

# QUEST Species Guide

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**Brush Turkey** – Common. Found in most rainforest environments such as Sea Acre NR and Wingham Brush. Often seen at Shelly Beach, Port Macquarie.

**Stubble Quail** – Uncommon. Rural grassland species. Possible locations – Rawdon Island Rd, Costigans Lane -Yarras, Ponsford Road - Comboyne and Aldavilla. More likely to be heard than seen. “Ridgy-didge” call a giveaway.

**Brown Quail** – Common. Most frequently seen at Partridge Creek or along roadside verges.

**King Quail** – Uncommon. Best known location is Partridge Creek and in tea tree plantations along Maria River Rd. More likely to be heard than seen.

**Magpie Goose** – Rare. Listed as **Vulnerable**. Occasionally seen at the sewage treatment ponds on Lake Rd and has also been seen at Partridge Creek and King Creek Rd Lagoon. **Report any sightings**

**Plumed Whistling Duck** – Uncommon. May turn up at any suitable wetland such as King Creek Rd Lagoon, Barnett’s Lagoon at Gladstone, Belmore Swamps and Boyters Lane, Jerseyville.

**Wandering Whistling Duck** - Uncommon. May turn up at any suitable wetland such as King Creek Rd Lagoon, Belmore Swamps, Port Macquarie STW, The Lily Pond on Mimosa Drive, PM , Boyters Lane, Jerseyville and Barnett’s Lagoon, Gladstone.

**Musk Duck** – Rare. Best known location is Steuart McIntyre Dam at Yarravel. Occasionally on Rosendahl Reservoir, PM. Cattai Wetlands at Cooperook is another possible spot. It has also been seen at Seale Rd, Belmore Swamps when there has been plenty of water. **Report any sightings.**

**Pink-eared Duck** – Uncommon. May turn up at Boyters Lane, Cattai Wetlands, Cattai Creek wetlands and King Creek Rd Lagoon.

**Freckled Duck** – Rare and **vulnerable**. May turn up at any permanent wetland, recent sites have been at Seale Rd, Belmore Swamps when there is plenty of water. **Report any sightings**

**Black Swan** – Common. May appear in any suitable water habitat in the Quest area.

**Australian Wood Duck** – Common. May appear in any suitable habitat in the Quest area.

**Hardhead** – Common. May appear in any suitable water habitat in the Quest area.

**Australasian Shoveler** – Uncommon. Boyters Lane, Barnetts Lagoon, Belmore Swamps and Cattai Wetlands are known locations.

**Pacific Black Duck** - Common. May appear in any suitable water habitat in the Quest area.

**Grey Teal** – Common. May appear in any suitable water habitat in the Quest area.

**Chestnut Teal** - Common. May appear in any suitable water habitat in the Quest area.

**Australasian Grebe** - Common. May appear in any suitable water habitat in the Quest area.

**Hoary-headed Grebe** – Uncommon. Likely locations are Steuart McIntyre Dam, Belmore Swamp, Rosendahl Dam, Cattai Wetlands, Port Macquarie STW and Bootawa Dam, Taree.

**Great Crested Grebe** – Uncommon. Prefers deep permanent water fringed with Cumbungi, such as Stuart McIntyre, Rosendahl, Cowarra and Bootawa Dams.

**Rock Dove** – Common.

**White-headed Pigeon** – Common rainforest species. More often seen when the camphor laurel trees are fruiting. Flies very fast in ones and twos through woodland habitat.

**Spotted Dove** – Common. Urban and rural sites

**Brown Cuckoo-Dove** – Common. Rainforest and wet eucalyptus forests.

**Wonga Pigeon** – Uncommon. Eucalyptus forest & woodlands. More likely to be heard than seen.

**Common Bronzewing** – Rare. Mountain forests and woodlands. Has been seen at Big Hill campground, Limeburners Creek NR and Kangaroo Flat Rd, Yarrowitch. **Report any sighting.**

**Brush Bronzewing** – Rare. Heathlands and forests. Upper Pappinbarra, Werrikimbe NP, Limeburners Creek NP. **Report any sighting**

**Crested Pigeon** – Common, urban and rural woodlands

**Peaceful Dove** – Uncommon. Regular sightings at Wauchope Cemetery, Yippin Creek, Druitt St, South Kempsey and Scarborough Way, Dunbogan.

**Bar-shouldered Dove** – Common, Paperbark Swamps, heathlands and rural woodlands

**Brown-capped Emerald Dove** – Uncommon. Mostly a rainforest inhabitant. May occasionally be found at Yippin Creek, Ellenborough camp ground, Wingham Brush, Cattai wetlands & Sea-Acres Reserve.

