

# Lake Eacham Bird Checklist

Australian Brush-turkey	C,Rs	Collared Sparrowhawk	U,Rs
Orange-footed Scrubfowl	C,Rs	Grey Goshawk	U,Rs
Brown Quail	C,Rs,F	Spotted Harrier	C,Rs,F
Grey Teal	R,Sv	Swamp Harrier	R,Sv,F
Pacific Black Duck	R,Sv	Wedge-tailed Eagle	U,Rs
Hardhead	R,Sv	Little Eagle	R,Sv,F
Australasian Grebe	U,Rs	Nankeen Kestrel	C,Rs,F
Great Crested Grebe	R,Sv	Brown Falcon	R,Sv,F
Rock Dove	R,Rs,F	Australian Hobby	R,Sv
White-headed Pigeon	C,Rs	Peregrine Falcon	R,Rs,F
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	C,Rs	Sarus Crane	U,Sv,F
Emerald Dove	C,Rs	Brolga	U,Sv,F
Crested Pigeon	U,Rs,F	Purple Swamphen	C,Rs,F
Peaceful Dove	C,Rs,F	Red-necked Crane	R,Rs
Bar-shouldered Dove	C,Rs,F	Buff-banded Rail	C,Rs,F
Wompoo Fruit-Dove	C,Rs	Pale-vented Bush-hen	U,Sv
Superb Fruit-Dove	C,Sv	Dusky Moorhen	R,Sv,F
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	C,Sv	Eurasian Coot	R,Sv,F
Topknot Pigeon	C,Rs	Bush Stone-curlew	C,Rs,F
Tawny Frogmouth	R,Rs,F	Masked Lapwing	C,Rs,F
Papuan Frogmouth	C,Rs	Red-backed Button-quail	U,Sv,F
White-throated Nightjar	R,Sv	Painted Button-quail	R,Sv
Australian Owlet-Nightjar	R,Rs	Caspian Tern	R,Sv
Australian Swiftlet	C,Rs	Whiskered Tern	R,Sv
White-throated Needletail	U,Mn	Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	R,Sv
Fork-tailed Swift	U,Mn	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	C,Rs
Australasian Darter	R,Sv	Rainbow Lorikeet	C,Rs
Little Pied Cormorant	C,Rs	Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	C,Rs
Great Cormorant	R,Sv	Double-eyed Fig-Parrot	C,Rs
Little Black Cormorant	C,Rs	Australian King -Parrot	C,Rs
Australian Pelican	R,Sv	Crimson Rosella	U,Rs
White-necked Heron	R,Sv	Pale-headed Rosella	R,Rs,F
Eastern Great Egret	R,Sv	Pheasant Coucal	C,Rs,F
Cattle Egret	C,Rs,F	Eastern Koel	C,Mn
White-faced Heron	R,Sv	Channel-billed Cuckoo	C,Mn
Nankeen Night-Heron	R,Sv	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	C,Rs
Australian White Ibis	C,Rs,F	Little Bronze-Cuckoo	U,Sv
Straw-necked Ibis	C,Sv,F	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	C,Sv
Black-shouldered Kite	C,Rs,F	Brush Cuckoo	U,Sv
Square-tailed Kite	R,Sv	Oriental Cuckoo	R,Mn
Pacific Baza	C,Rs	Rufous Owl	R,S?
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	U,Sv	Barking Owl	U,Rs,F
Whistling Kite	C,Rs	Southern Boobook	U,Rs
Black Kite	C,Rs	Sooty Owl	U,Rs
Brown Goshawk	U,Rs	Eastern Barn Owl	C,Rs,F

