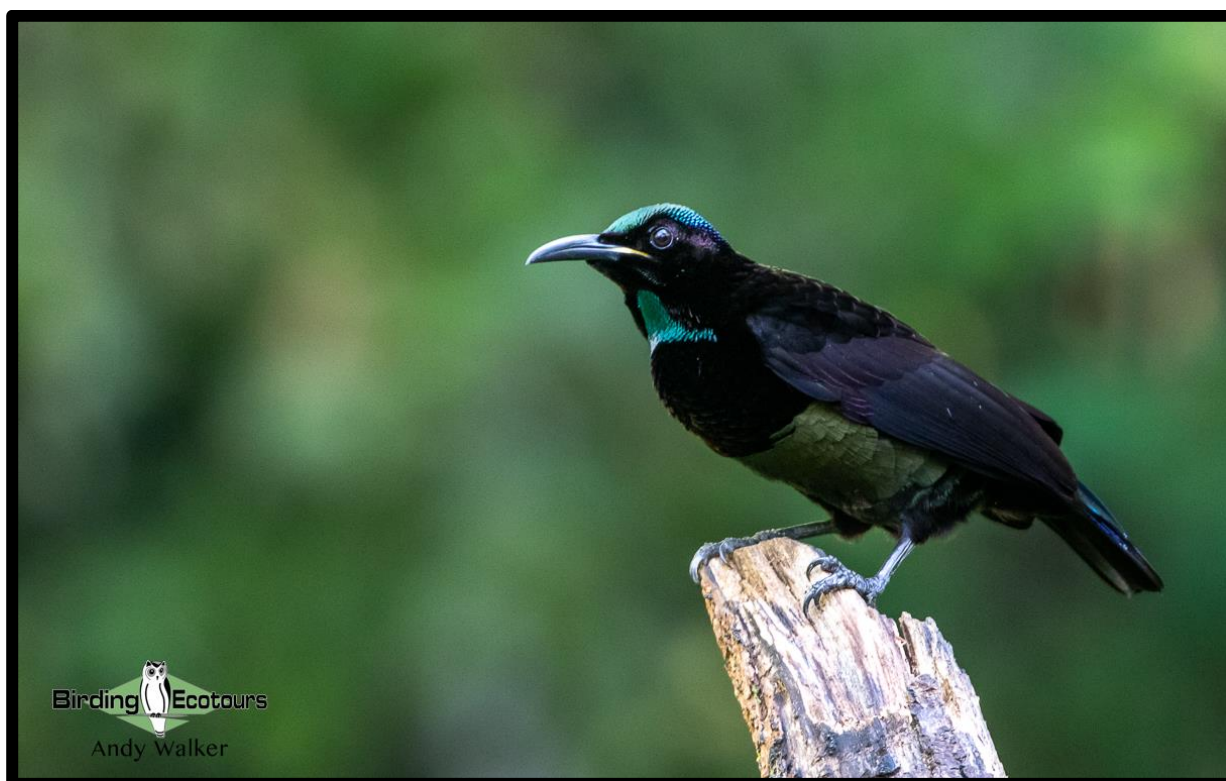




**AUSTRALIA: QUEENSLAND BIRDING CUSTOM TOUR  
TRIP REPORT**

**05 – 14 APRIL 2023**

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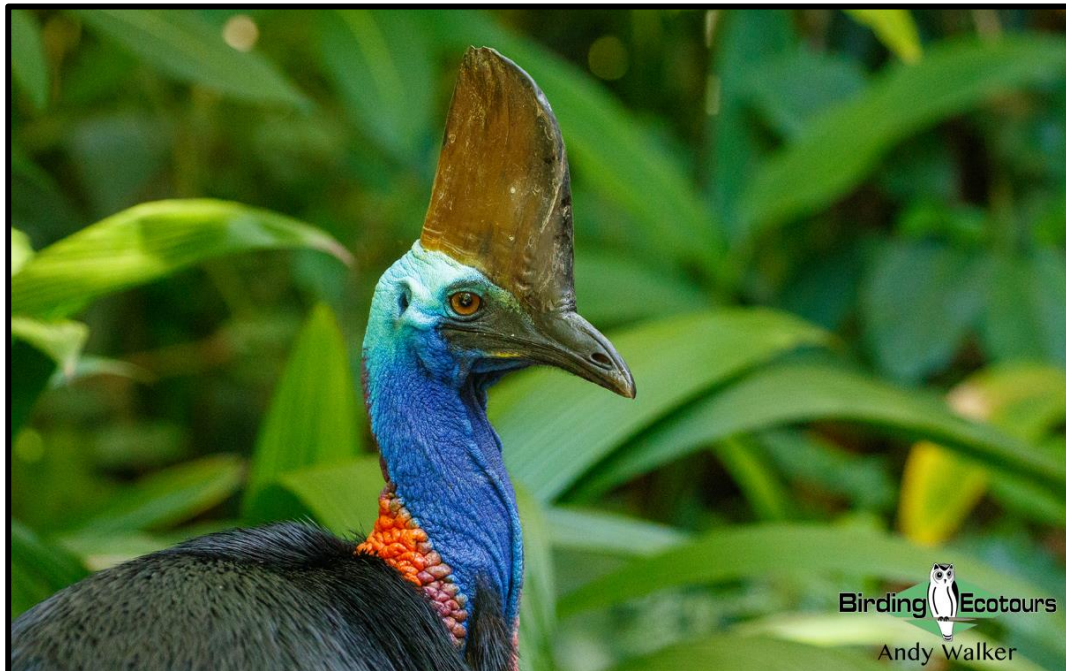
*We enjoyed close views of **Victoria's Riflebird** while birding around Lake Eacham. This is a stunning endemic bird-of-paradise, and the views left us breathless!*

## Overview

This custom Queensland, Australia birding tour largely followed the second half of our Eastern Australia: from the Outback to the wet tropics set departure tour, which we usually run in the Australian spring/prior to the wet season. This custom tour started in Brisbane on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2023 and ended in Cairns on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2023, so was carried out during the Australian autumn/end of the wet season.

