

WHERE TO SEE BIRDS IN LOGAN

Part 2 in a series
**WILDLIFE CORRIDORS OF
LOGAN EAST**



Superb Fairy-wren



Rainbow Lorikeet



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 eastern 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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Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike

sections but native trees throughout the corridor form important linkages to these special places. Rare and uncommon bird species including Powerful Owl, Grass Owl, White-throated Nightjar, Marbled Frogmouth, Bush Hen, Lewin's Rail, Oriental Cuckoo, White-eared Monarch, Square-tailed Kite, Noisy Pitta, Plumed Whistling-Duck, Chestnut Teal, Black-necked Stork, Grey Goshawk, Painted Button-quail, Emerald Dove, Wompoo Fruit-Dove, Glossy Black-Cockatoo, and Spotted Quail-thrush have been recorded.

Over 30 species of waterbird, 17 of the 24 Australian raptors, 11 wader species, 10 pigeon/dove species, six of the cockatoos, nine cuckoo species, five species of nightbirds, 10 of the flycatchers, four species of finch, and many others have been seen. Large numbers of these species also nest in the area. It is rich in wildlife including frogs, mammals and birds. In total 201 different species of birds have been recorded.

Brisboca surveys have identified 49 woodland species at Cornubia Forest Park, 135 species at Daisy Hill State Forest, 121 at Venman Bushland National Park, 87 at Ferry Road Lakes, 166 at Carbrook Wetlands, 60 at Springwood Conservation Park, 48 at Neville Lawrie Res and 100 at Kimberley Forest Park/ Parkview Park.

More than 87 species have been recorded at Ferry Rd Lakes including Black-faced Monarch, 12 species of Honeyeater, 24 species of waterbird including Yellow-billed Spoonbill and raptors including Australian Hobby, Brown Falcon and Black-shouldered Kite.

i **Entry to these sites as follows:-**

Springwood Conservation Park – off Jardine Drive at Light St. (refer UBD Map 222, K20). Has toilets.

Daisy Hill State Forest – off Daisy Hill Road, (refer UBD Map 223, B20). Has BBQ/ toilets.

Neville Lawrie Reserve has no facilities. It is accessible on foot from Daisy Hill Forest Park. (refer UBD Map 223, B20).

Venman Bushland National Park – off West Mt. Cotton Road (refer UBD Map 244, F3/4). There are wood burning BBQ's and toilets.

Kimberley Forest Park – through Koolan Park off Koolan Crt, (refer UBD Map 243, K9). No facilities.

Cornubia Forest Park – off Cycas Court, (refer UBD Map 244, B13, or UBD Map 243, R10) off Telfer Street by the reservoir. No facilities.

Carbrook Wetlands Conservation Park – This park can be accessed at a number of places – Lagoon Road, (refer UBD Map 245, P19; Solway Crescent, UBD Map 245, areas N 14/16; Stern Road, UBD Map 245, E16). The Serpentine Creek section has no access from Logan City, the access being along a designated track called Native Dog Road in Redland Bay (refer UBD Map 266, J/K5). No facilities.

Ferry Road Lakes can be viewed from the roadside as the lake is situated on private land with no access. (refer UBD Map 265, L7). There are no facilities here. Views of swamps and waterbirds are easily obtained on the Beenleigh/Redland Bay Road opposite Ferry Road on the northern side.

2. Alexander Clark Park, Diddams St Egret Colony, Loganholme Wetlands, Chantilly Park, Skinners Park wildlife corridor

This is another very important wildlife corridor in the east of Logan City that stretches from Alexander Clark Park to join up with the Carbrook Wetlands on the Beenleigh/Redland Bay Road. It follows the northern banks of the Logan River and varies in habitat from manicured lawns, fig trees, eucalypt bushland, floodplain wetlands and ponds.

It is home to one of the largest and most important Egret roosts in SEQ, with around 2000 birds usually present. The roost is situated off Diddams Street/ Tibrogargan Close at Loganholme. Species breeding and roosting here include Cattle, Intermediate, Great and Little Egret, Little Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, Royal Spoonbill and Australian White Ibis. Darters also nest here. Observers can watch birds in the breeding season - some having up to three chicks in each of a thousand nests throughout the roost. Ibis chicks are cared for in crèches by younger birds and parents. Activity is frenetic at this time, with large numbers of birds coming and going from the roost with food for their hungry chicks.

