

Cooktown and District Bird Checklist

Southern Cassowary	L	White-necked Heron	U	Grey Plover	R,M	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	U,h	White-gaped Honeyeater	U	Leaden Flycatcher	C
Emu	R	Eastern Great Egret	C	Red-capped Plover	C	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	U,h	Yellow Honeyeater	C	Satin Flycatcher	R,M
Australian Brush-turkey	C	Intermediate Egret	U	Lesser Sand Plover	C,M	Little Bronze-Cuckoo	C,h	Brown-backed Honeyeater	C	Shining Flycatcher	C
Orange-footed Scrubfowl	C	Great-billed Heron	L,R	Greater Sand Plover	C,M	Pallid Cuckoo	U	Bar-breasted Honeyeater	R	Restless Flycatcher	R
Brown Quail	R	Cattle Egret	C	Black-fronted Dotterel	U	Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo	U	Dusky Honeyeater	C	White-eared Monarch	U
King Quail	R	Striated Heron	U	Red-kneed Dotterel	R	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	U	Scarlet Honeyeater	C	Black-faced Monarch	U
Indian Peafowl	L,R	Pied Heron	R,M	Masked Lapwing	C	Brush Cuckoo	C,h	Banded Honeyeater	U	Black-winged Monarch	L,M
Magpie Goose	U	White-faced Heron	C	Comb-crested Jacana	C	Oriental Cuckoo	R,M	Brown Honeyeater	U	Spectacled Monarch	C
Plumed Whistling-Duck	R	Little Egret	C	Latham's Snipe	U,M	Barking Owl	U,h	White-streaked Honeyeater	U	Magpie-lark	C
Wandering Whistling-Duck	U	Eastern Reef Egret	C	Black-tailed Godwit	R,M	Southern Boobook	U,h	White-throated Honeyeater	C	Pied Monarch	U
Radjah Shelduck	U	Nankeen Night-heron	U	Bar-tailed Godwit	C,M	Sooty Owl	R,h	Blue-faced Honeyeater	C	Yellow-breasted Boatbill	U
Green Pygmy-goose	C	Glossy Ibis	R	Little Curlew	R,M	Eastern Barn Owl	R	Helmeted Friarbird	C	Apostlebird	R
Grey Teal	C	Australian White Ibis	C	Whimbrel	C,M	Azure Kingfisher	C	Silver-crowned Friarbird	U	Victoria's Riflebird	C,E
Pacific Black Duck	U	Straw-necked Ibis	U	Eastern Curlew	C,M	Little Kingfisher	L	Noisy Friarbird	R	Lemon-bellied Flycatcher	C
Hardhead	U	Royal Spoonbill	U	Terek Sandpiper	U,M	Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher	C,M	Little Friarbird	U	Pale-yellow Robin	U
Australasian Grebe	C	Eastern Osprey	C	Common Sandpiper	U,M	Laughing Kookaburra	C	Tawny-breasted Honeyeater	L	Eastern Yellow Robin	R
Rock Dove	L	Black-shouldered Kite	R	Grey-tailed Tattler	C,M	Blue-winged Kookaburra	C	Macleay's Honeyeater	C,E	Mangrove Robin	L,R
White-headed Pigeon	R	Square-tailed Kite	R	Wandering Tattler	R,M	Forest Kingfisher	C	Grey-crowned Babbler	U	Grey-headed Robin	L,E
Spotted Dove	L	Black-breasted Buzzard	R	Common Greenshank	C,M	Sacred Kingfisher	U	Chowchilla	L,E	White-browed Robin	U
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	C	Pacific Baza	U	Marsh Sandpiper	U,M	Collared Kingfisher	U	Eastern Whipbird	U	Golden-headed Cisticola	C
Emerald Dove	C	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	C	Wood Sandpiper	U,M	Rainbow Bee-eater	C,M	Varied Sittella	R	Australian Reed-Warbler	R
Common Bronzewing	R	Whistling Kite	C	Ruddy Turnstone	U,M	Dollarbird	C,M	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	C	Tawny Grassbird	R
Crested Pigeon	R	Brahminy Kite	U	Great Knot	U,M	Noisy Pitta	U,h	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	C	Silvereye	C
Squatter Pigeon	R	Black Kite	U	Red Knot	U,M	White-throated Treecreeper	U	Barred Cuckoo-shrike	U	Welcome Swallow	U
