Koel
Channel-billed Cuckoo
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo
Fan-tailed Cuckoo
Brush Cuckoo
Rufous Owl
Southern Boobook
Sooty Owl
Azure Kingfisher
Little Kingfisher
Buff-breasted Paradise
-Kingfisher
Laughing Kookaburra
Forest Kingfisher
Sacred Kingfisher
Rainbow Bee-eater
Dollarbird
White-throated Treecreeper
Spotted Catbird
Tooth-billed Bowerbird
Satin Bowerbird
Red-backed Fairy-wren
Fernwren - E
Yellow-throated Scrubwren

White-browed Scrubwren
Atherton Scrubwren - E
Large-billed Scrubwren
Brown Gerygone
Fairy Gerygone
Mountain Thornbill - E
Eastern Spinebill
Lewin's Honeyeater
Bridled Honeyeater - E
Dusky Honeyeater
Scarlet Honeyeater
Helmeted Friarbird
Macleay's Honeyeater - E
Chowchilla - E
Eastern Whipbird
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
Barred Cuckoo-shrike
Cicadabird
Varied Triller
Golden Whistler
Grey Whistler
Little Shrike-thrush
Bower's Shrike-thrush - E
Australasian Figbird
Olive-backed Oriole
White-breasted Woodswallow
Black Butcherbird

Pied Butcherbird
Australian Magpie
Pied Currawong
Spangled Drongo
Rufous Fantail
Grey Fantail
Willie Wagtail
Torresian Crow
White-eared Monarch
Black-faced Monarch
Spectacled Monarch
Magpie-lark
Pied Monarch - E
Yellow-breasted Boatbill
Victoria's Riflebird - E
Pale-yellow Robin
Eastern Yellow Robin
Grey-headed Robin - E
Golden-headed Cisticola
Silvereye
Welcome Swallow
Metallic Starling
Common Myna - I
Mistletoebird
Olive-backed Sunbird
Red-browed Finch
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin

137 species

E - Wet Tropics endemics I - Introduced birds

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). Produced for BANQ by Elinor Scambler. Research by members & friends of BANQ. **See also:** BANQ Brochure No 20, Lake Eacham section of Crater Lakes National Park.

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Lake Barrine birdlife

Lake Barrine walking tracks allow birdwatchers ready access to view sought-after Wet Tropics endemic birds like Tooth-billed Bowerbird, Chowchilla and Fernwren. At times the open water attracts rafts of over 200 Great Crested Grebes and a Little Kingfisher can occasionally be seen where the walking track crosses Toohey Creek.

Birdlife at Lake Barrine is less well-documented than at neighbouring Lake Eacham, the other section of Crater Lakes National Park (see BANQ Birding Information and Species List No 20).

Lake Barrine's more varied water habitats including reeds and waterlilies support species not found at Lake Eacham, like Comb-crested Jacana and White-browed Crake. But at Lake Barrine Satin Bowerbird, Crimson Rosella, Oriental Cuckoo and Olive-backed Oriole are examples of birds which could be expected to occur at least some of the time, but have not yet been recorded.

As well there are few records from the rainforest edge, where Lake Barrine borders sparsely-wooded farmland and rainforest regrowth. Birds typical of those habitats may become more common in parts of Lake Barrine where the rainforest canopy was opened up by damage from Severe Tropical Cyclone Larry in March 2006.

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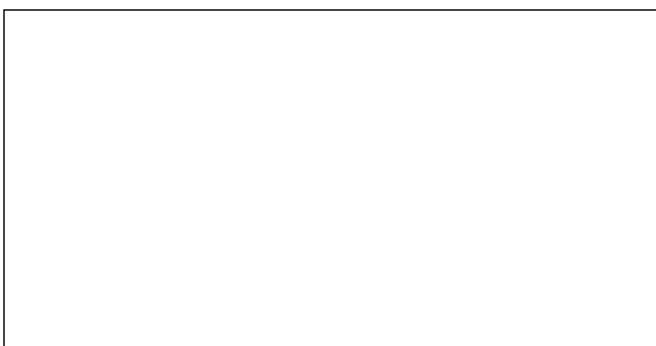
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INFORMATION

Lake Barrine is a 104ha *maar*, a volcanic lake 65m deep formed by a steam explosion. It is filled by rainfall in the surrounding rainforest crater.

The lake, crater and adjoining rainforest (total area 491ha) are reserved as the Lake Barrine section of Crater Lakes National Park, included in the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. Toohey Creek flows out to the east and where it exits the Park, a planted tree corridor on private farmland connects Barrine with extensive rainforest to the east. A severe tropical cyclone struck the region in March 2006, seriously damaging parts of the rainforest canopy and forest edges at Lake Barrine.

There are over 100 bird species including ten Wet Tropics endemics, plus eels, saw-shelled turtles, pythons and a Wet Tropics endemic mammal, the Musky Rat-Kangaroo.

Facilities Picnic shelter, tables, toilets. Boat tours operate from the privately-owned Teahouse, with gift shop and a small Wet Tropics display. A 5.7km circuit walk around the Lake is asphalted, with boardwalks in some sections. Ten minutes into the walk, are the famous Twin Kauris.

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Location

17°15'S 145°38'E (GDA 94)

9km NE of Yungaburra
61km SW of Cairns
via the Gillies Highway

LAKE BARRINE

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**Birding Information
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