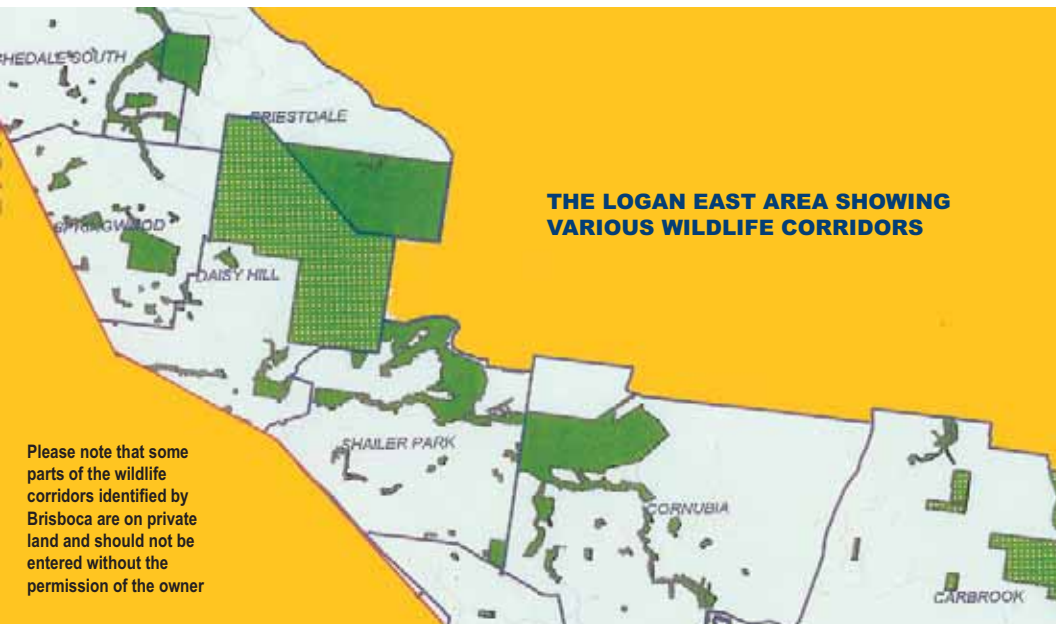
i **The roost is accessible (refer UBD Map 263, N11). There are no facilities.**

1. Springwood Conservation Park, Daisy Hill State Forest, Neville Lawrie Reserve, Kimberley Forest Park, Cornubia Forest Park, Venman Bushland National Park and Carbrook Wetlands Wildlife Corridor. It joins the Fischer Nature Reserve and bushland through Zipfs Rd, Redland Bay, to the Redland Bay Channel and mouth of the Logan River

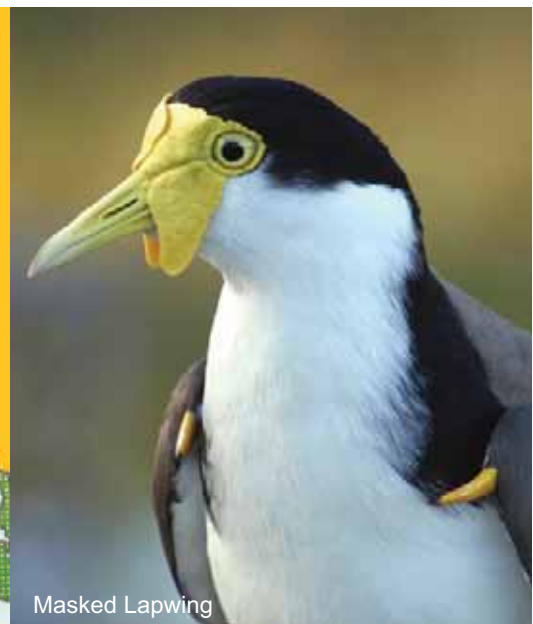
This has to be one of the best birding corridors in South East Queensland, and includes a number of excellent spots to see birds.

Venman Bushland National Park has been included in this booklet because it adjoins Cornubia Forest Park and Neville Lawrie Reserve and is an integral part of the corridor.

The corridor is a heavily timbered area with important watercourses within including Buhot, Tingalpa, California, Native Dog and Serpentine Creeks. Riparian vegetation areas are found along all these creeks. Trees include eucalypts, melaleuca and allocasuarina. Coupled with tall grassy areas, reedbeds and swamps they result in a high diversity of bird species. Carbrook Wetlands is RAMSAR* listed as the site is of great importance to waders and waterbirds. It is a very exciting area for birdwatchers. Small ponds and lakes are found scattered throughout the area, providing important habitat for birds. The corridor is fragmented in



THE LOGAN EAST AREA SHOWING VARIOUS WILDLIFE CORRIDORS



Masked Lapwing

Alexander Clark Park is a wonderful wildlife and recreational area for the community. It contains mangroves along the Logan River and regenerated eucalypt bushland on the southern and western edges of the park. Large fig trees are scattered throughout the park.

