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THE QUEENSLAND ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY BIRD REPORT, 1987.

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This fifth annual report lists bird records from Queensland for 1987. The publication of these records provides a permanent record for future reference, and focuses attention on particular areas. Many of these are under threat of development, particularly in coastal areas.

Three species new to Australia were added to the State List: an adult Gurney's Eagle at Boigu Island, Torres Strait in February; an adult female Black-backed Wagtail at Fraser Island from May to September; and a Laughing Gull at Cairns from December (two present into 1989).

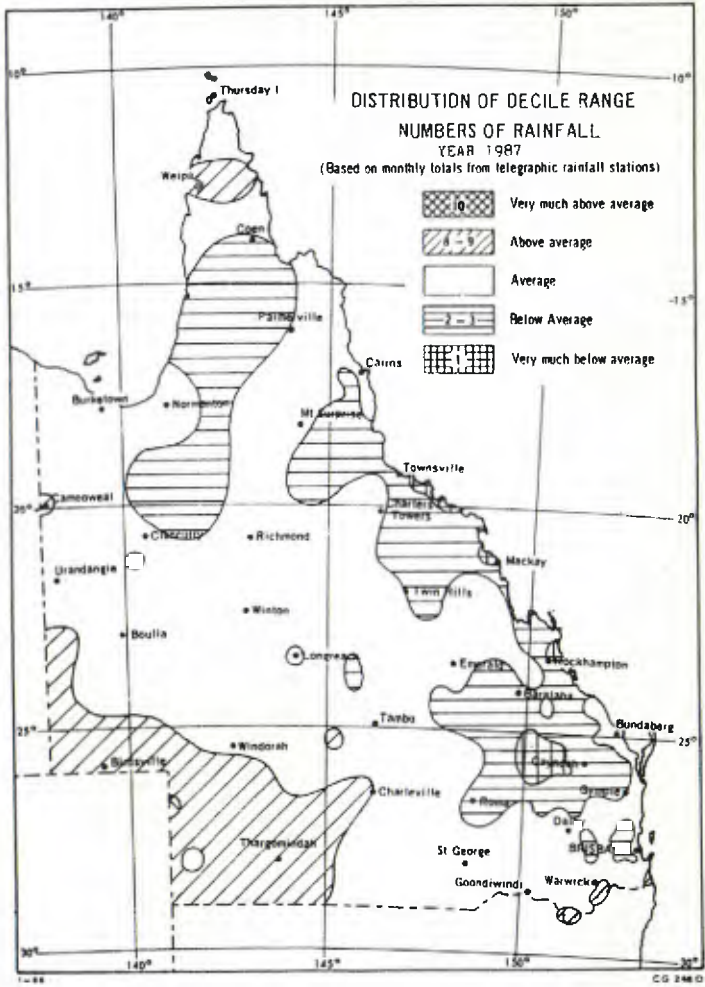
Boat trips from Brisbane continue to provide new information about the status of seabirds, while observations from islands in the Torres Strait add significantly to our knowledge of migratory movements in eastern Australia.

Dry conditions, which were a feature of the previous two years, continued into 1987, particularly in the south-western, north-eastern and north-central areas (Fig. 1). Large parts of coastal and sub-coastal areas from Brisbane to Cairns were also affected.

METHODS

Records included have been selected by the compiler. Omission from this report in no way implies that a record was considered erroneous. In addition to those submitted to the Q.O.S., records have been abstracted from the 1987 issues of The Bird Observers Club Newsletter, Q.O.S. Newsletter, R.A.O.U. Newsletter and *Cosmic Flashes* Newsletter.

The format used conforms to that used in the 1986 Bird Report (Redhead 1988). Nomenclature follows Schodde *et al.* (1978). The regional location (Fig. 2) is given in parenthesis for less well-known localities. Initials of the observers appear after the date of each record.



Adapted from the Monthly Weather Review--Queensland
Bureau of Meteorology
Department of Science

Fig.1 : Rainfall Summary for 1987

DA	D Allen	BH	B Hines
GA	G Anderson	FH	F Hines
MA	M Andrews	MH	M Hines
DB	D Barnes	NHo	N Hopkins
NB	N Barradough	BHu	B Hughes
TBe	T Bennett	KH	K Hughes
GB	G Beruldsen	PH	P Hughes
JB	J Birbeck	BI	B Irving
OB	O Blacklock	BJ	B Jahnke
TB	T Brickhill	DJ	D Jones
PB	P Britton	YK	Y Kahabke
MB	M Buchanan	AK	A Kilmartin
MCA	M Carmody	GL	G Leach
DC	D Caswell	KL	K Lindsay
GC	G Claridge	CL	C Lloyd
DCo	D Cook	AM	A Magarry
FC	F Coombes	DM	D Magarry
CC	C Corben	PM	P Mahoney
MC	M Crawford	RM	R Mahoney
JC	J Crowhurst	NM	N Marr
GD	G Davidson	NMa	N Marriott
SD	S Davidson	JM	J Moverley
AD	A Dawson	IM	I McMahon
TD	T Denny	JML	J McLean
SDo	S Doyle	JMi	J Mims
JE	J Elvish	KM	K Moore
RE	R Elvish	DMu	D Muir
CF	C Finlay	DN	D Niland
KF	K Fisher	JN	J Noyce
SG	S Garnett	GN	G Nye
MGo	M Goadby	RP	R Page
SGo	S Goadby	TP	T Palliser
GG	G Goodyear	CP	C Patterson
JGr	J Grant	PP	P Patterson
AG	A Green	LP	L Phillips
DG	D Green	SP	S Phillips
JG	J Greeves	GP	G Piper
JH	J Harding	DP	D Pridy
TH	T Harding	BP	B Pryde
NHa	N Haxton	RAOU	Royal Australian Ornithologists Union
WHa	W Haxton		
CH	C Hembrow	DIR	D Redhead
NH	N Hindmarsh	BR	B Robertson
RH	R Hindmarsh	PR	P Roe

