BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION

Brochures are available on-line, at the Downfall Creek (Raven St Reserve) and Boondall Environmental Centres, Council Business Offices and some Council Libraries. The brochures available on-line are Bayside Parkslands, Boondall Wetlands, Brisbane Koala Bushlands, Chermside Hills Reserves, Karawatha Forest Park, Mt Coot-tha Reserve, Tinchi Tamba Wetlands, Toowee Forest Park and Whites Hill Reserve. Council publishes a Mobility Map, has other disability information available, and also publishes the Brisbane Bicycle Experience Guide with maps showing cycle ways around Brisbane.

For more information call Council on 3403 8888 or visit the website www.brisbane.qld.gov.au.

Birds Queensland

Birds Queensland is a non-profit organization, which promotes the appreciation, conservation and scientific study of birds.

Activities include:
- Monthly meetings with interesting speakers,
- Walks and carves to see, enjoy and study birds,
- Raising funds for and commissioning scientific bird research,
- Publishing a monthly newsletter and a biannual scientific journal,
- Collecting data on birds (distribution, movement, behaviour), and
- Working with conservation groups to conserve habitat.

These activities are open to all members. Non-members are also welcome.

Birds Queensland meets on the first Thursday of each month (except January) 7:30 pm at the Royal Geographical Society Building 237 Milton Road, Milton (opposite the railway station).

For more information about Birds Queensland contact:
The Secretary, Birds Queensland, PO Box 3784, South Brisbane BC Qld 4101, or secretary@birdsqueensland.org.au.

www.birdsqueensland.org.au

The Birds Queensland website contains additional information about many of these sites, as well as about birds and bird-watching. Please take a little time to explore it.

Birds Queensland

Brisbane has a subtropical climate. Insect repellent and sun protection are essential while birdwatching at any time of year. Carry water, and wear closed footwear on unpaved tracks.

Common Brisbane Birds

Many common birds of the Brisbane area are not mentioned in the site lists. Recognising the common species listed below is the first step toward the rewarding pastime of bird-watching.


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1. City Botanic Gardens
Alice St, Brisbane, 4000. UBD 4.
The inner-city gardens are accessible from many points. Paved paths, playgrounds, cafes, Parkland, gardens, mangroves. Bush Stone-curlew, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Australasian Figbird, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Silvereye. 29/55

2. Roma Street Parkland
Albert St, Brisbane, 4000. UBD 1.

Migration of Birds – Observation of some species is very much dependent upon the time of the year. Many species of birds migrate latitudinally (north-south) or altitudinally (mountain to coastal plains). The extreme example of latitudinal migration is many wader species that summer in Australia fly thousands of kilometres to Siberia to breed during the northern summer. A number of birds migrate latitudinally within Australia (e.g. Bee-eaters and Silvereyes) and to New Guinea (e.g. some cuckoo species). Some birds migrate from high altitude to over-winter in coastal lowlands (Rose Robin and Noisy Pitta).

3. Kedron Brook Wetlands
Albert Bishop Park, Hedley Ave, Nundah, 4012. UBD 140 Q4.

4. Boondall Wetlands
Parkerbank Dr, Boondall, 4034. UBD 111 C14.
Paved and unpaved tracks. Bird hide, visitor centre. See BCC Boondall Wetlands track map and Birds of Boondall brochure, available at the Visitor Centre. Mangroves, saltmarsh, freshwater wetland, woodland, grassland, take insect repellent, Pied Cormorant, Leadbeater Flycatcher. 44/128

5. Nudgee Beach & Boardwalk
O’Quinn St, Nudgee Beach, 4014. UBD 111 L16.
Formed unpaved tracks and boardwalk through mangroves, Bird hide, playground. See BCC Boondall Wetlands track map. Mudflats, mangroves, salt-marsh. Take insect repellent. Collared Kingfisher, Mangrove Gerygone, Brown Honeyeater, White-faced Heron, Striated Heron, Whimbrel, Bar-tailed Godwit, Brahminy Kite, Rainbow Bee-eater, Eastern Curlew, Mangrove Honeyeater, Eastern Osprey, Gull-billed Tern, Pacific Golden Plover. Rainbow Bee-eaters breed here. 47/122

