

WHERE TO SEE BIRDS IN LOGAN

Part 1 in a series
WILDLIFE CORRIDORS OF LOGAN CENTRAL



Tawny Frogmouth

Brown Honeyeater



Logan City has a rich and varied bird life, and will provide the casual or serious birdwatcher with an abundance of different species to enjoy. The city has extensive areas of beautiful bushland remnants, wildlife corridors, parks, wetlands and reserves that are home to hundreds of different species including honeyeaters, parrots, warblers, ducks, waders, owls and raptors. This booklet looks at various areas within central Logan and some of the different species that have been recorded during 2004-06 surveys. It can be a useful reference for anyone interested in studying the birds of Logan City.



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Royal Spoonbill



Clamorous Reed-Warbler

1. Karawatha Forest Park/ Gilmore Road/Demeio Road/ Berrinba Bushland Reserve corridor

This wildlife corridor begins in Karawatha Forest Park (in Brisbane City Council area) and it is included because it borders Logan City and is part of a corridor along Scrubby Creek to Crestmead Park and further south west in Logan City (this area is described in the Logan West booklet of this series).

The corridor contains much old growth forest with many and varied nesting hollows. It is common to see bird species including parrots and lorikeets at their nesting holes in Berrinba Bushland Reserve. It contains tall eucalypts, various middle-storey trees and shrubs, and differing types of under-storey including tall grasses, bracken, low shrubs and ground covers. Some of the corridor consists of wetland and riparian remnant rainforest, and much of the vegetation is along creeklines. Reedbeds and open grassy areas are also found along this corridor. Tree species consist of Eucalyptus Tereticornis, (also known as Blue Gum or Forest Red Gum), Tuckeroo, Allocasuarina Littoralis, (common food tree of the Glossy Black Cockatoo), Casuarina Glauca, Ironbarks, and many others of importance in the region. Some of these trees are more than 200 years old and form important nesting trees for many species of birds and animals.

Within the corridor there are numerous open grassed areas where children's play areas and picnic areas exist alongside woodlands and creeks. This is where many common bird species can be found such as Australian Magpie, Noisy Miner, Torresian Crow, Pied Butcherbird, Magpie-lark, Crested Pigeon, Spotted Turtle-Dove, Tawny Frogmouth and Masked Lapwing.

Some of the more uncommon species that are found in the woodlands along creeks in this area are Australian Owlet-Nightjar, Black-shouldered Kite, Pacific Baza, Cotton Pygmy-Goose, Speckled Warbler, Golden

Whistler, Rufous Whistler, Brush Cuckoo, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Scarlet Honeyeater, Mistletoebird and Clamorous Reed-Warbler. A total of 95 species has been recorded in the Berrinba Bushland Reserve/Demeio Road areas.

i For access to the Berrinba Bushland Reserve, where most of the species of this corridor can be found, refer to the Brisbane UBD Map 241, E18. Karawatha Forest Park is accessed at Acacia Road, Woodridge, (refer UBD Map 221, J19) where there is a BBQ, tables, parking, and toilets, or at Illaweena St, (refer UBD Map 240, R7) where there is parking and BBQ facilities.

2. Nealdon Park/Gould Adams Park along Scrubby Creek to J.J. Smith Park corridor

The vegetation in this wildlife corridor is made up of tall eucalypts, ironbark, various other tall canopy trees, middle-storey eucalypts, heavy grassed areas, shrubby ground cover and some tall open grassy areas. This diversity provides suitable habitat for a large number of bird species.

Access to Nealdon Park is directly from Gould Adams Park and consists of very tall eucalypt forest, middle-storey trees and grassy ground cover. The area to the south west of Gould Adams Park is similar, bordering Scrubby Creek to the rear of Kingston State High School. The area behind Eurora Street and Mudgee Street is not accessible, due to thick undergrowth along both banks of the creek. There are many old-growth trees with nesting holes in this area, particularly favoured by the Pale-headed Rosella.

