

# Tyto Wetlands Bird Species

Australian Brush-turkey	R,S?	Intermediate Egret	C,Sv
Orange-footed Scrubfowl	R,S?	Cattle Egret	U,Sv
Brown Quail	R,S?	Striated Heron	R,S?
King Quail	R,S?	White-faced Heron	U,Sv
Indian Peafowl	U,Rs	Little Egret	C,Sv
Magpie Goose	C,Sv	Nankeen Night-Heron	U,Sv
Plumed Whistling-Duck	C,Sv	Glossy Ibis	R,Sv
Wandering Whistling-Duck	C,Sv	Australian White Ibis	C,Sv
Black Swan	R,Sv	Straw-necked Ibis	C,Sv
Australian Wood Duck	U,Sv	Royal Spoonbill	C,Sv
Cotton Pygmy-goose	U,Sv	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	R,Sv
Green Pygmy-goose	C,Sv	Eastern Osprey	R,S?
Grey Teal	R,Sv	Black-shouldered Kite	R,Sv
Pacific Black Duck	C,Rs	Pacific Baza	R,Sv
Hardhead	U,Sv	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	U,S?
Australasian Grebe	C,Sv	Whistling Kite	C,Rs
Great Crested Grebe	R,Sv	Brahminy Kite	U,Rs
Hoary-headed Grebe	OR	Black Kite	C,Rs
Rock Dove	R,S?	Brown Goshawk	U,Rs
Spotted Dove	C,Rs	Collared Sparrowhawk	R,Sv
Emerald Dove	R,Sv	Grey Goshawk	U,Sv
Peaceful Dove	C,Rs	Spotted Harrier	R,Sv
Bar-shouldered Dove	C,Rs	Swamp Harrier	U,Sv
Wompoo Fruit-Dove	R,Sv	Wedge-tailed Eagle	R,Sv
Superb Fruit-Dove	R,Sv	Little Eagle	R,Sv
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	R,Sv	Nankeen Kestrel	U,Rs
Pied Imperial-Pigeon	U,Mn	Brown Falcon	R,Sv
Topknot Pigeon	C,Sv	Australian Hobby	R,Sv
Tawny Frogmouth	R,Sv	Peregrine Falcon	R,S?
White-throated Nightjar	R,Sv	Brolga	R,Sv
Spotted Nightjar	OR	Purple Swamphen	C,Rs
Large-tailed Nightjar	U,Rs	Buff-banded Rail	U,Rs
Australian Swiftlet	U,Sv	Spotless Crane	U,Rs
White-throated Needletail	R,Mn	White-browed Crane	C,Rs
Fork-tailed Swift	R,Mn	Pale-vented Bush-hen	U,Rs
Australasian Darter	C,Sv	Dusky Moorhen	R,Sv
Little Pied Cormorant	C,Rs	Eurasian Coot	U,Sv
Great Cormorant	R,Sv	Bush Stone-curlew	C,Rs
Little Black Cormorant	C,Rs	Black-winged Stilt	U,Sv
Australian Pelican	U,Sv	Pacific Golden Plover	R,Mn
Black-necked Stork	U,Sv	Black-fronted Dotterel	C,Rs
Australian Little Bittern	R,Rs	Red-kneed Dotterel	R,Sv
Black Bittern	U,Sv	Masked Lapwing	C,Rs
White-necked Heron	U,Sv	Comb-crested Jacana	C,Rs
Eastern Great Egret	C,Sv	Latham's Snipe	U,Mn

Black-tailed Godwit	R,Mn	Great Bowerbird	U,Rs
Bar-tailed Godwit	R,Mn	Red-backed Fairy-wren	C,Rs
Common Sandpiper	R,Mn	Lovely Fairy-wren	R,S?
Common Greenshank	R,Mn	Brown Gerygone	R,S?
Marsh Sandpiper	R,Mn	Large-billed Geygone	R,S?
Wood Sandpiper	U,Mn	Fairy Gerygone	C,Rs
Red-necked Stint	R,Mn	White-throated Gerygone	C,Rs
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	U,Mn	Striated Pardalote	R,Sv
Curlew Sandpiper	R,Mn	Lewin's Honeyeater	R,Sv
Red-backed Button-quail	R,Sv	Yellow-spotted Honeyeater	U,Rs
Gull-billed Tern	R,Sv	Graceful Honeyeater	U,Rs
Caspian Tern	R,Sv	Bridled Honeyeater	OR
Whiskered Tern	U,Rs	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	R,Sv
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	C,Rs	Yellow Honeyeater	C,Rs
Cockatiel	OR	White-gaped Honeyeater	C,Rs
Rainbow Lorikeet	C,Rs	Brown-backed Honeyeater	C,Mn
Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	C,Rs	Rufous-throated Honeyeater	C,Rs
Budgerigar	OR	Dusky Honeyeater	U,Sv
Red-winged Parrot	U,Rs	Brown Honeyeater	C,Rs
Pheasant Coucal	C,Rs	White-throated Honeyeater	U,Rs
Eastern Koel	U,Mn	Blue-faced Honeyeater	U,Sv
Channel-billed Cuckoo	U,Mn	Helmeted Friarbird	C,Rs
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	C,Sv	Noisy Friarbird	R,Sv
Black-eared Cuckoo	OR	Little Friarbird	R,Sv
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	R,Sv	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	C,Rs
Little Bronze-Cuckoo	C,Rs	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	C,Rs
Pallid Cuckoo	R,Sv	Cicadabird	R,Sv
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	U,Sv	White-winged Triller	C,Sv
Brush Cuckoo	C,Rs	Varied Triller	C,Rs
Oriental Cuckoo	R,Sv	Golden Whistler	OR
Eastern Barn Owl	R,S?	Grey Whistler	U,Sv
Eastern Grass Owl	R,S?	Rufous Whistler	C,Rs
Barking Owl	U,Rs	Little Shrike-thrush	C,Rs
Southern Boobook	R,S?	Australasian Figbird	C,Rs
Azure Kingfisher	C,Rs	Yellow Oriole	C,Rs
Little Kingfisher	C,Rs	Olive-backed Oriole	C,Sv
Buff-breasted Paradise K/F	R,Mn	White-browed Woodswallow	C,Rs
Laughing Kookaburra	R,S?	Black-faced Woodswallow	U,Sv
Blue-winged Kookaburra	C,Rs	Black Butcherbird	R,S?
Forest Kingfisher	C,Rs	Pied Butcherbird	U,Rs
Sacred Kingfisher	C,Sv	Australian Magpie	OR
Red-backed Kingfisher	R,Sv	Pied Currawong	R,Sv
Rainbow Bee-eater	C,Sv	Spangled Drongo	C,Sv
Dollarbird	U,Mn	Rufous Fantail	R,Sv
Noisy Pitta	R,Sv	Grey Fantail	U,Sv

