

Birds of Byron Shire

A Bird-watchers Guide from Coast to Hinterland

Produced by Byron Bird Buddies



Scarlet Honeyeater



Eastern Great Egret



Azure Kingfisher



Eastern Osprey



Regent Bowerbird



Eastern Spinebill



Pacific Golden Plover

Welcome to Bird Watching around Byron Shire

Byron Shire lies within the lands of the Bundjalung people who are the acknowledged traditional custodians of this land.

The Shire, an area of almost 567 square kilometres, lies between the Pacific Ocean and the hills and mountains of the Tweed Caldera. It is a richly biodiverse area, situated in the wet subtropics bioregion which has the second highest diversity of Australia's 89 bioregions. It encompasses a great range of environments including wetlands and freshwater riverine systems, coastal and marine areas such as mangroves and salt marsh, paperbark swamps, grassland, sedge and heathlands, pockets of littoral rainforest and coastal vine thickets, wet and dry sclerophyll forest, and subtropical rainforest of the hinterland escarpments. These habitat niches add up to satisfy food, shelter and breeding needs for a great variety of birds and so makes it a wonderful area for bird-watchers. We hope you enjoy exploring its many beautiful and varied environments and ecological habitats.

This brochure provides information on 25 locations, from the coast to the hinterland, and a list of all the known bird species (nearly 350) which have been recorded in Byron Shire. Some vagrant and rare birds which have not been recorded for the past 15 years have been excluded from the list. Only a small selection of birds sighted within each location is provided but many of the birds in the Byron Shire species list can be viewed in suitable habitat and season at multiple sites. A definitive list can be downloaded from the BBB website.

The brochure also identifies some places within our urban areas where walking tracks and habitat revegetation are being undertaken by community members. If you wish to be involved in a revegetation project please contact Brunswick Valley Landcare through their website www.brunswickvalleylandcare.org.au

While birdwatching, remember to dress appropriately and always protect yourself against sunburn and insect bites. A pair of binoculars and a good field guide of Australian birds will undoubtedly enhance your experience.



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To contact Byron Bird Buddies, report a new bird sighting or return a tick list with details regarding site, date, time email: byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com or mail to BBB, PO Box 6, Brunswick Heads, NSW 2483

To protect wildlife please leave your dog at home.
Fines apply in National Parks.

Detailed information for many of the locations can be found in the book Byron Trails 50 walking adventures in Byron Bay and Beyond by Mairead Cleary obtainable from most local book stores or tourist outlets.



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Birds you may see in Byron Shire
Key - Status relative to the Byron Shire; threatened species are highlighted and birds are listed by habitat e.g. waterbirds to bushbirds

Threatened Species - NSW

C = common in the Byron Shire
U = Uncommon in the Byron Shire
R = Rare in the Byron Shire
I = Introduced species

Ocean Birds

- Yellow-nosed Albatross **U**
- Wedge-tailed Shearwater **U**
- Short-tailed Shearwater **C**
- Lesser Frigatebird **U**
- Great Frigatebird **U**

Gannets, Gulls and Terns

- Australasian Gannet **C**
- Pomarine Jaeger **U**
- Common Noddy **U**
- **Grey Ternlet R**
- Black Noddy **U**
- Sooty Tern **R**
- **Little Tern C**
- Gull-billed Tern **U**
- Caspian Tern **U**
- Whiskered Tern **U**
- White-winged Black Tern **R**
- Common Tern **C**
- Crested Tern **C**
- Silver Gull **C**

Darters, Cormorants & Pelicans

- Australasian Darter **C**
- Little Pied Cormorant **C**
- Great Cormorant **C**
- Little Black Cormorant **C**
- Pied Cormorant **C**
- Australian Pelican **C**

Shorebirds

- **Bush Stone-curlew U**
- **Beach Stone-curlew U**
- **Australian Pied Oystercatcher C**
- **Sooty Oystercatcher U**
- Black-winged Stilt **C**
- Pacific Golden Plover **C**
- Red-capped Plover **C**
- Double-banded Plover **U**
- **Lesser Sand Plover U**
- **Greater Sand Plover R**
- Black-fronted Dotterel **C**
- Red-kneed Dotterel **C**
- Masked Lapwing **C**
- **Comb-crested Jacana C**
- Latham's Snipe **C**
- **Australian Painted Snipe R**
- Little Curlew **R**