6. Nudgee Waterhole Reserve
Nudgee Rd, Nudgee, 4014. UBD 121 K9.
Unpaved tracks and boardwalk. See BCC Boondall Wetlands track map, Parkland, riparian vegetation, lake. Dusky Moorhen, Australasian Grebe, Eurasian Coot, Hardhead, Buff-banded Rail, Cicadabird. 45/74

7. Dowse Lagoon
Second Lagoon Reserve, Brighton St, Sandgate, 4017. UBD 110 P3

8. Third Lagoon Reserve & Deagon Wetlands
Third Lagoon - Baskerville St, Brighton, 4017. UBD 100 J20. Deagon Wetlands - Braicken Ridge Rd, Sandgate 4017, UBD 110 H1

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www.translink.com.au
for public transport options, current routes and timetables before setting out.
29. John Wilson Reserve
Glenturret St, Pinjarra Hills, 4069, USD 196 L7.
Unpaved and unformed tracks, woodland, riparian vegetation, Rufous Fantail, Mistletoebird, Golden and Rufous Whistlers, Grey and Little Shrike-thrushes, Tawny Grassbird. 36/92

30. Gold Creek Reserve
Gold Creek Rd, Brookfield, 4069, USD 136 L14.

31. Fig Tree Pocket
Bimbi Yumba and Macriet St Parks, Fig Tree Pocket Rd, USD 198 G2.
Facilities are in Bimbi Yumba Park. For binding, walk to river bank off Bottletree St adjacent to equestrian centre Unformed tracks. Mangroves, woodland, parkland, Australian King-Parrot, Great, Little Black and Little Pied Cormorants, White-necked Heron, Eastern Great, Intermediate and Cattle Egrets. 79/113

SOUTH

32. Mt Ommaney Boardwalk
Summit Place, Mt Ommaney, 4074. USD 197 G4.
Unpaved formed tracks, boardwalk, some hills. Woodland, riparian vegetation. Little Shrike-thrush, Pheasant Coucal, Dollarbird, Pacific Baza. 49/115

33. Fort Rd Bushland
Fort Rd, Oxley, 4075. USD 198 F5.
Contiguous with Rocks Riverbend Park. Unpaved tracks. Parkland, woodland, remnant rainforest, riparian vegetation. Noisy Friarbird, Spangled Drongo, Yellow-faced and Scarlet Honeyeaters, Mistletoebird, Cicadabird. 54/77

34. Sherwood Forest Park
Jollimont St, Sherwood, 4075. USD 178 K9.

35. Oxley Creek Common
Sherwood Rd, Sherwood, 4086. USD 179 B20.

36. Cliveden Awe Reserve
Cliveden Awe, Corinda, 4075. USD 199 A6.


37. Toorkey Forest Park
Toorkey Road, Nathan, 4111. USD 200 E1.
Contiguous with Griffith University and Mt Gravatt Outlook Reserve. Sandstone area uncommon in Brisbane. Paved and unpaved formed and unformed tracks, some hilly. See BCC Toorkey Forest track map. Woodland, heath. Yellow-faced and White-throated Honeyeaters, Variegated Fairy-wren, Rose Robin, Westebl, Powerful Owl. 30/68

38. Karawatha Forest Park
Acacia Rd, Karawatha, 4117. USD 221 J9.
Paved and unpaved formed and unformed tracks. See BCC Karawatha Forest track map. Woodland, riparian vegetation. Yellow-faced and White-throated Honeyeaters, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Eastern Spinebill, Spotted Pardalote, Little Friarbird, Leadbeater Flycatcher, Rose Robin, Brush Cuckoo. 39/57

39. Beryl Roberts & Brittain Parks
Barham St, Coopers Plains, 4108. USD 200 E14.
Paved and unpaved formed tracks. Wetland, woodland, riparian vegetation, parkland, Little Wattlebird, Golden-headed Cisticola, Tawny Grassbird, Pheasant Coucal, Collared Sparrowhawk. 53/73