**Wompoo Fruit Dove** – Uncommon and **vulnerable**. Mostly a rainforest inhabitant. May be found at Sea Acres NR, Boorganna NR, Old Bottlebutt, Burrawan SF, Logan's Crossing, Harrington Rainforest and North Shore Drive rainforests. **Report any sightings.**

**Rose-crowned Fruit Dove** – Uncommon and vulnerable. A rainforest inhabitant. Occasionally found at Sea Acres NR, Harrington Rainforest, Settlement Point/North Shore Reserves and Boorganna NR. Heard more often than seen. **Report any sightings.**

**Superb fruit-Dove** – Rare. Rainforests. Sea-Acres NR, North Shore reserves, Boorganna NR and Ellenborough. More often heard than seen. **Report any sightings.**

**Topknot Pigeon** – Uncommon rainforest species. More often seen when the camphor laurel trees are fruiting. Travels in high flying flocks between locations.

**Tawny Frogmouth** – Common but not always easy to see due to its camouflaging ability. Urban and Rural woodlands.

**White-throated Nightjar** – Common summer migrant. Nocturnal woodland inhabitant occasionally flushed from the ground where it roosts and nests. More often heard than seen.

**Australian Owlet-Nightjar** – Common. Nocturnal woodland inhabitant. More often heard than seen.

**Fork-tailed Swift** – Uncommon summer migrant. More often found near the coast and in the company of White-throated Needletails.

**White-throated Needletail** – Common summer migrant. Overhead of coastal forests, urban and rural; woodlands

**Pheasant Coucal** – Common. Paperbark Forests and swampy areas with long grass. More often heard than seen.

**Eastern Koel** – Common summer migrant. Urban and rural woodlands

**Channel-billed Cuckoo** – Common summer migrant. Urban and rural woodlands

**Shining Bronze-Cuckoo** – Common. Woodlands & forests

**Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo** – Uncommon. Heathlands, rural and wetlands sites.

**Little Bronze-Cuckoo** – Rare summer migrant. Has occasionally been found at King Creek, Partridge Creek, Yarravel, Sherwood, Kempsey & Jerseyville. Woodlands & forests. More often heard than seen. **Report any occurrence.**

**Fan-tailed Cuckoo** – Common. More often heard than seen usually from July into spring. Woodlands & forests.

**Brush Cuckoo** – Uncommon summer migrant. Forests and woodlands

**Pallid Cuckoo** – Uncommon summer migrant. Numbers vary from year to year. Heathlands and rural sites.

**Lewin's Rail** – Common. Found in wetlands, rural roadside ditches with thick reed or grass cover. More often heard than seen. Well known sites are Partridge Creek, Munday's Lane and Boyter's Lane.

**Buff-banded Rail** – Common. Found in wetlands, rural roadside ditches with thick reed or grass cover. Not as secretive as other Rails and Crakes and often seen in the open. Well known sites are Partridge Creek, Seale Rd and Boyter's Lane

**Spotted Crake** – Uncommon. Found in wetlands with thick reed or grass cover. Secretive, more often heard than seen. Known sites are Kooloonbung Creek NR, Limeburners NR and Boyter's Lane.

**Baillon's Crake** – Uncommon summer migrant. Found in wetlands with thick reed or grass cover. Secretive, more often heard than seen. Known sites are Boyter's Lane and the wetlands at the end of Iona Avenue, behind St Columba's school.

**Spotless Crake** – Uncommon. Found in wetlands with thick reed or grass cover. Secretive, more often heard than seen. Known sites are Seale Rd, Boyter's Lane and the wetlands at the end of Iona Avenue, behind St Columba's school.

**Pale-vented Bush-hen** – Rare. Only known site was Ian & Deidre Kerr's farm at Lower Pappinbarra. Has not been located since 2019/2020 fires and unlikely after 2021 floods. **Report if sighted anywhere.**

**Purple Swamphen** – Common. May appear in any suitable wetland habitat in the Quest area.

**Dusky Moorhen** - Common. May appear in any suitable wetland habitat in the Quest area.

**Eurasian Coot** - Common. May appear in any suitable wetland habitat in the Quest area.

**Brolga** – Uncommon nomad. Prefers grassland or edges of wetlands. Most often seen on the Macleay floodplains along Hat Head Rd, Plummers Lane and Boyter’s Lane. Occasionally Partridge Creek.

**Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross** – **Endangered**. Uncommon winter visitor. Most often seen from Tacking Point Lighthouse. Does not overfly land. **Report any sightings.**

**Black-browed Albatross** – **Endangered**. Uncommon winter visitor. Most often seen from Tacking Point Lighthouse. Does not overfly land. **Report any sightings**

**Shy Albatross** – **Endangered**. Uncommon winter visitor. Most often seen from Tacking Point Lighthouse. Does not overfly land. **Report any sightings.**

**Fairy Prion** – Uncommon winter visitor. Most often seen from Tacking Point Lighthouse. Does not overfly land.

**Wedge-tailed Shearwater** – Common summer migrant. Most often seen from Tacking Point Lighthouse. Does not overfly land.