We recorded 223 bird species (five heard only) during the eight days of birding on the tour. The tour highlights included a long list of endemic birds and families, with some clear stand-out species being seen, and seen well, such as **Southern Cassowary**, **Australian Bustard**, **Square-tailed Kite**, **Grey Goshawk**, **Wedge-tailed Eagle**, **Wompoo Fruit Dove**, **Rose-crowned Fruit Dove**, **Wonga Pigeon**, **Topknot Pigeon**, **White-headed Pigeon**, **Pheasant Coucal**, **Channel-billed Cuckoo**, **Shining Bronze Cuckoo**, **Australian King Parrot**, **Double-eyed Fig Parrot**, **Crimson (Crimson) Rosella**, **Torresian Kingfisher**, **Blue-winged Kookaburra**, **Australian Hobby**, **Noisy Pitta**, **Variegated Fairywren**, **Red-backed Fairywren**, **Albert's Lyrebird**, **Apostlebird**, **Green Catbird**, **Spotted Catbird**, **Bower's Shrikethrush**, **Victoria's Riflebird**, **Satin Bowerbird**, **Regent Bowerbird** (incredibly just a female!), **Tooth-billed Bowerbird**, **Great Bowerbird**, **Mangrove Gerygone**, **Macleay's Honeyeater**, **Bridled Honeyeater**, **Cryptic Honeyeater**, **Mangrove Honeyeater**, **Chowchilla**, **Australian Logrunner**, **Grey-headed Robin**, **Pale Yellow Robin**, **Atherton Scrubwren**, **White-eared Monarch**, **Pied Monarch**, and **Bassian Thrush**.

Of course, it wouldn't be Australia without a long list of bizarre animals. Trip lists for all of the birds, mammals, reptiles, and more, follow the report. Our sightings of **Platypus**, **Boyd's Forest Dragon**, and **Cairns Birdwing** provided highlights.



*We had excellent close and prolonged views of a stunning **Southern Cassowary** during the tour.*

### Detailed Report

#### **Day 1, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Arrival in Brisbane**

Arrival in Brisbane with time at leisure.

#### **Day 2, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Birding in Brisbane**

We met up with southeast Queensland local wildlife expert Rob, left the hotel in the early morning, and traveled northwest out of the city to Anstead Bushland Reserve, a nice area of eucalyptus forest. Here we spent a couple of hours before breakfast, walking a circuit of the reserve and finding lots to keep us occupied. **Grey Butcherbird**, **Pied Butcherbird**, **Pied Currawong**, **Black-faced Cuckooshrike**, and **White-bellied Cuckooshrike** all showed well, as did **Rainbow Bee-eater**, **Olive-backed Oriole**, and **Australasian Figbird**. After a bit of effort, we found the hoped-for mixed-species flock and things got busy with **White-throated Gerygone**, **Rufous Whistler**, **Australian Golden Whistler**, **White-throated Honeyeater**, **Brown Honeyeater**, **Blue-faced Honeyeater**, **Red-backed Fairywren**, **Striated Pardalote**, **Red-browed Finch**, **Grey Fantail**, and several other species. A flyover **Square-tailed Kite** was an early tour highlight, as was a noisy rabble of **Apostlebirds**.

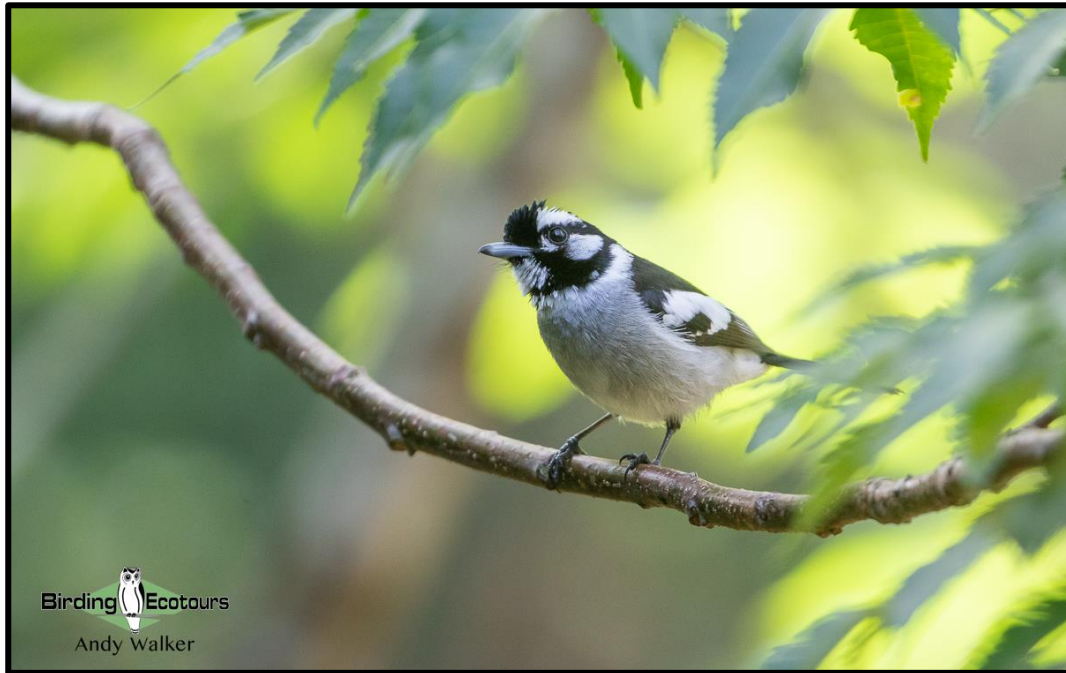


*We enjoyed a low flying **Square-tailed Kite** during our first morning of birding in Queensland.*

After breakfast we called in to Moggill Regional Park, a beautiful patch of rainforest. Here we added a whole host of different species, with some of the highlights including **Shining Bronze Cuckoo**, **Brown Cuckoo-Dove**, **Rose-crowned Fruit Dove**, **Spangled Drongo**, **Rufous Fantail**,



**White-eared Monarch, Black-faced Monarch, Spectacled Monarch, Leaden Flycatcher, Rufous Shrikethrush, White-throated Treecreeper, and Large Scrubwren.** We got some great views of the birds here, particularly the assortment of monarchs.



