

Bird places of Moreton Bay



A collaborative project between Birds Queensland, BirdLife Southern Queensland and City of Moreton Bay



Legend



Telescope recommended



Toilets



Drinking water



Shelter



Off-road parking[†]



Wheelchair accessible toilets
(all have the wheelchair symbol)[§]



Accessible entrance[§]



Tables



Barbecues



Track maps



Cyclists

[†] Off-road parking may include a designated car parking area or the availability of off roadside verge parking. Care should be taken when parking on verges adjacent to busy roads.

[§] Sites with access for people with mobility limitations generally means meeting points and picnic areas only. Some places have paved or concreted paths, but this is rare.

NORTHERN SITES

1 Bellthorpe National Park

Fletcher Road, Bellthorpe. UBD 32 M5. GPS -26.8800, 152.7307

Large national park comprising mix of dry and wet sclerophyll forest and subtropical rainforest. Only facilities are at Stony Creek Day Use Area.

White-headed Pigeon, Wonga Pigeon, Wompoo Fruit-Dove, Tawny and Marbled Frogmouths, Sooty Owl, Crimson Rosella, Noisy Pitta, Green Catbird, Regent and Satin Bowerbirds, White-throated Treecreeper, Eastern Spinebill, Spotted Pardalote, Australian Logrunner, Eastern Whipbird, Rufous and Grey Fantails, Paradise Riflebird, Black-faced and Spectacled Monarchs, Rose* and Eastern Yellow Robins, Red-browed Finch.*



2 Cove Road, Stanmore

Cove Road, Stanmore. UBD 33 P8. GPS -26.8884, 152.8229

Roadside birding overlooking farmland and private property dams. Small riverine reserve near junction of Old Cove Road and Cove Road good for forest birds.

Magpie Goose, Plumed and Wandering Whistling Ducks, Cotton Pygmy-Goose, Australasian Shoveler, Buff-banded Rail, Red-kneed and Black-fronted Dotterels, Comb-crested Jacana, Latham's Snipe, Whiskered Tern, White-necked Heron, Glossy Ibis, Royal and Yellow-billed Spoonbills, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Sacred* and Forest Kingfishers, Rufous Fantail, Spectacled Monarch, Restless Flycatcher.*



3 Mount Mee section, D'Aguilar National Park

Sellin Road, Mount Mee. UBD 44 G9. GPS -27.0940, 152.7032

National park comprising mix of dry and wet sclerophyll forest, heathland and subtropical rainforest. Only facilities are at Gantry Day Use Area. Piccabeen circuit (1km) through rainforest is graded as suitable for wheelchairs with assistance.

Pacific Emerald Dove, Wonga Pigeon, Wompoo Fruit-dove, Tawny and Marbled Frogmouths, Australian Owlet-nightjar, Crimson Rosella, Noisy Pitta, Green Catbird, Regent and Satin Bowerbirds, Variegated Fairywren, Eastern Spinebill, Spotted Pardalote, White-naped Honeyeater, White-browed and Large-billed Scrubwrens, Striated Thornbill, Australian Logrunner, Rufous Shrike-thrush, Paradise Riflebird, Black-faced and Spectacled Monarchs, Rose*, Pale Yellow and Eastern Yellow Robins, Russet-tailed Thrush.*



4 Sheep Station Creek Conservation Park, Upper Caboolture

Phelps Road, Upper Caboolture. UBD 46 N20. GPS -27.1268, 152.8919

Large reserve comprising remnant bushland of open grassy eucalypt forests with impressive range of trees. Of six points of entry, Phelps Road is most accessible. Ample off-road parking but no facilities. Three dirt tracks are well marked, uneven in places, with minor watercourses.

Plumed Whistling-duck, Common Bronzewing, Pacific Koel, Channel-billed* and Brush* Cuckoos, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Australian Owlet-nightjar, Painted Button-quail, Square-tailed Kite, Pacific Baza, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Grey and Brown Goshawks, Powerful Owl, Southern Boobook, Sacred* and Forest Kingfishers, Long-billed Corella, Little Lorikeet, Fuscous, White-throated, White-naped, Black-chinned and Striped Honeyeaters, Spotted Pardalote, White-bellied Cuckoo Shrike, Crested Shrike-tit, Rufous Shrike-thrush, Dusky Woodswallow, Eastern Yellow Robin.*



WESTERN SITES

Southern D'Aguilar National Park

This huge area of bushland north-west of Brisbane contains some of the best birdwatching sites in the Moreton Bay Region. Many birds live high in the canopy of subtropical rainforest so a good pair of binoculars will enhance the experience.