Special bird species for the area include Darter, Glossy Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, Black-shouldered Kite, Buff-banded Rail, Sacred Kingfisher, Rainbow Bee-eater, White-throated Treecreeper; Superb and Red-backed Fairy-wrens; Varied Sitella and Rufous Whistler.

The rare Swift Parrot has been recorded here, feeding in the topmost canopy with other Lorikeet species.

A total of 72 bird species have been recorded in the area of Gould Adams and Nealdon Parks.

i Access to Gould Adams Park is at Kingston (refer UBD Map 242, C 17).



Laughing Kookaburra

3. Tygum Lagoon, Henry Jordan Park, Waterford

This lake and riverside parkland has recorded some uncommon species including the Black-fronted Dotterel, Latham's Snipe and the vulnerable Black-necked Stork (or Jabiru).

Much of the area is manicured lawns, however edge growth and reedbeds have been maintained around the lake, providing perfect cover for smaller waterbirds and grassbirds.

i Access from Tygum Road, Lagoon Pk Rd and William Street, Waterford. (refer UBD Map 262, J12 and L11).

4. Slacks Creek Catchment corridor

Arguably this is the most important wildlife corridor in Logan City traversing Park Road, Slacks Creek, to Murray's Reserve at Tanah Merah, along the Slacks Creek wildlife corridor, and where the Scrubby Creek wildlife corridor meets it near Loganlea Road. It runs

through the Moss Street, Monte Street and Rowland Street sections of Slacks Creek. The edges of the creek on both sides to the Collard Park entrance to the corridor are infested with weed. While this is noxious it is very important habitat for many small bird species that live and breed here.

Much of the corridor links up from Timothy Court to Paradise Road, and flows behind the Mabel Park State High School. This provides a diverse habitat range favoured by finches, wrens and grassland birds. Platypus are found here and at the Leslie Parade Park.

At least 96 different bird species have been recorded in this corridor including Golden-headed Cisticola, Sacred Kingfisher, Red-backed Fairy Wren, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Brown Goshawk, Nankeen Kestrel, Common Bronzewing, Glossy Black Cockatoo, Pale-headed Rosella, Common Koel, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Scarlet Honeyeater, Eastern Whipbird, Golden Whistler, White-breasted Woodswallow and Clamorous Reed-Warbler. The Musk Duck, a rare visitor to South East Queensland has been seen in the Leslie Parade Park.

i Access is gained along the length of the catchment from Park Road to Murray's Reserve via streets and access tracks from adjoining urban areas. (refer UBD Map 242, F1, F3, G5, J7, K9, N13, P13. California Creek joins at R13. Map 243, A12, C14, D15 and joins the Logan River at Map 263 C1 in Riverdale Park).

5. Slacks Creek where it joins the Logan River at Riverdale Park

This park/reserve is a dual purpose area for social and recreational purposes. It is another area of preserved scrub, woodland and mangrove. This marvellous park has a total of 94 bird species recorded including Brown Quail, Striated Heron, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Whistling Kite, Little Corella, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Red-backed Fairy-wren, Variegated Fairy-wren, Superb Fairy-wren, Rose Robin, Red-browed Finch, Mistletoebird, Sacred Kingfisher and many more interesting and diverse species.

i For access refer UBD Map 263, C1.

Crested Pigeon



A Logan City Council LEAG-UE grant funded this project to produce three booklets on birds and their habitats within Logan City (divided into Logan Central, Logan West and Logan East). The project was undertaken by members of Brisboca. (The Brisbane and Gold Coast Regional Office of the Bird Observers Club of Australia, incorporating S.E. Qld and N.E. NSW), and included extensive surveys of the areas covered.

The aim of the project was to better inform the Logan City community of the existence of wildlife corridors, reserves and parks throughout the City where different avian wildlife could be found in various habitat areas. The booklet is also designed to accommodate eco tourists visiting the City, by providing information on areas where birds may be seen.