Northern Fantail	U,Sv	Tawny Grassbird	C,Rs
Willie Wagtail	C,Rs	Little Grassbird	R,Rs
Australian Raven	R,S?	Rufous Songlark	R,Sv
Torresian Crow	C,Rs	Silvereye	C,Sv
Broad-billed Flycatcher	R,Sv	Welcome Swallow	C,Rs
Leaden Flycatcher	C,Rs	Fairy Martin	C,Rs
Shining Flycatcher	U,Sv	Tree Martin	U,Rs
White-eared Monarch	R,Sv	Metallic Starling	C,Sv
Black-faced Monarch	R,Sv	Common Myna	C,Rs
Spectacled Monarch	C,Sv	Mistletoebird	C,Sv
Magpie-lark	C,Rs	Olive-backed Sunbird	C,Rs
Lemon-bellied Flycatcher	R,Sv	Double-barred Finch	R,Sv
Red-capped Robin	OR	Crimson Finch	C,Rs
White-browed Robin	C,Rs	Red-browed Finch	C,Rs
Horsefield's Bushlark	U,Rs	Nutmeg Mannikin	C,Rs
Zitting Cisticola	R,S?	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	C,Rs
Golden-headed Cisticola	C,Rs	Australasian Pipit	U,Rs
Australian Reed-Warbler	C,Sv	House Sparrow	C,Rs

## LIST ANNOTATIONS

### Abundance

**C=Common**

Likely to be recorded on most visits

**U=Uncommon**

Recorded regularly but not every visit

**R=Rare**

Recorded infrequently

**OR=Out of Range**

Does not usually occur in this area

### Seasonal status

**Rs=Resident**, believed to occur in the area all year

**Mn=Migrant from the North**, approx Oct-Mar

**Sv=Seasonal Visitor from within Australia**

**S?=Status uncertain**

See over for further clarification of these annotations.

For more information see also:

[www.tytowetlands.com.au](http://www.tytowetlands.com.au) [www.tyto.com.au](http://www.tyto.com.au)

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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.

## List Annotations

The **Abundance (C/U/R)** annotations 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., within the area described in this list.

The **Seasonal Status** annotations give a guide as how much time a species might spend in this area. Thus **Resident** species are believed to occur at least somewhere within the area all year round. **Seasonal Visitors** include migrants from within Australia, wandering nomadic species which move to the area when local conditions are suitable and also waterbirds such as ducks and egrets which may move out of the area to breed when conditions inland are suitable.

# INFORMATION

The *Tyto Wetlands* are situated a few 100m South of the Ingham town centre along the road to Townsville. The purpose of this list is to indicate to visitors the chances of seeing various bird species during their visit.

The wetlands comprise about 120 hectares and include a series of lagoons, swamps, grasslands and walking tracks. There is also a very good interpretive centre at the entrance. It is a man shaped area, created from degraded common land & swamp, by the Hinchinbrook Shire Council, following awareness raised by naturalist/ photographer John Young about its importance as a wildlife refuge. At the time it was also a local stronghold for the Eastern Grass Owl.

The main lagoons never completely dry up and as such are an important waterbird refuge in dry times. Some species not normally present may occur only in times of drought. Sections of the walking track may also be seasonally inundated. Indeed the entire area has experienced major wet season flooding in recent years.

A number of bird species are seasonal visitors and their occurrence depends on the availability of food inside the park and elsewhere. Other species such as the delightful Crimson Finch are usually present in good numbers throughout the year. More cryptic birds such as Little Bittern, and Spotless Crake might also be present all year but more luck is needed to spot them..

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