*Uncommonly encountered, it's always nice to find the attractive **White-eared Monarch** when birding in Queensland. We had a family party of four birds this time.*

Moving to the coast after lunch, we called into Moreton Bay, where we found lots of very different birds. Our three main targets performed well, these being **Mangrove Gerygone, Mangrove Honeyeater, and Torresian Kingfisher**. We also found several shorebirds and other waterbirds here, with some of the top birds including **Magpie Goose, Pied Stilt, Grey-tailed Tattler, Far Eastern Curlew, Royal Spoonbill, Australian Tern, Brown Goshawk, Brahminy Kite, Whistling Kite, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Australian Hobby, Sacred Kingfisher, and White-breasted Woodswallow**. It was a great first day of birding in Queensland and set the tone for the next week or so.

### **Day 3, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Birding in Brisbane and birding at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat**

The weather didn't help us much today. We had a few dry hours early morning, but after that it deteriorated into showers, persistent rain, and poor visibility (low cloud) in the mountains. Despite the poor weather we did manage to find some good birds. Our early morning birding was at Sandy Camp Road Wetland in Brisbane. Here we added several new trip birds, such as **Black Bittern** (fleeting glimpse), **Intermediate Egret, Wandering Whistling Duck, Osprey, Australasian Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Spotless Crake, Comb-crested Jacana, Australasian Grebe, Hardhead, Australasian Darter, Tawny Grassbird, Striped Honeyeater, and Variegated Fairywren**.



*Variegated Fairywren is one very attractive bird, but the male was very elusive!*

After an enforced rain break and breakfast, we went back to the mangroves at Moreton Bay, where we found an impressive mixed-species flock. This flock contained many of the birds we'd seen the previous day, but this time all in the mangroves showing down to a few feet in some cases, with particularly good looks at **Rufous Fantail**, **Rufous Shrikethrush**, **Rufous Whistler**, **Spectacled Monarch**, and **Leaden Flycatcher**. One of the highlights here was a family group of **Grey-crowned Babblers** which gave some great views.

In the afternoon we drove up to O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat, adding **Topknot Pigeon** along the way. The weather here deteriorated even more, where it was dry the visibility was terrible, and everywhere else was very wet. It was hard going, with several species seen, but not really great views or photo opportunities. We'd have to hope for much better weather for the following day. We did see **Crimson** (Crimson) **Rosella**, **Australian King Parrot**, **Australian Brushturkey**, **Red-browed Finch**, **Satin Bowerbird**, and **Superb Fairywren**, but it wasn't the desired outcome for the afternoon and left us with a lot to do the following day.

#### **Day 4, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Birding at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat and travel to Brisbane**

We spent the day birding at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat. There was a huge thunderstorm and windstorm overnight, with lots of branches and bark brought down, luckily it dried up and the cloud burnt off, however the wind then got up and was problematic for most of the day. Despite the weather issues we found some great birds. **Bassian Thrush**, **Brown Cuckoo-Dove**, and **Wonga Pigeon** were along the road early on, and as we got to explore the grounds before the crowds descended, we managed to find one of our main targets, **Albert's Lyrebird**, very quickly, which isn't always the case! We had prolonged views of a displaying male bird (with others heard answering) as it made a wide range of interesting sounds with its tail flicked back over its head!

Walking around the local area, we mopped up more of our targets, including the charismatic **Australian Logrunner**, a firm favorite. Meanwhile, **Eastern Yellow Robin**, **Yellow-throated Scrubwren**, **White-browed Scrubwren**, and **Eastern Whipbird** all showed excellently. We saw plenty of **Satin Bowerbirds**, including a flock of around eight birds, however **Regent Bowerbirds** were notable by their absence/secrecy, a few flew over while we were otherwise engaged watching the lyrebird, but that was it.



*We had prolonged views of a family group of **Green Catbirds** while birding at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat.*

After breakfast we took a walk into several different areas and managed to find a fruiting tree where a family group of **Green Catbirds** seemed to be hanging around, so we spent quite a while watching and photographing/videoing these birds. They were mainly giving a range of contact calls (with begging calls from the young birds), but occasionally they gave their amazing cat-like meowing calls. Here we had a couple of female-type **Regent Bowerbirds** drop in, along with a couple of **Satin Bowerbirds** too. As we walked along the trails, we found more of the same, lots of good views of **Australian Logrunners** which always prove interesting. A fleeting glimpse of **Russet-tailed Thrush** was frustrating. Several small mixed-species flocks were noted, and these contained **Brown Gerygone**, **Brown Thornbill**, **Grey Shrikethrush**, **Australian Golden Whistler**, and **Grey Fantail**. We had a couple of displaying **Grey Goshawks** overhead, which was a treat. **Australian King Parrot** and **Crimson (Crimson) Rosella** were giving point blank views for most of the day, and we made the most of the close-range views on offer. The final new species of the day was a pair of **White-headed Pigeons** that were sitting quietly in the forest where they gave prolonged views. A few other species were noted throughout the day, such as **Welcome Swallow**, **Superb Fairywren**, and **Red-browed Finch**.



**Day 5, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Fly from Brisbane to Cairns then travel to, and birding around, Mission Beach**

We took a morning flight from Brisbane to Cairns. After our arrival in Cairns, we moved across to the Cairns Esplanade to have a look for any interesting shorebirds, but the tide was too far out to see anything, so we just had lunch and continued our journey. We drove south for a couple of hours, to reach our accommodation for the night in Mission Beach. Some birding near our accommodation gave us **Bush Stone-curlew, Straw-necked Ibis, Red-tailed Black Cockatoo, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Nankeen Kestrel, Hornbill Friarbird, Australian Swiftlet, Rainbow Bee-eater, Spangled Drongo, and White-bellied Cuckooshrike**, a decent start to our birding circuit of northern Queensland.

**Day 6, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Mission Beach birding – the search for Southern Cassowary!**

The morning was all about finding **Southern Cassowary**, one of the top birds of Far North Queensland, and we did well. We focused on an area where we had seen the bird on some of our previous tours and this paid off, but there were plenty of other birds to keep us busy first. As the birds started to get going during the early and cooler part of the morning, we found **Varied Triller, Rainbow Bee-eater, Yellow-spotted Honeyeater, Cryptic Honeyeater, Macleay's Honeyeater, Dusky Myzomela, Hornbill Friarbird, Leaden Flycatcher, Olive-backed Sunbird, Black Butcherbird, Double-eyed Fig Parrot, Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, Mistletoebird**, and confiding **Fairy Gerygone**.

