

Redden Island Bird Species

Orange-footed Scrubfowl	C	Double-banded Plover	R,Mnz
Brown Quail	R	Lesser Sand Plover	C,Mn
Magpie Goose	R	Greater Sand Plover	C,Mn
Grey Teal	R	Masked Lapwing	C
Spotted Dove	C	Black-tailed Godwit	R,Mn
Peaceful Dove	C	Bar-tailed Godwit	C,Mn
Bar-shouldered Dove	C	Whimbrel	C
Superb Fruit-Dove	U	Eastern Curlew	C
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	C	Terek Sandpiper	C,Mn
Pied Imperial-Pigeon	C,Mn	Common Sandpiper	U,Mn
Topknot Pigeon	R	Grey-tailed Tattler	C,Mn
Papuan Frogmouth	R	Common Greenshank	C,Mn
Large-tailed Nightjar	U,h	Ruddy Turnstone	U,Mn
Australian Swiftlet	C	Great Knot	C,Mn
White-throated Needletail	R,Mn	Red-necked Stint	C,Mn
Fork-tailed Swift	R,Mn	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	C,Mn
Australasian Dartar	U	Curlew Sandpiper	U,Mn
Little Pied Cormorant	R	Ruff	V
Little Black Cormorant	R	Little Tern	C,Mn
Pied Cormorant	R	Gull-billed Tern	C
Australian Pelican	C	Caspian Tern	C
Black-necked Stork	U	Common Tern	U
Eastern Great Egret	C	Lesser Crested Tern	R
Intermediate Egret	C	Crested Tern	C
Great-billed Heron	U	Silver Gull	C
Striated Heron	U	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	C
White-faced Heron	U	Rainbow Lorikeet	C
Little Egret	U	Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	C
Eastern Reef Egret	U	Little Lorikeet	R
Nankeen Night-Heron	R	Double-eyed Fig-Parrot	C
Australian White Ibis	C	Red-winged Parrot	R
Straw-necked Ibis	U	Pheasant Coucal	C
Royal Spoonbill	R	Eastern Koel	U,Mn,h
Eastern Osprey	C	Channel-billed Cuckoo	U,Mn
Black-shouldered Kite	R	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	R
Pacific Baza	R	Little Bronze-Cuckoo	C
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	U	Pallid Cuckoo	R
Whistling Kite	U	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	R
Brahminy Kite	C	Brush Cuckoo	C,h
Black Kite	U	Oriental Cuckoo	R,Mn
Brown Goshawk	U	Azure Kingfisher	R
Grey Goshawk	R	Little Kingfisher	R
Nankeen Kestrel	R	Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher	R,Mn
Brown Falcon	R	Laughing Kookaburra	C
Peregrine Falcon	R	Forest Kingfisher	C
Bush Stone-curlew	U	Sacred Kingfisher	C
Beach Stone-curlew	R	Collared Kingfisher	C
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	U	Rainbow Bee-eater	C
Pacific Golden Plover	U,Mn	Dollarbird	C,Mn
Red-capped Plover	C	Great Bowerbird	R

Red-backed Fairy-wren	U	Rufous Fantail	U
Lovely Fairy-wren	U	Grey Fantail	U
Large-billed Scrubwren	R	Northern Fantail	U
Large-billed Gerygone	C	Willie Wagtail	C
Fairy Gerygone	C	Torresian Crow	U
Striated Pardalote	U	Leaden Flycatcher	C
Yellow-spotted Honeyeater	C	Satin Flycatcher	R
Graceful Honeyeater	C	Shining Flycatcher	C
Varied Honeyeater	U	White-eared Monarch	R
Yellow Honeyeater	C	Black-faced Monarch	U
Brown-backed Honeyeater	C	Spectacled Monarch	C
Dusky Honeyeater	C	Magpie-lark	C
Brown Honeyeater	C	Mangrove Robin	U
White-throated Honeyeater	C	Tawny Grassbird	R
Helmeted Friarbird	C	Silvereye	U
Noisy Friarbird	R	Welcome Swallow	C
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	C	Fairy Martin	C
White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	C	Tree Martin	U
Cicadabird	C,h	Metallic Starling	C
White-winged Triller	R	Common Myna	C
Varied Triller	C	Mistletoebird	C
Grey Whistler	U	Olive-backed Sunbird	C
Rufous Whistler	U	Double-barred Finch	R
Little Shrike-thrush	R	Crimson Finch	R
Australasian Figbird	C	Nutmeg Mannikin	C
Yellow Oriole	C	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	U
Olive-backed Oriole	R	House Sparrow	U
White-breasted Woodswallow	C		
Black Butcherbird	C	157 species	
Spangled Drongo	C		