- Whimbrel **C**
- **Eastern Curlew C**
- **Terek Sandpiper R**
- Common Sandpiper **U**
- Grey-tailed Tattler **C**
- Wandering Tattler **U**
- Common Greenshank **U**
- Marsh Sandpiper **R**
- Wood Sandpiper **R**
- Ruddy Turnstone **U**
- **Great Knot R**
- Red Knot **R**
- **Sanderling U**
- Red-necked Stint **U**
- Pectoral Sandpiper **U**
- Sharp-tailed Sandpiper **C**
- **Curlew Sandpiper U**
- Broad-billed Sandpiper **R**

Geese, Ducks, Swans & Grebes

- **Magpie Goose U**
- Plumed Whistling-Duck **U**
- Wandering Whistling-Duck **U**
- Musk Duck **R**
- **Freckled Duck U**
- Black Swan **C**
- Australian Wood Duck **C**
- Pink-eared Duck **R**
- Australasian Shoveler **U**
- Grey Teal **C**
- Chestnut Teal **U**
- Pacific Black Duck **C**
- Hardhead **C**
- Australasian Grebe **C**
- Hoary-headed Grebe **R**

Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns

- **Australasian Bittern U**
- Australian Little Bittern **R**
- Black Bittern **R**
- White-necked Heron **C**
- Eastern Great Egret **C**
- Intermediate Egret **C**
- Cattle Egret **C**
- Striated Heron **C**
- White-faced Heron **C**
- Little Egret **C**
- Eastern Reef Egret **U**
- Nankeen Night Heron **U**

Ibises & Spoonbills

- Glossy Ibis **C**
- Australian White Ibis **C**
- Straw-necked Ibis **C**
- Royal Spoonbill **C**
- Yellow-billed Spoonbill **U**

Storks & Brolgas

- **Black-necked Stork C**
- **Brolga R**

Crakes, Rails & Waterhens

- Purple Swamphen **C**
- Lewin's Rail **U**
- Buff-banded Rail **C**
- Baillon's Crake **U**
- Australian Spotted Crake **U**
- Spotless Crake **U**
- **Pale-vented Bush-hen R**
- Black-tailed Native Hen **R**
- Dusky Moorhen **C**
- Eurasian Coot **C**

Mound-Builders, Quails & Button-Quails

- Australian Brush-turkey **C**
- Stubble Quail **U**
- Brown Quail **C**
- King Quail **U**
- **Red-backed Button-quail R**
- Painted Button-quail **R**

Kites, Hawks, Eagles & Falcons

- **Eastern Osprey C**
- Black-shouldered Kite **C**
- **Square-tailed Kite U**
- Pacific Baza **C**
- White-bellied Sea-Eagle **C**
- Whistling Kite **C**
- Brahminy Kite **C**
- Black Kite **R**
- Brown Goshawk **C**
- Collared Sparrowhawk **C**
- Grey Goshawk **U**
- **Spotted Harrier U**
- Swamp Harrier **C**
- Wedge-tailed Eagle **C**
- **Little Eagle U**
- Nankeen Kestrel **C**
- Brown Falcon **C**
- Australian Hobby **C**
- **Black Falcon U**
- Peregrine Falcon **C**

Frogmouths, Nightjars & Owls

- Tawny Frogmouth **C**
- **Marbled Frogmouth U**
- White-throated Nightjar **U**
- Australian Owlet-nightjar **C**
- **Powerful Owl U**
- Southern Boobook **C**
- **Sooty Owl U**
- Masked Owl **U**
- Eastern Barn Owl **C**

Pigeons and Doves

- Rock Dove **I, C**
- White-headed Pigeon **C**
- Spotted Dove **I, C**
- Brown Cuckoo-Dove **C**