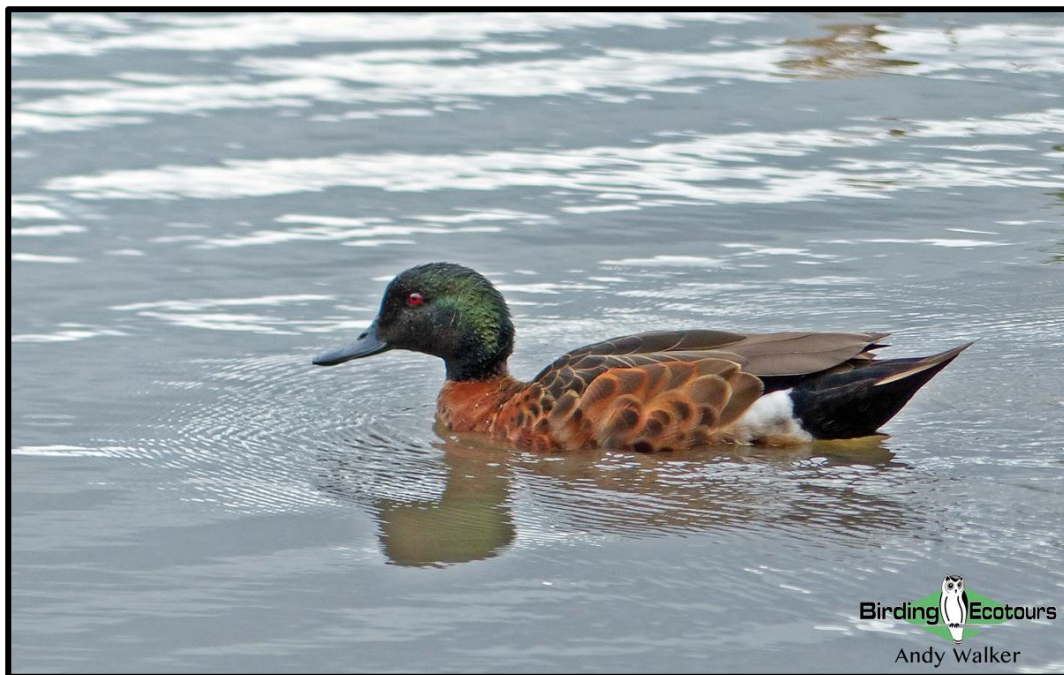


*Stunning Rainbow Bee-eaters were in evidence during the morning.*

Then suddenly, right before our eyes, the main prize, **Southern Cassowary** appeared! Just simply incredible. It was an immaculately plumaged male, and he allowed a close, respectful, and safe approach. He knew we were there, but he was just going on with his business, which was mainly trying to catch the horse flies that were biting him, as they were trying to do to us! We spent as long as we could watching the bird (photo in report summary), which has to be one of the best birds in the world... Ecstatic with how things had gone, we headed off for breakfast.

Late in the morning we moved to a different area near Mission Beach where we found many of the birds we'd seen earlier, but also added the tricky **Noisy Pitta** to our trip list as well as the humongous **Cairns Birdwing**, a stunning butterfly. After that it was time to drive onto the Atherton Tablelands, where we were to base ourselves for the next couple of days.

After lunch we visited Hasties Swamp. Water levels were up after the wet season, but we were pleased to find some interesting birds here. **Plumed Whistling Ducks** were the most prevalent species, but we also had a couple of **Wandering Whistling Ducks**, **Chestnut Teal**, **Grey Teal**, **Hardhead** and the ubiquitous **Pacific Black Duck**. We found several new bush birds around the edge of the swamp, and some of these included **Shining Flycatcher**, **White-naped Honeyeater**, **Yellow-faced Honeyeater**, **Rufous Shrikethrush**, **Varied Triller**, and **Chestnut-breasted Mannikin**. Meanwhile, **Black Kite**, **Black-shouldered Kite**, and **Sarus Crane** were sighted nearby. An evening looking for mammals also resulted in a sighting of a roosting **Grey Goshawk** and a heard-only **Lesser Sooty Owl**, as well as a few interesting mammals.



*A flock of four **Chestnut Teal** provided some color; an uncommon sighting in the area.*

### Day 7, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Birding the Atherton Tablelands

We awoke to a garden literally bursting with birds, and we spent an enjoyable hour or so picking off numerous new and exciting species. Top of the wanted list, and birds that performed excellently



for us, included **Victoria's Riflebird** – at least five birds were present, **Spotted Catbird** – two pairs busy chasing each other around, and the gorgeous **Wompoo Fruit Dove** that sat out in the sun. There was plenty of other birds moving around too, and we saw **Bower's Shrikethrush**, **Grey-headed Robin**, **Pale Yellow Robin**, **Pied Monarch**, **Macleay's Honeyeater**, **Double-eyed Fig Parrot**, and **Brown Cuckoo-Dove**.



*We enjoyed excellent views of multiple **Wompoo Fruit Doves** during our time birding in the rainforests on the Atherton Tablelands and many of them were feeding on low-hanging fruit.*

After breakfast we moved to a new spot, where we had a brief sighting of **Chowchilla**, along with **Grey Whistler** and **Australian Golden Whistler**, and with further **Spotted Catbird** and **Victoria's Riflebird** sightings. We then visited the seriously impressive Curtain Tree Fig. We'd noticed the trees in the car park were full of fruit during our previous evening's trip, so we were keen to check them out during daylight to see what they were attracting! We had some excellent views of at least four **Wompoo Fruit Doves** and many **Australasian Figbirds**, of which there were too many to count! A **Barred Cuckooshrike** flew over but vanished into the canopy and a **Superb Fruit Dove** was calling distantly. An impressively huge **Wedge-tailed Eagle** flew over and was mobbed by a couple of **Black Kites** as they made their way over a recently cut grass field.