LIST ANNOTATIONS

C=Common Likely to be recorded on most visits
U=Uncommon Recorded regularly but not every visit
R=Rare Recorded infrequently
V=Vagrant Does not usually occur in Australia

h=More often heard than seen
Mn=Migrant from the North (approx Oct-Mar)
Mw =Migrant from the West (approx May-Sep)
Mnz=New Zealand Migrant (approx May-Sep)

Vegetation Types

- Tall woodland with Variable-barked Bloodwood *Corymbia erythrophloia* & Moreton Bay Ash *C. tessellaris* (15m)
- Tall open woodland with Pink Bloodwood *C. intermedia* (30m)
- Tall woodland 15-18m with Broad-leaved Tea Tree *Melaleuca leucadendra*
- A small area of Tall closed forest with Beach Tamarind *Cupaniopsis anacardioides*, White Tamarind *C. foveolata*, Beach Cherry *Eugenia reinwardiana* and Supplejack *Flagellaria indica*
- Cannonball Mangrove *Xylocarpus granatum* + Slender-fruited Mangrove *Bruguiera parviflora*
- *Rhizophora spp* + Grey Mangrove *Avicennia marina*
- A high density *Ceriops spp.* stand
- A beach community
- A highly mixed fringing community

Habitat data courtesy of Cairns Port Authority
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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.

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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

Redden Island is situated in the Cairns suburb of Machans Beach, just north of Cairns International Airport. About 68ha of Redden Island is owned by the Cairns Port Authority. Surrounded by the Barron River, Redden Creek and the Coral Sea, it contains a high diversity of habitats in a relatively small area and attracts a large number of bird species.

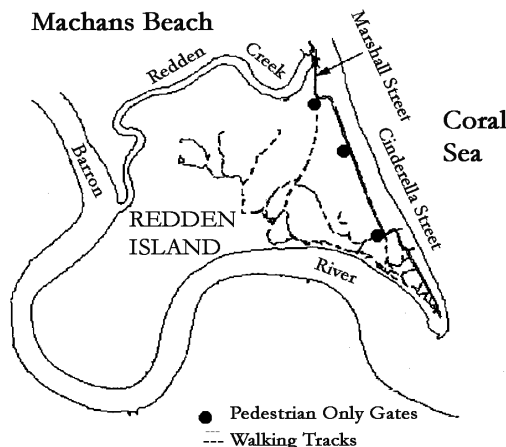
Waders (shorebirds) are mainly found at the mouth of the Barron River on the sandbars and are best viewed on an incoming tide. At higher tide they move to the opposite bank of the river, on Casuarina Point. Other bird species may be found by following the various walking tracks around the island. The Great-billed Heron and Little Kingfisher might be sighted on Redden Creek and the Mangrove Robin is hard to find along the Barron River opposite the airport.

Migrants (Sept-April) include Pied Imperial Pigeon, Oriental Cuckoo, Dollarbird and most waders. The Red-winged Parrot is unusual on the coast and the Great Bowerbird was the first sighting in Cairns.

Access and Facilities

Vehicle access is via the Marshall St bridge over Redden Creek to Redden Island, and Cinderella St which leads to the Barron River mouth. Walking tracks traverse most habitats and are accessed via 3 pedestrian gates along Cinderella St.

Bring suitable walking shoes and insect repellent



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