A number of woodland birds can be seen here including a resident nesting pair of Pacific Baza. The total species currently recorded is 74, including Brown Quail, Glossy Ibis, Buff-banded Rail, Dollarbird, White-throated Treecreeper, Golden Whistler, Rufous Whistler and many other species.

i Access to the park is from Dewar Drive (refer UBD Map 263, P13). Facilities include wood-burning barbeques, shelters, toilets, and a pontoon looking over to Logan River Parklands.

Loganholme Wetlands is a very important site for waterbirds, waders and raptors, as well as ground-feeding and woodland species. It holds extensive reedbeds and melaleuca swamps, as well as large open grassland areas. It hugs the northern banks of the Logan River in an easterly direction and contains an oxbow of significant environmental importance.

Birds of prominence here include many raptors including Peregrine Falcon, Australian Hobby, Brown Falcon, Swamp Harrier, Nankeen Kestrel and Whistling Kite as well as Sacred Kingfisher, Collared

Kingfisher, Spotless Crake, Red-kneed Dotteral, White-necked Heron, Dollarbird and Rainbow Bee-eater.

It is a significant site and is directly opposite the Eagleby Wetlands on the southern side of the Logan River, where 207 species of birds have been recorded. Loganholme Wetlands has 130 species recorded.

Chantilly Heights Park, Cornubia, lies adjacent to Loganholme Wetlands in the north eastern corner of the wetlands. It is predominantly a manicured recreation park but has some important tall eucalypt trees where koalas have been sighted.

i There is no official entrance (access in Chetwynd Street, Loganholme, by the Logan Water Treatment Facility - Refer UBD Map 264, A6) to the Loganholme wetlands.

Note: Anyone wishing to watch or survey birds must apply for permission from the Logan City Council on (07) 3412 3412.

3. Skinners Park off Skinners Road, Carbrook

This popular site includes a ramp and pontoon for fishermen and their boats, but also has mangroves along the Logan River and considerable native tree growth. It has electric barbeque, tables and toilets.

It is a good chance to see three honeyeater species that inhabit mangroves : Striped, Mangrove and White-throated Honeyeaters. Striated Heron and Mangrove Gerygone are also common here.

Whistling Kite and Little Eagle have been known to nest here, whilst White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Brahminy Kite and Osprey are frequently seen along the river. Latham's Snipe are seen in the swampy tussock grass fringes of the nearby lake (on private property but viewable from Skinners Park) during summer, and the quaint Black-fronted and Red-kneed Dotterels may also be seen.

Many waterbird species inhabit the area including Australian White Ibis, White-faced Heron, Purple Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Great Egret, Little Egret, Little Pied Cormorant, Pied Cormorant, Pacific Black Duck and Australian Wood Duck. The number of species recorded at this site is 74.

i For location details refer to UBD Map 264, NP4/5.

*RAMSAR - the broad aims of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) is to halt the worldwide loss of wetlands and to conserve those that remain through wise use and management. The convention was signed by 18 nations (including Australia) at the small Iranian town called Ramsar in 1971.



White-headed 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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Tawny Grassbird

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CHECKLIST OF BIRDS RECORDED IN THE LOGAN EAST AREA

Australian Brush-turkey
 Red Junglefowl (Probable escapee)
 Peacock
 Brown Quail
 Magpie Goose
 Plumed Whistling Duck
 Wandering Whistling Duck
 Black Swan
 Australian Wood Duck
 Mallard
 Pacific Black Duck
 Grey Teal
 Chestnut Teal
 Hardhead
 Australasian Grebe
 Darter
 Little Pied Cormorant
 Pied Cormorant
 Little Black Cormorant
 Australian Pelican
 White-faced Heron
 White-necked Heron
 Little Egret
 Great Egret
 Intermediate Egret
 Cattle Egret
 Striated Heron
 Nankeen Night Heron
 Glossy Ibis
 Australian White Ibis
 Straw-necked Ibis
 Royal Spoonbill
 Yellow-billed Spoonbill
 Black-necked Stork
 Osprey
 Pacific Baza
 Black-shouldered Kite
 Whistling Kite
 Square-tailed Kite
 Brahminy Kite
 White-bellied Sea-Eagle
 Swamp Harrier
 Brown Goshawk
 Grey Goshawk
 Collared Sparrowhawk
 Wedge-tailed Eagle
 Little Eagle
 Brown Falcon
 Australian Hobby
 Peregrine Falcon
 Nankeen Kestrel
 Buff-banded Rail