**Short-tailed Shearwater** – Common summer migrant. Most often seen from Tacking Point Lighthouse. Does not overfly land

**Sooty Shearwater** – **Vulnerable**. Uncommon summer migrant. Occasionally seen from Tacking Point Lighthouse. Does not overfly land. **Report any sightings.**

**Flesh-footed Shearwater** – **Vulnerable**. Uncommon summer migrant. Occasionally seen from Tacking Point Lighthouse. Does not overfly land. **Report any sightings.**

**Fluttering Shearwater** – Uncommon. Most often seen from Tacking Point Lighthouse. Does not overfly land.

**Hutton’s Shearwater** – **Endangered**. Uncommon. Most often seen from Tacking Point Lighthouse. Does not overfly land. **Report any sightings.**

**Black-necked Stork** – **Endangered**. Uncommon nomad. May appear in any suitable wetland habitat in the Quest area. Belmore Swamps and Boyters Lane and Kew wetlands are prime spots. Occasionally Partridge Creek. **Report any sightings.**

**Yellow-billed Spoonbill** – Uncommon nomad. May appear in any suitable wetland habitat in the Quest area. Known sites are the roost at the corner of Belmore River Right Bank Rd/Upper Belmore River Rd, Barnett’s Lagoon, Boyter’s Lane and Port STW. Check any groups of Royal Spoonbills

**Royal Spoonbill** – Common. May appear in any suitable wetland habitat in the Quest area.

**Straw-necked Ibis** – Common in rural farmland areas.

**Australian White Ibis** – Common in urban and rural farmland areas.

**Glossy Ibis** – Uncommon nomad. May appear in wet grassland areas. Most often reported along Seale Rd, Belmore Swamp and occasionally Boyters Lane. May appear at Barnetts Lagoon-Gladstone. **Report any sightings.**

**Australian Bittern** – **Endangered**. Rare secretive reed inhabiting species more often heard than seen. Only known locations are along Seale Rd, Belmore Swamp and in Limeburners Creek NP. Also in

Cattai Wetland reed beds. If you find it in a tree it isn't a Bittern, but more likely an immature Nankeen Night Heron. **Report any sightings**

**Australian Little Bittern** – Uncommon. Secretive reed inhabiting species more often heard than seen. Known locations South Kempsey reed beds, Seale Rd and Cattai Wetland reed beds.

**Striated (Mangrove) Heron** – **Common**. Maybe found along the edge of tidal break walls and mudflats such as at Settlement Point, Harrington and Gogley's Lagoon.

**Black Bittern** – **Vulnerable**. Uncommon riverine inhabitant. May occasionally be found in Kooloonbong NR. **Report any sightings.**

**Nankeen Night-Heron** – Uncommon. More often found roosting than foraging. Prefers trees with good cover alongside creeks. Well known site is the roost at the corner of Belmore River Right Bank Rd/Upper Belmore River Rd. However, this can be a hit or miss location at times. Another site is a clump of bamboo which can be viewed east of S.W.Rocks Road just past the Hat Head Rd turnoff and immediately over the Kinchela Creek bridge.

**Cattle Egret** – Common rural farmland species.

**White-necked Heron** – Common. Wet rural grassland areas and farm dams.

**Great Egret** – Common. Found in any wetland area. Most common of the larger white egrets.

**Plumed (Intermediate) Egret** – Uncommon. May be found along Seale Rd, Belmore Swamps, Boyter's Lane and Cattai Wetlands.

**Little Egret** – Uncommon. May be found along Seale Rd, Belmore Swamps, Boyter's Lane, Cattai Wetlands and estuarine mudflats, particularly at Gogley's Lagoon Dunbogan.

**Eastern Reef Egret** – Uncommon. Found on coastal rock platforms and along break walls, try Kattang NR and Tacking Point

**Australian Pelican** – Common.

**Australasian Gannet** – Common winter visitor.

**Little Pied Cormorant** – Common.

**Great Cormorant** – Common.

**Little Black Cormorant** – Common

**Great Pied Cormorant** – Common

**Australasian Darter** – Common

**Bush Stone-curlew** – **Endangered**. Rare. No known location but **report any sightings.**

**Beach Stone-curlew** – **Critically Endangered**. Rare. May be found at Pelican Is, Gogley's Lagoon, Harrington and Farquhar Inlet. **Report any sightings**

**Australian Pied Oystercatcher** – **Endangered**. Uncommon. May be found at Pelican Is, Camden Haven River and Gogley's Lagoon, Harrington and Farquhar Inlet.

**South Island Pied Oystercatcher** – Rare vagrant from NZ. May occur at Pelican Is, Harrington and Farquhar Inlet. **Report any sightings**

**Sooty Oystercatcher** – **Vulnerable**. Uncommon. Found on rocky beaches such as Shelly Beach, Town Beach, Camden Haven, Harrington.

**Red-necked Avocet** – Rare. May occur at Boyters Lane. **Report any sightings**

**Pied Stilt** – Common on any suitable wetland.

**Grey Plover** – **Vulnerable**. Uncommon summer migrant. Harrington and Farquhar Inlet - Old Bar.

**Pacific Golden Plover** – Common summer migrant. The Anchorage - PMQ, Pelican Is, Harrington, Farquhar Inlet – Old Bar.

