

## Noosa's birds & the environment

Australia has an abundance of birdlife, and south-east Queensland is arguably as 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.



## 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](http://www.noosaparks.org.au/noosabirdtrail)

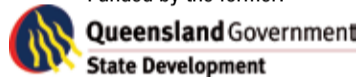
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# Noosa Bird Trail

## Great Birding - Naturally



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OLD BIRD TRAILS

## Forests

- 1. Mount Cooroora Forest Reserve, Pomona**  
Mountain Street. Cooroora Park is approx 1.6 km on right.  
**Birds** – Glossy-black Cockatoo, Yellow-faced honeyeater.
- 2. Yurol State Forest – Numby Lane, Pomona**  
Park car opposite Pomona State School.  
**Birds** – Red-browed finch, whistlers and chance of Koala.
- 4. Ringtail State Forest – Louis Bazzo Drive, Cooloothin Creek, Cootharaba**  
Site is a few hundred metres from McKinnon Drive on left. Park off road near track entrance. Site is not signed.  
**Birds** – Red-browed finch, White-browed Scrubwren, Large-billed Scrubwren, White-throated Treecreeper.
- 5. Ringtail State Forest – Old Coach Way, Lake Macdonald**  
**Birds** – Green Catbird, Australian King-Parrot, Brown Gery-gone, Large-billed Scrubwren.
- 6. Wooroi Day Use Area – Cooroy-Noosa Road, Tewantin**  
Entrance to Wooroi is directly opposite 'Carramar'.  
**Birds** – Green Catbird, Wompoo Fruit-Dove, white-throated Treecreeper, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo.
- 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.  
**Birds** – Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Peaceful Dove, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Cicadabird, White-throated Treecreeper.
- 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.  
**Birds** – Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Little Shrike-thrush, Scarlet Honeyeater in winter, Misttetoebird, Rufous Whistler.
- 9. West Cooroy State Forest, Top Forestry Road, West Cooroy**  
Site is 11 km from Cooroy Hotel. Turn left onto Maple Street which turns into Belli Creek Road. Site is just past number 323 on right. Park at beginning of track.  
**Birds** – Little Friarbird, Cicadabird, Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Spectacled Monarch

## National Parks

- 10. Noosa National Park, Noosa Heads (Headland Section)**  
**Birds** – Australasian Gannet, Frigatebirds, Terms, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Osprey, Chestnut Breasted Mannikin.
- 11. Great Sandy National Park, Lake Flat Road, Elanda Point**  
Look for National Park signs on right. Information boards give general information about the area as well as details of walking tracks.  
**Birds** – Bush Stone-curlew, Misttetoebird, White-bellied Sea-Eagle.
- 12. Woodland Drive, Peregrin 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-barrel Finch, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin, golden-headed Cisticola, White-cheeked Honeyeater.

## Noosa Trail Network

- 13. Sheppersons Park, Kin Kin**  
Directions On Pomona-Kin Kin Rd pass turn on left into Kin Kin township and cross bridge. After 2 km turn right onto Sheppersons Lane. Site is on left.  
**Birds** – Leaden Flycatcher, Cattle Egret, Red-backed Fairywren.
- 14. Twin Hill Views Lookout, Black Pinch Road, Cootharaba**  
**Birds** – Open country birds including raptors, martins, fairywrens 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" signs on left at top of hill. Follow signs through grass paddocks (1km). Be prepared for a steep climb up to lookout. Good level of fitness required.  
**Birds** – Treecreepers, whistlers, trillers and Topknot Pigeons.
- 16. Strattons Road, Kin Kin**  
Park and walk following Noosa Trail Network signs up Strattons Road onto bush track.  
**Birds** – Fairy Gerygone. Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Emerald Dove, Dusky Moorhen.
- 17. Kin Kin Countryside Trail, Kin Kin**  
Trail commences at Kin Kin Sports Ground. Full circuit is 15km over undulating countryside. Reasonable fitness level required. Obtain a copy of the Noosa Trail Network brochure before attempting walk.  
**Birds** – Topknot Pigeons, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin, 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** – Pheasant Coucal, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Australian King Parrot, Rufous Fantail.
- 19. Cudgerie Loop, Blueberry Dr, Cudgerie**  
From Tewantin travel to Cooroy on Cooroy-Noosa Rd. At T-intersection turn right, drive 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 Trail Network brochure before attempting the 5km circuit walk. Trail is well signposted.  
**Birds** – Brown Gerygone, woodland birds.

## Parks and other places

- 20. Wallace Park, Wallace Drive, Noosaville**  
**Birds** – Little Wattlebird, Noisy Friarbird, Pale-headed Rosella, Golden-headed Cisticola, Tawny Frogmouth, Southern Boobook.
- 21. Cranks Creek Park, Outlook Dr, Tewantin**  
Park is opposite Freeman Court.  
**Birds** – Figbird, Black-faced cuckoo-shrike, White-faced Heron, fairy-wrens and listen for Mangrove Gerygone.
- 22. Heritage Park, Griffith Avenue, Tewantin**  
Park is behind the bus shelter.  
**Birds** – Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Little Corella, Leaden Fly-catcher, Spangled Drongo

- 23. Cooroora 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. Cooroy 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, Tidswell Rd, Doonan**  
Park at end of Tidswell Rd at T-intersection. Walk along dirt road to the right and follow it approx 800m to end. Not suitable after wet weather.  
**Birds** – Whistling Kite, Osprey, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Peaceful Dove, Red-browed Finch.
- 27. Boreen Point**  
Turn right into Apollonian Hotel and park here. Walk via 'Tingleys 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. Jabiru Park and Fearnley Bird Hide, Lake Macdonald)**  
**Birds** – Magpie Goose, Black-necked Stork, Comb-crested Jacana, Cotton Pyhmy-goose and Great Crested Grebe.
- 29. Mangrove Boardwalk and Weyba Conservation Park Weyba Road, Noosa Heads**  
Mangrove boardwalk is near Noosa Arts Theatre and Australia Rules Grounds just before Weyba Creek bridge. (Be aware travelling from Tewantin there is no right turn permitted into parking area, so 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 binoculars at the river mouth to view birds on the sandbanks.  
**Birds** – Australian Brush Turkey, Sacred Kingfisher, Mangrove Gerygone, Crested Tern, White-winged Black Tern.
- 31. Johns Landing, Johns Road, Cooroibah**  
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, Gull-billed Tern, Pacific Golden Plover, Bar-tailed Godwit, Eastern Curlew, Pied Oystercatcher. Look for Black-tailed Godwit, & White-winged Black Tern.





## 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](http://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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