

REGIONAL MAP



LEGEND

- Bruce Highway
- Scenic Drives
- Main Roads - Sealed
- Main Roads - Unsealed
- Minor Roads - Sealed
- Minor Roads - Unsealed
- Rivers
- World Heritage National Parks
- Major Town
- Accredited Info Centre

ENDEMIC SPECIES

There are 15 endemic bird species in the Wet Tropics region: Atherton Scrubwren, Bower's Shrike-thrush, Bridled Honeyeater, Chowchilla, Cryptic Honeyeater (Wet Tropics form of Graceful Honeyeater), Fernwren, Golden Bowerbird, Grey-headed Robin, Lesser Sooty Owl, Macleay's Honeyeater, Mountain Thornbill, Pied Monarch, Spotted Catbird, Tooth-billed Bowerbird, and Victoria's Riflebird.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Birding at any time of year is rewarding. From September to April, you can see migratory Torresian Imperial-Pigeon, Metallic Starling in high numbers, Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher and migratory shorebirds. In the dry season, waterbird numbers increase around waterways, and the sugarcane harvest season (June to December) brings a spectacular variety of egrets and birds of prey.

LEGEND

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| Beware of crocodiles | Caravan access |
| Toilets | Camping |
| Picnic Area | Barbecues |
| Walking Tracks | Boat Ramp |
| Wheelchair Access | No Toilets |
| Sheltered Picnic Area | No Caravan Access |

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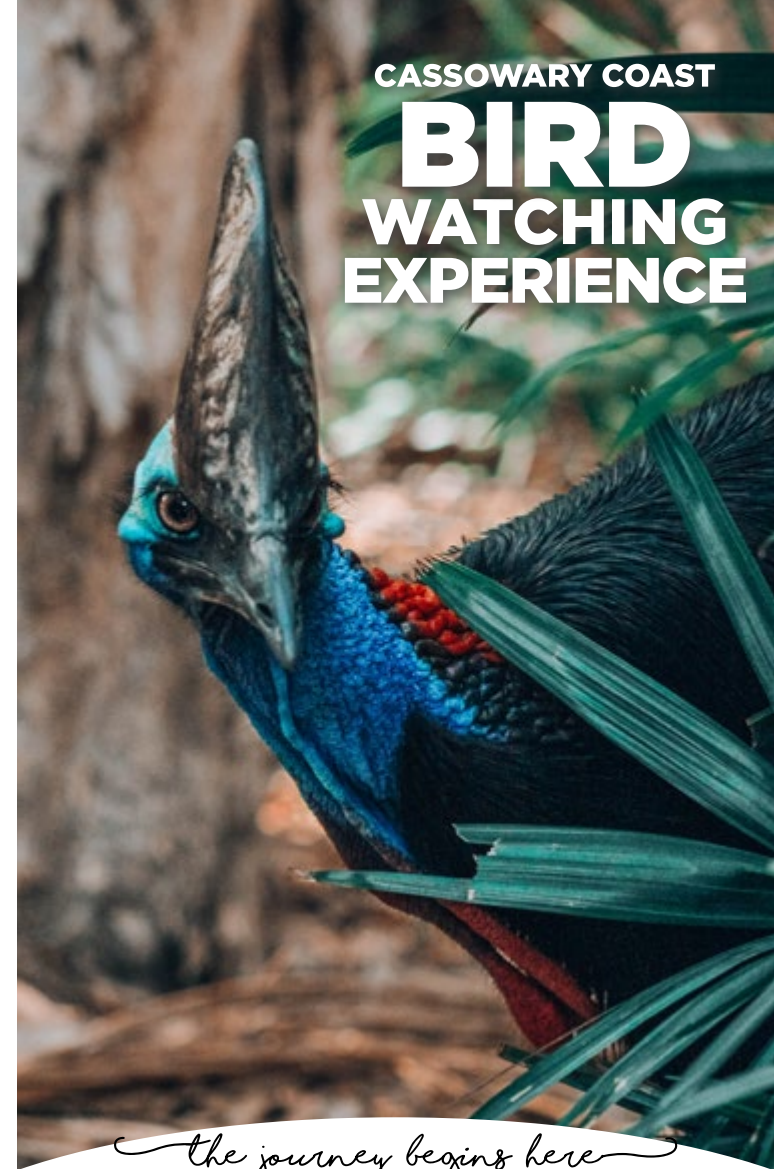
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www.birdlifefnq.org

Photos of Comb-crested Jacana, Wompoo Fruit-Dove, Beach Stone-curlew & Torresian Imperial-Pigeon provided by Ceri Pearce. Photo of Southern Cassowary provided by Lance Pearce.

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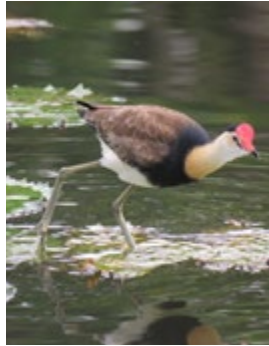
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1 Warrina Lakes

Over 100 bird species have been seen in the lush parkland and botanic gardens that is Warrina Lakes. Look for Comb-crested Jacana, Black Bittern, White-browed Crake, Double-eyed Fig-Parrot, Brown-backed Honeyeater, Yellow Oriole, Australasian Figbird, Metallic Starling, Black Butcherbird, Spangled Drongo, and ducks.