**Red-capped Plover** – Common. Harrington and Farquhar Inlet, Old Bar and Lake Cathie.

**Double-banded Plover** – Winter visitor from NZ. Some now over-summer. Pelican Island, Harrington and Farquhar.

**Lesser Sand Plover** – **Endangered**. Uncommon summer migrant. Harrington and Farquhar Inlet, Old Bar. **Report any sightings**

**Greater Sand Plover** – **Vulnerable**. Uncommon summer migrant. Harrington and Farquhar Inlet, Old Bar. **Report any sightings**

**Black-fronted Dotterel** – Common on any suitable wetland such as Coopernook Wetlands.

**Masked Lapwing** – Common

**Red-kneed Dotterel** – Uncommon. Usually appears when inland habitat is dry/in drought. May be found at Coopernook Wetlands, Partridge Creek, Boyters Lane and Annie Baisol's Swamp on Maria River Rd.

**Comb-crested Jacana** – **Vulnerable**. Uncommon. Found on suitable wetlands and dams with lily pads. May be found at King Creek Lagoon, Cattai Wetlands, Aldaville and Belmore Swamp. **Report any sightings**

**Whimbrel** – Uncommon summer migrant. May be found on Pelican Island, The Camden Haven Estuary, Harrington and Farquhar inlet

**Far Eastern Curlew** – **Critically Endangered**. Uncommon summer migrant. May be found on Pelican Island, The Camden Haven Estuary, Harrington and Farquhar inlet.

**Bar-tailed Godwit** – Common summer migrant although some overwinter. May be found on Pelican Island, The Camden Haven Estuary, Harrington and Farquhar inlet

**Black-tailed Godwit** – **Endangered**. Rare summer migrant. Might be found on Pelican Island, Harrington and at Farquhar inlet. **Report any sightings**

**Ruddy Turnstone** – **Vulnerable**. Uncommon summer migrant. May be found at Harrington and Farquhar inlet. **Report any sightings**

**Great Knot** – **Vulnerable**. Uncommon summer migrant. May be found at Harrington, Farquhar and Pelican Island. **Report any sightings**

**Red Knot** – **Vulnerable**. Uncommon summer migrant. May be found at Harrington, Farquhar Inlet. **Report any sightings.**

**Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** – **Vulnerable**. Common summer migrant. May be found in any shallow freshwater wetlands such as Cooperbrook wetlands, Boyters Lane or Freemans Rd, Rawdon Island.

**Curlew Sandpiper** – **Critically Endangered**. Uncommon summer migrant. May be found at Boyters Lane, Harrington or Farquhar Inlet. **Report any sightings**

**Red-necked Stint** – **Vulnerable**. Common summer migrant. May be found at Boyters Lane, Harrington and Farquhar Inlet.

**Sanderling** – **Vulnerable**. Uncommon summer migrant. May be found at Harrington and Farquhar Inlet. **Report any sightings**

**Latham's Snipe** – **Vulnerable**. Common summer migrant. May be found in grass/sedges on the edges of any suitable wetland such as King Creek Lagoon, Partridge Creek, Cattai Wetlands and Sunnyvale Rd Kew.

**Terek Sandpiper** – **Endangered**. Rare summer migrant. May be found at Harrington and Farquhar Inlet. **Report any sightings.**

**Grey-tailed Tattler** – Uncommon summer migrant. May be found at Stingray Creek Bridge, North Haven and Farquhar Inlet.

**Wandering Tattler** – Rare summer migrant. May be found on beaches with sea washed rocks such as the southern end of Town Beach, at Shelly Beach and South West Rocks

**Common Greenshank** – **Endangered**. Uncommon summer migrant. Prefers freshwater wetlands such as Boyters Lane, Belmore Swamps and Freemans Rd, Rawdon Island.

**Wood Sandpiper** – Uncommon summer migrant. Prefers freshwater wetlands such as Boyters Lane, Barnetts Lagoon – Gladstone, Belmore Swamp and Freemans Rd - Rawdon Island.

**Marsh Sandpiper** – Uncommon summer migrant. Prefers freshwater wetlands such as Boyters Lane, Belmore Swamp and Freemans Rd – Rawdon Island.

**Painted Button-quail** – Uncommon. Woodland inhabitant found along grassy ridges such as at Yarravel NR and along Hastings Forest Way.

**Silver Gull** – Common resident found along any sea shore.

**Pacific Gull** – Rare winter visitor. Usually only 1 or 2 immature birds seen per year.

**Aleutian Tern** – Rare summer migrant. May only be found at Farquhar Inlet and occasionally Harrington sandbars. **Report all sightings.**

**Little Tern** – **Endangered**. Common breeding summer migrant at Pelican Island, Farquhar Inlet and Harrington.

**Australian (Gull-billed) Tern** – Uncommon. Maybe found along Macleay, Hastings and Manning estuary beaches and sand bars.