- Emerald Dove **C**
- Common Bronzewing **R**
- Crested Pigeon **C**
- Peaceful Dove **C**
- Bar-shouldered Dove **C**
- Wonga Pigeon **U**
- **Wompoo Fruit-Dove U**
- **Superb Fruit-Dove U**
- **Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove C**
- Topknot Pigeon **C**

Cockatoos, Parrots & Lorikeets

- **Glossy Black-Cockatoo R**
- Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo **C**
- Galah **C**
- Long-billed Corella **U**
- Little Corella **C**
- Sulphur-crested Cockatoo **C**
- Rainbow Lorikeet **C**
- Scaly-breasted Lorikeet **C**
- Musk Lorikeet **R**
- Little Lorikeet **R**
- Australian King-Parrot **C**
- Crimson Rosella **C**
- Eastern Rosella **C**
- Pale-headed Rosella **R**

Cuckoos

- Pheasant Coucal **C**
- Common Koel **C**
- Channel-billed Cuckoo **C**
- Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo **U**
- Shining Bronze-Cuckoo **C**
- Little Bronze-Cuckoo **U**
- Fan-tailed Cuckoo **C**
- Brush Cuckoo **C**

Kingfishers, Bee-eaters & Rollers

- Azure Kingfisher **C**
- Laughing Kookaburra **C**
- Forest Kingfisher **C**
- Sacred Kingfisher **C**
- **Collared Kingfisher U**
- Rainbow Bee-eater **C**
- Dollarbird **C**

Swifts & Woodswallows

- White-breasted Woodswallow **C**
- Dusky Woodswallow **R**
- White-throated Needletail **C**
- Fork-tailed Swift **U**

Swallows & Martins

- Welcome Swallow **C**
- Fairy Martin **C**
- Tree Martin **C**

Pittas, Lyrebirds & Treecreepers

- Noisy Pitta **C**
- **Albert's Lyrebird U**
- White-throated Treecreeper **C**

Bowerbirds & Riflebirds

- Green Catbird **C**
- Regent Bowerbird **C**
- Satin Bowerbird **C**
- Paradise Riflebird **U**

Fairy-Wrens

- Superb Fairy-wren **C**
- Red-backed Fairy-wren **C**
- Variegated Fairy-wren **C**

Scrubwrens, Thornbills & Pardalotes

- Yellow-throated Scrubwren **U**
- White-browed Scrubwren **C**
- Large-billed Scrubwren **U**
- Brown Gerygone **R**
- Mangrove Gerygone **U**
- White-throated Gerygone **C**
- Striated Thornbill **R**
- Yellow-rumped Thornbill **U**
- Yellow Thornbill **U**
- Brown Thornbill **C**
- Brown Gerygone **R**
- Mangrove Gerygone **U**
- Spotted Pardalote **C**
- Striated Pardalote **C**

Honeyeaters

- Eastern Spinebill **C**
- Lewin's Honeyeater **C**
- Yellow-faced Honeyeater **C**
- Noisy Miner **C**
- Little Wattlebird **C**
- Red Wattlebird **R**
- Scarlet Honeyeater **C**
- Brown Honeyeater **C**
- White-cheeked Honeyeater **C**
- White-throated Honeyeater **U**
- White-naped Honeyeater **U**
- Blue-faced Honeyeater **U**
- Noisy Friarbird **C**
- Little Friarbird **U**
- Striped Honeyeater **C**
- Painted Honeyeater **R**

Babblers, Logrunners & Whipbirds

- Grey-crowned Babbler **R**
- Australian Logrunner **C**
- Eastern Whipbird **C**

Sittellas, Cuckoo-shrikes & Trillers

- **Varied Sittella R**
- Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike **C**
- White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike **U**
- **Barred Cuckoo-shrike R**
- Cicadabird **U**
- White-winged Triller **U**
- Varied Triller **C**

Shrike-tits & Whistlers

- Crested Shrike-tit **R**
- Golden Whistler **C**
- Rufous Whistler **C**
- Little Shrike-thrush **U**
- Grey Shrike-thrush **C**

Figbirds, Orioles & Riflebirds

- Australasian Figbird **C**
- Olive-backed Oriole **C**
- Paradise Riflebird **U**