5 Maiala National Park, Mt Glorious

Mt Glorious Road, Mt Glorious. UBD 105 C5. GPS -27.3336, 152.7633

A 2km circuit through subtropical rainforest. Track well formed, with some steps in steeper sections and boardwalks. Walk can be extended to Cypress Grove (2km return) or Greene's Falls (4km). Wheelchair-accessible grassy picnic area is good birdwatching, as is the Western Window track accessed from opposite picnic ground.

White-headed and Wonga Pigeons, Wompoo and Rose-crowned Fruit-Doves, Topknot Pigeon, Tawny and Marbled Frogmouths, Sooty Owl, Crimson Rosella, Noisy Pitta, Green Catbird, Regent and Satin Bowerbirds, Spotted Pardalote, Yellow-throated, White-browed and Large-billed Scrubwrens, Striated Thornbill, Australian Logrunner, Paradise Riflebird, Black-faced and Spectacled Monarchs, Rose*, Pale Yellow and Eastern Yellow Robins, Russet-tailed Thrush.*



6 Manorina National Park, Mt Nebo

Mt Nebo Road, Mt Nebo. UBD 105 F16. GPS -27.3821, 152.7776

Atrax Circuit is a 750m loop through tall forest featuring cabbage tree palms. Steeper Morelia track is 6km return to Mount Nebo lookout (Grade 3), passing through rainforest and wet eucalypt forest. Small off-road gravel car park; nearest facilities Maiala.

Brown Cuckoo-dove, Wompoo Fruit-Dove, Australian King Parrot, Crimson Rosella, Satin Bowerbird, White-throated Treecreeper, Bell Miner, Spotted Pardalote, Striated Thornbill, Brown Gerygone, Eastern Whipbird, Rufous and Grey Fantails, Eastern Yellow Robin.



7 Boombana National Park, Mt Nebo

Mt Nebo Road, Mt Nebo. UBD 105 J20. GPS -27.4021, 152.7926

Pitta Circuit is a 1.1km loop track through subtropical rainforest and wet eucalypt forest. Small bitumen car park and picnic area with toilets. Thylogale Track (4km) goes to Jolly's Lookout.

Wonga Pigeon, Wompoo Fruit-Dove, Crimson Rosella, Noisy Pitta, Green Catbird, Satin Bowerbird, Bell Miner, Spotted Pardalote, Yellow-throated, White-browed and Large-billed Scrubwrens, Brown Gerygone, Australian Logrunner, Eastern Whipbird, Rufous and Grey Fantails, Paradise Riflebird, Black-faced and Spectacled Monarchs, Pale Yellow and Eastern Yellow Robins.*



8 Jolly's Lookout, Mt Nebo

Mt Nebo Road, Mt Nebo. UBD 135 M1. GPS -27.4021, 152.7926

Reserve comprising open forest with eucalypts, casuarinas and grasses on knoll. Chance of seeing soaring raptors from lookout. Short walk down road to Egernia Circuit Track (1.5km) which passes through rainforest with good variety of bush birds. Only lookout itself is wheelchair accessible.

Brown Cuckoo-dove, Wonga and Topknot Pigeons, Wompoo Fruit-Dove, Pacific Baza, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Grey Goshawk, Powerful Owl, Glossy Black Cockatoo, Crimson Rosella, Green Catbird, Satin Bowerbird, Spotted Pardalote, White-browed Scrubwren, Brown Gerygone, Eastern Whipbird, Crested Shrike-tit, Golden Whistler, Rufous Fantail, Eastern Yellow Robin, Russet-tailed Thrush.



9 Apex Park

Mount Samson Road, Dayboro.
UBD 66 A19. GPS -27.2151, 152.8335

Park comprising riverine habitat, mature hoop pines and open grassy expanse bordering North Pine River, with picnic tables and BBQ facilities. Site included mainly because it contains nearest public facilities to next three birdwatching sites on western side of Lake Samsonvale.

Azure Kingfisher and Forest Kingfishers, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Striped Honeyeater, White-browed Scrubwren, White-throated Gerygone, Varied Triller, Red-browed and Double-barré Finches.



