

## Noosa's Birds and 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 in order that they may enjoy the delights that these winged creatures provide.



Tawny Frogmouth

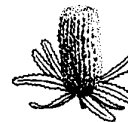
## JOIN OUR ACTIVITIES

- Guided monthly bush walks and visits to National Parks
- Bird Observers field trips
- Greening Noosa tree planting
- Cooloola Bushwalkers for more serious hikers
- Extended guided field trips
- Botany Group lectures and walks
- Environment Centre social activities
- Educational lectures and talks
- Clean-ups of beaches and parks
- World Environment Day
- Wildflower Weekend



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## Noosa Bird Trail

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# Noosa Bird Trail Sites

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Several of the Noosa Bird Trail sites are in forestry areas. There are many fire breaks in these areas where observers are welcome to walk. Note that fire tracks are not formalised for public use. They are there for the protection of the forest, so users must accept responsibility for their own safety, be aware of their own position at all times and abide by any directive from forestry staff.

### 1. Mount Cooroora Forest Reserve

**Directions** From Bruce Highway take Pioneer Road into Pomona. Turn left into School Street, which turns into Mountain Street. Cooroora Park is approximately 1.6 km on the right.

**Birds** Glossy-black Cockatoo, Yellow-faced honeyeater.

**Parking** Public parking available at Cooroora Park.

### 2. Yurol State Forest - Numby Lane

**Directions** From Bruce Highway take Pioneer Road into Pomona. Turn right into School Street, then right into Station Street. The site is just past where the road changes from bitumen to gravel - beside Numby Lane.

**Birds** Red-browed Finch, Whistlers and chance of Koala.

**Parking** Public street parking opposite Pomona State School, Station Street, Pomona.

### 3. Old Pinbarren Creek School Site

**Directions** From Tewantin take Mc Kinnon Drive (Boreen Point Road). Turn left into Louis Bazzo Drive. Follow Louis Bazzo Drive to where it joins the Pomona to Kin Kin Road. Turn right and continue until you see Camphor Road on the right.

**Parking** Park opposite the site at the intersection of Camphor Road and Pomona Kin Kin Road.

**Birds** Topknot Pigeon, Figbird, Striated Thornbill.

### 4. Ringtail State Forest - Cooloothin Creek

**Directions** From Tewantin, take McKinnon Drive (Boreen Point Road). At the junction of McKinnon Drive and Louis Bazzo Drive, turn left. The site is a few hundred meters along the road on the left.

**Parking** Park off the road near the track entrance.

**Birds** Red-browed Finch, White-browed Scrubwren, Large-billed Scrubwren, White-throated Treecreeper, Little Shrike-thrush.

### 5. Ringtail State Forest - Old Coach Way

**Directions** From Cooroy take Elm Street. Turn right at the primary school into Lake Macdonald Drive. Travel past Botanical Gardens, Lake Macdonald and the spillway. At the next T intersection, turn left into Forest Acres Drive and follow it to a roundabout and proceed through.

**Parking** Park near the roundabout.

**Birds** Green Catbird, Australian King-Parrot, Brown Gerygone, Large-billed Scrubwren.

### 6. Wooroi Day Use Area

**Directions** From Tewantin take Cooroy Noosa Road toward Cooroy. Pass Beckmans Road on the left. The entrance to Wooroi is next on the left directly opposite 'Carramar'.

**Parking** Public parking at the Wooroi Day Use Area.

**Birds** Green Catbird, Wompoo Fruit-Dove, White-throated Treecreeper, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Variegated Fairy-wren

### 7. Tewantin Forest Reserve

**Directions** From Tewantin, take Cooroy Noosa Road toward Cooroy. Pass the Tewantin Golf Course and take the next turn right into Golf Course Drive. Drive until you see the Noosa Bird Trail sign on the right - approximately 2 km. Walk through the small gate in the fence. Take the track to the left behind the houses.

**Parking** Park at the end of Golf Course Drive / corner Homestead Drive.

**Birds** Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Peaceful Dove, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Cicadabird, White-throated Treecreeper, Little Shrike-thrush.

### 8. Harry Springs Conservation Park

**Directions** From Tewantin, take Cooroy Noosa Road toward Cooroy. Pass the Tewantin Golf Course and take the next turn right into Golf Course Drive. Drive until you see the Noosa Bird Trail sign on the right hand side - approximately 2 km. Walk through the small gate in the fence. Once past the fence at parking area, take the track off to the right to access the Conservation Park.

**Parking** Park at the end of Golf Course Drive / corner Homestead Drive.

**Birds** Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Little Shrike-thrush, Scarlet Honeyeater in winter, Mistletoebird, Yellow Robin, Rufous Whistler.

### 9. West Cooroy State Forest

**Directions** The site is 11 km from Cooroy Hotel. Travel 6 km along Belli Creek Road, turn left into Old Ceylon Road. Travel 1 km then turn right into Top Forestry Road. The site is a further 4 km on the right, after passing an avocado farm and the forestry sign, both on the right.

