

# Cooktown and District Bird Species

Southern Cassowary	L	White-necked Heron	U	Pacific Golden Plover	C,M	Pheasant Coucal	C	Yellow-spotted Honeyeater	C	Rufous Fantail	U
Emu	R	Eastern Great Egret	C	Grey Plover	R,M	Eastern Koel	U,M,h	Graceful Honeyeater	U	Grey Fantail	U
Australian Brush-turkey	C	Intermediate Egret	U	Red-capped Plover	C	Channel-billed Cuckoo	U,M,h	Bridled Honeyeater	L,E	Northern Fantail	U
Orange-footed Scrubfowl	C	Great-billed Heron	L,R	Lesser Sand Plover	U,M	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	U,h	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	U	Willie Wagtail	U
Brown Quail	R	Cattle Egret	C	Greater Sand Plover	C,M	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	U,h	Varied Honeyeater	L	Torresian Crow	C
Indian Peafowl	L,R	Striated Heron	U	Black-fronted Dotterel	U	Little Bronze-Cuckoo	C,h	Yellow Honeyeater	C	Leaden Flycatcher	C
Magpie Goose	U	Pied Heron	R,M	Red-kneed Dotterel	R	Pallid Cuckoo	U	Brown-backed Honeyeater	C	Satin Flycatcher	R,M
Plumed Whistling-Duck	R	White-faced Heron	C	Masked Lapwing	C	<b>Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo</b>	U	Bar-breasted Honeyeater	R	Shining Flycatcher	C
Wandering Whistling-Duck	U	Little Egret	C	Comb-crested Jacana	C	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	U	Dusky Honeyeater	C	Restless Flycatcher	R
Radjah Shelduck	U	Eastern Reef Egret	C	Latham's Snipe	U,M	Brush Cuckoo	C,h	Scarlet Honeyeater	U	White-eared Monarch	U
Green Pygmy-goose	C	Nankeen Night-heron	U	Black-tailed Godwit	R,M	Oriental Cuckoo	R,M	Banded Honeyeater	U	Black-faced Monarch	U
Grey Teal	U	Glossy Ibis	R	Bar-tailed Godwit	C,M	Barking Owl	U,h	Brown Honeyeater	R	<b>Black-winged Monarch</b>	L,M
Pacific Black Duck	C	Australian White Ibis	C	Little Curlew	R,M	Southern Boobook	U,h	<b>White-streaked Honeyeater</b>	U	Spectacled Monarch	C
Hardhead	U	Straw-necked Ibis	U	Whimbrel	C	Sooty Owl	R,h	White-throated Honeyeater	C	Magpie-lark	C
Australasian Grebe	C	Royal Spoonbill	U	Eastern Curlew	C	Eastern Barn Owl	R	Blue-faced Honeyeater	C	Pied Monarch	UE
White-headed Pigeon	L	Eastern Osprey	U	Terek Sandpiper	U,M	Azure Kingfisher	C	Helmeted Friarbird	C	Yellow-breasted Boatbill	U
Spotted Dove	L	Black-shouldered Kite	R	Common Sandpiper	U,M	Little Kingfisher	L	Silver-crowned Friarbird	U	Apostlebird	R
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	C	Square-tailed Kite	R	Grey-tailed Tattler	C,M	Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher	C,M	Noisy Friarbird	R	Victoria's Riflebird	C,E
Emerald Dove	C	Black-breasted Buzzard	R	Wandering Tattler	R,M	Laughing Kookaburra	C	Little Friarbird	U	Lemon-bellied Flycatcher	C
Common Bronzewing	R	Pacific Baza	U	Common Greenshank	C,M	Blue-winged Kookaburra	C	Macleay's Honeyeater	C,E	Pale-yellow Robin	U
Squatter Pigeon	R	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	C	Marsh Sandpiper	U,M	Forest Kingfisher	C	Grey-crowned Babbler	U	Eastern Yellow Robin	R
Diamond Dove	R	Whistling Kite	C	Wood Sandpiper	R,M	Sacred Kingfisher	U	Chowchilla	L,E	Mangrove Robin	L,R
Peaceful Dove	C	Brahminy Kite	U	Ruddy Turnstone	U,M	Collared Kingfisher	U	Eastern Whipbird	U	Grey-headed Robin	L,E
Bar-shouldered Dove	C	Black Kite	U	Great Knot	U,M	Rainbow Bee-eater	C,M	Varied Sittella	R	White-browed Robin	U
Wompoo Fruit-Dove	C,h	Brown Goshawk	U	Red Knot	R,M	Dollarbird	C,M	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	C	Golden-headed Cisticola	C
Superb Fruit-Dove	U,h	Collared Sparrowhawk	U	Red-necked Stint	C,M	Noisy Pitta	U,h	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	C	Australian Reed-Warbler	R
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	C,h	Grey Goshawk	U	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	U,M	White-throated Treecreeper	U	Barred Cuckoo-shrike	U	Tawny Grassbird	R
Pied Imperial-Pigeon	C,M	Spotted Harrier	R	Curlew Sandpiper	R,M	Spotted Catbird	C	Cicadabird	U,h	Silvereye	C