DR	D Rogers	JT	J Tilly
IR	I Rogers	MT	M Tilly
JR	J Rogerson	IV	I Venables
MAS	MA Sharp	PW	P Walbridge
LS	L Sharrock	RW	R Wallace
RS	R Sharrock	MW	M West
RSo	R Sonnenburg	JW	J White
JS	J Squire	JWi	J Wieneke
DS	D Stewart	AW	A Williams
TT	T Tarrant	CW	C Wingate

OTHER ABBREVIATIONS

bw	beachwashed	W	west	NP	National Park
E	East	Pt	Point	SF	State Forest
km	kilometre	Imm	immature	Is	Island
N	north	S	south	pr	pair
		Mt	mountain		

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SYSTEMATIC LIST

- Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus*. Goomeri Dam, Mar, DR,PP; 27, Lake Powlathanga (MEQ), 1 Mar, PB.
- Yellow-nosed Albatross** *Diomedea chlororhynchos*. Off Pt Lookout, 27 June, RAOU.
- Southern Giant-Petrel** *Macronectes giganteus*. Imm, Magnetic Is, Townsville, 21 June, JW; Off Pt Lookout, 27 June, RAOU.
- Great-winged Petrel** *Pterodroma macroptera*. Pt Lookout, Stradbroke Is, 21 Nov, TT.
- Kermadec Petrel** *Pterodroma neglecta*. 2, off Pt Lookout, 28 Mar, RAOU
- Tahiti Petrel** *Pterodroma rostrata*. 40+, off Pt Lookout, 18 Feb, 28 Mar, CC; Cape Moreton, 12 Dec, CC.
- Streaked Shearwater** *Calonectris leucomelas*. 4, Pt Lookout, 18 Feb, RAOU.
- Wilson's Storm-Petrel** *Oceanites oceanicus*. 5, between Clump Pt and Beaver Cay (NEQ), 19 Apr, PB.
- Red-footed Booby** *Sula sula*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 12 Feb, SG.
- Darter** *Anhinga melanogaster*. Boigu Is, Torres Strait, 18 Feb, SG.
- Little Black Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 5 Feb, SG.
- Little Pied Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax melanoleucos*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 3 Feb, SG; Boigu Is, Torres Strait, 17 Feb, SG.
- Great Frigatebird** *Fregata minor*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 23 Nov, RH.
- Least Frigatebird** *Fregata ariel*. Large numbers, Weipa (NEQ), 15 Oct, TM; Mourilyan Harbour, Innisfail, 15 Aug, WH, NH; Lady Elliot Is, 1-3 Nov, RE, JE; Clump Pt, 18 Apr, PB.
- Red-tailed Tropicbird** *Phaethon rubricauda*. Bw, Moreton Is, 14 Feb, YK; 3, Pt Lookout, 18 Feb, RAOU; Lady Elliot Is, 1-3 Nov, RE, JE.
- Great-billed Heron** *Ardea sumatrana*. Daintree River (NEQ), 24 July, RP.