Lake Samsonvale

The area surrounding Lake Samsonvale contains some very productive birdwatching locations. The first three places are in the western part of the Region, but Bullocky Rest is also included here. This brochure covers only the publicly accessible parts of this Seqwater property. Visitors should not enter any tracks clearly signed 'no unauthorised access' without a permit.

10 Postman's Track, Samsonvale

Postman's Track, Samsonvale.
UBD 86 F7. GPS -27.2537, 152.8574

Reserve comprising eucalypt woodland, melaleuca woodland and grassland. Public multi-use trails offer (5km) excellent bush birdwatching (no public access to reservoir). Circuit track from top of carpark splits into Blue (easy walking) and Red (steep in parts, Grade 3), with White trail joining the two. Do not enter restricted areas without permit. Nearest facilities at Apex Park.

Brown Quail, King Quail, White-throated Nightjar, Australian Owlet-nightjar, Lewin's Rail, Whiskered Tern, Black-shouldered and Square-tailed Kites, Pacific Baza, Little Eagle, Swamp and Spotted Harriers, Grey and Brown Goshawks, Collared Sparrowhawk, Whistling Kite, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Australian Hobby, Brown Falcon, Little Lorikeet, Yellow-tufted, White-throated and White-naped Honeyeaters, Spotted Pardalote, White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike, Crested Shrike-tit, White-eared, Black-faced and Spectacled Monarchs, Rose Robin*.*



11 Kobble Creek day use area, Samsonvale

Mount Samson Road, Samsonvale.
UBD 86 E10. GPS -27.2615, 152.8519

Small area of parkland with expansive view over western corner of Lake Samsonvale for wide variety of waterbirds (telescope useful) and diverse range of bush birds. Raptors may soar above grasslands opposite. Off-road parking; nearest facilities at Apex Park.



Black Swan, Hardhead, Australasian and Great-crested Grebe, Pied Stilt, Black-fronted and Red-kneed Dotterel, Australian Painted-snipe, Comb-crested Jacana, Latham's Snipe*, Caspian Tern, Glossy Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, Black-shouldered Kite, Swamp and Spotted Harrier, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Azure, Sacred* and Forest Kingfishers, Striped Honeyeater, Restless Flycatcher, Tawny Grassbird, Red-browed Finch.*

12 Gold's Scrub Lane

Gold's Scrub Lane, Samsonvale.
UBD 86 F11. GPS -27.2685, 152.8587

Revegetated areas comprising mix of eucalypt woodland and dry rainforest provide excellent roadside birdwatching for bush birds. Open grasslands opposite, and lake beyond, often attract raptors. Carpark at end of road next to picnic area. Do not enter restricted areas without permit. Nearest facilities at Apex Park.



Brown and King Quails, Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Topknot Pigeon, Horsfield's, Shining and Little Bronze-Cuckoos, White-throated Needletail*, Black-shouldered and Square-tailed Kites, Swamp Harrier, Brown Goshawk, Collared Sparrowhawk, Variegated Fairywren, White-throated, White-naped and Striped Honeyeaters, Speckled Warbler, Yellow Thornbill, Barred* and White-bellied Cuckoo-shrikes, Varied Sittella, White-breasted Woodswallow, White-eared, Black-faced* and Spectacled Monarchs, Restless Flycatcher, Rose Robin*, Tawny Grassbird.*

13 Forgan Cove and Bullocky Rest, Joyner

Forgan Road, Joyner.
UBD 97 H8/M4. GPS -27.2757, 152.9353 and -27.2733, 152.9400

Well-formed track links sites, winding 4km through dry eucalypt forest and low vine scrub, with water views in places. It crosses low ridges with class 3 gradient. Off-road parking and amenities at Forgan Park; more extensive amenities at Bullocky Rest.



Hardhead, Australasian and Great Crested Grebe, Pacific Koel, Channel-billed Cuckoo*, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Eurasian Coot, Pied Stilt, Black-fronted Dotterel, Australasian Darter, Great and Intermediate Egrets, Whistling and Brahminy Kites, Variegated Fairywren, White-throated and White-naped Honeyeaters, Spotted Pardalote, Speckled Warbler, White-throated Gerygone, Common Cicadabird, Varied Sittella, Rufous Shrikethrush, Rufous Fantail, Leaden Flycatcher, Eastern Yellow and Rose* Robins, Red-browed and Double-barred Finches.*

SOUTHERN SITES

14 Kumbartcho Sanctuary

15 Bunya Pine Court, Eatons Hill.
UBD 107 M16. -27.3465, 152.9420

Reserve with dam and bird hide, as well as extensive walking tracks along South Pine River comprising eucalypts, riparian rainforest, she-oaks and grassland.