40. S trenton Wetland Reserve
Iwawena St, S trenton, 4166. USD 240 G7.

Brisbane’s Birds - Walking in a bushland area, around a lake, or even in an urban park or street can reveal a surprising number of birds. Brisbane has the richest avifauna of any Australian capital city - around 400 bird species have been recorded. The birdlife is rich because of our sub-tropical climate, the wide variety of habitats, the extensive system of reserves and lush vegetation in private gardens. However, pressure for housing and development is causing bird habitat to disappear. Small bush birds are particularly vulnerable to habitat loss and predation by introduced animals and exclusion by pest bird species. Brisbane City Council is actively retaining natural areas, rehabilitating degraded ones and maintaining native vegetation along creeks and corridors.

EAST

41. White Hills Reserve
Boundary Rd, Camp Hill, 4152. USD 181 B9.
Walk the bushland south of the football fields. Unpaved and unformed tracks, hilly, woodland, parkland. Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Olive-backed Oriole, Noisy Friarbird, Sacred Kingfisher. 36/97

42. Minnipi Parklands
Stanton Rd West, Tingaba, 4173. USD 162 B15.

43. Metropole Avenue Wetlands
Metropole Ave, Murarrie, 4172. USD 161 L2.

44. Sandy Camp Park
Sandy Camp Rd, Lytton, 4178. USD 142 P16.

45. Port of Brisbane Lake
Whitmire St. Port Of Brisbane, 4178. USD 144 G16.
Bird hide at the Lucinda Drive high tide wader roost. USD 144 N9. Key to the hide is available from the Port of Brisbane Visitor Centre, 3 Port Central Ave. Unformed tracks. Lake, parkland, tidal wetland. Little Black Cormorant, Eastern Great Egret, Royal Spoonbill, Black Swan, Caspian and Gull-billed Terns, Chestnut teal, Mangrove Honeyeater, Eastern Curlew, Red-necked Avocet, Red-necked Stint, Curlew Sandpiper, Asian Dowitcher, Red-capped Plover, Little Tern. 57/151

46. Wynnum Boardwalk and Lytton Bird Hide
Boardwalk - Granada St Wynnum, 4178. USD 143 G14.

47. Brisbane Koala Bushlands
Alperton Rd, Burbank, 4156. USD 203 D16.
Paved and unpaved formed tracks. See BCC Brisbane Koala Bushlands track map. Woodland, wetland, riparian vegetation. Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Golden and Rufous Whistlers, Spotted Pardalote, Pacific Baza, Powerful Owl plus Koalas. 40/77

48. J C Trotter Memorial Park
Cheriton St, Burbank, 4156. USD 203 K8.
9. Tinchi Tamba Wetlands

Wyama Rd, Bald Hills, 4036, UBD 100 A16.


10. Canterbury Park & Barungawarra Bushland Reserve

Fourteenth Rd, Bald Hills, 4036, UBD 99 G19.

11. Raven Street Reserve

Downfall Creek Bushland Centre, Rode Rd, Chermside West, 4032, UBD 119 F16.

12. 7th Brigade Park

Murphy Rd, Chermside, 4032, UBD 120 A10.
Paved and unpaved formed tracks, Large playground, Parkland, woodland, riparian vegetation. Bush Stone-curlew, Tawny Grassbird, Golden-bellied Cisticola, Variegated Fairy-wren, Varied Triller, Australian Reed-Warbler. Best on southern side of creek. 57/75

13. Banks Street Reserve

Weatherhead St, Ashgrove, 4060, UBD 139 B15.
Unpaved formed and unpaved tracks, Woodland, remnant rainforest, riparian vegetation along Enoggera Creek. White-browed Scrubwren, Pheasant Coucal, Sacred and Azure Kingfishers, Spectacled Monarch, Varied Triller, Olive-backed Oriole. 40/62

Watching Waders in Brisbane - Waders (or shorebirds) make up about 10% of Australia’s bird species. Most migrate to Russia each year to breed during the northern hemisphere summer. Tens of thousands visit Moreton Bay from September to April. Both day and night, waders spread across the tidal flats at low tide to feed on a wide range of invertebrates. At high tide, they go to sites along the shoreline to rest. These roosts are the best place to observe them at high tide. Waders must increase their body weight greatly to provide energy reserves for their 13,000km migration. Disturbance by dogs and people reduces their foraging time and jeopardises their successful return journey to breeding grounds, so please observe from a distance.

14. Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens

Mt Coot-tha Rd, Toowong, 4066, UBD 158 L1.3.


Mt Coot-tha Reserve - Sites 15 – 18 are similar in habitat and species. See BCC Mt Coot-tha Reserve track map.

15. J C Slaughter Falls

Sir Samuel Griffith Dr, Mt Coot-tha, 4066, UBD 158 G13.

Unpaved formed and unpaved tracks, Woodland, riparian vegetation. Spangled Drongo, Brown Thornbill, Powerful Owl, Australian Owlet-nightjar, White-throated Treecreeper, Eastern Whipbird. 36/114

16. Simpson Falls

Sir Samuel Griffith Dr, Mt Coot-tha, 4066, UBD 158 D10.

Unpaved formed and unpaved tracks, Woodland, riparian vegetation. Collared Sparrowhawk, Scaly-breasted Lorickeet, Australian King-Parrot. 36/114

17. Honeyeater Track

The Hut, Fleming Rd, Chapel Hill, 4069, UBD 177 P2.

Unpaved formed and unpaved tracks, some hills. Australian King-Parrot, Rufous Whistler, White-throated Nightjar, Pale-headed Rosella. 36/114

18. Gap Creek Reserve

Gap Creek Rd, Mt Coot-tha, 4066, UBD 157 H15.


D’Aguiar National Park - Sites 19 – 24 are in an extensive bushland area to the north-west of Brisbane. Some non-Brisbane areas are included. Refer South D’Aguiar National Park track map.

19. Enoggera Reservoir - Aracuaria Walk


20. Bellbird Grove

Off Mt Nebo Rd, Camp Mountain, 4520, UBD 136 Q6.

Unpaved tracks. Woodland, riparian vegetation. White-throated Gerygone, Rose Robin, Brown and Buff-rumped Thornbills, Little Bronze-Cuckoo, Spectacled Monarch, Spotted Quail-thrush on ridges. 38/86

21. Jolly’s Lookout

Mt Nebo Rd, Jolly’s Lookout, 4250, UBD 135 M1.

Formed unpaved tracks, some steps. Woodland, rainforest. Brown Gerygone, Black-faced Monarch, Golden Whistler, Crested Shrike-tit, Varied Sittella, 41/78

22. Boombana

Mt Nebo Rd, Mt Nebo, 4520, UBD 135 J1.

Formed unpaved tracks, some steps. Woodland, rainforest. Yellow-throated and Large-billed Scrubwrens, Topknot Pigeon, Black-faced Monarch, Collared Sparrowhawk, 26/63

23. D’Aguiar National Park – Manorina

Mt Nebo Rd, Mt Nebo, 4520, UBD 105 F16.

Formed unpaved tracks, some steps. Woodland, rainforest. Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Crimson Rosella, Wompoo Fruit-Dove, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Scaly Owl, Striated Thornbill, 33/85

24. D’Aguiar National Park – Malala

Mt Glorious Rd, Mt Glorious, 4520, UBD 105 O6.


25. Lake Manchester

Lake Manchester Rd, Lake Manchester, 4306, UBD 172 Q1.

Unpaved tracks. Grassland, riparian vegetation, lake. Wanga Pigeon, Great Crested Grebe, Brahminy Kite, Azure Kingfisher. The access road is gravel.

26. Moggill Forest Reserve

Chalcot Rd, Anstead, 4070, UBD 175 L20, & Mill Rd, Anstead, 4070, UBD 175 R17.


27. Anstead Bushland Reserve

Hawksbury Rd, Anstead, 4070, UBD 195 N4.


28. Pullenvale Forest Park

Pullenvale Rd, Pullenvale, 4069, UBD 176 H1.