

Emu	R,Sv	Black Kite	C,Rs	White-winged Black-tern	R,Sv	Banded Honeyeater	R,Sv
Stubble Quail	R,S?	Brown Goshawk	U,Rs	Silver Gull	C,Rs	Brown Honeyeater	C,Rs
Brown Quail	U,Rs	Collared Sparrowhawk	U,Rs	Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	R,Sv	Black-chinned Honeyeater	C,Rs
Indian Peafowl	C,Rs	Spotted Harrier	R,S?	Galah	C,Rs	Blue-faced Honeyeater	R,Sv
Plumed Whistling Duck	C,Sv	Swamp Harrier	U,Rs	Little Corella	C,Rs	Silver-crowned Friarbird	U,Rs
Wandering Whistling-Duck	C,Sv	Wedge-tailed Eagle	C,Rs	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	C,Rs	Little Friarbird	C,Rs
Freckled Duck	R,Sv	Little Eagle	U,S?	Cockatiel	C,Rs	Grey-crowned Babbler	C,Rs
Black Swan	C,Rs	Nankeen Kestrel	C,Rs	Varied Lorikeet	C,Sv	Varied Sittella	R,Rs
Australian Wood Duck	C,Rs	Brown Falcon	C,Rs	Rainbow Lorikeet	R,Sv	Ground Cuckoo-shrike	R,Sv
Pink-eared Duck	C,Rs	Australian Hobby	C,Rs	Red-winged Parrot	C,Rs	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	C,Rs
Cotton Pygmy Goose	R,Sv	Grey Falcon	R,S?	Australian Ringneck	C,Rs	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	U,Rs
Green Pygmy Goose	C,Rs	Black Falcon	R,S?	Budgerigar	C,Sv	White-winged Triller	C,Rs
Australian Shoveller	R,Sv	Peregrine Falcon	R,S?	Night Parrot	R,S?	Rufous Whistler	C,Rs
Grey Teal	C,Rs	Brolga	U,Sv	Pheasant Coucal	U,Rs	Grey Shrike-thrush	C,Rs
Pacific Black Duck	C,Rs	Purple Swamphen	C,Rs	Eastern Koel	C,Mn	Crested Bellbird	U,Rs
Hardhead	C,Rs	Buff-banded Rail	U,Rs	Channel-billed Cuckoo	U,Mn	Olive-backed Oriole	C,Rs
Australasian Grebe	C,Rs	Baillon's Crake	R,S?	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	U,Sv	White-breasted Woodswallow	C,Rs
Hoary-headed Grebe	C,Rs	Australian Spotted Crake	R,S?	Black-eared Cuckoo	R,S?	Masked Woodswallow	C,Sv
Great Crested Grebe	C,Rs	Spotless Crake	R,S?	Pallid Cuckoo	U,Sv	White-browed Woodswallow	U,Sv
Rock Dove	C,Rs	Black-tailed Native-hen	U,Sv	Brush Cuckoo	R,Sv	Black-faced Woodswallow	C,Rs
Spotted Dove	C,Rs	Dusky Moorhen	C,Rs	Southern Boobook	C,Rs	Dusky Woodswallow	R,S?
Common Bronzewing	C,Rs	Eurasian Coot	C,Rs	Barking Owl	R,S?	Little Woodswallow	C,Rs
Flock Bronzewing	R,Sv	Australian Bustard	U,Rs	Eastern Barn Owl	C,Rs	Pied Butcherbird	C,Rs
Crested Pigeon	C,Rs	Bush Stone-curlew	R,Rs	Blue-winged Kookaburra	C,Rs	Australian Magpie	C,Rs
Spinifex Pigeon	C,Rs	Black-winged Stilt	C,Rs	Red-backed Kingfisher	C,Rs	Grey Fantail	U,Sv
Diamond Dove	C,Rs	Red-necked Avocet	U,Sv	Sacred Kingfisher	C,Rs	Willie Wagtail	C,Rs
Peaceful Dove	C,Rs	Pacific Golden Plover	R,Mn	Azure Kingfisher	R,Rs	Australian Raven	C,Rs
Bar-shouldered Dove	U,Rs	Grey Plover	R,Mn	Rainbow Bee-eater	C,Sv	Torresian Crow	U,Rs
Tawny Frogmouth	U,Rs	Red-capped Plover	U,Mn	Dollarbird	U,Mn	Restless Flycatcher	C,Rs
Spotted Nightjar	U,Rs	Oriental Plover	U,Mn	Black-tailed Treecreeper	C,Rs	Magpie Lark	C,Rs
Australian Owlet-Nightjar	U,Rs	Inland Dotteral	U,Sv	Spotted Bowerbird	C,Rs	Apostlebird	C,Rs
Australasian Darter	C,Rs	Black-fronted Dotteral	C,Rs	Great Bowerbird	C,Rs	Jacky Winter	C,Rs
Little Pied Cormorant	C,Rs	Red-kneed Dotteral	U,Rs	Red-backed Fairy-wren	C,Rs	Red-capped Robin	R,S?
Great Cormorant	C,Rs	Banded Lapwing	R,Sv	White-winged Fairy-wren	C,Rs	Hooded Robin	C,Rs
Pied Cormorant	U,Rs	Masked Lapwing	C,Rs	Variegated Fairy-wren	C,Rs	Horsefield's Bushlark	R,Sv
Little Black Cormorant	C,Rs	Comb-crested Jacana	C,Rs	Carpentaria Grasswren	U,Rs	Golden-headed Cisticola	U,Rs
Australian Pelican	C,Rs	Australian Painted Snipe	R,S?	Kalkadoon Grasswren	C,Rs	Australian Reed-Warbler	C,Rs
Black-necked Stork	U,Rs	Swinhoe's Snipe	R,Mn	Weebill	C,Rs	Little Grassbird	U,S?
Black Bittern	R,Sv	Black-tailed Godwit	U,Mn	Western Gerygone	R,Sv	Rufous Songlark	U,Sv
White-necked Heron	C,Rs	Little Curlew	R,Mn	Yellow-rumped Thornbill	U,Rs	Brown Songlark	R,Sv
Eastern Great Egret	C,Rs	Common Sandpiper	U,Mn	Inland Thornbill	R,Sv	Spinifexbird	C,Rs
Intermediate Egret	C,Rs	Common Greenshank	U,Mn	Red-browed Pardalote	C,Rs	Welcome Swallow	U,Rs
Cattle Egret	C,Rs	Marsh Sandpiper	C,Mn	Striated Pardalote	C,Rs	Fairy Martin	C,Rs
White-faced Heron	C,Rs	Wood Sandpiper	C,Rs	Pied Honeyeater	R,Sv	Tree Martin	U,Rs
Little Egret	C,Rs	Ruddy Turnstone	R,Mn	Singing Honeyeater	C,Rs	Mistletoebird	C,Rs
Nankeen Night-Heron	U,Rs	Red-necked Stint	U,Mn	White-gaped Honeyeater	R,Sv	Zebra Finch	C,Rs
Glossy Ibis	C,Rs	Long-toed Stint	R,Sv	Grey-headed Honeyeater	C,Rs	Double Barred Finch	C,Rs
Australian White Ibis	C,Rs	Pectoral Sandpiper	U,Mn	Grey-fronted Honeyeater	C,Rs	Long-tailed Finch	U,Rs
Straw-necked Ibis	C,Sv	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	C,Mn	Yellow-tinted Honeyeater	C,Rs	Painted Finch	U,Rs
Royal Spoonbill	C,Rs	Curlew Sandpiper	R,Mn	White-plumed Honeyeater	C,Rs	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	U,Rs
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	U,Rs	Red-necked Phalarope	R,Mn	Yellow-throated Miner	C,Rs	Pictorella Mannikin	U,Rs
Eastern Osprey	R,S?	Little Button-quail	U,S?	Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater	C,Sv	House Sparrow	C,Rs
Black-shouldered Kite	U,Rs	Oriental Pratincole	R,Mn	Rufous-throated Honeyeater	C,Rs	Australian Pipit	C,Rs
Square Tailed Kite	R,S?	Australian Pratincole	C,Mn	Crimson Chat	U,Sv		
Black-breasted Buzzard	R,S?	Gull-billed Tern	U,Sv	Orange Chat	R,Sv		
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	C,Rs	Caspian Tern	C,Sv	Yellow Chat	R,Sv		
Whistling Kite	C,Rs	Whiskered Tern	C,Rs	Black Honeyeater	R,Sv		

