### Bushwalks

#### Copperlode Dam to Crystal Cascades

About 60 mins (plus birdwatching time). Steep with rough terrain for 3km. A one way trip is easier from the Copperlode Dam end as it is mainly downhill. There are some numbered trees along the way and a guide is available from the Lake Morris kiosk.

#### Bare Hill to Copperlode Dam

About 5 hours plus birding time, ‘moderate’. Starts at the Bare Hill car park 2-3km on the left along the Davies Creek NP road and follows high voltage powerlines through a variety of rainforest for about 10km. Another 2km on it joins the road to Copperlode Dam. For a longer walk (17km, 7+ hours) start at Davies Creek NP.

#### Clohesy River to Copperlode Dam

About 3 hours plus birding time, 10km, ‘moderate’. Starts at the fig tree 9km along the Clohesy River Rd, off the Kennedy Highway between Kuranda and Mareeba. Passes through rainforest and eucalypt woodland, crossing several creeks along the way.

### NOTES

These are 1-way walking times only. A car shuttle with friends, starting at opposite ends, allows a more leisurely time for birdwatching. Always take water, food, and suitable clothing and shoes on all walks. Some tracks may be closed to vehicles and even pedestrians, mainly in the Wet season (Dec-Mar). Enquire at a National Parks office or Cairns Regional Council before planning your walk.

### Birdlife

The varied habitats including rainforest, woodland, grassland and water attract a range of bird species. Some are resident, some are seasonal migrants and some just occasional visitors. Vegetation in the recreation area attracts many butterflies and birds but to really appreciate the birdlife a walk across the dam into the rainforest will not disappoint. You may see a Noisy Pitta hopping across the forest floor, Wet Tropics endemics like Victoria’s Riflebird, or even a Southern Cassowary.

#### Birdlist

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WHO ARE WE?

BirdLife Northern Queensland is a branch of the national organisation BirdLife Australia, formed in 2012 by the merger of Birds Australia and BOCA.

BirdLife Northern Queensland organizes both scientific and social activities. These include bird surveys, outings, workshops and presentations with guest speakers. The regular field trips and campouts cater for all levels of expertise from beginner to professional and emphasise fun as well as worthwhile conservation projects.

Members receive a quarterly newsletter Contact Call detailing local activities and also enjoy BirdLife Australia magazine dealing with national bird issues.

You can join BirdLife Australia and help the conservation of Australian birds at www.birdlife.org.au

INFORMATION

Location and Facilities

23 km SW of Cairns
16 km from the Brinsmead-Kamerunga Rd/Lake Morris turnoff

From Brinsmead-Kamerunga Rd, turn into Lake Morris Rd (signposted ‘Copperlode Dam 16km’). The road winds up the face of the Isley Hills, passing through a high point of 500m. Several lookouts provide views to the coast or along the Redlynch Valley, with different habitats and a variety of birds.

Take care on the road which is narrow with sharp bends. Cyclists and especially in the first 5km, walkers, share the road with vehicles. Note: This road is often closed.

Facilities

Picnic area with views, BBQs, toilets and parking. Kiosk with information and small Wet Tropics display. No swimming (the Lake is part of the Cairns water supply). Three bush-walking tracks which vary in length and difficulty, see inside page.

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