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Australian Magpie

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Many more species will no doubt be recorded in these important wildlife corridors, as ongoing Brisboca surveys continue.

CHECKLIST OF BIRDS RECORDED IN THE LOGAN CENTRAL AREA

Brown Quail
Musk Duck
Black Swan
Australian Wood Duck
Cotton Pygmy-Goose
Mallard
Pacific Black Duck
Hardhead
Grey Teal
Domestic Goose
Australasian Grebe
Darter
Little Pied Cormorant
Pied Cormorant
Little Black Cormorant
Great Cormorant
Australian Pelican
White-faced Heron
White-necked Heron
Little Egret
Great Egret
Intermediate Egret
Cattle Egret
Striated Heron
Glossy Ibis
Australian White Ibis
Straw-necked Ibis
Royal Spoonbill
Yellow-billed Spoonbill
Black-necked Stork
Black-shouldered Kite
Whistling Kite
White-bellied Sea-Eagle
Brown Goshawk
Collared Sparrowhawk
Wedge-tailed Eagle
Australian Hobby
Nankeen Kestrel
Buff-banded Rail
Purple Swamphen
Dusky Moorhen
Eurasian Coot
Latham's Snipe

Comb-crested Jacana
Black-fronted Dotterel
Masked Lapwing
Rock Dove
Spotted Turtle-Dove
Common Bronzewing
Crested Pigeon
Peaceful Dove
Bar-shouldered Dove
Glossy Black Cockatoo
Galah
Little Corella
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Rainbow Lorikeet
Scaly-breasted Lorikeet
Little Lorikeet
Swift Parrot
Eastern Rosella
Pale-headed Rosella
Brush Cuckoo
Fan-tailed Cuckoo
Horsefield's Bronze-Cuckoo
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo
Common Koel
Channel-billed Cuckoo
Pheasant Coucal
Tawny Frogmouth
Australian Owlet Nightjar
Laughing Kookaburra
Forest Kingfisher
Sacred Kingfisher
Rainbow Bee-eater
Dollarbird
White-throated Treecreeper
Superb Fairy-wren
Variegated Fairy-wren
Red-backed Fairy-wren
Spotted Pardalote
Striated Pardalote
White-browed Scrubwren
Speckled Warbler
Brown Gerygone
White-throated Gerygone
Brown Thornbill
Buff-rumped Thornbill
Yellow Thornbill
Little Wattlebird
Striped Honeyeater
Noisy Friarbird
Little Friarbird
Blue-faced Honeyeater
Noisy Miner
Lewin's Honeyeater

Yellow-faced Honeyeater
White-throated Honeyeater
Brown Honeyeater
Eastern Spinebill
Scarlet Honeyeater
Jacky Winter
Rose Robin
Eastern Yellow Robin
Eastern Whipbird
Varied Sitella
Galah
Golden Whistler
Rufous Whistler
Grey Shrike-thrush
Leaden Flycatcher
Magpie-lark
Rufous Fantail
Grey Fantail
Willie Wagtail
Spangled Drongo
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
Ground Cuckoo-shrike
White-winged Triller
Olive-backed Oriole
Figbird
White-breasted Woodswallow
Grey Butcherbird
Pied Butcherbird
Australian Magpie
Pied Currawong
Torresian Crow
Double-barred Finch
Red-browed Finch
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin
Mistletoebird
Welcome Swallow
Tree Martin
Fairy Martin
Clamorous Reed-Warbler
Tawny Grassbird
Golden-headed Cisticola
Silvereye
Common Myna

Of these 138 species, 58 have been recorded nesting or are highly likely to do so. Total species count for Logan City is 242, (Brisboca surveys as at May 2006) with probable breeding species at 101.

Please refer to the other two booklets in this series covering the areas of Logan East and Logan West.