Crows, Butcherbirds & Allies

- Torresian Crow **C**
- Grey Butcherbird **C**
- Pied Butcherbird **C**
- Australian Magpie **C**
- Pied Currawong **C**
- Spangled Drongo **C**

Fantails & White-eyes

- Rufous Fantail **R**
- Grey Fantail **C**
- Willy Wagtail **C**
- Silveryeye **C**

Flycatchers & Monarchs

- Leaden Flycatcher **C**
- Satin Flycatcher **R**
- Restless Flycatcher **C**
- White-eared Monarch **U**
- Black-faced Monarch **U**
- Spectacled Monarch **U**
- Magpie-lark **C**

Robins & Thrushes

- Rose Robin **R**
- Pale-yellow Robin **U**
- Eastern Yellow Robin **C**
- Bassian Thrush **R**
- Russet-tailed Thrush **R**

Reed-warblers & Grassbirds

- Golden-headed Cisticola **C**
- Australian Reed-Warbler **C**
- Little Grassbird **C**
- Tawny Grassbird **C**

Finches, Mannikins & Flowerpeckers

- Double-barred Finch **C**
- Red-browed Finch **C**
- Chestnut-breasted Mannikin **C**
- Mistletoebird **C**

Mynas, Sparrows, Pipits & Wagtails

- Common Myna **I, U**
- House Sparrow **I, C**
- Australasian Pipit **U**
- Eastern Yellow Wagtail **R**

Byron Shire Birding Sites

Coastal 1-17 Hinterland 18-25

Coastal – Unless stated, most of the sites described are serviced by good tarred roads and adequate parking space is available. For all coastal NPWS parks & reserves, toilets are available & day carpark fees or NPWS annual pass apply.

1: -28.705716, 153.614636 Broken Head Nature Reserve (NPWS) – Three Sister Track

Includes near-shore rocky islands, sandy beaches, rocky coves, grassy headlands, woodlands, littoral rainforest, ridges & gullies. **Access:** End of Broken Head Reserve Road 7km south of Byron Bay. A 1.6km track starts at the top of the grassy hill. **Birds sighted include:** Sooty Oystercatcher, Crested, Little & Common Tern, Golden Whistler, Noisy Pitta, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Eastern Reef Egret.

2: -28.671248, 153.612025 Suffolk Park Pedestrian/Bike Track, Old STP & Arakwal NP

Heathlands, paperbark swamp, modified coastal vegetation (Arakwal NP), cypress pine forest, freshwater ponds (Old Sewage Plant) & wooden bridge crossing over Tallow Creek. **Access:** Easy 3km walking/bike track, off Broken Head Road, north-end of the Byron Holiday Park opposite the golf course (limited parking) or end of Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Several beach access points. Toilets available on Alcorn St. **Birds sighted include:** Varied Triller, White-browed Scrubwren, Tawny Grassbird, Nankeen Night Heron, Brahminy Kite, Red-backed Fairy-wren.

3: -28.666423, 153.615515 -28.645046, 153.630478

Arakwal National Park (NPWS) – Byron Bay Includes coastal heath, sedgeland, scrub & bushland. **Access:** Multiple walking tracks – (1) Ironbark (2) Pacific Vista, (3) Beachcomber (4) Milne (5) Ocean St. - all tracks join up by a short beach walk & some join up from the back of the dunes. Access points off the beach are not clearly marked so a map is advisable. Limited on-street parking, so best park at Cosy Corner picnic area off Lighthouse Road, or Patterson Hill near water tower off Patterson St. or Byron High School off Broken Head/Bangalow Rd. **Birds sighted include:** Little Wattlebird, Brown,

Lewin's and White-cheeked Honeyeater, Square-tailed & Brahminy Kite, Rainbow Bee-eater, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Variegated Fairy-wren.

4: -28.686322, 153.528226
Bangalow – Byron Creek Walk. A 'work in progress' by Bangalow Land & Rivercare. Riparian vegetation, remnant & planted big scrub rainforest trees, introduced species, constructed wetland near Heritage House. **Access:** Walking track starts behind Bangalow Sportsfield off Byron Bay Road, or from Heritage House (Ashton St.) the track goes L or R. Parking and facilities available both places. **Birds sighted include:** White-faced Heron, Superb Fairy-wren, White-headed Pigeon, Striated Pardalote.