Azure Kingfisher	C,Rs	Bower's Shrike-thrush	C,Rs
Little Kingfisher	R,Sv	Australian Figbird	C,Rs
Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher	R,Mn	Olive-backed Oriole	R,Sv
Laughing Kookaburra	C,Rs	White-breasted Woodswallow	R,Sv,F
Blue-winged Kookaburra	R,Rs,F	Black Butcherbird	R,S?
Forest Kingfisher	C,Rs,F	Pied Butcherbird	C,Rs,F
Sacred Kingfisher	U,Sv	Australian Magpie	C,Rs,F
Rainbow Bee-eater	C,Rs	Pied Currawong	C,Rs,F
Dollarbird	C,Mn	Spangled Drongo	C,Rs
Noisy Pitta	R,Sv	Rufous Fantail	U,Sv
White-throated Treecreeper	C,Rs	Grey Fantail	C,Rs
Spotted Catbird	C,Rs	Northern Fantail	R,Sv
Tooth-billed Bowerbird	C,Rs	Willie Wagtail	C,Rs,F
Golden Bowerbird	R,Sv	Torresian Crow	C,Rs,F
Satin Bowerbird	U,Sv	Leaden Flycatcher	C,Sv
Red-backed Fairy-wren	C,Rs,F	Satin Flycatcher	R,Sv
Yellow-throated Scrubwren	C,Rs	White-eared Monarch	U,Rs
White-browed Scrubwren	U,Rs	Black-faced Monarch	C,Mn
Atherton Scrubwren	R,Rs	Spectacled Monarch	C,Rs
Large-billed Scrubwren	C,Rs	Magpie-lark	C,Rs,F
Brown Gerygone	C,Rs	Pied Monarch	C,Rs
Fairy Gerygone	C,Rs	Yellow-breasted Boatbill	C,Rs
White-throated Gerygone	U,Rs,F	Victoria's Riflebird	C,Rs
Mountain Thornbill	R,Sv	Pale-yellow Robin	C,Rs
Spotted Pardalote	R,Rs	Grey-headed Robin	C,Rs
Eastern Spinebill	C,Rs	Golden-headed Cisticola	C,Rs,F
Lewin's Honeyeater	C,Rs	Australian Reed-Warbler	R,Sv,F
Graceful Honeyeater	R,S?	Tawny Grassbird	C,Rs,F
Bridled honeyeater	C,Rs	Silvereye	C,Rs
Dusky Honeyeater	C,Rs	Welcome Swallow	C,Rs
Scarlet Honeyeater	C,Sv	Fairy Martin	U,Sv
Brown Honeyeater	C,Rs	Tree Martin	U,Sv
White-cheeked Honeyeater	U,Sv	Bassian Thrush	U,Rs
Helmeted Friarbird	C,Rs	Metallic Starling	C,Mn
Noisy Friarbird	U,Sv	Common Myna	C,Rs,F
Macleay's Honeyeater	C,Rs	Mistletoebird	C,Rs
Chowchilla	U,Rs	Olive-backed Sunbird	U,Rs
Eastern Whipbird	C,Rs	Red-browed Finch	C,Rs
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	C,Rs,F	Nutmeg Mannikin	U,Rs,F
White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	C,Rs,F	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	C,Rs,F
Barred Cuckoo-shrike	C,Rs	House Sparrow	U,Rs,F
Cicadabird	C,Sv	Australasian Pipit	U,Rs,F
Varied Triller	C,Rs		
Golden Whistler	C,Rs		
Rufous Whistler	R,Sv,F		
Little Shrike-thrush	C,Rs		

## LIST ANNOTATIONS

### Abundance

**C=Common**

**Likely to be recorded on most visits**

**U=Uncommon**

**Recorded regularly but not every visit**

**R=Rare**

**Recorded infrequently**

### Seasonal status

**Rs=Resident, believed to occur in the area all year**

**Mn=Migrant from the North, approx Oct-Mar**

**Sv=Seasonal Visitor from within Australia**

**S?=Status uncertain**

**F=Farmland. Species more likely to be seen in farmland & habitats adjacent to the park.**

The **Abundance (C/U/R)** annotations give an indication of how easy or difficult it might be to find a species. They indicate the likelihood that an experienced birder might record the species, during a day bird-watching, at the right time of year, in the appropriate habitat., within the area described in this list.

The **Seasonal Status** annotations give a guide as how much time a species might spend in this area. Thus **Resident** species are believed to occur at least somewhere within the area all year round. **Seasonal Visitors** include migrants from within Australia, wandering nomadic species which move to the area when local conditions are suitable and also waterbirds such as ducks and egrets which may move out of the area to breed when conditions inland are suitable.

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## **The 12 Wet Tropics Endemic Birds**

Tooth-billed Bowerbird	Macleay's Honeyeater
Golden Bowerbird	Chowchilla
Fernwren	Bower's Shrike Thrush
Atherton Scrubwren	Pied Monarch
Mountain Thornbill	Victoria's Riflebird
Bridled Honeyeater	Grey-headed Robin

Information provided from Birds Australia Atlas Reports with additional details from John Grant

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# INFORMATION

*Lake Eacham* is a 50ha volcanic lake. It is 66m deep and is filled by rain falling onto the surrounding rainforest crater. The lake has no inlet or outlet but Wrights Creek and tributaries flow through the park.

The lake, crater and adjacent rainforest are preserved as the Lake Eacham section of the Crater Lakes National Park (total area 490ha) and included in the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.. It lies at about 800m asl.

This list details birds that can be seen around the lake, car park, day use area, 3km walking track round the lake, 1.4km guided walk to Macleish Rd. and roads within the park. It also lists birds which are usually found in farmland and habited areas but can be seen from roads adjacent to the park. These species may occasionally visit the park edges.

The list includes breeding residents which remain in the park such as the Spotted Catbird, regular summer migrants such as the Eastern Koel, nomadic species such as the Noisy Friarbird and other species with more complex movements such as Rainbow Bee-eaters, Spangled Drongos and Fan-tailed Cuckoos which are partly migratory from both within and outside Australia.

11 of the 12 Wet Tropics endemic birds have been recorded in the park, but Golden Bowerbirds and Mountain Thornbills are very rare. The missing species is the Fernwren which is occasionally found in similar habitat at nearby Lake Barrine. It is speculated that Fernwrens may be more sensitive to forest fragmentation and cannot survive in relatively small rainforest areas.

Visitors to Lake Eacham should also visit the TREAT rainforest display area beside the ranger station in Macleish Rd. TREAT carries out valuable work revegetating rainforest areas on the Atherton Tablelands.

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