**Asian Gull-billed Tern** – Rare. Not yet reported in the Quest area but has been seen at Stockton in the Hunter region. **Report all sightings.**

**Caspian Tern** – Uncommon. May be found roosting at Settlement Point, Lake Cathie and Harrington.

**Whiskered Tern** – Uncommon summer migrant. Prefers freshwater environment, such as Belmore Swamps and Cattai Wetlands although may be seen along the Macleay Estuary.

**White-fronted Tern** – Uncommon winter visitor. May be seen from Tacking Point or roosting at Town Beach, Shelly Beach and Lake Cathie and the Manning estuary

**Common Tern** – Summer visitor in non-breeding plumage. Some young birds may overwinter.

**Great Crested Tern** – Common. Found all along the coast and estuaries.

**Arctic Jaeger (Skua)** – Summer migrant. May occasionally be seen from Tacking Point chasing and harassing Terns to try and steal their catch.

**Pomarine Jaeger (Skua)** - Summer migrant. May occasionally be seen from Tacking Point chasing and harassing Terns to try and steal their catch, also at the coast around Harrington

**Long-tailed Jaeger (Skua)** – Rare summer migrant. Rarely comes inshore but may possibly be seen from Tacking Point.

**Brown Skua** – Uncommon winter visitor. May occasionally be seen from Tacking Point chasing and harassing Gannets and Terns trying to steal their catch.

**Eastern Grass Owl** – **Vulnerable**. Occasionally seen at Partridge Creek and over low heath along Maria River Rd. **Report all sightings**.

**Great Sooty Owl** – **Vulnerable**. Inhabits large rainforest areas such as Werrikimbe NP and Middle Brother. **Report all sightings**

**Masked Owl** – **Vulnerable**. Woodland and forest areas, sometimes seen around the Camden Haven. **Report all sightings**.

**Barn Owl** – Common. Hunts over grassland and low heath. Maybe seen at Partridge Creek and along Maria River Rd.

**Powerful Owl** – **Vulnerable**. Urban and rural woodland resident. Often recorded at Sea Acres NR and Kattang NR. **Report all sightings**

**Barking Owl** – **Vulnerable**. Uncommon. More often heard than seen, recently at Cattai Wetlands. **Report all sightings**

**Southern Boobook** – Common urban and rural resident. More often heard than seen.

**Osprey** – **Vulnerable**. Common along the coast.

**Black-shouldered Kite** – Common. Often seen hovering over grasslands and roadside verges.

**Square-tailed Kite** – **Vulnerable**. Uncommon urban and rural raptor. Hunts low over woodlands on uplifted wings. Tail is held rigid in flight whereas the Black Kite's tends to flex and can appear forked or curved in flight.

**Pacific Baza** – Uncommon nomad found over woodlands

**Wedge-tailed Eagle** – Uncommon. Usually sighted soaring high overhead.

**Little Eagle** – **Vulnerable** **Report all sightings**



**Swamp Harrier** – Common. Hunts over wetland environments such as Cattai Wetlands, Partridge Creek, Seale Rd – Belmore Swamps and Boyter’s Lane.

**Spotted Harrier** – **Vulnerable**. Uncommon nomad. Hunts over rural grassland and heath. May occur at Yarras, Partridge Creek, and Maria River Rd. **Report all sightings**

**Grey Goshawk** – Uncommon. Hunts along rainforests and over woodlands.

**Brown Goshawk** – common, hawks over woodlands

**Collared Sparrow-hawk** – fairly common smaller version of Brown Goshawk, hawks over woodlands

**White-bellied Sea Eagle** – **Vulnerable**. Around estuaries and along rivers.

**Whistling Kite** – common mostly over wetlands and open paddocks

**Brahminy Kite** – uncommon around coastal estuaries.

**Black-kite** – Rare nomad. An inland species which may occur near the coast as a result of drier inland conditions. **Report all sightings**

**Rainbow Bee-eater** – Common summer visitor usually seen perched on power lines.

**Oriental Dollarbird** – Common summer visitor usually seen perched on power lines.

**Azure Kingfisher** – Common along freshwater creeks and dams

**Forest Kingfisher** – uncommon, occasionally at Partridge Creek, also at Seale Road Belmore

**Sacred Kingfisher** – Common summer woodland visitor although some overwinter in local mangroves.

**Laughing Kookaburra** - Common

**Nankeen Kestrel** – Uncommon. Prefers grassland environments.

**Australian Hobby** – uncommon, can be found anywhere

**Brown Falcon** – Uncommon, open grasslands, try Yarras and the Kempsey bypass bridge

**Peregrine Falcon** – Uncommon, can be seen anywhere, often around the southern cliffs at Kattang NR

**Glossy Black-Cockatoo** – **Vulnerable**, feeds on Casuarina nuts, often at Kattang NR

**Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo** – common

**Galah** - Common

**Long-billed Corella** – Uncommon. Tends to congregate with Little Corellas also at Town Green.

**Little Corella** – Common. Often seen in large flocks at Town Green and around Laurieton.

**Sulphur-crested Cockatoo** – Uncommon nomad. There is a resident flock in Dunbogan.

**Easter Rosella** - Common

**Crimson Rosella** – More common in hills west of Wauchope but may be found closer to the coast during winter.

**Red-rumped Parrot** – Only known location is in the vicinity of Gloucester caravan park.

**Swift Parrot** – **Critically Endangered**. Rare winter visitor. Likely to turn up anywhere there is an abundance of blossom. Has previously been located feeding in blossom on CSU campus and roosting in trees on Innes Ruins Drive opposite the Nature School. **Report all sightings.**