5: -28.744122, 153.447208
Booyong Nature Reserve A level walking track through 16ha of sub-tropical rainforest; a Big Scrub remnant. **Access:** Off the Lismore Bangalow Road, turn left into Stewarts Road, then left into Booyong Road - about 2km to the Reserve. Toilets are across the road & insect repellent needed. **Rainforest birds sighted include:** Green Catbird, Emerald Dove, Grey Goshawk, White-headed & Topknot Pigeon.

6: -28.641743, 153.625961
Cape Byron State Conservation Area and waters of the Cape Byron Marine Park (NPWS) Spectacular coastal views, rocky shores, palm forest, coastal rainforest, beach, grassland and cliff-tops. The partly constructed 3.7km walking loop, from Clarkes Beach to the Cape Byron Lighthouse across the Tallow Ridge hill-top & back to Clarkes Beach, is a good place to view ocean birds. Particularly rewarding following stormy weather. **Access:** From carparks off Lighthouse Road, either at Clarkes Beach, Captain Cook Lookout, The Pass or Wategoes Beach. The track is steep. **Birds sighted include:** Great & Lesser Frigatebird, Common Noddy, Caspian Tern, Wedge-tailed & Short-tailed Shearwater, Yellow-nosed Albatross, Nankeen Kestrel.

7: -28.644267, 153.608838
Cumbebin Wetlands NR Boardwalk & Bike Track to Ewingsdale Road Rejuvenated paperbark wetlands, palms & birds-nest ferns in the shallow lagoons. **Access:** Ten minute walk west of the Byron CBD, behind Butler market grounds, access boardwalk off Wordsworth St. access to bike track from end Somerset St. Facilities in town. short walk left on Ewingsdale Road there is another track into Cumbebin NR. Insect repellent needed. **Birds sighted include:** Sacred Kingfisher, Lewin's Honeyeater, Australian White Ibis, maybe a Black Bittern!

8: -28.623369, 153.589113
Belongil Estuary – Sanctuary zone within the Cape Byron Marine Park. Important breeding area for the Pied Oystercatcher and Red-capped Plover – please observe the signs & definitely a NO dog area. Tidal waters, sandy beach, exposed mud/sand flats (low tide), coastal vegetation. **Access:** Either from end of Bayshore Drive via a public track across Elements Resort to the beach, R (150m) to the Estuary or from Manfred Street on the Belongil Peninsula, L on the beach, (500m) to the Estuary – low tide only. **Birds sighted include:** Little, Common & Crested Tern, Pied Oystercatcher, Red-capped, Double-banded & Pacific Golden Plover, Bar-tailed Godwit, Glossy Black-Cockatoo, Azure Kingfisher.

9: -28.630294, 153.576910
Byron Wetlands – part of the 100ha Byron Integrated Water Management Reserve **Access:** Bayshore Drive off Ewingsdale Road, 1st left (Wallum Place) after Shopping Centre. Key to the electronic gate obtained from Byron Shire Council's website: www.byron.nsw.gov.au or for temporary access, phone Council; Waste Water & Treatment Plant Office - 6685 9304. Toilet Access No. is 1960. **Birds:** Approx 230 bird species have been observed on this site & most birds in this brochure (rainforest & ocean birds excluded) may be observed here. For a site list see 'Birds of the Byron Wetlands' brochure; obtained from the on-site bird hide or download a PDF from BBB or Council website.

10: -28.604154, 153.575405
Tyagarah Nature Reserve - Management Trail (NPWS) Coastal heath, saltmarsh, swamp sclerophyll, swamp oak forest, littoral, subtropical and lowland rainforest. **Access:** Carpark at end of Grays Lane (parking fees apply) off the Pacific Highway, 9km north from Byron interchange – track starts 100m back along the road from carpark or from end of South Beach Road, Brunswick Heads. An easy, 7.5km (15km return) walking trail, between the beach & Simpsons Creek, with several beach access points, enabling a shorter

looped return walk to carparks. **Birds sighted include:** Swamp Harrier, Whistling Kite, Red-backed Fairy-wren, Rufous Whistler, Lewin's Honeyeater, Rufous Fantail, Striated Pardalote, Silvereye, Olive-backed Oriole.