After lunch we called back in to Hasties Swamp (always a great birding spot), where we found many of the species recorded on the previous afternoon's visit, though we found a couple of new species, and one of the best was **Pale-vented Bush-hen** with a pair giving some excellent views (for this extremely shy species). We also found **Brown Falcon**, **Golden-headed Cisticola**, and **Australian Pipit**. In the late afternoon we walked along a river near to our accommodation and were handsomely rewarded with excellent views of a couple of the highly sought-after **Platypus**.

After dinner we took a brief night walk and found **Long-nosed Bandicoot**, **Red-legged Pademelon**, **Striped Possum**, **Sugar Glider**, and plenty of **Bush Stone-curlews**. It was a great end to a wonderful day exploring the Atherton Tablelands.

#### Day 8, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Birding the Atherton Tablelands

We spent the early part of the morning watching and photographing at least seven **Victoria's Riflebirds** that were visiting our lodge garden (see trip report cover image that illustrates how good the views were!). It was a seriously impressive sight seeing a small tree with three males sat near each other! Many of the birds seen the previous morning were also noted, such as **Spotted Catbird**, **Grey Whistler**, **Rufous Shrikethrush**, and **Bower's Shrikethrush**.

After breakfast we birded a couple of different rainforest patches where we enjoyed good views of both **Chowchilla** and **Bridled Honeyeater**, as well as sightings of **Mountain Thornbill**, **Wompoo Fruit Dove**, **Spectacled Monarch**, and many other different birds. A couple of **Boyd's Forest Dragons** provided some non-avian excitement here, as did the electric-blue **Ulysses Butterfly**, yet another stunning butterfly that is present in good numbers at this time of year.



*The localized **Bridled Honeyeater** gave some excellent views.*

In the afternoon we visited some dry areas near the rural town of Mareeba, where we found some exciting new birds, like **Australian Bustard**, **Great Bowerbird**, **Blue-winged Kookaburra**, **Pale-headed Rosella**, **Oriental Dollarbird**, **Pheasant Coucal**, **Black-shouldered Kite**, **Whistling Kite**, **Green Oriole**, **Fairy Martin**, **Tree Martin**, and **Double-barred Finch**. Here we also found our first **Eastern Grey Kangaroos** of the tour.

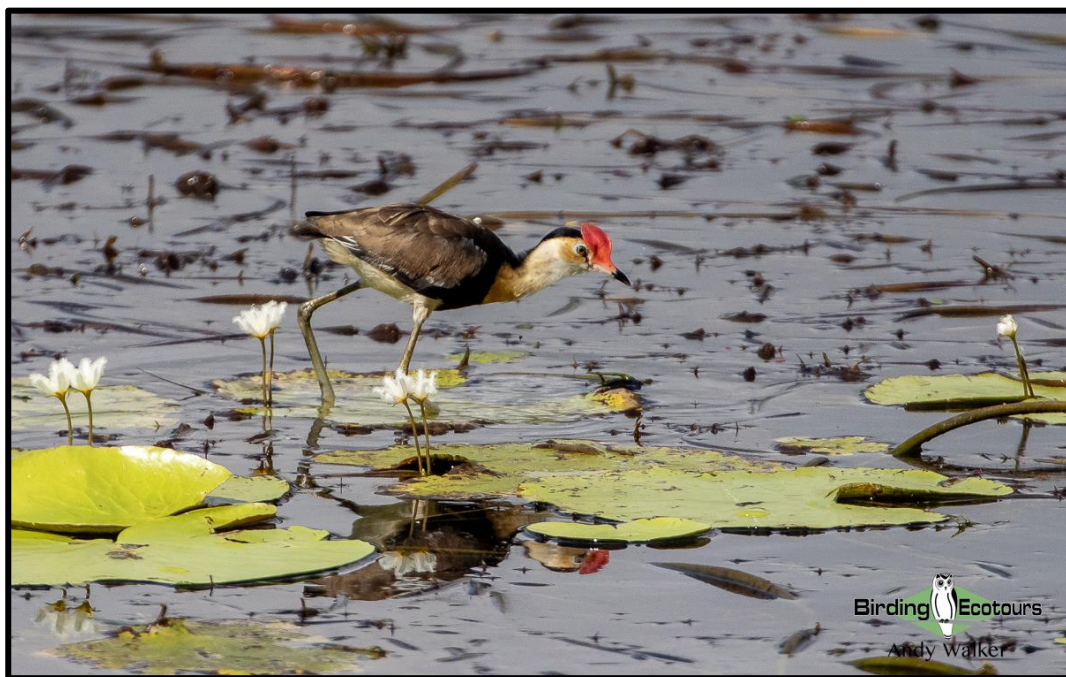


During the afternoon we had our best views of **Red-backed Fairywren** (finally a colored-up male), **Osprey**, **Golden-headed Cisticola**, and **Blue-faced Honeyeater** of the tour. We enjoyed sightings of many common and widespread species that had become very familiar over the past week or so, but were still providing plenty of entertainment for us, such as **Magpie Goose**, **Masked Lapwing**, **Magpie-lark**, **Laughing Kookaburra**, **Sulphur-crested Cockatoo**, **Black Kite**, **White-bellied Sea Eagle**, **Australian Magpie**, **Forest Kingfisher**, and **Nankeen Kestrel**.

### Day 9, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Birding Cairns area

Prior to leaving our accommodation in Mareeba we noted **Varied Sittella**, **Striated Pardalote**, **White-throated Honeyeater**, **Yellow Honeyeater**, **Brown Honeyeater**, **White-bellied Cuckooshrike**, **Scaly-breasted Lorikeet**, and **Australasian Figbird** outside our rooms. After breakfast we dropped down through the mountain range and started some birding near Cairns.

Our morning birding was in a great wetland site, and here we found numerous **Comb-crested Jacanas** and a handful of **Green Pygmy Geese**. The woodland around the waterbodies gave us plenty to keep us occupied too, with **Laughing Kookaburra**, **Leaden Flycatcher**, **Mistletoebird**, **Rainbow Bee-eater**, **Black Butcherbird**, **Dusky Myzomela**, and **Green Oriole** all giving great views. A brief glimpse of a **Little Kingfisher** was frustrating, and it couldn't be relocated.