**Ground Parrot** – Uncommon and secretive. Found in low heathland along Maria River Rd and possibly Crowdy Head NP.

**Musk Lorikeet** – Uncommon nomad. Likely to turn up anywhere there is an abundance of blossom

**Little Lorikeet** – Uncommon nomad. Likely to turn up anywhere there is an abundance of blossom.

**Scaly-breasted Lorikeet** - Common

**Australian King Parrot** - Common

**Noisy Pitta** – Common upland rainforest species. Altitudinal migrant appearing in suitable habitat along the coast during winter, such as Sea Acres NR, Kooloonbung NR and Kattang NR.

**Superb Lyrebird** – Mainly a rainforest inhabitant but can be found in wet forest gullies. Known to be at Boorganna NR, Bottlebutt Reserve in Burrawan SF, Bago SF, Knodingbul Rd/Stockyard Creek. Often seen crossing the Oxley Hwy between these locations.

**Rufous Scrub-bird** – **Endangered**. Resides in temperate rainforest/Antarctic Beech areas in Werrikimbe and Mt Banda Banda. Also known to be at junction of Oxley Hwy and Knodingbul Rd in Cottan-Bimbang NP. Most often heard as extremely elusive and rarely seen. **Report all occurrences.**

**Green Catbird** – Common rainforest inhabitant. May be found in Sea Acres NR and Boorganna NR

**Regent Bowerbird** – Common rainforest and environs.

**Satin Bowerbird** – Common.

**White-throated Treecreeper** – Common in rural woodlands and forests.

**Red-browed Treecreeper** – Uncommon. May be found in Lake Innes NR, Brushy Mountain camp, Werrikimbe NP and Dooragan.

**Brown Treecreeper**. Rare. Used to be found in open woodland at Temagog, west of Kempsey, but now presumed extinct. **Report any sightings there and elsewhere.**

Variegated **Fairy-wren** – Common, regular at Kattang NR

**Superb Fairy-wren** - Common

**Red-backed Fairy-wren** – Common. Tends to prefer thick grass and heathland environments try Partridge Creek and Cathai Wetlands.

**Southern Emu-wren** – Uncommon. Tends to prefer thick grass and heathland environments. Occasionally found at Partridge Creek, Cathai Wetlands and along Maria River Rd.

**White-cheeked Honeyeater** – Common.

**New Holland Honeyeater** – Rare. Known to reside in Werrikimbe NP around Brushy Mountain and the Mt George area near Nabiac. There have been recent sightings (Jul/Aug 2023) in Limeburners Creek NP and behind North Haven Caravan Park. Make sure you know the distinguishing features

which separate this species from the White-cheeked Honeyeater which is very common, before you report a sighting. **Report all occurrences.**

**Brown Honeyeater** - Common

**Blue-faced Honeyeater** – Uncommon. Occasionally found in Port Macquarie. May also be found at Gladstone, SW Rocks, Kempsey, west of Kempsey and Old Bar.

**White-naped Honeyeater** – Uncommon. More often seen in winter during migration north.

**Brown-headed Honeyeater** - Uncommon

**White-eared Honeyeater** – Uncommon. Found along Kangaroo Flat Rd, Yarrowitch and Mooraback campsite, Werrikimbe NP.

**Striped Honeyeater** – Common.

**Little Friarbird** – Winter migrant.

**Noisy Friarbird** – Common.

**Scarlet Honeyeater** – Common nomadic visitor

**Eastern Spinebill** - Common

**Tawny-crowned Honeyeater** – Uncommon. Found in low heathland along Maria River Rd and in adjacent Limeburners Creek NP or in Crowdy Bay NP heathland.

**Lewin's Honeyeater** - Common

**Little Wattlebird** - Common

**Regent Honeyeater** – **Critically Endangered**. Rare nomad. Look in flowering Swamp Mahogany woodlands **Report all sightings.**

**Red Wattlebird** - Common

**Fuscous Honeyeater** – Rare winter migrant visitor in transit, can be found west of Kempsey

**Yellow-faced Honeyeater** – Common. More common in winter when migrating north.

**Bell Miner** – Uncommon. Forms large colonies. May be found toward the upper end of Bellangry Road and also at Stockyard Creek on the Oxley Hwy.