11: -28.551609, 153.547231
Brunswick Heads – Sportsfield Exposed sandflats at low tide, mangroves, natural & modified creek-edge vegetation, mown areas & coastal vegetation. **Access:** South of town centre (1km) turn east off Tweed Street near skate-park & carpark on left. Return walk along the west edge of Simpsons Creek & old Brunswick Heads



STP site, to the waters edge. The road in is transected by bike path enabling a walk south to Bayside Village or north to town centre. **Birds sighted include:** Scaly-breasted and Rainbow Lorikeet, Double-barred Finch, Sacred Kingfisher, Grey and Pied Butcherbird, Royal Spoonbill, Eastern Curlew.

**12: -28.535417, 153.544958
Brunswick River & Reading Bay –
Byron Bay Eco Cruises & Kayaks**

Sand flats, mangroves, tall eucalypt trees & other coastal vegetation. **Access:** (See access –site 13) Cruise departs from the fisherman's wharf, adjacent to Brunswick Heads Fishermen's Co-op, also offer guided kayak tours to access the narrow creeks. Bookings, Simon & Lorraine www.byronbaycruises.com.au **Birds sighted include:** Australian Pelicans, cormorants, shorebirds, coastal raptors, Azure, Collared & Sacred Kingfisher, White-faced Heron, Rainbow Bee-eater.

**13: -28.535600, 153.543670
Brunswick Heads River Walk**

Littoral & mangrove forests, some open spaces & sand-flats at low tide. **Access:** Park at Fishermen's Co-op Tweed St. - 800m north from town centre. The easy walking track starts off the dirt road - L as you enter & goes west, under the highway, through Ferry Reserve camping area to a dirt road into the Brunswick NR (west), walk as far as possible & return. **Birds sighted include:** Spangled Drongo, Cicadabird, Rose Robin, Little & Long-billed Corella, Grey Shrike-thrush, Grey Fantail, Brush Cuckoo.

**14: -28.529261, 153.530483
Ocean Shores Waste Water
Treatment Plant**

Permission from the Waste Water & Treatment Plant Office - 02 66267000 Mainly lowland rainforest, remnant littoral rainforest, mangrove forest, grasses, sedges & settling ponds. **Access:** North over the Brunswick River on Tweed Valley Way, take 1st left off roundabout, travel 800mts, L under the motorway, through the top gate, L on a dirt track (100m) before the 2nd gate to a small 2-3 vehicle carpark or park on road edge. Ponds are on the right, easy walking east along a tree-lined track, or walk up the road to the entrance-gate and back. No facilities & closed at week ends. **Birds sighted include:** White-eared

Monarch, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Tawny Grassbird, Restless Flycatcher.

**15: -28.533621, 153.552682
Brunswick River Nature Reserve
(Northside) (NPWS) – New Brighton**

Breeding area for the Pied Oystercatcher and Beach Stone-curlew – please observe all signs. Mangrove, casuarina forest, mudflats at low tide, rock retaining walls & oyster-lease provide good roosting sites for shore & waterbirds. **Access:** North over Brunswick River Bridge on Tweed Valley Way, 2nd exit off roundabout into Rajah Rd, 2nd L into Warrnambool Rd, 2nd exit next roundabout continuing over Orana Bridge, 1st R into North Head Rd. to end of the dirt road. Easy walking from the carpark to the beach & track to North Wall (1km return) or short track (R) to Marshals Creek. Toilets available. Short diversion - after crossing the Brunswick River takes 3rd exit on roundabout back towards river, go L (50m) on side track to the end of Oyster Lease Rd). **Birds sighted include:** Grey-tailed Tattler, Beach Stone-curlew, Ruddy Turnstone, Bar-tailed Godwit, Great Cormorant, Collared Kingfisher, Eastern Reef Egret, Gull-billed Tern.

