

## Noosa's Birds and the Environment

Australia has an abundance of birdlife, and south-east Queensland is arguably as rich as any part of the country. Our birdlife thrives in our rich diversity of environments, from eucalypt woodland and beaches to our wonderful rainforests. However, all is not well in the bird world. These habitats are under immense threat from development as our district tries to accommodate the many human newcomers who have also chosen to live here. Patches of vegetation are being fragmented and isolated daily. The Noosa Bird Trail has been established to provide visitors and residents with a way of finding these elusive patches of forest in order that they may enjoy these winged creatures.



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## JOIN OUR ACTIVITIES

- Guided monthly bush walks and visits to National Parks
- Bird Observers field trips
- Greening Noosa tree planting
- Cooloola Bushwalkers for more serious hikers
- Extended guided field trips
- Botany Group lectures and walks
- Environment Centre social activities
- Educational lectures and talks
- Clean-ups of beaches and parks
- World Environment Day
- Wildflower Weekend

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## NOOSA BIRD TRAIL

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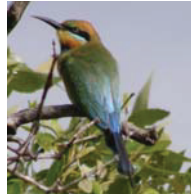


Several of the Noosa Bird Trail sites are in forestry areas. There are many fire breaks in these areas where observers are welcome to walk. Note that fire tracks are not formalised for public use. They are there for the protection of the forest, so users must accept responsibility for their own safety, be aware of their own position at all times and abide by any directive from forestry staff.

### 1. Great Sandy National Park – Cooribah Section

**Directions** From Tewantin, take McKinnon Drive. Turn right onto Lake Cooribah Rd. Park entrance is on the left approx. 1.5km. past Amaroo Pl. Parking available roadside at 354 Lake Cooribah Rd.

**Birds** Rainbow Bee-eater, Yellow-tailed Black-cockatoo, White-cheeked Honeyeater.



### 2. Great Sandy National Park – Elanda Point

**Directions** From Tewantin, take McKinnon Dr. (road to Boreen Point). At junction of McKinnon Dr. & Louis Bazzo Drive turn right. Travel to sharp right-angle turn, then veer left onto Lake Flat Rd. Drive approx. 2km. Take next right on gravel road to park near signs detailing walking tracks, on right.



**Birds** Chestnut-breasted Mannikin, Bush Stone-curlew, Mistletoebird.

### 3. Noosa National Park – Headland Section

**Directions** From Hastings Street, travel north-east through two roundabouts. Follow Park Road around Little Cove to the main Noosa National Park entrance. During peak visiting times, the alternative southern entrance and car park at Parkedge Road is an option.

**Birds** Australasian Gannet, Noisy Pitta, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, and maybe Black-breasted Button-quail.

### 4. Noosa National Park - Woodland Drive Section

**Directions** From Tewantin, take David Low way to Peregrin. Turn right onto Woodland Drive on northern side of the township. Drive to National Park gate.

**Birds** Ground Parrot may be heard in low heath on southern side of Woodland Dr. at dawn and dusk, Little Wattlebird, White-cheeked Honeyeater.

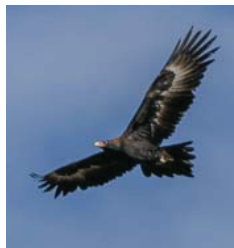
### 5. Tuckekoi National Park - Mount Cooroora

**Directions** From Bruce Highway, take Pioneer Rd. into Pomona. Turn left into School Street, which turns into Mountain Street. Cooroora Park is 1.6km on right. There is a fire break track off to the left (as you face the mountain) where observers are welcome to walk. Proceed on a wide, mowed track through mixed vegetation. The track ends near the ranger's office.

**Birds** Glossy Black-Cockatoo, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, White-throated Treecreeper.

### 18. Twin Hill Views Lookout

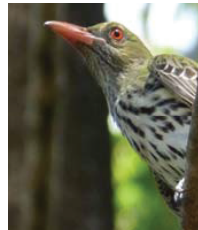
**Directions** From Tewantin, take McKinnon Drive (road to Boreen Point). At junction of McKinnon Drive & Louis Bazzo Drive turn left onto Louis Bazzo Drive. Pass Cootharaba Rd. on right. Turn right onto Black Pinch Road then right again. Lookout is at top of hill. For a longer walk, park where Camphor Rd. joins Kin Kin Road and follow the 'Network Trail 2' signs to the lookout.