**Birds** Little Friarbird, Cicadabird, Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Spectacled Monarch

### 10. Noosa National Park - headland section

**Directions** From Hastings Street, keep the ocean on your left and follow Park Road around Little Cove to the main entrance of Noosa National Park.

**Birds** Australasian Gannet, Frigatebirds, Terns, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Osprey, Chestnut Breasted Mannikin

### 11. Great Sandy National Park - Elanda Point

**Directions** From Tewantin take McKinnon Drive (Boreen Point Road). Turn right at the T intersection, following signs to Boreen Point. At the sharp right angle turn, go straight ahead into Lake Flat

### 11. Great Sandy National Park - Elanda Point (cont)

Road. Drive approximately 2km until it turns into Elanda Point, then look for the National Park parking area, further along on the right, where information boards give general information about the area as well as details of the walking tracks.

**Birds** Bush Stone-curlew, Mistletoebird, White-bellied Sea-Eagle.

### 12. Woodland Drive

**Directions** From Tewantin take David Low Way to Peregian. Turn right into Woodland Drive near the lawn bowls club on the northern side of the township. Drive to the National Park gate.

**Birds** Ground Parrot can be heard in the low heath on the southern side of Woodland Drive at dawn and dusk, Little Wattlebird, Double-barred Finch, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin, Golden-headed Cisticola, White-checked Honeyeater.

### 13. Sheppersons Park

**Directions** From Tewantin, take McKinnon Drive (Boreen Point Road). At the T intersection, turn left into Louis Bazzo Drive. Follow Louis Bazzo Drive to the T intersection where it joins the Pomona to Kin Kin Road. Turn right and follow signs to Kin Kin. Pass the turn into the township and travel north east along the Gympie Road. Turn right into Sheppersons Lane, a dirt road past Living Valley Springs Health Retreat and several farm properties. The site is on the left.

**Birds** Leaden Flycatcher, Cattle Egret, Red-backed Fairywren

### 14. Twin Hill Views Lookout

**Directions** From Tewantin, take McKinnon Drive (Boreen Point Road). At the T intersection turn left into Louis Bazzo Drive. Pass Cootharaba Road on your right, next right is Black Pinch Road, turn and then turn right again. The lookout is at the top of the hill.

**Birds** Open country birds including raptors, martins, fairywrens and Richard's Pipit.

### 15. Johnstons Lookout

**Directions** From Tewantin, take McKinnon Drive (Boreen Point Road). At the T intersection turn left into Louis Bazzo Drive. Follow Louis Bazzo Drive to where it joins the Pomona to Kin Kin Road. Turn right and continue past Camphor Road on the right. The Arboretum picnic area is on the right just south of Eastern Branch Road and opposite Western Branch Road. Park at the Arboretum and walk 1 km up Western Branch Road, following 'Trail 3' signs for Noosa Trail Network. At the top of the hill, the trail takes off from the left-hand side of the road and leads through grass over the farm hills. Be prepared for a rather steep climb at one section to enjoy the view at the top.

**Parking** The closest parking is at the Arboretum Picnic Area

**Birds** Treecreepers, whistlers, trillers and Topknot Pigeons

## 16. Strattons Road - Pender Creek

**Directions** From Tewantin, take McKinnon Drive (Boreen Point Road). At the T intersection, turn left into Louis Bazzo Drive. Follow Louis Bazzo Drive to where it joins the Pomona to Kin Kin Road. Turn right and follow the signs to Kin Kin township. Turn left into the town. Pass the Kin Kin Hotel heading north west along Sister Tree Creek Road. Approximately 2km from town, turn left into Pender Creek Road.

**Birds** Fairy Gerygone, Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Emerald Dove, Dusky Moorhen

## 17. Kin Kin Countryside Trail

**Directions** From Tewantin, take McKinnon Drive (Boreen Point Road). At the T intersection turn left into Louis Bazzo Drive. Follow Louis Bazzo Drive to where it joins the Pomona to Kin Kin Road. Turn right and follow signs to Kin Kin township. The trail commences at the Kin Kin Sports Ground near the Kin Kin Hotel. The full circuit is 15 km over undulating countryside.

**Birds** Topknot Pigeons, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin, Restless Flycatcher, White-eared Monarch

## 18. Old Tewantin Road

**Directions** From Cooroy, take Elm Street, heading towards Pomona. Turn right at the primary school into Lake Macdonald Drive. Pass the Botanical Gardens, Lake Macdonald and spillway all on the right. At the T intersection, turn right into Old Tewantin Road. Proceed to the end of the road. The last section, past several properties, is a gravel surface.

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

## 19. Cudgerie Loop

**Directions** From Tewantin, travel to Cooroy. Turn right into Elm Street, pass the primary school and continue towards Pomona. Where the road branches in a 'Y', follow the signs to Cudgerie by taking the left branch through a tunnel under the Bruce Highway. Turn left at the first roundabout and park at Cudgerie Common, which is on the left.