**16: -28.526237, 153.542979
Yalla Kool – Devines Hill Walk
– Ocean Shores**

A 'work in progress' by community members of Brunswick Valley Landcare. A moderately steep walking track through revegetated & regenerating littoral rainforest to Devines Hill Look-out. **Access:** Park at Inderwong Av. off Rajah Road, Ocean Shores, take the high track over small bridge on L & walk up to Warrnambool Rd, slight L to the steps to the Lookout. Return the same way or via Tongarra Dr. **Birds sighted include:** Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Spangled Drongo, Australasian Figbird, Brown Thornbill, Scaly-breasted Lorikeet.

**17: -28.501147, 153.540702
Marshalls Creek Nature Reserve
– Old New Brighton Road**

Mangroves, saltmarsh, swamp forest communities, sclerophyll forest with rainforest species & littoral rainforest. **Access:** From New Brighton travel north on New Brighton Road for about 3km, after crossing a small bridge L into Old New Brighton Road (no through road) & park on road-side. Easy 1.5km (return)

walk through the Reserve to the end of the cement path. Possible to walk under motorway to Billinudgel and return crossing the motorway via the overhead bridge. Facilities available at New Brighton Sports Oval. **Birds sighted include:** Spectacled Monarch, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Red-browed Finch, Yellow-faced & Scarlet Honeyeater, Regent Bowerbird, Pheasant Coucal.

**18: -28.493511, 153.535787
Billinudgel Nature Reserve
– North Ocean Shores/ Wooyung**

Dry sclerophyll, swamp forest, littoral scrub, heath, fern-sedge swamp & fresh water creeks. **Access:** Multiple accesses but limited parking & no facilities; (1) off Flinders Way, North Ocean Shores (2) end of Pacific Esplanade, South Golden Beach (3) end of Jones Road off Tweed Valley Way (4) Jones Road off Wooyung Road. Easy walking, some steep, well defined NPWS fire trails. All tracks linked to each access point or to the beach. Looped trips possible or walk distances returning the same way. **Birds sighted include:** Australian Logrunner, Forest King-fisher, Australian Owlet-nightjar, Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Leaden Flycatcher, Rufous Whistler.

Hinterland – Much of the hinterland in Byron Shire is private land, and most of the roads are narrow, dangerous and busy - so take care. Birdwatching can be rewarding from the roadside but only park where it is safe to do so. KBA = Key Biodiversity Area

**19: -28.547511, 153.501709
Mullumbimby Heritage Park & River Walk**

A 'work in progress' by members of Brunswick Valley Landcare. A mixture of old planted rainforest trees, mangroves, palm forests, introduced species & other native riparian vegetation. **Access:** Track starts from Heritage Park carpark at end of Stewart or Dalley St, (north off Burringbar St), and follows the Brunswick River past Federation Bridge to Palm Park, then behind the swimming pool & post office, over the small Saltwater Creek Bridge ending at the high school boundary. Easy walk on formal and informal tracks along the tidal reaches of the river. **Birds sighted include:** Many urban species as well as Tawny Frogmouth, Azure Kingfisher, White-faced Heron.

**20: -28.543485, 153.519914
Vallances Road – Brunswick Valley Waste
Water Treatment Plant - Mullumbimby**
Permission required - Byron Shire - 02 66267000. An 85ha site on the north bank of the Brunswick River. Native remnants, revegetated & introduced vegetation, billabongs, scattered mature eucalypts, mangroves, reed beds, saltmarsh, paperbark swamp, freshwater & brackish ponds. **Access:** Off Coolamon Scenic Drive between Ocean Shores (8km) & Mullumbimby (5km) – drive to end of bitumen, through entrance gate on R, through 2nd gate (150m) on R & park before the grid (100m). Easy walking on vehicle tracks or along edges of the fence line. From carpark; (1) L track leads to a large paddock & sandy beach (2) middle track crosses 2 exit/entry points of the west billabong then along the river (3) R track follows the fence line along north edge of the west billabong. No facilities, parking area not shaded. Cattle may graze the open spaces; leave gates as you find them. **Birds sighted include:** Wedge-tailed Eagle, Black-shouldered Kite, Brown Goshawk, Collared Sparrowhawk, Shining-bronze Cuckoo, Spotted Pardalote, Rose Robin.