**Birds** Martins, raptors, Eastern Spinebill, Dusky Honeyeater.

### 19. Boreen Point/ Lake Cootharaba

**Directions** From Tewantin, take McKinnon Drive (road to Boreen Point). At junction of McKinnon Drive & Louis Bazzo Drive, turn right and follow signs to Boreen Point. Turn right into Apollonian Hotel and park there. Walk via "Tingleys Wood" track to sports field, through caravan park, to track along edge of lake.



**Birds** Fairy-wrens, Olive-backed Oriole, terns over lake.

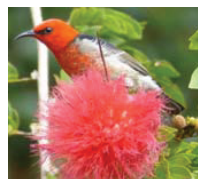
### 20. Cooran Active Riders

**Directions** From the Pomona-Kin Kin Road, turn at the Cooran sign (Greenridge-Pinbarren Rd), and continue to the sports fields. There is a short circular walk through the horse-riders' field and along the railway line. On the other side of the road, walk along the cricket field to Railway Rd, and a gravel road that skirts Six Mile Creek and Yellowbelly waterhole.

**Birds** Little Bronze-Cuckoo, White-throated Gerygone, Forest Kingfisher.

### 21. Cooroora Creek Park

**Directions** From Bruce Highway, take Pioneer Road into Pomona. Turn right into School Street, then under subway. Turn right and park is on left next to garage. Public toilets opposite site.



**Birds** White-headed Pigeon, Pacific Baza, and Scarlet Honeyeater in winter.

### 22. Cranks Creek Park

**Directions** From Tewantin, take Cooroy-Tewantin Road. Pass cemetery and turn left at roundabout onto St. Andrews Drive then left onto Outlook Drive. The park is opposite Freeman Court. Extensive cement pathways lead from the playground for great birding.

**Birds** Australasian Figbird, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike.

### 6. Tewantin National Park - Wooroi Day Use Area

**Directions** From Tewantin, take Cooroy-Tewantin Road towards Cooroy. Pass Beckmans Road on left. Entrance to Wooroi picnic area is next on left directly opposite 'Carramar'. Tracks are colour coded.

**Birds** Wompoo Fruit-Dove, Tawny Frogmouth, Fairy-wrens.

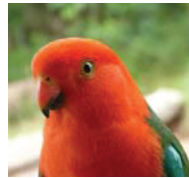
### 7. Harry Springs Conservation Park

**Directions** From Tewantin, take Cooroy-Tewantin Road towards Cooroy. Pass golf course & take next turn right onto Golf Course Drive. Travel approx. 2km to see Bird Trail sign on right. Park in open area in front of houses keeping driveways clear. Walk through gate & take the track to the right.

**Birds** Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Little Shrike-thrush, Scarlet Honeyeater in winter.

### 8. Ringtail State Forest – Old Coach Way

**Directions** From Cooroy, take Elm Street. Turn right at Primary School into Lake Macdonald Drive. Travel past Botanical Gardens, Lake Macdonald and spillway. At next T-intersection, turn left into Forest Acres Drive and follow it to a roundabout. Park near the roundabout. A bird trail sign opposite the houses identifies the rainforest reserve site.



**Birds** Wonga Pigeon, Green Catbird, Australian King-Parrot.

### 9. Ringtail State Forest – Cooloothin Creek

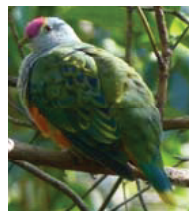
**Directions** From Tewantin, take McKinnon Drive (road to Boreen Point). At junction of McKinnon Drive & Louis Bazzo Drive turn left. The site is several hundred metres along on the left. A State Forest sign identifies the site opposite Gilson Road. Park roadside or in Gilson Road.



