Noosa’s birds & the environment

Australia has an abundance of birdlife, and south-east Queensland is arguably 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 locals with a way of finding these elusive patches of forest so they can enjoy the delights that these winged creatures provide.

Noosa Bird Trail

Bird observer field trips

The Noosa Parks Association runs bird observer trips regularly throughout the year.

If you would like to join in contact Noosa Parks Association on (07) 5474 2486.

For Noosa Bird Species list visit www.noosaparks.org.au/noosabirdtrail

Forests

1. Mount Coorora Forest Reserve, Pomona
   Mountain Street. Coorora Park is approximate 1 km on right.

2. Yurul State Forest – Numby Lane, Pomona
   Park opposite Pomona State School.

3. Ringtail State Forest – Louis Baxie Drive, Coolooinoth Creek, Coorabrabia
   Site is a few hundred metres from McKinnon Drive on left. Park off road near
   track entrance. Site is not signed.

4. Ringtail State Forest – Old Coach Way, Lake Macdonald
   Birds – Red-browed Finch, White-browed Scrubwren, Large-billed Scrubwren,
   White-throated Treecreeper.

5. Ringtail State Forest – Forestry Road, west Cooroy
   Site is a few hundred metres from McKinnon Drive on left. Park off road near
   track entrance. Site is not signed.

6. Woodrow Daily Use Area – Cooroy-Noosa Road, Tewantin
   Entrance to Woodrow is directly opposite ‘Carramar’.

7. Tewantin Forest Reserve – Golf Course Drive, Tewantin
   Noosa Bird Trail sign is on right – approx 2 km along Golf Course Dr. Walk
   through small gate in fence. Take track to left behind houses. Park on side of
   road. Keep driveways clear.

8. Harry Springs Conservation Park – Tewantin
   Same as site 7 except after walking through small gate in fence take the track
   off to right to access Conservation Park.

9. West Cooroy State Forest, Top Forestry Road, West Cooroy
   Site is 11 km from Cooroy Hotel. Turn left onto Maplet Street which turns into
   Bell Creek Road. Site is just past number 333 on right. Park at beginning of track.

10. National Parks

Noosa National Park, Noosa Heads (Headland Section)


Cudgerie Loop, Blueberry Dr, Cudgerie

From Tewantin travel to Cudgerie on Cudgerie-Noosa Rd. At T intersection turn
right, then through lights and pass primary school. Continue straight ahead to Cudgerie
(approx 4km) passing through a tunnel. Turn left at first roundabout
and park at Cudgerie Common, which is on left. Obtain a copy of the Noosa
Bird Trail Network brochure before attempting walk.

Birds – Tawny Frogmouth, Chestnut-manred Monarch, White-eared Monarch.

11. Sandy National Park, Lake Flat Road, Elma Point

Look for National Park signs on right. Information boards give general
information about the area as well as details of walking tracks.


12. Woodland Drive, Peregrine Beach

Park at National Park gate and walk through gates.

Birds – Ground Parrot can be heard in low heath on southern side of
Woodland Dr at dawn and dusk, Little Wattlebird, Double-billed Finch,
Chestatee-tachared Monarch, golden-headed Cisticola, White-cheeked
Honeyeater.

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13. Shappersons Park, Kin Kin

Directions: From Pomona to Kin Kin mini turn on left into Kin Kin township and
cross bridge. After 2 km turn right onto Shappersons Lane. Site is on left.


14. Twin Hill Views Lookout, Black Pinch Rod, Coorababa

Birds – Open-country birds including roaptors, martins, hawfinx and
Richard’s Pipit.

15. Kin Kin Arboretum, opposite Western Branch Rd, Kin Kin

Park at Arboretum & walk 1 km up Western Branch Rd to Noosa Trail Network
“Trail 3” sign on left at top of hill. Follow sign through grass paddocks
(1km). Be prepared for a steep climb up to lookout. Good level of fitness
required.

Birds – Treecreepers, whistlers, treblers and Topknot Pigeon.

16. Strattons Road, Kin Kin

Park and walk following Noosa Trail Network sign up Strattons Road onto
bush track.


17. Kin Kin Cottageside Trail, Kin Kin

Trail commences at Kin Kin Sports Ground. Full circuit is 1km over undulating
countryland. Reasonable fitness level required. Obtain a copy of the Noosa
Trail Network brochure before attempting walk.

Birds – Topknot Pigeons, Chestnut-tachared Monarch, Restless Flycatcher,
White-eared Monarch.

18. Old Tewantin Road, Lake Macdonald

Proceed to end of Old Tewantin Road. Take care not to block driveways when
parking. Follow Noosa Trail Network signs.

Birds – Peaceful Dove, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Platypus Creeper, Chestnut-
Eared Rosella, Red-browed Finch.

19. Old Tewantin Road, Lake Macdonald

Signposted.

Birds – Chestnut-breasted Mannikin.

20. Cranks Creek Park, Outlook Dr, Tewantin

Park is opposite Friendlens Crescent.

Birds – Pheasant Coucal, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Australian King Parrot,
Rufous Fantail.

21. Mangrove Boardwalk and weyba conservation Park

The park is on left next to garage. Public toilets are on opposite corner.