Hardhead, Australasian Grebe, Wonga Pigeon, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Australian Owlet-nightjar, Lewin's Rail, Buff-banded Rail, Bush Stone-curlew, Pacific Baza, Azure Kingfisher, Dollarbird*, Variegated Fairywren, White-browed and Large-billed Scrubwrens, Varied Triller, Common Cicadabird*, Rufous Fantail, Rufous Shrikethrush, Golden Whistler, Spectacled Monarch, Eastern Yellow and Rose* Robins, Red-browed and Double-barred Finches, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin.*

15 Bunya Crossing Reserve

Dugandan Road, Bunya.
UBD Map 107, R20. GPS -27.3537, 152.9485

Small reserve comprising riverine habitat with patch of remnant vine forest. Access road from end of Dugandan Road leads to carpark beside South Pine River. Picnic tables, barbeque and a unisex toilet along the access road. Riverside path westwards leads to Kumbartcho Sanctuary via causeway.



Lewin's Rail, Sacred Kingfisher, Dollarbird*, Variegated Fairywren, Eastern Spinebill*, Little Wattlebird, White-browed and Large-billed Scrubwrens, Brown Thornbill, Fairy Gerygone, Rufous Fantail, Spangled Drongo, Black-faced Monarch.*

16 Samford Eco-Corridor

Mt Samson Road, Samford.
UBD 106 L11. GPS -27.3578, 152.8824

Parkland beside South Pine River comprises grassland, riverine forest and revegetation. Carpark located beyond tennis club. Walking trail behind revegetated areas, with detour at junction of rainforest and eucalypt plantings to waterhole 80m to west. Nearest facilities Samford Village.



Brown Quail, Brown Cuckoo-dove, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Lewin's Rail, Azure Kingfisher, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Variegated Fairywren, White-browed and Large-billed Scrubwrens, Varied Triller, Eastern Whipbird, Rufous Shrike-thrush, Golden Whistler, Olive-backed Oriole, Rufous and Grey Fantails, White-eared Monarch, Restless Flycatcher, Rose and Eastern Yellow Robins, Tawny Grassbird, Double-barred and Red-browed Finches, Australasian Pipit.*

17 Samford Conservation Park (Mailman's Track)

Mailman's Track, Samford.
UBD Map 106, R15. GPS -27.3798, 152.9073

Large reserve of dry eucalypt woodland, but no facilities (nearest at Ironbark Gully along Samford Road). Dirt track (Sewer Road) fairly steep in parts (Grade 3) intersects with three others, all worth exploring.



Common Bronzewing, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Square-tailed Kite, Pale-headed Rosella, Little Lorikeet, White-throated Treecreeper, White-throated Honeyeater, Striated and Spotted Pardalotes, Buff-rumped Thornbill, White-throated Gerygone, Spotted Quail-thrush, Common Cicadabird, Varied Sittella, Leaden Flycatcher.*

18 GT Break, Bunyaville Conservation Park, Bunya

Jinker Track, Bunya.
UBD Map 118, A9. GPS -27.3705, 152.9498

Reserve with moderately steep dirt track (Grade 3) passing through dry eucalypt forest with denser vegetation along creek at bottom of hill. Off-road carpark on Jinker Track but no facilities other than drinking water.



Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Bush Stone-curlew, Pacific Baza, White-throated Treecreeper, Yellow-tufted, Fuscous and White-throated Honeyeaters, Spotted Pardalote, White-browed Scrubwren, White-throated Gerygone, Rufous Shrike-thrush, Leaden Flycatcher, Eastern Yellow Robin.*

19 Bunyaville Conservation Park, Bunya

Access via Old Northern Road, Bunya.
UBD Map 118, K9. GPS -27.3743, 152.9757

Multi-use reserve comprising dry eucalypt forest with some riverine vegetation along Albany Creek plus small dam. Reserve criss-crossed by several tracks, ranging from about 400m to few kilometres (Grade 3). Wheelchair-accessible facilities at picnic sites at eastern end of reserve, off Old Northern Road. Dam Road track can also be accessed from Jinker Track with off-road carparks but no facilities.



Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Pacific Baza, Sacred and Forest Kingfishers, Australian King Parrot, Pale-headed Rosella, Little Lorikeet, White-throated Treecreeper, Variegated Fairywren, Spotted Pardalote, White-throated Gerygone, Eastern Whipbird, Leaden Flycatcher.*

EASTERN SITES

20 White Patch section, Bribie Island National Park

Esplanade, White Patch.

