

Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens

Birds

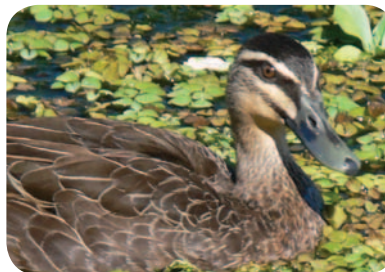


These are just some of the most commonly seen birds found here at the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens.

Birdlife Mackay has recorded over 100 different species of birds around and on the Lagoons.

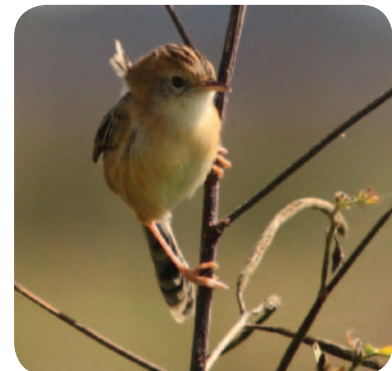
Feeding birds bread, cake and scraps causes disease, pollutes the environment and creates aggressive behaviour. Birds have a natural diet and human food can make them sick.

Look and enjoy, but please do not feed.



Name: Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*)

Size (height): 50-60cm
The Pacific Black Duck is mostly mid-brown in colour, with each feather edged buff. The head pattern is characteristic, with a dark brown line through the eye, bordered with cream above and below and a dark brown crown. The upper wing colour is the same as the back, with a bright glossy green patch in the secondary flight feathers.



Name: Golden-headed Cisticola (*Cisticola exilis*)

Size (height): 10-11cm

In breeding season, the male Golden-headed Cisticola has a golden-orange head, which is crested when calling, with a paler chin and throat, and a boldly streaked black to grey and golden body. Females resemble non-breeding males, with a golden-buff rump and nape of neck.



Name: Plumed Whistling-Duck
(*Dendrocygna eytoni*)

Size (height): 42-60cm

Long-necked duck with brown upperparts, paler underparts and a white rump. The chest is chestnut with thin black bars, while long black-margined plumes arise from its flanks. Its bill and legs are pink, and its iris is yellow. The male and female are similar in appearance. The species has a characteristic lowered neck and short, dark, rounded wings while flying.



Name: Australasian Figbird
(*Sphecotheres vieilloti*)

Size (height): 28-29cm

Males have bare, red skin around the eye, contrasting against a black crown and grey neck and throat. The remainder of the body is olive-green, except for a white under-tail area. Females have grey skin around the eye and lack distinctive head markings. They are brown-green above and dull-white below, streaked with brown. Both sexes have a blackish bill.



Name: Purple Swamphen
(*Porphyrio porphyrio*)

Size (height): 44-48cm

Large, conspicuous waterhen, dusky black above, with a broad dark blue collar, and dark blue to purple below. As the Purple Swamphen walks, it flicks its tail up and down, revealing its white undertail. The bill is red and robust, the legs and feet orange-red. Found around Mackay on lagoons swamps, lakes & shallow rivers, they tend live in territorial groups to open communities.



Name: Olive-backed Sunbird
(*Nectarinia jugularis*)

Size (height): 11-12cm

This small song bird has a long curved bill. The under-parts of both male and female are bright yellow, the backs are a dull brown/olive colour. The forehead, throat and upper breast of the adult male is a dark, metallic blue-black.

Other regular visitors...



Name: Bush Stone-curlew
(*Burhinus grallarius*)
Size (height): 52-58cm



Name: Silvereye
(*Zosterops lateralis*)
Size (height): 10-12cm



Name: Comb-crested Jacana
(*Irediparra gallinacea*)
Size (height): 20-23cm



Name: Straw-necked Ibis
(*Threskiornis spinicollis*)
Size (height): 59-76cm



Name: Pacific Baza
(*Aviceda subcristata*)
Size (height): 35-45cm



Name: White-faced Heron
(*Egretta novaehollandiae*)
Size (height): 60-70cm

Bird Listing - See what you can find during your visit!

Aleccinidae

- Laughing Kookaburra

Anatidae

- Australian Wood Duck
 Black Swan
 Cotton Pygmy-goose
 Grey Teal
 Hardhead
 Pacific Black Duck
 Plumed Whistling-Duck
 Wandering Whistling-Duck

Anhingidae

- Australasian Darter

Anseranatidae

- Magpie Goose

Ardeidae

- Cattle Egret
 Eastern Great Egret
 Little Egret
 White-faced Heron

Artamidae

- Australian Magpie
 Pied Butcherbird

Campephagidae

- Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike

Charadriidae

- Masked Lapwing

Cisticolidae

- Golden-headed Cisticola

Columbidae

- Crested Pigeon
 Peaceful Dove
 Spotted Dove (*introduced*)

Corvidae

- Torresian Crow

Dicruridae

- Spangled Drongo

Estrildidae

- Chestnut-breasted Mannikin
 Nutmeg Mannikin (*introduced*)

Falconidae

- Australian Hobby

Halcyonidae

- Forest Kingfisher
 Sacred Kingfisher

Hirundinidae

- Fairy Martin
 Welcome Swallow

Jacanidae

- Comb-crested Jacana

Laridae

- Whiskered Tern

Maluridae

- Red-backed Fairy-wren

Meliphagidae

- Blue-faced Honeyeater
 Brown Honeyeater
 Helmeted Friarbird
 Yellow Honeyeater

Meropidae

- Rainbow Bee-eater

Nectariniidae

- Olive-backed Sunbird

Oriolidae

- Australasian Figbird

Pelecanidae

- Australian Pelican

Phalacrocoracidae

- Little Black Cormorant
 Little Pied Cormorant

Podicipedidae

- Australasian Grebe

Psittacidae

- Rainbow Lorikeet

Pycnonotidae

- Red-whiskered Bulbul (*introduced*)

Rallidae

- Buff-banded Rail
 Dusky Moorhen
 Eurasian Coot
 Purple Swamphen

Recurvirostridae

- Black-winged Stilt

Rhipiduridae

- Willie Wagtail

Threskiornithidae

- Australian White Ibis
 Straw-necked Ibis

Timaliidae

- Silvereye

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