**Birds** Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Eastern Yellow Robin, Rainbow Bee-eater.

### 10. West Cooroy State Forest

**Directions** Site is 11km from Cooroy Hotel. Travel 6km along Belli Ck. Road, turn left onto Old Ceylon Road. Travel 1km. then turn right onto Top Forestry Road. The site is 1km past State Forestry sign both on right.



**Birds** Cicadabird, Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Spectacled Monarch.

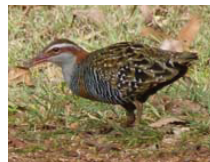
### 11. Yurol State Forest - Numby Lane

**Directions** From Bruce Highway, take Pioneer Road into Pomona. Turn right into School Street, then right into Station Street. The site is at the end of the street beside Numby Lane. Park opposite Pomona State School.

**Birds** Red-browed Finch, Whistlers, Emerald Dove, and a chance to see a Koala.

### 23. Heritage Park

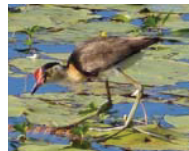
**Directions** From Tewantin, take Cooroy-Tewantin Road towards Cooroy. Pass golf course & take next turn right onto Golf Course Drive. Turn left onto Griffith Ave. Heritage Park is on left behind bus shelter.



**Birds** Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Little Lorikeet, Spangled Drongo.

### 24. Jabiru Park and Fearnley Bird Hide

**Directions** From Tewantin, take Cooroy-Tewantin Road. Pass Sivyers Road on right, take next turn right onto Grange Road which is opposite Echidna Lane. The turn is very sharp. Turn immediately left and follow road to end. The track to the hide is behind the picnic shelter.



**Birds** Magpie Goose, Comb-crested Jacana, Australasian Grebe.

### 25. Mangrove Boardwalk and Weyba Conservation Park

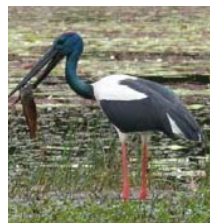
**Directions** From Tewantin, follow Noosa River along Hilton Terr. then Gympie Terr. and on to Weyba Rd. Mangrove Boardwalk is on right near Noosa Arts Theatre, just before Weyba bridge. (Be aware when travelling from Tewantin, that there is no right turn permitted onto parking area, so cross bridge, travel around roundabout and return to park on left near football ground).



**Birds** Eastern Osprey nest, Mangrove Gerygone, Striated Heron.

### 26. Noosa Banks Parkland

**Directions** From Tewantin, take McKinnon Drive (road to Boreen Point). Noosa Banks Drive is on right past sports fields. Park roadside in estate. From picnic area, tracks to the left follow Cooribah Creek.



**Birds** White-faced Heron, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Little Wattlebird.

### 27. Noosa North Shore – Arthur Harrold Nature Refuge

**Directions** From Tewantin, take Moorindil Street 2km to the Noosa River Ferry crossing (fees apply). Drive 2.4km along Maxi-million Road but DO NOT turn right onto beach road. Continue straight ahead for another 200 metres and park near the "Arthur Harrold Nature Refuge" sign, being careful not to block the fire trail gate. Start at the beginning of the Great Walk entry, following the directional arrows.

**Birds** Woodland birds, raptors and the lure of a ground parrot at the right time of the day.

### 12. Cudgerie Loop, Blueberry Drive, Cudgerie

**Directions** From Tewantin, travel to Cooroy. At railway T inter-section, turn right, pass primary school and continue approx. 4km to Cudgerie, passing through a tunnel. Turn left at roundabout and park at Cudgerie Common on left. The track is a 5km circuit, part of 'Noosa Trail Network'.

**Birds** Brown Gerygone, woodland species.

### 13. Hamilton Road

**Directions** From Cooroy, take Elm Street. Turn right at the primary school onto Lake Macdonald Drive. Pass the Botanical Gardens, Lake Macdonald and spillway all on the right. Take the next turn left into Hamilton Road. Follow the road to the end, over the creek and gravel road. A trail network sign is near the parking area. Walk under power lines. The track commences 150 meters further along, near another network sign – turning left.