Lewin's Rail
 Spotless Crake
 Bush Hen
 Purple Swamphen
 Dusky Moorhen
 Eurasian Coot
 Painted Button-quail
 Latham's Snipe
 Whimbrel
 Marsh Sandpiper
 Common Greenshank
 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
 Comb-crested Jacana
 Black-winged Stilt
 Red-capped Plover
 Black-fronted Dotterel
 Red-kneed Dotterel
 Masked Lapwing
 Gull-billed Tern
 White-headed Pigeon
 Spotted Turtle-Dove
 Brown Cuckoo-Dove
 Emerald Dove
 Common Bronzewing
 Crested Pigeon
 Peaceful Dove
 Bar-shouldered Dove
 Wonga Pigeon
 Wompoo Fruit-Dove
 Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo
 Glossy Black-Cockatoo
 Gang-Gang Cockatoo (Possible escapees)
 Galah
 Little Corella
 Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
 Rainbow Lorikeet
 Scaly-breasted Lorikeet
 Little Lorikeet
 Australian King Parrot
 Crimson Rosella
 Eastern Rosella
 Pale-headed Rosella
 Pallid Cuckoo
 Brush Cuckoo
 Fan-tailed Cuckoo
 Horsefield's Bronze Cuckoo
 Shining Bronze-Cuckoo
 Little Bronze-Cuckoo
 Oriental Cuckoo
 Common Koel
 Channel-billed Cuckoo
 Pheasant Coucal
 Powerful Owl
 Southern Boobook
 Grass Owl
 Marbled Frogmouth
 Tawny Frogmouth
 Australian Owlet-nightjar

White-throated Nightjar
 White-throated Needletail
 Fork-tailed Swift
 Azure Kingfisher
 Laughing Kookaburra
 Forest Kingfisher
 Sacred Kingfisher
 Collared Kingfisher
 Rainbow Bee-eater
 Dollarbird
 Noisy Pitta
 White-throated Treecreeper
 Red-browed Treecreeper
 Brown Treecreeper
 Superb Fairy-wren
 Variegated Fairy-wren
 Red-backed Fairy-wren
 Spotted Pardalote
 Striated Pardalote
 White-browed Scrubwren
 Large-billed Scrubwren
 Speckled Warbler
 Weebill
 Brown Gerygone
 Mangrove Gerygone
 White-throated Gerygone
 Brown Thornbill
 Buff-rumped Thornbill
 Yellow-rumped Thornbill
 Yellow Thornbill
 Striated Thornbill
 Striped Honeyeater
 Noisy Friarbird
 Little Friarbird
 Blue-faced Honeyeater
 Noisy Miner
 Lewin's Honeyeater
 Yellow-faced Honeyeater
 Black-chinned Honeyeater
 White-throated Honeyeater
 White-naped Honeyeater
 Brown Honeyeater
 Mangrove Honeyeater
 Eastern Spinebill
 Scarlet Honeyeater
 Jacky Winter
 Scarlet Robin
 Rose Robin
 Eastern Yellow Robin
 Grey-crowned Babbler
 Eastern Whipbird
 Spotted Quail-thrush
 Varied Sitella
 Crested Shrike-tit
 Golden Whistler
 Rufous Whistler
 Little Shrike-thrush
 Grey Shrike-thrush
 Black-faced Monarch
 Spectacled Monarch
 White-eared Monarch
 Leaden Flycatcher

Satin Flycatcher
 Shining Flycatcher
 Restless Flycatcher
 Magpie-lark
 Rufous Fantail
 Grey Fantail
 Willie Wagtail
 Spangled Drongo
 Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
 White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike
 Cicadabird
 Varied Triller
 Olive-backed Oriole
 Figbird
 White-breasted Woodswallow
 Masked Woodswallow
 Dusky Woodswallow
 Grey Butcherbird
 Pied Butcherbird
 Australian Magpie
 Pied Currawong
 Australian Raven
 Torresian Crow
 Regent Bowerbird
 Richard's Pipit
 House Sparrow
 Double-barred Finch
 Red-browed Finch
 Chestnut-breasted Mannikin
 Mistletoebird
 Welcome Swallow
 Tree Martin
 Fairy Martin
 Clamorous Reed-Warbler
 Tawny Grassbird
 Little Grassbird
 Golden-headed Cisticola
 Silvereye
 Common Starling
 Common Myna

Of these 201 species, 58 have been recorded nesting within the City boundaries or are highly likely to do so, as they are seen in the same areas on a regular basis.

The total species count for Logan City is 242, (Brisboca surveys as at May 2006) with probable breeding number of 101 species.

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