Birds – Scarlet Honeyeater in winter, Laughing Kookaburra, Emerald Dove,
White-headed Pigeon, Pacific Baza.

22. Noosa Banks Parkland, Noosa Banks Dr, Noosa Banks

Birds – Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Little Wattlebird.

23. Cooroori Creek Park, Hill Street, Pomona

The park is on left next to garage. Public toilets are on opposite corner.

Birds – Scarlet Honeyeater in winter, Laughing Kookaburra, Emerald Dove,
White-headed Pigeon, Pacific Baza.

24. Noosa Banks Parkland, Noosa Banks Dr, Noosa Banks

Birds – Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Little Wattlebird.

25. Cooroori Waste Water Treatment Plant, Mary River Rd, Cooroy

Take Mary River Rd west of Cooroy township. Cross Cooroy Creek and turn
right opp the tennis courts. Park on grass in front of water treatment plant.

Birds – Water birds, finches and manikins.

26. Old Hollett Road, Tidwell Road, Doonan

Park at end of Tidwell Rd at T intersection. Walk along dirt road to the right and
follow it approx 850m to end. Not suitable after wet weather.

Birds – Whistling Kite, Cooopy, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Pacific Dove, Red-
breast Finch.

27. Boreen Point

Turn right into Appolison Hotel and park here. Walk via ‘Topgley Wood’ track
to sports field, through caravan park to track along edge of lake. Not well
signposted.

Birds – Bush Stone-curlew and Brolga have been seen here. Fairy-wrens are
abundant. Terns are often present on lake.

28. Jaburu Park and Fearnley Bird Hide, Lake Macdonald

Birds – Mapled Gooch, Black-backed Shrike, Comb-carded Jacana, Cotton
Pyhmy-goose and Great Crested Grebe.

29. Mangrove Boardwalk and Wejba Conservation Park

Noosa Heads

Mangrove boardwalk is near Noosa Arts Theatre and Australia Rules
Grounds just before Wejba Creek Bridge. (Be aware travelling from Tewantin there is no
right turn permitted into parking area, as cross bridge. Travel round roundabout
and return to park on left near football ground.)

Birds – Great Egret, Mangrove Gerygone, Brown Honeyeater, Striated Heron.

30. Noosa Spit, Noosa Heads

There are free brolinias at the river mouth to view the birds on the sandbars.

Birds – Australian Brush Turkey, Sacred Kingfisher, Mangrove Gerygone,
Crested Tern, White-winged Black Tern.

31. Johns Landing, Johns Road, Coolibah

Travel 2km along Johns Rd, a rough dirt road to Johns Landing. A $1 day
visitor fee applies.

Birds – Glossy Black-Cockatoo, Whistling Kite, bush birds.

32. Noosa North Shore

From ferry, follow sealed road. 2km to Noosa North Shore Resort and Hotel or
3.2km to car park at first cutting. 4WD not necessary unless driving on beach.

Birds – White-cheeked Honeyeater, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Caspian Tern,
Crested Tern, Sull-tailed Tern, Pacific Golden Plover, Bar-tailed Godwit,
Eastern Curlew, Pied Oystercatcher. Look for Black-tailed Godwit, & White-
winged Black Tern.

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BIRD WATCHING SITES THROUGH THE NOOSA REGION

Noosa Bird Trail

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Welcome to the Noosa Bird Trail

Several of the Noosa Bird Trail sites are in forestry areas. There are many firebreaks in these areas where observers are welcome to walk. However please note: fire tracks are not formalised for public use, they are there for the protection of the forest. Users must accept responsibility for their own safety, be aware of their position at all times, and abide by any directive from forestry staff when using these tracks.

Many of the Noosa Bird Trail sites are located on the Noosa Trail Network. For a brochure of the Noosa Trail Network and Bird Observation opportunities on the network, visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au (go to About the Coast, then Sports and Fitness).

Visit your local visitor information centre for a map of the Noosa Trail Network and other detailed maps of walks in the Noosa and Cooloola National Parks.

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3. Ringtail State Forest – Cooloothin Creek (Cootharaba)
4. Ringtail State Forest – Old Coach Way (Lake Macdonald)
5. Wooroi Day Use Area (Tewantin)
6. Tewantin Forest Reserve (near site 22) (Tewantin)
7. Tewantin Forest Reserve (near site 22) (Tewantin)
8. Harry Springs Conservation Park (Tewantin)
9. West Cooroy State Forest (West Cooroy)

National Parks
10. Noosa National Park – Headland Section (Noosa Heads)
11. Great Sandy National Park – Elanda Point (Elanda Point)
12. Woodland Drive (Peregian Beach)

Noosa Trail Network
13. Sheppersons Park (Kin Kin)
14. Twin Hill Views Lookout (Cootharaba)
15. Kin Kin Arboretum (Kin Kin)
16. Strattons Road – Pender Creek (Kin Kin)
17. Kin Kin Countryside Trail (Kin Kin)
18. Old Tewantin Road (Lake Macdonald)
19. Cudgen Loop (Cudgen)

Parks and other places
20. Wallace Park (Noosaville)
21. Cranks Creek Park (Tewantin)
22. Heritage Park (Tewantin)
23. Cooroorra Creek Park (Pomona)
24. Noosa Banks Parkland (Noosa Banks)
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