UBD 42 C14. GPS -27.0255, 153.1188

Concrete and dirt tracks through melaleuca forest with good variety of bush birds. Leads to mangroves with occasional shorebirds if tide is out. From carpark, walk around fenced national park building and along sandy tracks to view heathlands with banksias.

Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Pied Stilt, Little Egret, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, White-throated Treecreeper, Variegated Fairywren, Little Wattlebird, White-cheeked and White-throated Honeyeaters, Large-billed and White-browed Scrubwrens, Mangrove Gerygone, Varied Triller, Eastern Yellow Robin.



21 Kakadu Beach (Bribie Island)

Solander Esplanade, Banksia Beach.

UBD 52 J4. GPS -27.0483, 153.1343

Shorebird roost with two covered bird hides separated by 300m concrete path surrounded by low heath. Walk through grassy picnic area for bush birds. Amenities ~300m north from carpark entry. Visit roost an hour either side of high tide.

Chestnut Teal, Buff-banded Rail, Beach Stone-curlew, Pied Stilt, Australian Pied Oystercatcher, Lesser and Greater Sand Plovers, Double Banded* and Red-capped Plovers, Whimbrel*, Eastern Curlew*, Bar-tailed* and Black-tailed* Godwits, Great* and Red* Knots, Sharp-tailed* and Curlew* Sandpipers, Red-necked Stint*, Grey-tailed Tattler*, Australian, Caspian and Greater Crested Terns, Pied Cormorant, Striated Heron, Eastern Osprey, Whistling and Brahminy Kites, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Little Wattlebird, White-cheeked Honeyeater.*



22 Buckley's Hole Conservation Park (Bribie Island)

The Boulevard, Bongaree.

UBD 63 E4. GPS -27.0927, 153.1652

Wetland surrounded by bushland containing variety of bush birds. Roadside parking. Bird hide down steps. Separate sandy track beside lagoon leads to sandbar where waders and tern congregate at high tide. Walk behind mangroves for further bush and mangrove birds.

Magpie Goose, Wandering Whistling-duck, Australian Shoveler, Australasian Grebe, Pacific Koel, Spotless Crake, Beach Stone-curlew, Pied Stilt, Australian Pied Oystercatcher, Lesser* and Greater* Sand Plovers, Red-capped Plover, Black-fronted Dotterel, Comb-crested Jacana, Whimbrel*, Eastern Curlew*, Bar-tailed Godwit*, Great Knot*, Latham's Snipe*, Little, Australian, Caspian and Common Terns, Striated Heron, Nankeen Night-Heron, Glossy Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, Eastern Osprey, Brahminy Kite, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Azure and Torresian Kingfishers, Variegated Fairywren, Mangrove Honeyeater, Mangrove Gerygone, Golden-headed Cisticola, Australian Reed-Warbler, Tawny Grassbird.*



23 Godwin Beach

Esplanade, opposite Rose Street, Godwin Beach.

UBD 62 A1. GPS -27.0861, 153.1129

Open mud flat overlooking Deception Bay good for migratory species and other wetland birds during mid to low tide. At high tide, visit Environmental Reserve at north-eastern end of Esplanade for bush and mangrove birds. Telescope useful.

Pied Stilt, Pied Oystercatcher, Pacific Golden Plover, Whimbrel*, Eastern Curlew*, Bar-tailed Godwit*, Great Knot*, Sharp-tailed* and Curlew Sandpipers*,*



*Red-necked Stint**, *Grey-tailed Tattler**, *Common Greenshank**, *Australian and Caspian Terns*, *Pied Cormorant*, *Great, Intermediate and Little Egrets*, *Striated Heron*, *Royal Spoonbill*, *Eastern Osprey*, *Brahminy Kite*, *White-bellied Sea-Eagle*, *Torresian Kingfisher*, *Little Wattlebird*, *Mangrove Honeyeater*, *Mangrove Gerygone*.

24 Toorbul

Esplanade, Toorbul.

UBD 51 R5. GPS -27.0475, 153.1087

High tide roost best visited an hour each side of high tide, but on king tides shorebirds will use Kakadu Beach on Bribie. Best months September to late April. Amenities and cafe at corner Freeman Road and Esplanade.

Other good sites all along Esplanade. Roadside parking.