**Noisy Miner** - Common

**Spotted Pardalote** - common

**Striated Pardalote** - common

**Brown Gerygone** – common Rainforest and woodland bird

**White-throated Gerygone** – Common summer migrant to most woodlands. More often heard than seen

**Mangrove Gerygone** – Common in mangrove environments at Boyter's Lane, Pelican Island and Gogley's Lagoon

**Speckled Warbler** – **Vulnerable**. Rare and may be extinct in the Quest area. Only known site at Moparrabah near Toorooka, west of Kempsey was devastated by 2019 fires. The birds have not been seen since. **Report all sightings from elsewhere.**

**Yellow-throated Scrubwren** – Common rainforest resident found in Sea Acres NR and Boorganna NR

**White-browed Scrubwren** – common

**Large-billed Scrubwren** – Common rainforest resident found at Sea Acres NR and Boorganna NR

**Yellow-rumped Thornbill** – Uncommon. Prefers a cultivated grassland environment. Possible locations are Costigans Rd, Yarras, along Rawdon Island Rd and Cooperbrook wetland.

**Yellow Thornbill** – Common in Casuarina environments.

**Striated Thornbill** – Uncommon woodland bird.

**Brown Thornbill** - Common

**Buff-rumped Thornbill** – Uncommon. Prefers open forest habitat such as Yarravel NR and along sections of Kangaroo Flat Rd, Yarrowitch.

**Australian Logrunner** – Uncommon rainforest inhabitant. Best location is Boorganna NR. Occasionally occurs in Sea Acres NR.

**Grey-crowned Babbler** – Rare. May be found around Gloucester Cemetery grounds. Has also been reported at Krumbach in the vicinity of church and school. **Report all sightings from elsewhere.**

**Varied Sittella** – **Vulnerable**. Uncommon woodland resident.

**Australasian Figbird** - Common

**Olive-backed Oriole** – Common summer migrant.

**Spotted Quail-thrush** – Uncommon. Prefers rocky ridges and hillsides. Most likely suffered decline from 2019 fires as not seen since in previous habitat such as Mt Seaview lookout on the Oxley Hwy. May occur within Bago SF along ridge lines. **Report all sightings**

**Eastern Shrike-tit** – Common in woodland, try Sea Acres.

**Olive Whistler** – **Vulnerable**. Common in limited habitat. Only found in the Antarctic Beech forests of Werrikimbe NP at Banda Banda and upper reaches of Oxley Highway. **Report all sightings from there and elsewhere.**

**Rufous Whistler** – Common summer migrant. Some may over winter.

**Golden Whistler** - Common

**Grey Shrike-thrush** - Common

**Eastern Whipbird** - Common

**Barred Cuckoo-Shrike** – Uncommon summer migrant. Fruiting Fig trees in the Historic Cemetery in Kooloonbung NR are where they are most commonly seen. **Report all sightings.**

**Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike** - Common

**White-bellied Cuckoo Shrike** – Uncommon rural resident. There seem to be more of the dark morph race *robusta* in our area.

**Common Cicadabird** – Common summer migrant. More often heard than seen.

**White-winged Triller** – Uncommon summer migrant to rural woodlands. More often seen when inland conditions are dry/in drought. Try Costigans Road at Yarras.

**Varied Triller** – Uncommon resident of coastal rainforests. May be seen at Hat Head, Sea Acres NR, Cattai Wetlands, Harrington and Kattang NR.

**Pied Currawong** – Regular winter rural nomad west of the Pacific Hwy. Rarely seen in Port Macquarie town/environs though always in Wauchope and Laurieton in Winter.

**Australian Magpie** – Common. There are some leucistic (White) Magpies around but this is due to a genetic variation causing lack of pigmentation and they are not treated as a separate species. They are not albinos as they have the normal eye colour of magpies.

**Pied Butcherbird** - Common

**Grey Butcherbird** - Common

**Masked Woodswallow** – Rare – Resides west of ranges and occasionally blown in on westerly summer winds. Flocks with White-browed Woodswallows but in lesser numbers. Most likely location is Belmore Swamps

**White-browed Woodswallow** – Rare – Resides west of ranges and occasionally blown in on westerly summer winds. Flocks with Masked Woodswallows. Usually noticed by chirruping call similar to House Sparrows, high above. Most likely location is Belmore Swamps.

**Dusky Woodswallow** – Uncommon summer migrant to open areas on the coast, try Crowdy Bay NP and Belmore Swamp Seale Rd.

**White-breasted Woodswallow** – Summer migrant. Tends to favour wetland/riverine environs. Try Dunbogan and North Haven Bridge.

**Willie Wagtail** - Common

**Rufous Fantail** – Common summer migrant. Tends to reside in and on the outskirts of rainforests.

**Grey Fantail** - Common

**Spangled Drongo** – Common winter migrant although some remain in the area during summer.

**Leaden Flycatcher** – Common summer migrant to woodlands.

**Satin Flycatcher** – Uncommon summer migrant to ranges and unlikely to occur on the lowlands or the coast. May be seen/heard along Kangaroo Flat Rd in suitable woodland habitat.

**Restless Flycatcher** – Uncommon resident of open forest/woodlands, golf courses etc. Mostly to the west of our area.

**Magpie Lark** – Common

**White-eared Monarch** – Rare. Prefers the outer edges of rainforests. Not normally found south of Iluka. However 2 were observed at Crowdy Bay in 2005. May occur more often in the future with climate change.