Peaceful Dove	C	Brown Goshawk	U	Red-necked Stint	C,M	Spotted Catbird	C	Cicadabird	U,h	Fairy Martin	R
Bar-shouldered Dove	C	Collared Sparrowhawk	U	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	U,M	Tooth-billed Bowerbird	L,E	White-winged Triller	R	Tree Martin	R
Wompoo Fruit-Dove	C,h	Grey Goshawk	U	Curlew Sandpiper	R,M	Golden Bowerbird	L,E	Varied Triller	C	Metallic Starling	U,M
Superb Fruit-Dove	U,h	Spotted Harrier	R	Red-chested Button-quail	R	Great Bowerbird	C	Golden Whistler	U	Mistletoebird	C
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	C,h	Swamp Harrier	R	Little Tern	R	Red-backed Fairy-wren	C	Grey Whistler	U	Olive-backed Sunbird	C
Pied Imperial-Pigeon	C,M	Red Goshawk	L,R	Gull-billed Tern	U	Lovely Fairy-wren	U	Rufous Whistler	C	Double-barred Finch	U
Topknot Pigeon	U	Wedge-tailed Eagle	C	Caspian Tern	U	Fernwren	L,E	Little Shrike-thrush	C	Black-throated Finch	U
Tawny Frogmouth	U	Nankeen Kestrel	C	Common Tern	R	Yellow-throated Scrubwren	U	Bower's Shrike-thrush	L,E	Red-browed Finch	C
Papuan Frogmouth	C	Brown Falcon	C	Bridled Tern	R	Large-billed Scrubwren	U	Grey Shrike-thrush	U	Blue-faced Parrot-Finch	L
White-throated Nightjar	R	Australian Hobby	U	Lesser Crested Tern	U	Tropical Scrubwren	U,E	Australasian Figbird	C	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	U
Large-tailed Nightjar	U,h	Peregrine Falcon	R	Crested Tern	C	Weebill	C	Yellow Oriole	C	House Sparrow	L
Australian Owlet-Nightjar	R	Sarus Crane	R	Silver Gull	L,C	Brown Gerygone	U	Olive-backed Oriole	U	Australasian Pipit	U
Australian Swiftlet	U	Brolga	U	Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	U	Large-billed Gerygone	C	White-breasted Woodswallow	C		
White-throated Needletail	R,M	Purple Swamphen	R	Galah	U	Fairy Gerygone	C	Little Woodswallow	R		
Fork-tailed Swift	U,M	Red-necked Crake	R,h	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	C	White-throated Gerygone	C	Black Butcherbird	C		
Brown Booby	R	Buff-banded Rail	U	Rainbow Lorikeet	C	Mountain Thornbill	L,E	Black-backed Butcherbird	R	281 Species	
Lesser Frigatebird	R	White-browed Crake	R	Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	U	Spotted Pardalote	R	Pied Butcherbird	C		
Great Frigatebird	R	Pale-vented Bush-hen	U,M	Little Lorikeet	U	Striated Pardalote	U	Australian Magpie	U		
Australasian Darter	R	Eurasian Coot	R	Double-eyed fig-Parrot	C	Eastern Spinebill	L	Pied Currawong	U	Birds in Bold are Cape York	
Little Pied Cormorant	C	Australian Bustard	C	Australian King-Parrot	U	Lewin's Honeyeater	U	Spangled Drongo	C	Specialties	
Great Cormorant	R	Bush Stone-curlew	C,h	Red-winged Parrot	C	Yellow-spotted Honeyeater	C	Rufous Fantail	C		
Little Black Cormorant	U	Beach Stone-curlew	C	Pale-headed Rosella	U	Graceful Honeyeater	U	Grey Fantail	U		
Australian Pelican	R	Australian Pied Oystercatcher	R	Pheasant Coucal	C	Bridled Honeyeater	L,E	Northern Fantail	U	Thanks to Kath Shurcliff for	
Black-necked Stork	U	Black-winged Stilt	U	Eastern Koel	U,M	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	U	Willie Wagtail	R	preparing this bird list	
Black Bittern	U	Pacific Golden Plover	C,M	Channel-billed Cuckoo	U,M	Varied Honeyeater	L	Torresian Crow	C		

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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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