**Birds** Double-barred Finch, Varied Triller, Grey Shrike-thrush.

### 14. Johnsons Lookout and Kin Kin Arboretum

**Directions** From Pomona, travel approx. 12km on Kin Kin Road. Arboretum picnic area is on right opposite Western Branch Road. Travel 1km up Western Branch Road to walk to lookout. Follow 'Network Trail 3' signs through grassy paddocks. Be prepared for a steep climb to lookout.

**Birds** White-throated Treecreeper, Whistlers, Varied Triller.

### 15. Kin Kin Countryside Trail

**Directions** From Pomona, follow signs to Kin Kin. Trail commences at Kin Kin Sports Ground near hotel. The full circuit is 15km over undulating countryside. A shorter walk to Grady's Park, returning the same way, avoids having to walk the roads. The track is part of 'Noosa Trial Network'.

**Birds** Restless Flycatcher, White-eared Monarch, Australian King-Parrot.

### 16. Old Tewantin Road

**Directions** From Cooroy, take Elm Street. Turn right at primary school into Lake Macdonald Drive. Travel past Botanical Gardens, Lake Macdonald and spillway. At T-intersection turn right onto Old Tewantin Rd. Proceed to end of road, over gravel. Park, keeping driveways clear.



**Birds** Pheasant Coucal, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Rufous Fantail, Brown Honeyeater.

### 17. Sheppersons Park

**Directions** From Pomona, follow signs to Kin Kin but pass left turn into the township and cross bridge. Travel 2km and turn right onto Sheppersons Lane. Site and parking is on the left. From picnic area, the 1.7km walk is mostly uphill - a moderate climb - to Cootharaba Views Lookout.

**Birds** Raptors, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Red-browed Finch.

### 28. Noosa Spit

**Directions** From Tewantin, follow signage to Hastings Street, Noosa Heads, then travel through roundabouts to reach the river mouth. There is also a myriad of tracks between the Spit and Hastings Street, Noosa Parks Ass. Park, where volunteer members work regularly planting, and weeding. This is a very pleasant area worth exploring for birds.

**Birds** Mangrove Gerygone, Mangrove Honeyeater, Tawny Frog-mouth, waders on sand banks.

### 29. Old Hollett Road

**Directions** From Noosa, take the Eumundi Noosa Road. Pass Hollett Road. Exit from roundabout onto Sunshine Motorway, left into Eumarella Road, then left into Tidswell Road. Park at the end of Tidswell Road (T junction) and explore Old Hollett Road to the right and left.

**Birds** Whistling Kite, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Peaceful Dove.

### 30. Upper Pinbarren Creek

**Directions** From Pomona, take the Pomona-Kin Kin Road for approx. 6 km. Turn left onto Upper Pinbarren Creek Road, and follow the Noosa Trail 2 signs for approx. 3 km. The road is part gravel. Rainforest verge on creek, open grassland at Ewatts Road, opposite the Trail 2 and 3 signs.

**Birds** Tawny Grassbird, Golden-headed Cisticola, unconfirmed reports of Coxen's Fig-Parrot at creek.

### 31. Wahpunga Park

**Directions** From Pomona take the Kin Kin Road. Follow signs to Kin Kin but pass the turn into the township and travel north east along the Gympie Road. Pass Dr. Pages road on the right, cross the bridge and Wahpunga Park is next on the right.

**Birds** Wompoo Fruit-Dove come to eat the ripe fruit on the fig trees, Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, fairywrens.

### 32. Wallace Park

**Directions** From Tewantin, take Memorial Ave, over Doonella bridge, and Hilton Terrace, to roundabout. Turn onto Eumundi-Noosa Road. At next roundabout turn right onto Wallace Drive.

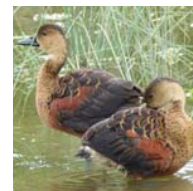


**Birds** Little Friarbird, Tawny Frogmouth, Southern Boobook.

### 33. Cooroy Waste Water Treatment Plant, Mary River Road, Cooroy

Local bird observers, groups and visitors are all welcome to visit the artificial wetland ponds, Monday to Friday by appointment.

**Directions** From Cooroy, take Mary River Road west of the town. From the roundabout turn into Jarrah Street then into Johnson Court.



Park there and phone 0409 512 523 to unlock the gate.