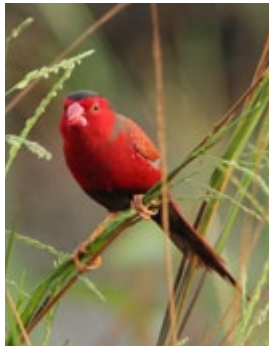
Corner of Charles and Emily Streets, Innisfail



Comb-crested Jacana

2 Shaw Road

Situated 300 metres from the junction of the Bruce and Palmerston Highways, Shaw Road leads to a single-lane bridge over the Johnstone River. Look for Crimston Finch, Red-browed Finch, Chestnut-breasted and Nutmeg Mannikin, Golden-headed Cisticola and Tawny Grassbird in the roadside grassland areas. Closer to the bridge look for Yellow Oriole, Australasian Figbird and Fairy Martin.



Crimston Finch

3 Eubenangee Swamp National Park

Over 190 bird species have been recorded at this important coastal freshwater wetland. A 1.5 kilometre walking track follows the Alice River and climbs up a grassy hill overlooking the wetland. Look for Shining Flycatcher, kingfishers, waterbirds and sometimes a crocodile or two.

Access is on Cartwright Road



Shining Flycatcher

4 Wooroonooran National Park (Palmerston section) Henrietta Creek Camping Area

Surrounded by rainforest and Henrietta Creek, the campground is 33 kilometres from the Palmerston and Bruce Highway junction. One hundred and twenty-three bird species have been seen here. Walk around the clearing and walking tracks to find Wompoo Fruit-Dove, Yellow-breasted Boatbill, Macleay's Honeyeater, Grey-headed Robin, Chowchilla, Victoria's Riflebird, Spectacled Monarch and Pied Monarch. Southern Boobook and Lesser Sooty Owl have been recorded here. Musky Rat-kangaroo can also be seen.



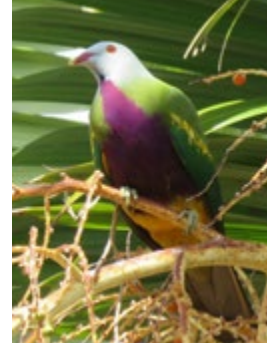
5 ETTY Bay

This picturesque beach in a rainforest-lined cove, is about 12 kilometres from Mourilyan, just south of Innisfail. Southern Cassowary, often with young, are regularly seen wandering along the beach. Also look for White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Brahminy Kite, Eastern Reef Egret and Beach Stone-curlew.

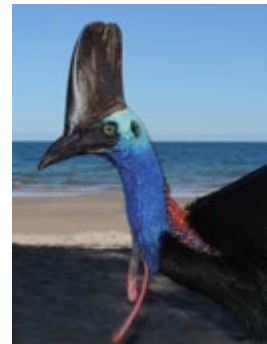


6 Cowley Beach

About 30 kilometres south of Innisfail, Cowley Beach is a quiet beachside community. Walk southwards along the beach to the mouth of Liverpool Creek and look for Beach Stone-curlew, Pied Oystercatcher and Little Tern. Glimpses of migratory waders, Striated Heron and Great-billed Heron are a bonus.



Wompoo Fruit-Dove



Southern Cassowary



Beach Stone-curlew

MISSION BEACH

7 Djiru National Park

The Mission Beach area is great for birding including the walking trails at Lacey Creek, the Musgravea track and the Licuala Fan Palm Walk. Look for Southern Cassowary, Wompoo Fruit-Dove, Pacific Emerald-Dove, Torresian Imperial-Pigeon, Chowchilla, Macleay's Honeyeater, Fairy Gerygone, Black Butcherbird, Noisy Pitta, monarchs and kingfishers.

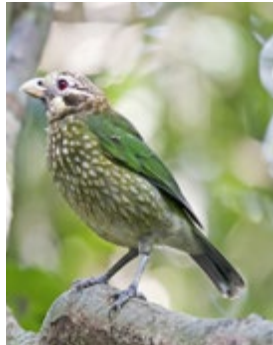


Torresian Imperial-Pigeon

TULLY

8 Tully Gorge and Cochable Creek Campgrounds

Majestic rivers and upland rainforest can be found at the Tully Gorge campground and Cochable Creek trail head. This is a good place to see Victoria's Riflebird, Topknot Pigeon, Macleay's Honeyeater, Pied Currawong, Tooth-billed Bowerbird, Spotted Catbird, Red-necked Crake and Pacific Baza, amongst many other species.

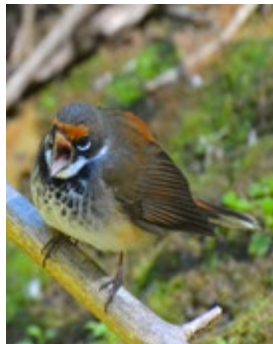


Spotted Catbird

CARDWELL

9 Edmund Kennedy, Girramay National Park

Follow the signs just north of Cardwell to the Edmund Kennedy National Park. It is well worth stopping at several places along the road to look for birds such as Shining Flycatcher, honeyeaters, Rufous Fantail and monarchs, Lovely Fairy-wren, Black Butcherbird and Orange-footed Scrubfowl. Look for Beach Stone-curlew and migratory shorebirds at the beach.



Rufous Fantail