Black Swan, *Pied Stilt*, *Australian Pied and Sooty Oystercatchers*, *Lesser Sand** and *Red-capped Plovers*, *Black-fronted Dotterel*, *Whimbrel**, *Eastern Curlew**, *Bar-tailed** and *Black-tailed** *Godwits*, *Great** and *Red** *Knots*, *Sharp-tailed** and *Curlew Sandpipers*, *Red-necked Stint**, *Asian Dowitcher**, *Terek Sandpiper*, *Grey-tailed Tattler**, *Common Greenshank*, *Little, Australian and Caspian Tern*, *Pied Cormorant*, *Great, Intermediate, Little and Eastern Reef Egrets*, *Striated Heron*, *Royal Spoonbill*, *Eastern Osprey*, *Brahminy Kite*, *White-bellied Sea-Eagle*, *Torresian and Sacred** *Kingfishers*, *Dollarbird**, *Little Wattlebird*, *Mangrove Honeyeater*, *Mangrove Gerygone*.



25 Deception Bay South

Cnr Webster Road & Esplanade South, Deception Bay.

UBD 80 C10. GPS-27.1956, 153.0363

Mangrove-fringed coastline plus eucalypts, she-oaks, Moreton Bay Fig and Cottonwood. Southern site mudflats submerge when tide reaches 1m. Best time September to April on incoming tide. Good bush and mangrove birds along path. Telescope useful for shorebirds. Public amenities near corner of Webster Road and Esplanade South. Foreshore along Captain Cook Parade good for bush and mangrove birds, with 4km shared walk and cycle path and boardwalk with stairs to beach and viewing platforms.

Pied Oystercatcher, *Whimbrel**, *Eastern Curlew**, *Bar-tailed** and *Black-tailed** *Godwits*, *Great Knot**, *Sharp-tailed** and *Curlew** *Sandpipers*, *Red-necked Stint**, *Terek Sandpiper**, *Grey-tailed Tattler**, *Common Greenshank**, *Marsh Sandpiper**, *Little Tern*, *Little Egret*, *Striated Heron*, *Brahminy Kite*, *White-bellied Sea-Eagle*, *Torresian Kingfisher*, *Mangrove Honeyeater*, *Mangrove Gerygone*.



26 Scarborough Foreshore

Reef Point Esplanade, Scarborough.

UBD 81 R8. GPS -27.1909, 153.1127

Visit Jamieson and Tingira Park for shorebirds when tide is out. Terns and cormorants roost on low rocky shelf. Walk westwards around small bay to skirt around Scarborough Boat Harbour to foreshore along Esplanade and Endeavour Drive. On eastern side, visit Pirate Park along Landsborough Avenue at high tide for shorebirds roosting on man-made rock walls.

Australian Pied and Sooty Oystercatchers, *Pacific Golden Plover**, *Whimbrel**, *Ruddy Turnstone**, *Great Knot**, *Grey-tailed Tattler**, *Little, Australian, Caspian, Common and Greater Crested Terns*, *Pied Cormorant*, *Striated Heron*, *Eastern Osprey*, *Brahminy Kite*, *Australasian Pipit*.



27 Nathan Road Wetlands Reserve, Rothwell

Nathan Road, Rothwell.
UBD 81, A17. GPS -27.2118, 153.0699

Wetland reserve. Crakes and rails seen when muddy margins of reedbeds exposed. Interpretive sign along Nathan Road, but access also from Morris Road or Wattle Road. No clear track to wetland in middle of reserve. Gumboots recommended. Adjacent woodland and grassland good for bush birds. No facilities.

Wandering Whistling-Duck, Black Swan, Hardhead, Brown Quail, Australasian Grebe, Lewin's and Buff-banded Rails, Australian Spotted Crake, Baillon's and Spotless Crake, Brolga, Pied Stilt, Red-necked Avocet, Pacific Golden Plover, Red-kneed and Black-fronted Dotterels, Comb-crested Jacana, Sharp-tailed and Curlew* Sandpipers, Red-necked Stint*, Pectoral Sandpiper*, Latham's Snipe*, Marsh* and Wood* Sandpipers, Black-necked Stork, Glossy Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, Black-shouldered Kite, Swamp Harrier, Variegated Fairywren, Mangrove Honeyeater, Golden-headed Cisticola, Australian Reed-Warbler, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin, Australasian Pipit.*

28 Dohles Rocks

Dohles Rocks Road, Griffin.
UBD 100 E6. GPS -27.2773, 153.0416

Scan river banks exposed at low tide for shorebirds. Good access and facilities. Visit the lagoon with hide on Dohles Rocks Road for waterbirds.