**21: -28.651966, 153.456001
Federal Park Walking Track**

Park revegetated with mainly local rainforest species & Australian native plants. Many Camphor Laurel trees & watch for Koalas. **Access:** Travel to Federal via Federal Drive, Binna Burra Road or Coorabell Road. Opposite the Store is Federal Skate Park, from here a short easy walk to the Community Centre, then down Coorabell Road to Wean Way & back up the hill (moderately steep) to Federal Drive and the beginning. **Birds sighted include:** Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Crested Pigeon, Pacific Baza, Little Wattlebird, Mistletoebird, Brown Goshawk, Eastern Rosella.

**22: -28.583989, 153.409783
Goonengerry National Park –
Nightcap Range KBA**

Area of sub-tropical rainforest; flooded gum, tallowwood, blackbutt, dry sclerophyll & dry eucalyptus forest. Easy to moderate walking/fire tracks from the carpark **Access:** SW from Mullumbimby on Coolamon Scenic Drive, at top of range (R) into Goonengerry Rd, again at top of range (R) into Mill Rd (14.7km), follow signs to the NP & park end of Garrong Road. Three tracks; South loop, (3.9km) mid -

Waterfall Loop (4.3km) & North Boundary Trail (8.3km) - all tracks lead back to the car park. Signage is poor. No facilities. **Birds sighted include:** Sooty Owl, Albert's Lyrebird, Satin Bowerbird, King Parrot, Spotted Pardalote.

**23: -28.536592, 153.416149
Mt. Jerusalem National Park -
Koonyum Range – Nightcap Range KBA**

Dry weather only. Area of wet sclerophyll forests, tall open forests with well developed understory, warm temperate rainforest & montane heath. **Access:** Head SW from Mullumbimby on Coolamon Scenic Drive for 2km, turn (R) into Wilsons Creek Rd after 5km (R) into Koonyum Range Road - 2km to the National Park boundary. From boundary, several tracks off Koonyum Range Rd. worth investigating: (1) Teals Lookout on L (1.1km), park (R) side of road & short walk to the top. (2) Rayners Track on R (2.1km), park on roadside - a gradual descending wide track to a dam (4km return), another 2km to Boogarem Road on (R) & park, (3) Nandaly Rd Track on L (4 km return). Travel 1.2km on Boogarem Road then (R) to (4) Lookout Track, after 0.7km there is a 100m track R to the lookout. **Birds sighted include:** Wedge-tailed Eagle, Regent Bowerbird, Eastern Rosella, Scarlet Honeyeater.

**24: -28.548652, 153.379933
Mt. Jerusalem NP – Huonbrook
– Nightcap Range KBA**

Area of subtropical rainforest & roadside vegetation of the NP. **Access:** Head SW from Mullumbimby on Coolamon Scenic Drive for 2km, turn (R) into Wilsons Creek Road - follow this road for 9.5km – then (L) into Huonbrook Road, travel another 3.4km to Mill Road & park on the corner and walk up the road. **Birds sighted include:** Albert's Lyrebird, Green Catbird, Satin & Regent Bowerbird, Wompoo & White-headed Pigeon.

**25: -28.491264, 153.68637
Mt. Jerusalem National Park - Middle
Ridge Trail – Nightcap Range (KBA)**

Warm temperate rainforest, dry sclerophyll on the ridge line and wet forest in the gully. **Access:** From Mullumbimby take the Main Arm Road to Uki – travel 17.6km, turn left into Middle Ridge Road, after 1.2km on the (R) is the start of Middle Ridge Trail. Easy walking, with slow descent; 1.4km to a clearing & junction of 3 tracks, take the 2nd Sandy Ridge Rd, moderate descent to Rowlands Creek & return. **Birds sighted include:** Green Catbird, Satin Bowerbird, Paradise Riflebird.