Topknot Pigeon	U	Swamp Harrier	R	Red-chested Button-quail	R	Tooth-billed Bowerbird	L,E	White-winged Triller	R	Welcome Swallow	U
Tawny Frogmouth	U	Red Goshawk	L,R	Little Tern	R	Golden Bowerbird	L,E	Varied Triller	C	Fairy Martin	R
Papuan Frogmouth	C	Wedge-tailed Eagle	C	Gull-billed Tern	U	Great Bowerbird	C	Golden Whistler	U	Tree Martin	R
White-throated Nightjar	R	Nankeen Kestrel	C	Caspian Tern	U	Red-backed Fairy-wren	C	Grey Whistler	U	Metallic Starling	U,M
Large-tailed Nightjar	U,h	Brown Falcon	C	Common Tern	R	Lovely Fairy-wren	U	Rufous Whistler	C	Mistletoebird	C
Australian Owlet-Nightjar	R	Australian Hobby	U	Bridled Tern	R	Fernwren	L,E	Little Shrike-thrush	C	Olive-backed Sunbird	C
Australian Swiftlet	U	Peregrine Falcon	R	Lesser Crested Tern	U	Yellow-throated Scrubwren	U	Bower's Shrike-thrush	L,E	Double-barred Finch	U
White-throated Needletail	R,M	Sarus Crane	R	Crested Tern	C	Large-billed Scrubwren	U	Grey Shrike-thrush	U	Black-throated Finch	U
Fork-tailed Swift	U,M	Brolga	U	Silver Gull	C	<b>Tropical Scrubwren</b>	U	Australasian Figbird	C	Red-browed Finch	C
Brown Booby	R	Purple Swamphen	R	Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	U	Weebill	C	Yellow Oriole	C	Blue-faced Parrot-Finch	L
Lesser Frigatebird	R	Red-necked Crake	R,h	Galah	U	Brown Gerygone	U	Olive-backed Oriole	U	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	U
Great Frigatebird	R	White-browed Crake	R	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	C	Large-billed Gerygone	C	White-breasted Woodswallow	C	House Sparrow	L
Australasian Darter	C	Pale-vented Bush-hen	U,h	Rainbow Lorikeet	C	Fairy Gerygone	C	Little Woodswallow	R	Australasian Pipit	U
Little Pied Cormorant	C	Eurasian Coot	R	Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	U	White-throated Gerygone	C	Black Butcherbird	C		
Great Cormorant	R	Australian Bustard	C	Little Lorikeet	U	Mountain Thornbill	L,E	<b>Black-backed Butcherbird</b>	R	276 Species	
Little Black Cormorant	R	Bush Stone-curlew	C,h	Double-eyed fig-Parrot	C	Spotted Pardalote	R	Pied Butcherbird	C	Birds in <b>Bold</b> are Cape York	
Australian Pelican	U	Beach Stone-curlew	C	Australian King-Parrot	U	Striated Pardalote	U	Australian Magpie	U	Specialties.	
Black-necked Stork	U	Australian Pied Oystercatcher	R	Red-winged Parrot	C	Eastern Spinebill	L	Pied Currawong	U		
Black Bittern	U	Black-winged Stilt	U	Pale-headed Rosella	U	Lewin's Honeyeater	U	Spangled Drongo	C	Thanks to Kath & Dave	
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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, Cooktown and Cape York.

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## 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**         Localised sites only

**h=More often heard than seen**  
**M=Migrant from the North (approx Oct-Mar)**  
**E=Wet Tropics Endemic**

**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.

# INFORMATION

**Cooktown district** covers an area in the north from the boundary of Lakefield National Park on the Normanby River south to Cooktown, inland to West Normanby River, and south to the Bloomfield River. Cooktown is at the junction of three distinct ecoregions, the Wet Tropics rainforest, Cape York Peninsula, and the Einsleigh uplands. The bird species thus include a mix from these three regions, with several endemics. The many habitats include coastal beaches and mangroves, freshwater swamps, dams and lagoons, creeks and rivers, melaleuca woodland, dry eucalypt woodland, wet sclerophyll, upland and riverine rainforests.

**Parks and reserves:** Endeavour River National Park, Endeavour River Falls, Mt Webb, Mt Cook National Park, Keatings Lagoon, Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

**Areas of interest:** Endeavour River estuary, Botanic Gardens and Finch Bay, Archer Point, McIvor River Crossing, Cooktown Scenic Rim walking tracks, Elim Beach and Coloured Sands, Mt Misery, Mt Finnegan, Bloomfield River Falls, China Camp, Weary Bay.

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