Chestnut Teal, Hardhead, Pied Stilt, Whimbrel, Eastern Curlew*, Bar-tailed Godwit*, Australian, Caspian and Greater Crested Terns, Australasian Darter, Great and Intermediate Egrets, Striated Heron, Eastern Osprey, Whistling and Brahminy Kites, Torresian and Sacred* Kingfishers, Mangrove Honeyeater, Mangrove Gerygone.*



29 Clontarf Environment Reserve

Silcock Street, Clontarf.
UBD 91 D13. GPS -27.2480, 153.0782

Reserve comprising paperbark and eucalypt bushland adjoining Hay's Inlet. Park near rugby club and follow concrete path into reserve. Scan for migratory or wetland birds on open clay pan. No signs on site and some tracks may be impassable after rain.

Chestnut Teal, Hardhead, Pheasant Coucal, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, White-throated Needletail, Pied Stilt, Black-fronted Dotterel, Australian Tern, Great Cormorant, Great, Intermediate and Little Egrets, Royal Spoonbill, Eastern Osprey, Whistling and Brahminy Kites, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Torresian Kingfisher, Dollarbird*, Pale-headed Rosella, Variegated Fairywren, Little Wattlebird, Mangrove and Striped Honeyeaters, Little Friarbird, White-browed Scrubwren, Mangrove Gerygone, Rufous and Grey Fantails, Spangled Drongo, Leaden Flycatcher, Golden-headed Cisticola, Tawny Grassbird, Mistletoebird, Red-browed and Double-barred Finches, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin.*



30 Osprey House Environmental Centre

Dohles Rocks Road, Griffin.
UBD 100 C6. GPS -27.2769, 153.0384

Elevated boardwalk along mangrove-lined banks of Pine River with two viewing platforms and bird hide overlooking river and mud flats, good for shorebirds at low tide. Open eucalypt forest and farmland adjoin Centre. Nesting tower for Ospreys next to carpark.

Pacific Koel, Buff-banded Rail, Pied Oystercatcher, Pied Stilt, Red-capped Plover, Red-kneed and Black-fronted Dotterels, Whimbrel*, Eastern Curlew*, Bar-tailed* and Black-tailed* Godwits, Great Knot*, Sharp-tailed* and Curlew* Sandpipers, Red-necked Stint*, Latham's Snipe*, Terek*, Common* and Marsh* Sandpipers,*



Little, Australian, Caspian and Greater Crested Terns, Great and Intermediate Egrets, Royal Spoonbill, Eastern Osprey, Brahminy Kite, Torresian Kingfisher, Mangrove Honeyeater.

31 Henry Road Reserve

Cnr Henry & Dohles Rocks Road, Griffin.
UBD 99 R5. GPS -27.2747, 153.0284

Reserve with small creek, ephemeral wetland, paperbarks, eucalypt woodland and grassland. Access from Henry Road, Dohles Rocks Road (roadside parking) or Osprey House. No amenities but walking tracks well defined.

Magpie Goose, Chestnut Teal, Brolga, Black-necked Stork, Royal Spoonbill, Whistling Kite, Variegated Fairywren, Little Friarbird, Rufous Whistler, Spangled Drongo, Golden-headed Cisticola, Tawny

Grassbird, Mistletoebird, Red-browed and Double-barred Finches.

32 John Oxley Reserve

Ogg Road, Murrumba Downs.
UBD 99 F1. GPS -27.2669, 153.0049

Reserve of eucalypt woodland, with riparian and mangrove forests nearer North Pine River. Ample parking and facilities at Environmental Centre. Main sealed walking track winds 1.3km down river bank to boardwalk. Some fairly steep sections (Grade 3). Good variety of bush and waterbirds.

Chestnut Teal, Pheasant Coucal, Great Egret, Striated Heron, Eastern Osprey, Brown Goshawk, Brahminy Kite, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Azure Kingfisher, Dollarbird*, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Variegated Fairywren, Little Wattlebird, Mangrove Honeyeater, Spotted Pardalote, Mangrove and White-throated Gerygones, White-bellied Cuckooshrike, Rufous Shrikethrush, Golden Whistler, Rufous Fantail, Black-faced* and Spectacled Monarchs, Leaden Flycatcher, Rose* and Eastern Yellow Robins, Australian Reed-Warbler, Fairy Martin, Red-browed and Double-barred Finches.