**Spectacled Monarch** – Common summer migrant to rainforest environs such as Sea Acres NR

**Black-faced Monarch** – Common summer migrant to woodlands and rainforest. May be seen/heard in Sea Acres NR and other rainforest areas

**Torresian Crow** – Most common corvid.

**Forest Raven** – Uncommon coastal resident. Often heard/seen outside Sea Acres NR and around Laurieton / North Haven.

**Australian Raven** – Common rural resident west of the Pacific Hwy. Rare in Port Macquarie.

**White-winged Chough** – Uncommon. Open woodland resident more often seen west of Kempsey on the Armidale Rd or around Tinonee and the Bootawa Dam area south of Taree. Also around the bridge at Birdwood.

**Paradise Riflebird** – Uncommon resident of ranges west of Wauchope. May be seen/heard at Knodingbul Rd, Stockyard Creek rest area as well in Werrikimbe NP and at Boorganna NR

**Rose Robin** – Altitudinal winter migrant to the coastal and lowland woodlands from our mountain forests.

**Flame Robin** – Uncommon resident of upper ranges. May be seen at Brushy Mountain campsite and the vicinity in Werrikimbe NP as well as along the Cobcroft Trail on the west side of Werrikimbe. Also anywhere along Kangaroo Flat Road Yarrowitch.

**Scarlet Robin** - Uncommon resident of upper ranges. May be seen in the area around the Racecourse Trail/Coachwood Rd junction in Werrikimbe NP near Brushy Mountain as well as along the Cobcroft Trail on the west side of Werrikimbe. Also along Kangaroo Flat Rd, near the second bridge.

**Jacky Winter** – Uncommon rural resident. Most well known site is Wauchope Cemetery but also found further west.

**Easter Yellow Robin** – Common in woodlands and forest.

**Pale Yellow Robin** – Uncommon rainforest inhabitant. May be located at Boorganna NR or Swans Crossing campground vicinity.

**Golden-headed Cisticola** – Common rural grassland resident. Easily seen/heard at Partridge Creek off Fernbank Creek Rd.

**Australian Reed-Warbler** – Common summer migrant of any wetlands with thick reeds, bull rushes.

**Brown Songlark** – Rare inland species. May occur on the coast when inland in drought.

**Rufous Songlark** - Rare inland species. May occur on the coast when inland in drought. Try Kangaroo Flat Rd Yarrowitch and grassy paddocks on Rawdon Island

**Tawny Grassbird** – Common at Partridge Creek.

**Little Grassbird** – Uncommon around fresh water wetlands such as Cooperook and Boyter's Lane

**Fairy Martin** – Common summer migrant nesting under bridges and culverts. Builds mud bottle shaped nest.

**Tree Martin** – Common. Most active in spring when nesting. Tends to use metal hollow cross pieces of power poles and another known nesting site is inside the Rocks Ferry Bridge at Wauchope.

**Welcome Swallow** – Common.

**Silvereye** – Common woodland species. Watch for *race lateralis* in winter as these birds migrate north from Tasmania. They have more bronze coloured flanks than the resident *race chloronatus*.

**Common Starling** – Uncommon. Sparse populations around Port Macquarie. Tends to be more common in rural areas such as Comboyne and Belmore.

**Common Myna** – Common. Urban and rural environments.

**Bassian Thrush** – Uncommon. Rainforest resident up to 700m in the ranges. Found in Werrikimbe NP, Stockyard Creek on the Oxley Hwy (early morning) and may occur at Boorganna NR. Descends to lower altitudes in winter to places like Kattang NR and Dooragan NP.

**Russet-tailed Thrush** – Uncommon. Rainforest resident up to 500m. Found at Wingham Brush and Boorganna NR. Altitudinal winter migrant occasionally found in Kooloonbung NR.

**Mistletoebird** – Common. Urban and rural woodlands.

**Chestnut-breasted Mannikin** – Uncommon nomadic finch. Sporadic occurrences at Partridge Creek when grasses seeding. May be found in the vicinity of Munday Lane on Maria River Rd or Theresa St, Sth Kempsey.

**Red-browed Finch** – Common urban and rural resident. May be found at Partridge Creek.

**Diamond Firetail** – Uncommon. May only be found along Kangaroo Flat Rd, Yarrowitch. **Report all sightings.**

**Double-barred Finch** – Uncommon nomadic finch. Sporadic occurrences at Partridge Creek when grasses seeding.

**House Sparrow** – Uncommon. Good spots are the rear of Seasalt Café at Westport Marina and Bold Street Lurieton. May be found in rural areas such as Wauchope and Gladstone.

**Australian Pipit** – Common. Prefers open grassland and often seen on golf courses –Eg Crescent Head.

**European Goldfinch** – Rare. Was known to reside in fir trees on Kangaroo Flat Rd but has not been seen since 2019 fires. **Report any sightings**