



Pacific Black Duck (© Pete Kyne)

Birds of Moreton Bay Research Station



Rainbow Lorikeet (© Pete Kyne)

A checklist of birds recorded around MBRS and the town of Dunwich, North Stradbroke Island, Queensland, Australia

Geese, Swans & Ducks (Anatidae)

Australian Wood Duck	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>	Common
Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	Uncommon
Chestnut Teal	<i>Anas castanea</i>	Uncommon

Darters (Anhingidae)

Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	Irregular/visitor
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Cormorants (Phalacrocoracidae)

Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i>	Common
Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax varius</i>	Common
Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	Irregular/visitor

Pelicans (Pelecanidae)

Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	Common
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Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns (Ardeidae)

White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	Common
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Common
Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Rare
Eastern Great Egret	<i>Ardea modesta</i>	Uncommon
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	Rare
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	Uncommon
Nankeen Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>	Rare

Ibis & Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)

Australian White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis molucca</i>	Common
Straw-necked Ibis	<i>Threskiornis spinicollis</i>	Irregular/visitor
Royal Spoonbill	<i>Platalea regia</i>	Common

Osprey, Kites, Goshawks, Eagles & Harriers (Accipitridae)

Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>	Rare
Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata</i>	Rare
Whistling Kite	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>	Common
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	Common
White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Uncommon
Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>	Uncommon
Collared Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter cirrhocephalus</i>	Rare
Little Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus morphnoides</i>	Irregular/visitor

Falcons (Falconidae)

Australian Hobby	<i>Falco longipennis</i>	Irregular/visitor
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Rare
Nankeen Kestrel	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>	Irregular/visitor

Curlews, Sandpipers, Snipes, Godwits & Phalaropes (Scolopacidae)

Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Common (summer)
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Common (summer)
Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	Common (summer)
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Irregular/visitor (summer)
Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Heteroscelus brevipes</i>	Irregular/visitor (summer)

Stone-curlews (Thick-knees) (Burhinidae)

Bush Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus grallarius</i>	Common
Beach Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus neglectus</i>	Rare

Oystercatchers (Haematopodidae)

Pied Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus longirostris</i>	Common
Sooty Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus fuliginosus</i>	Rare

Lapwings, Plovers & Dotterels (Charadriidae)

Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Irregular/visitor (summer)
Double-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius bicinctus</i>	Irregular/visitor (winter)
Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>	Common

Skuas, Jaegers, Gulls & Terns (Laridae)

Silver Gull	<i>Larus novaehollandiae</i>	Common
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>	Common
Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>	Common
Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bengalensis</i>	Uncommon (winter)
Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bergii</i>	Common
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Uncommon (summer)
Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>	Uncommon (summer)

Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)

Spotted Turtle-dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	Common (Introduced)
Crested Pigeon	<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>	Common
Peaceful Dove	<i>Geopelia striata</i>	Uncommon
Bar-shouldered Dove	<i>Geopelia humeralis</i>	Uncommon

Cockatoos (Cacatuidae)

Galah	<i>Eolophus roseicapilla</i>	Uncommon
Little Corella	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>	Irregular/visitor

Parrots (Psittacidae)

Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Common
Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus</i>	Common
Pale-headed Rosella	<i>Platycercus adscitus</i>	Uncommon



Royal Spoonbill
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Beach Stone-curlew
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Rainbow Bee-eater (© Tom Tarrant)



Sacred Kingfisher (© Tom Tarrant)

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Parasitic Cuckoos (Cuculidae)

Common Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>	Common (summer)
Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	Irregular/visitor (summer)

Coucals (Centropodidae)

Pheasant Coucal	<i>Centropus phasianinus</i>	Uncommon
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Hawk-owls (Strigidae)

Southern Boobook	<i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>	Uncommon
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Swiftlets & Swifts (Apodidae)

White-throated Needletail	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	Irregular/visitor (summer)
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Tree Kingfishers (Halcyonidae)

Laughing Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>	Common
Forest Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus macleayi</i>	Irregular/visitor
Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>	Common

Bee-eaters (Meropidae)

Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Common
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Pardalotes, Bristlebirds, Scrubwrens, Gerygones & Thornbills (Pardalotidae)

Striated Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>	Common
Mangrove Gerygone	<i>Gerygone laevigaster</i>	Common

Honeyeaters & Australian Chats (Meliphagidae)

Noisy Friarbird	<i>Philemon corniculatus</i>	Common
Little Friarbird	<i>Philemon citreogularis</i>	Uncommon
Blue-faced Honeyeater	<i>Entomyzon cyanotis</i>	Uncommon
Yellow-faced Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus chrysops</i>	Uncommon
Mangrove Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus fasciularis</i>	Common
Brown Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera indistincta</i>	Common
White-cheeked Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris nigra</i>	Irregular/visitor
Scarlet Honeyeater	<i>Myzomela sanguinolenta</i>	Common (winter)

Whistlers, Shrike-thrushes & allies (Pachycephalidae)

Rufous Whistler	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>	Uncommon
Little Shrike-thrush	<i>Colluricincla megarhyncha</i>	Rare
Grey Shrike-thrush	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>	Uncommon

Monarchs, Magpie-lark, Flycatchers, Fantails & Drongos (Dicruridae)

Leaden Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra rubecula</i>	Uncommon
Restless Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra inquieta</i>	Irregular/visitor
Magpie-lark	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	Common
Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i>	Common
Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	Common
Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>	Common

Cuckoo-shrikes & Trillers (Campephagidae)

Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	Common
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Orioles & Figbird (Oriolidae)

Olive-backed Oriole	<i>Oriolus sagittatus</i>	Uncommon
Figbird	<i>Sphecotheres viridis</i>	Common

Woodswallows, Butcherbirds & Currawongs (Artamidae)

White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	Common
Grey Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus torquatus</i>	Uncommon
Pied Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i>	Common
Australian Magpie	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>	Common

Ravens & Crows (Corvidae)

Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus orru</i>	Common
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Old World Sparrows, Waxbills, Grass-finches & Mannikins (Passeridae)

House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Common (Introduced)
Double-barred Finch	<i>Taeniopygia bichenovii</i>	Uncommon

Flowerpeckers (Dicaeidae)

Mistletoebird	<i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i>	Common (winter)
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Swallows & Martins (Hirundinidae)

Welcome Swallow	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	Common
Tree Martin	<i>Hirundo nigricans</i>	Common

White-eyes (Zosteropidae)

Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	Common
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Starlings & allies (Sturnidae)

Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Irregular/visitor (Introduced)
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Uncommon (Introduced)

303 bird species have been recorded on North Stradbroke Island, with 101 observed around Moreton Bay Research Station and the town of Dunwich.

An indication of relative abundance has been provided here (Common, Uncommon, Rare or Irregular/visitor) for Dunwich only, and may not represent the abundance of the species on the island as a whole or within the region.

With further observation, many other species are likely to be added to this list. Please email additional sightings to Peter Kyne (p.kyne@uq.edu.au).



Scarlet Honeyeater
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Double-barred Finch
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