33 Mungarra Reserve

Affleck Avenue, Petrie.
UBD 98 D3. GPS -27.2714, 152.9593

Reserve along North Pine River comprising eucalypt forest, riparian vegetation, grassland, mangroves, revegetation and two small lakes. Well-made walking tracks. Some amenities.

Hardhead, Australasian Grebe, White-headed Pigeon, Pheasant Coucal, Australian Darter, Striated Heron, Azure Kingfisher, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Variegated Fairywren, White-browed Scrubwren, Varied Triller, Rufous Shrikethrush, Golden and Rufous Whistlers, Spangled Drongo, Leaden Flycatcher, Golden-headed Cisticola, Tawny Grassbird, Red-browed and Double-barred Finches.



34 Black Duck Hole

McClintock Drive, Murrumba Downs.
UBD 99 J1. GPS -27.2644, 153.0124

Reserve with two lakes bordered by remnant paperbark forest, open eucalypt forest and revegetated native bushland within housing estate. Park along McClintock Drive. Walk paved pathway on eastern side of lakes.

Magpie Goose, Wandering Whistling-duck, Black Swan, Cotton Pygmy Goose, Hardhead, Australasian Grebe, Eurasian Coot, Comb-crested Jacana, Australasian Darter, Great Cormorant, Great, Intermediate and Little Egrets, Royal Spoonbill, Sacred* and Forest Kingfishers, Little Wattlebird, Striped Honeyeater, Little Friarbird, Olive-backed Oriole, White-breasted Woodswallow, Fairy and Tree Martins.



Birdwatching in Moreton Bay

South-East Queensland is one of Australia's biodiversity hotspots. At the time of printing, 363 of Australia's bird species (about 42%) have been recorded in Moreton Bay. This diversity is due to the subtropical location and the wide variety of habitats, including beaches, wetlands, grasslands, woodland, heathland, rainforest and large freshwater lakes.

General Birdwatching Tips



Go birdwatching about an hour after sunrise when most birds are active.



It is useful to get to know the calls of birds, especially the common species.



Please upload your sighting lists to an online database (birddata.birdlife.org or www.ebird.org) to help with conservation and management of Australia's native birds.

Resources: Use binoculars and have a field guide or phone app available (some apps include bird calls and/or photographs). A telescope is useful for shorebirds and at large water bodies.

Moreton Bay experiences a subtropical climate. It is important to wear sunscreen, protective clothing, a hat and carry insect repellent and water all year round. Closed shoes are essential at all birdwatching sites.

Common Moreton Bay Birds: These common birds are often observed (in suitable habitats) throughout Moreton Bay and are not included in the individual site descriptions. *Australian Wood (Maned) Duck, Pacific Black Duck, Grey Teal, Australian Brushturkey, Rock Dove, Spotted Dove, Crested Pigeon, Bar-shouldered Dove, Dusky Moorhen, Australasian Swamphen, Masked Lapwing, Silver Gull, Little Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, White-faced Heron, Australian White Ibis, Straw-necked Ibis, Cattle Egret, Laughing Kookaburra, Rainbow Bee-eater, Galah, Little Corella, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Rainbow Lorikeet, Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, Superb Fairywren, Red-backed Fairywren, Lewin's Honeyeater, Noisy Miner, Brown Honeyeater, Scarlet Myzomela, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Noisy Friarbird, Striated (Black-headed) Pardalote, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Grey Shrike-thrush, Australasian Figbird, Grey Butcherbird, Pied Butcherbird, Australian Magpie, Willie Wagtail, Magpie-lark, Torresian Crow, Welcome Swallow, Silvereye, Common Myna.*

Site Notes: Descriptions provide location addresses, UBD reference numbers, GPS coordinates and a list of interesting species that occur at the site depending on the time of year. Species lists were compiled using data from eBird (ebird.org/australia/home) and cross-checked by local birders. Migratory or nomadic species are marked with an * and can be seen on a seasonal basis (some are summer visitors and others are winter visitors so check your field guide). Bird names here generally follow the latest IOC recommendations and may differ from some field guides.

Contributing organisations:

Birds Queensland: www.birdsqueensland.org.au

BirdLife Southern Queensland: www.birdlife.org.au/locations/birdlife-southern-queensland

City of Moreton Bay: www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au

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