

Mount Surprise Bird Species

Emu	Australian White Ibis	Budgerigar	Brown Honeyeater	Apostlebird	Black-throated Finch
Australian Brush-turkey	Straw-necked Ibis	Pheasant Coucal	Black-chinned Honeyeater	Lemon-bellied Flycatcher	Red-browed Finch
Brown Quail	Royal Spoonbill	Eastern Koel	White-throated Honeyeater	Silvereye	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin
Magpie Goose	Pacific Baza	Channel-billed Cuckoo	Blue-faced Honeyeater	Mistletoebird	Australasian Pipit
Plumed Whistling-Duck	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	Noisy Friarbird	Zebra Finch	133 species
Wandering Whistling-Duck	Whistling Kite	Pallid Cuckoo	Little Friarbird	Double-barred Finch	Updated July 2008
Radjah Shelduck	Black Kite	Brush Cuckoo	Grey-crowned Babbler		
Australian Wood Duck	Brown Goshawk	Barking Owl	Varied Sittella		
Pacific Black Duck	Collared Sparrowhawk	Southern Boobook	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike		
Australasian Grebe	Spotted Harrier	Eastern Barn Owl	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike		
Common Bronzewing	Wedge-tailed Eagle	Azure Kingfisher	White-winged Triller		
Crested Pigeon	Little Eagle	Blue-winged Kookaburra	Australasian Figbird		
Spinifex Pigeon	Nankeen Kestrel	Forest Kingfisher	Olive-backed Oriole		
Squatter Pigeon	Brown Falcon	Red-backed Kingfisher	Masked Woodswallow		
Peaceful Dove	Grey Falcon	Sacred Kingfisher	White-browed Woodswallow		
Bar-shouldered Dove	Peregrine Falcon	Rainbow Bee-eater	Black-faced Woodswallow		
Tawny Frogmouth	Brolga	Dollarbird	Dusky Woodswallow		
Australian Owlet-Nightjar	Australian Bustard	Great Bowerbird	Little Woodswallow		
Australasian Darter	Bush Stone-curlew	Red-backed Fairy-wren	Pied Butcherbird		
Little Pied Cormorant	Black-fronted Dotterel	Variegated Fairy-wren	Australian Magpie		
Great Cormorant	Banded Lapwing	Weebill	Pied Currawong		
Little Black Cormorant	Masked Lapwing	Fairy Gerygone	Spangled Drongo		
Pied Cormorant	Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	White-throated Gerygone	Grey Fantail		
Australian Pelican	Galah	Yellow Thornbill	Northern Fantail		
Black-necked Stork	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Red-browed Pardalote	Willie Wagtail		
Black Bittern	Cockatiel	Striated Pardalote	Australian Raven		
White-necked Heron	Rainbow Lorikeet	Singing Honeyeater	Torresian Crow		
Eastern Great Egret	Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	Yellow Honeyeater	Leaden Flycatcher		
White-faced Heron	Varied Lorikeet	Yellow-throated Miner	Satin Flycatcher		
Little Egret	Red-winged Parrot	Rufous-throated Honeyeater	Restless Flycatcher		
Nankeen Night-Heron	Pale-headed Rosella	Banded Honeyeater	Magpie-lark		

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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.

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INFORMATION

Mt Surprise is a small historic railway and mining town located on the edge of the Undara Lava fields, at the gateway to north Queensland's Gulf Savannah. The region supports grazing, mining and tourism and most rainfall (776mm a year) occurs Dec-March.

Birds on this list are found in varied habitats within 5km of town - eucalypt woodland, melaleuca, vine thickets, local gardens and dams, and along creeks; plus the O'Brien's Gemfields about 40km NW of town: a hilly, rugged granite area with large boulders. Other wildlife includes many macropods (kangaroos and relatives), especially Rufous Bettongs.

Mt Surprise has a store, a hotel and a van park with units and camping. Apart from birdwatching, activities include gem fossicking, lapidary workshop, bushwalking, historical displays and the Savannahlander Outback Train. Note: in the Gulf Country facilities can be remote and visitors should be well-prepared.

More information

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Location

18°04'48" S 144°11'24"E (GDA94)

171 km SW of Ravenshoe

From Ravenshoe follow the Kennedy Hwy west through Mt Garnet to the 40-Mile Scrub (see BANQ Brochure No. 16). 3km past the southern Scrub boundary the Kennedy Hwy diverges south (left) to The Lynd and south-west (right) to Undara, Mt Surprise, Georgetown and the Gulf. Mt Surprise is 56km from the turnoff.

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