*Comb-crested Jacanas were rather abundant at the wetland site.*

In the afternoon we checked on the waterbird situation at the Cairns Esplanade, where the tide state was more favorable than before. Here we saw **Great Knot**, **Grey-tailed Tattler**, **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper**, **Red-necked Stint**, **Eurasian Whimbrel**, **Bar-tailed Godwit**, **Red Knot**, **Greater Sand Plover**, **Red-capped Plover**, **Pied Oystercatcher**, **Masked Lapwing**, **Silver Gull**,



**Australian Pelican**, and **Pacific Reef Heron**. **Varied Honeyeater**, **Sacred Kingfisher**, **Metallic Starling** (hundreds of them), and **White-breasted Woodswallow** were noted in the trees around our observation points along the esplanade and this was a nice way to end the birding on our short tour of Queensland.

**Day 10, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Tour concluded with departure from Cairns**

The tour concluded in the morning with departure from Cairns.

**Bird List – Following IOC (13.1)**

Birds 'heard only' are marked with (H) after the common name, all other species were seen. The following notation after species names is used to show conservation status following BirdLife International: EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable.

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Cassowaries, Emu (Casuariidae)</b>	
Southern Cassowary	<i>Casuarius casuarius</i>
<b>Magpie Goose (Anseranatidae)</b>	
Magpie Goose	<i>Anseranas semipalmata</i>
<b>Ducks, Geese, Swans (Anatidae)</b>	
Plumed Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna eytoni</i>
Wandering Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna arcuata</i>
Black Swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>
Maned Duck	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>
Green Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus pulchellus</i>
Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>
Grey Teal	<i>Anas gracilis</i>
Chestnut Teal	<i>Anas castanea</i>
Hardhead	<i>Aythya australis</i>
<b>Megapodes (Megapodiidae)</b>	
Australian Brushturkey	<i>Alectura lathamii</i>
Orange-footed Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius reinwardt</i>
<b>Swifts (Apodidae)</b>	
Australian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus terraereginae</i>
<b>Bustards (Otididae)</b>	
Australian Bustard	<i>Ardeotis australis</i>
<b>Cuckoos (Cuculidae)</b>	
Pheasant Coucal	<i>Centropus phasianinus</i>
Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>
Shining Bronze Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>
Little Bronze Cuckoo (H)	<i>Chrysococcyx minutillus</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>
Brush Cuckoo (H)	<i>Cacomantis variolosus</i>
<b>Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)</b>	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
White-headed Pigeon	<i>Columba leucomela</i>
Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia phasianella</i>
Pacific Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps longirostris</i>
Common Bronzewing	<i>Phaps chalcoptera</i>
Crested Pigeon	<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>
Wonga Pigeon	<i>Leucosarcia melanoleuca</i>
Peaceful Dove	<i>Geopelia placida</i>
Bar-shouldered Dove	<i>Geopelia humeralis</i>
Wompoo Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus magnificus</i>
Superb Fruit Dove (H)	<i>Ptilinopus superb</i>
Rose-crowned Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus regina</i>
Torresian Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula spilorrhoa</i>
Topknot Pigeon	<i>Lopholaimus antarcticus</i>
<b>Rails, Crakes &amp; Coots (Rallidae)</b>	
Dusky Moorhen	<i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i>
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>
Australasian Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio melanotus</i>
Spotless Crake	<i>Zapornia tabuensis</i>
Pale-vented Bush-hen	<i>Amaurornis moluccana</i>
<b>Cranes (Gruidae)</b>	
Sarus Crane - VU	<i>Antigone antigone</i>
<b>Grebes (Podicipedidae)</b>	
Australasian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>
<b>Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (Burhinidae)</b>	
Bush Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus grallarius</i>
<b>Oystercatchers (Haematopodidae)</b>	
Pied Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus longirostris</i>



Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Stilts, Avocets (Recurvirostridae)</b>	
Pied Stilt	<i>Himantopus leucocephalus</i>
<b>Plovers (Charadriidae)</b>	
Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>
Red-capped Plover	<i>Charadrius ruficapillus</i>
Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>
<b>Jacanas (Jacanidae)</b>	
Comb-crested Jacana	<i>Irediparra gallinacea</i>
<b>Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)</b>	
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Far Eastern Curlew - EN	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
Great Knot - EN	<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper - VU	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>
Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>
<b>Gulls, Terns, Skimmers (Laridae)</b>	
Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>
Australian Tern	<i>Gelochelidon macrotarsa</i>
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>
<b>Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)</b>	
Australasian Darter	<i>Anhinga novaehollandiae</i>
<b>Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)</b>	
Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo melanoleucos</i>
Australian Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax varius</i>
Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)</b>	
Australian White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis molucca</i>
Straw-necked Ibis	<i>Threskiornis spinicollis</i>
Royal Spoonbill	<i>Platalea regia</i>
<b>Hérons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)</b>	
Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Pacific Reef Heron	<i>Egretta sacra</i>
<b>Pelicans (Pelecanidae)</b>	
Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>
<b>Ospreys (Pandionidae)</b>	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
<b>Kites, Hawks, Eagles (Accipitridae)</b>	
Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus axillaris</i>
Square-tailed Kite	<i>Lophoictinia isura</i>
Wedge-tailed Eagle	<i>Aquila audax</i>
Grey Goshawk	<i>Accipiter novaehollandiae</i>
Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
Whistling Kite	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
<b>Barn Owls (Tytonidae)</b>	
Lesser Sooty Owl (H)	<i>Tyto multipunctata</i>
<b>Rollers (Coraciidae)</b>	
Oriental Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)</b>	
Laughing Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>
Blue-winged Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo leachii</i>
Forest Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus macleayii</i>
Torresian Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sordidus</i>
Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>
Little Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx pusillus</i>
<b>Bee-eaters (Meropidae)</b>	
Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>
<b>Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)</b>	
Nankeen Kestrel	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>
Australian Hobby	<i>Falco longipennis</i>
Brown Falcon	<i>Falco berigora</i>
<b>Cockatoos (Cacatuidae)</b>	
Red-tailed Black Cockatoo	<i>Calyptrorhynchus banksii</i>
Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo	<i>Zanda funerea</i>
Galah	<i>Eolophus roseicapilla</i>
Little Corella	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>
<b>Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae)</b>	
Australian King Parrot	<i>Alisterus scapularis</i>
Red-winged Parrot	<i>Aprosmictus erythropterus</i>
Crimson Rosella	<i>Platycercus elegans</i>
Pale-headed Rosella	<i>Platycercus adscitus</i>
Little Lorikeet	<i>Parvipsitta pusilla</i>
Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus</i>
Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus moluccanus</i>
Double-eyed Fig Parrot	<i>Cyclopsitta diophthalma</i>
<b>Pittas (Pittidae)</b>	
Noisy Pitta	<i>Pitta versicolor</i>
<b>Lyrebirds (Menuridae)</b>	
Albert's Lyrebird	<i>Menura alberti</i>



Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Bowerbirds (Ptilonorhynchidae)</b>	
Green Catbird	<i>Ailuroedus crassirostris</i>
Spotted Catbird	<i>Ailuroedus maculosus</i>
Tooth-billed Bowerbird	<i>Scenopoeetes dentirostris</i>
Regent Bowerbird	<i>Sericulus chrysocephalus</i>
Satin Bowerbird	<i>Ptilonorhynchus violaceus</i>
Great Bowerbird	<i>Chlamydera nuchalis</i>
<b>Australasian Treecreepers (Climacteridae)</b>	
White-throated Treecreeper	<i>Cormobates leucophaea</i>
<b>Australasian Wrens (Maluridae)</b>	
Variiegated Fairywren	<i>Malurus lamberti</i>
Superb Fairywren	<i>Malurus cyaneus</i>
Red-backed Fairywren	<i>Malurus melanocephalus</i>
<b>Honeyeaters (Meliphagidae)</b>	
Eastern Spinebill	<i>Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris</i>
Dusky Myzomela	<i>Myzomela obscura</i>
Scarlet Myzomela	<i>Myzomela sanguinolenta</i>
Little Friarbird	<i>Philemon citreogularis</i>
Hornbill Friarbird	<i>Philemon yorki</i>
Noisy Friarbird	<i>Philemon corniculatus</i>
Macleay's Honeyeater	<i>Xanthotis macleayanus</i>
Striped Honeyeater	<i>Plectorhyncha lanceolata</i>
Brown Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera indistincta</i>
Blue-faced Honeyeater	<i>Entomyzon cyanotis</i>
White-throated Honeyeater	<i>Melithreptus albogularis</i>
White-naped Honeyeater	<i>Melithreptus lunatus</i>
Yellow Honeyeater	<i>Stomiopera flava</i>
Yellow-spotted Honeyeater	<i>Meliphaga notata</i>
Lewin's Honeyeater	<i>Meliphaga lewinii</i>
Cryptic Honeyeater	<i>Microptilotis imitatrix</i>
Varied Honeyeater	<i>Gavicalis versicolor</i>
Mangrove Honeyeater	<i>Gavicalis fasciogularis</i>
Yellow-faced Honeyeater	<i>Caligavis chrysops</i>
Bridled Honeyeater	<i>Bolemoreus frenatus</i>
Bell Miner (H)	<i>Manorina melanophrys</i>
Noisy Miner	<i>Manorina melanocephala</i>

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<b>Pardalotes (Pardalotidae)</b>	
Spotted Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus punctatus</i>
Striated Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>
<b>Australasian Warblers (Acanthizidae)</b>	
Yellow-throated Scrubwren	<i>Neosericornis citreogularis</i>
Large-billed Scrubwren	<i>Sericornis magnirostra</i>
Atherton Scrubwren - VU	<i>Sericornis kerri</i>
White-browed Scrubwren	<i>Sericornis frontalis</i>
Brown Gerygone	<i>Gerygone mouki</i>
Mangrove Gerygone	<i>Gerygone levigaster</i>
Large-billed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone magnirostris</i>
White-throated Gerygone	<i>Gerygone olivacea</i>
Fairy Gerygone	<i>Gerygone palpebrosa</i>
Mountain Thornbill - VU	<i>Acanthiza katherina</i>
Brown Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza pusilla</i>
<b>Australasian Babblers (Pomatostomidae)</b>	
Grey-crowned Babbler	<i>Pomatostomus temporalis</i>
<b>Logrunners (Orthonychidae)</b>	
Australian Logrunner	<i>Orthonyx temminckii</i>
Chowchilla	<i>Orthonyx spaldingii</i>
<b>Whipbirds (Psophodidae)</b>	
Eastern Whipbird	<i>Psophodes olivaceus</i>
<b>Boatbills (Machaerirhynchidae)</b>	
Yellow-breasted Boatbill	<i>Machaerirhynchus flaviventer</i>
<b>Woodswallows, Butcherbirds &amp; Allies (Artamidae)</b>	
White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>
Black Butcherbird	<i>Melloria quoyi</i>
Australian Magpie	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>
Grey Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus torquatus</i>
Pied Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i>
Pied Currawong	<i>Strepera graculina</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)</b>	
Barred Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina lineata</i>
Black-faced Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>
White-bellied Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina papuensis</i>
Varied Triller	<i>Lalage leucomela</i>
<b>Sittellas (Neosittidae)</b>	
Varied Sittella	<i>Daphoenositta chrysoptera</i>
<b>Whistlers &amp; Allies (Pachycephalidae)</b>	
Grey Whistler	<i>Pachycephala simplex</i>
Australian Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>
Rufous Whistler	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>
Bower's Shrikethrush - VU	<i>Colluricincla boweri</i>
Rufous Shrikethrush	<i>Colluricincla rufogaster</i>
Grey Shrikethrush	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>
<b>Figbirds, Old World Orioles, Piopios (Oriolidae)</b>	
Australasian Figbird	<i>Sphecotheres vieilloti</i>
Olive-backed Oriole	<i>Oriolus sagittatus</i>
Green Oriole	<i>Oriolus flavocinctus</i>
<b>Drongos (Dicruridae)</b>	
Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>
<b>Fantails (Rhipiduridae)</b>	
Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>
Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa</i>
Rufous Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>
<b>Monarchs (Monarchidae)</b>	
Spectacled Monarch	<i>Symposiachrus trivirgatus</i>
Black-faced Monarch	<i>Monarcha melanopsis</i>
White-eared Monarch	<i>Carterornis leucotis</i>
Pied Monarch	<i>Arses kaupi</i>
Magpie-lark	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>
Leaden Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra rubecula</i>
Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto</i>



Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Crows, Jays (Corvidae)</b>	
Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus orru</i>
<b>Australian Mudnesters (Corcoracidae)</b>	
Apostlebird	<i>Struthidea cinerea</i>
<b>Birds-of-paradise (Paradisaeidae)</b>	
Victoria's Riflebird - VU	<i>Ptiloris victoriae</i>
<b>Australasian Robins (Petroicidae)</b>	
Pale-yellow Robin	<i>Tregellasia capito</i>
Eastern Yellow Robin	<i>Eopsaltria australis</i>
Grey-headed Robin	<i>Heteromyias cinereifrons</i>
<b>Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae)</b>	
Welcome Swallow	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>
Fairy Martin	<i>Petrochelidon ariel</i>
Tree Martin	<i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i>
<b>Reed Warblers &amp; Allies (Acrocephalidae)</b>	
Australian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus australis</i>
<b>Grassbirds &amp; Allies (Locustellidae)</b>	
Tawny Grassbird	<i>Cincloramphus timoriensis</i>
<b>Cisticolas &amp; Allies (Cisticolidae)</b>	
Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis</i>
<b>White-eyes (Zosteropidae)</b>	
Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>
<b>Starlings, Rhabdornises (Sturnidae)</b>	
Metallic Starling	<i>Aplonis metallica</i>
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
<b>Thrushes (Turdidae)</b>	
Russet-tailed Thrush	<i>Zoothera heinei</i>
Bassian Thrush	<i>Zoothera lunulata</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Flowerpeckers (Dicaeidae)</b>	
Mistletoebird	<i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i>
<b>Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)</b>	
Olive-backed Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris jugularis</i>
<b>Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches (Passeridae)</b>	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
<b>Waxbills, Munias &amp; Allies (Estrildidae)</b>	
Red-browed Finch	<i>Neochmia temporalis</i>
Double-barred Finch	<i>Stizoptera bichenovii</i>
Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	<i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i>
<b>Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)</b>	
Australian Pipit	<i>Anthus australis</i>

<b>Total seen</b>	<b>218</b>
Total heard only	5
Total recorded	223

### Mammal List

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Old World Fruit Bats (Pteropodidae)</b>	
Black Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus alecto</i>
Spectacled Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus conspicillatus</i>
Grey-headed Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i>
Little Red Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus scapulatus</i>
<b>Musky Rat Kangaroos (Hypsiprymnodontidae)</b>	
Musky Rat Kangaroo	<i>Hypsiprymnodon moschatus</i>
<b>Kangaroos, Wallabies, and Allies (Macropodidae)</b>	
Agile Wallaby	<i>Notamacropus agilis</i>
Whiptail Wallaby	<i>Notamacropus parryi</i>
Eastern Grey Kangaroo	<i>Macropus giganteus</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Red-legged Pademelon	<i>Thylogale stigmatica</i>
<b>Cuscuses and Brushtail Possums (Phalangeridae)</b>	
Common (Common) Brushtail Possum	<i>Trichosurus vulpecula vulpecula</i>
Common (Coppery) Brushtail Possum	<i>Trichosurus vulpecula johnstonii</i>
<b>Gliders, Trioks, and Allies (Petauridae)</b>	
Striped Possum	<i>Dactylopsila trivirgata</i>
Sugar Glider	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>
<b>Ringtail Possums (Pseudocheiridae)</b>	
Green Ringtail Possum	<i>Pseudocheirops archeri</i>
<b>Hares and Rabbits (Leporidae)</b>	
European Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>
<b>Platypuses (Ornithorhynchidae)</b>	
Platypus	<i>Ornithorhynchus anatinus</i>
<b>Old World Mice and Rats (Muridae)</b>	
White-tailed Giant Rat	<i>Uromys caudimaculatus</i>
Bush Rat	<i>Rattus fuscipes</i>
<b>Bandicoots (Peramelidae)</b>	
Long-nosed Bandicoot	<i>Perameles nasuta</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

### Reptile List

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Monitor Lizards (Varanidae)</b>	
Lace Monitor	<i>Varanus varius</i>
<b>Geckos (Gekkonidae)</b>	
Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Dragons (Agamidae)</b>	
Eastern Water Dragon	<i>Intellagama lesueurii</i>
Boyd's Forest Dragon	<i>Lophosaurus boydii</i>
<b>Skinks (Scincidae)</b>	
Land Mullet	<i>Bellatorias major</i>
Robust Ctenotus (Eastern Striped Skink)	<i>Ctenotus robustus</i>
Rainbow (Delicate Garden) Skink	<i>Lamprophotis delicata</i>
Elegant Snake-eyed Skink	<i>Cryptoblepharus pulcher</i>
<b>Austro-American Side-necked Turtles (Chelidae)</b>	
Eastern Saw-shelled Turtle	<i>Myuchelys latisternum</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

### Amphibian List

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Australasian Tree Frogs (Pelodryadidae)</b>	
White-lipped Tree Frog	<i>Nyctimystes infrafrenatus</i>
<b>True Toads (Bufonidae)</b>	
Cane Toad	<i>Rhinella marina</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>

### Butterfly List

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Swallowtails and Parnassians (Papilionidae)</b>	
Cairns Birdwing	<i>Ornithoptera euphorion</i>
Orchard Swallowtail	<i>Papilio aegeus</i>
Ulysses Butterfly	<i>Papilio ulysses</i>
Common Bluebottle (Blue Triangle)	<i>Graphium sarpedon</i>



Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Brush-footed Butterflies (Nymphalidae)</b>	
Monarch	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>
Common Brown	<i>Heteronympha merope</i>
Meadow Argus	<i>Junonia villida</i>
Common Evening Brown	<i>Melanitis leda</i>
Common Aeroplane	<i>Phaedyra shepherdii</i>
<b>Whites, Yellows, and Sulphurs (Pieridae)</b>	
Caper White	<i>Belonisa java</i>
Scarlet Jezebel	<i>Delias argenthona</i>
Common Grass Yellow	<i>Eurema hecabe</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>