**Birds** Brown Gerygone, woodland birds.

## 20. Wallace Park

**Directions** From Tewantin, follow Memorial Ave. which then becomes Hilton Terrace. At the roundabout turn right into the Eumundi – Noosa Road. At the next roundabout turn right into Wallace Drive.

**Birds** Little Wattlebird, Noisy Friarbird, Pale-headed Rosella, Golden-headed Cisticola, Tawny Frogmouth, Southern Boobook

## 21. Cranks Creek Park

**Directions** From Tewantin take the Cooroy Noosa Road toward Cooroy. Turn left into St. Andrews Drive, at the roundabout opposite the TAFE College, then left again into Outlook Drive. The park is opposite Freeman Court.

## 21. Cranks Creek Park (cont)

**Birds** Figbird, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, White-faced Heron, fairy-wrens and listen for the Mangrove Gerygone.

## 22. Heritage Park

**Directions** From Tewantin, take the Cooroy Noosa Road toward Cooroy. Pass the Tewantin Golf Course and take the next turn right - Golf Course Drive. Turn left into Griffith Ave. The park is on the left behind the bus shelter.

**Birds** Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Little Corella, Leaden Flycatcher, Spangled Drongo.

## 23. Cooroora Creek Park

**Directions** From Bruce Highway take Pioneer Road into Pomona, turn right into School Street, then under the subway. Turn right and the park is on the left next to the garage. Public toilets are on the opposite corner.

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

## 24. Noosa Banks Parkland

**Directions** From Tewantin turn right into Werin Street passing Tewantin State School, then left into Cullinane Street, which becomes McKinnon Drive (Tewantin Boreen Point Road). Noosa Banks Drive is on the right.

**Parking** Roadside parking in the estate.

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

## 25. Cooroy Waste Water Treatment Plant

**Directions** Take Mary River Road west of the Cooroy township. Cross Cooroy Creek and turn right opposite the tennis court.

**Birds** Water birds, finches and mannikins.

## 26. Old Hollett Road

**Directions** From Noosa, take the Eumundi Noosa Road. Turn left at the roundabout onto the Sunshine Motorway (Emu Mountain Road). Turn left into Eumarella Road then left into Tidswell Road. At the end of Tidswell Road (T junction), turn right into Old Hollett Road and follow it to the end.

**Birds** Whistling Kite, Osprey, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Peaceful Dove, Red-browed Finch.

## 27. Boreen Point / Lake Cootharaba

**Directions** Take Louis Bazzo Drive from Pomona or Tewantin. Follow the signs to Boreen Point. From the Hotel car park at Boreen Point, walk via 'Tingleys Wood' track down to the sports field then through the caravan park to a track along the edge of the lake.

**Parking** Public parking is available at the Apollonian Hotel with the blessing of the owner.

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

## 28. Jabiru Park and Fearnley Bird Hide

**Directions** From Tewantin take the Cooroy Noosa Road. Pass Sivyers Road on the right, then take the next turn right into Grange Road, which is opposite Echidna Lane. The turn is very sharp. Turn immediately left and follow the road to the end.

**Birds** Magpie Goose, Black-necked Stork, Comb-crested Jacana, Cotton Pygmy-goose and Great Crested Grebe.

## 29. Mangrove Boardwalk and Weyba Conservation Park

**Directions** From Tewantin follow the Noosa River along Hilton Terrace, then Gympie Terrace and into Weyba Road. The Mangrove Boardwalk is on the right near the Noosa Arts Live Theatre and the Australian Rules Grounds just before the Weyba Creek bridge. (Be aware there is no right turn to the parking area at this point, so cross the bridge, travel round the roundabout and return to park on the left near the football ground).

**Birds** Great Egret, Hardhead, Eurasian Coot, Dusky Moorhen, Purple Swamphen, Australasian Grebe, Comb-crested Jacana, Magpie Goose, Cotton Pygmy-goose and Great Crested Grebe.

## 30. Noosa Spit

**Directions** From Tewantin follow the Noosa River along Hilton Terrace, then Gympie Terrace and Weyba Road. Take Noosa Drive to Hastings Street. Turn left at the roundabout and follow it to the end.

**Birds** Little Wattlebird, Brush Turkey, Sacred Kingfisher, Mangrove Gerygone, Crested Tern, White-winged Black Tern.

## 31. Johns Landing

**Directions** From Tewantin, take McKinnon Drive (Boreen Point Road). Turn right into Lake Cooroibah Drive. Travel 5 km, passing a section of Great Sandy National Park on the left, (no turns), to end of bitumen road. Travel along Johns Road, a further 2 km on dirt road, to Johns Landing.

**Parking** Park at the campgrounds.

**Birds** Glossy Black-Cockatoo, bush birds

## 32. Noosa North Shore

**Directions** From Tewantin turn right at the Shell Service Station into Moorindil Street. Travel approximately 2 km, to the vehicular ferry that will transport your vehicle, for a fee, across the Noosa River. Follow sealed road to beach or Lake Cooroibah Holiday Park. The Holiday Park is 2 km from the ferry and the beach a further 1.2 km (4wd vehicles are not necessary unless driving on the 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, and White-winged Black Tern.