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

Definition: The C/U/R annotations in this list 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.

The abundance of birdlife in inland Australia is highly variable. It is principally dependant on rainfall which then effects availability of food such as insects, flowering plants, seeding grasses etc. Despite this variation it is still possible to help visitors by indicating their chances of recording the species that regularly occur.

Some species are regular summer visitors from countries to the North. Other species are opportunistic seasonal visitors from other parts of Australia which may move to the area to exploit suitable food sources or to escape drier conditions elsewhere.

At the time of writing, Mount Isa has been blessed by a few years of good rainfall. This information reflects these conditions. Perhaps it will change if drier times return.

This list of 224 species was prepared with kind assistance from Bob Forsyth and a study of 1500 Birds Australia Atlas surveys in the area.

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.

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Names and taxonomic order used for the list follow *Systematics and Taxonomy of Australian Birds* by L Christidis and W E Boles (CSIRO, Melbourne, 2008).

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INFORMATION

Mount Isa, in NW Queensland on the Leichardt River, is surrounded by rugged Spinifex covered hills and open snappy gum woodland.. This list gives visitors an indication of species they might record within about 70 km of the city.

Specialties include Spinifexbird, Painted Finch and Black-tailed Treecreeper. But most visitors come to try their luck looking for the two local grasswren species. The Kalkadoon Grasswren is common on spinifex covered hillsides. The Carpentaria Grasswren is perhaps harder to find. Recent surveys by BirdLife indicate its range is diminishing and its conservation status is being upgraded. The CGW may still be found at few localities. We hope that recent years of good rainfall will help increase numbers of its insect food source and help the numbers bounce back.

Kalkadoon Grasswren—Try Mica Creek and area. Drive 6km South from the CBD on the Djarra Road. Walk up the hills. Also try Sybella Ck, a few km further South.

Carpentaria Grasswren—Try McNamara's Rd. Drive 61km West from Mount Isa towards Camoweal, then 8km North along McNamara's Road. Stop at the cairn. Make sure you record your findings in the visitor book.

Lake Moondarra, the Mount Isa sewage works (now closed to birders) and surrounding horse paddocks are always worth checking.

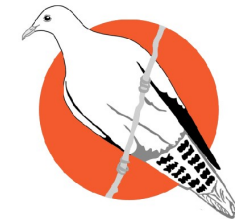
Other common fauna include Purple-necked Rock wallaby, Agile Wallaby, Euro and Freshwater Crocodile.

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