- Striated Heron** *Butorides striatus*. Adult, Burdekin Weir, Charters Towers, 18 May and 15 Aug, PB.
- Little Bittern** *Ixobrychus minutus*. Toowong, Brisbane, 16 May, MW.
- Australasian Bittern** *Botaurus poiciloptilus*. Mango Hill, nr Brisbane, 16 Mar, GG.
- Black-necked Stork** *Xenorhynchus asiaticus*. Mudgeeraba, 21 Feb, GA; Kalbar, 28 Mar, GG, MG; Mt Crosby, 12 Apr, SD, GL; Wivenhoe Dam, 14 May, GA; 20 km E of Chinchilla, 9 July, CP, PP; 2 km E of Rosewood, 31 Oct, TBe.
- Magpie Goose** *Anseranas semipalmata*. Unusual numbers in the second half of the year: Pumicestone Passage, 27 July, JT; Atkinson's Lagoon, 30 July, GL; Loganholme, 3 Aug, JB; Isis Mill, Childers, 14 Aug, TD; Sandgate Lagoon, 3 Sept, RSo; Lake Mudgeeraba, 1 Nov, GA. The largest flock was a group of 230 at Bracken Ridge, 20 Oct, RSo.
- Black Swan** *Cygnus atratus*. c300, Mt Garnet (NEQ), 20 Apr, DM.
- Wandering Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna arcuata*. Dakabin, 4 June, GG; Bracken Ridge, early Nov, RSo.
- Radjah Shelduck** *Tadorna radjah*. Boigu Is, Torres Strait, 19 Feb, SG.
- Australasian Shoveler** *Anas rhynchotis*. Up to 10, Reeves Lake (NEQ), 22 Feb-17 May, PB; ♀, Plainlands, 23 Aug, GA, KH, GL.
- Pink-eared Duck** *Malacorhynchus membranaceus*. 3, Roadvale, 15 Feb, IV; 30, 30 km W of Windorah, 1 July, PP.
- Cotton Pygmy-Goose** *Nettapus coromandelianus*. Pr, Sandgate Lagoon, 21 July-23 Aug, GA, IM, DN, PW; pr, Isis Mill, Childers, 13 Sept, TD; Pr, Prenzlau, 21 Nov, GA, GL.
- Pacific Baza** *Aviceda subcristata*. 2, Lawn Hill NP (NWQ), 3 July, PB; Pr, McDowall, Brisbane, 4 Nov, AG, DG.
- Black Kite** *Milvus migrans*. Bruce Highway at Pine River, 30 June, JN.
- Square-tailed Kite** *Lophoictinia isura*. Between Miles and Roma, 28 June, CP, PP; 8 km E of Coopers Creek, 24 June, CP, PP.

- Black-breasted Buzzard** *Hamirostra melanosternon*. Richmond (CQ), 27 June, PB; Charters Towers, 25 Apr, PB; Booringa Downs, Mitchell, 8 Aug, DA, and 2 on 1 Oct, DA, GN; S of Normanton (NWQ), 5 July, PB.
- Grey Goshawk** *Accipiter novaehollandiae*. Toowoomba, 18 Feb, SD; Kinka Beach, 3 Mar, MC; 2, Wamuran, 26 July, JN.
- White-bellied Sea-Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucogaster*. Chelmer, Brisbane, 27 Feb, SD, CF; Murgon, May, PP.
- Wedge-tailed Eagle** *Aquila audax*. Recorded over Brisbane suburbs at Holland Park in Aug, PB; and Kenmore in Sept, PM.
- Little Eagle** *Hieraetus morphnoides*. Paluma (NEQ), 19 Sept, PB, N of Charters Towers, 17 May, PB; Redcliffe, 26 Apr, DIR.
- Spotted Harrier** *Circus assimilis*. Charters Towers, 23 Mar and 5 Apr, PB.
- Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus*. Lytton, Brisbane, July, AD; Booby Is, Torres Strait, 24 Aug, NH.
- Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*. Mt Glorious, 14 Feb, IV; Bunya Mts, 28 Mar, GA; Surfers Paradise, 15 May, GN; Pr, Boondooma Dam, 29 May, CP, PP; Bracken Ridge, July, DB; Mt Mitchell, 7 July, DCo.
- Australian Hobby** *Falco longipennis*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 28 Mar, AW.
- Grey Falcon** *Falco hypoleucos*. Reeves Lake (NEQ), 25 Jan, PB.
- Brown Falcon** *Falco berigora*. Corinda, Brisbane, 5 Mar, PR; Acacia Ridge, Brisbane, 30 Mar, LP, SP.
- Gurney's Eagle** *Aquila gurneyi*. Adult, Boigu Is, Torres Strait, 27 Feb, SG. First Australian record.
- Australian Brush-turkey** *Alectura lathamii*. Corinda, Brisbane, Oct, DN.
- King Quail** *Coturnix chinensis*. Pr, inland from Townsville, 26 Feb, PB.
- Painted Button-quail** *Turnix varia*. 2, 50 km S of Mitchell, 13 Apr, PP; imm found dead, Royal Brisbane Hospital, 21 Oct, MH.

- Black-breasted Button-quail** *Turnix melanogaster*. 2, Yarraman Forest, 12 Feb, DR, IR.
- Buff-banded Rail** *Rallus philippensis*. Breeding records : Deception Bay, 9 Feb, NM; Pinjarra Hills, 14 Feb, IV; 2 vagrants, Charters Towers, 27 Jan, PB.
- Lewin's Rail** *Rallus pectoralis*. Mt Glorious, 21 June, TP; Toowoomba, 14 Dec, DA, AK, JW.
- Baillon's Crake** *Porzana pusilla*. Mitchell SF, 2 Jan, DA, RS, LS, CW; and 3 birds, 7 Jan, DA, RS, LS.
- Bush-hen** *Gallinula olivacea*. Pr and 2 juveniles, Logan River, 22 Feb, TH; Marburg, 9 May, CL.
- Brolga** *Grus rubicundus*. c200, St Lawrence, 24 June, GP; c1000, Ayr, 14 July, NMA; 5, Bracken Ridge, Brisbane, 20 Oct, RSo.
- Beach Thick-knee** *Burhinus neglectus*. Magnetic Is, off Townsville, Jan-Aug, JWi.
- Pied Oystercatcher** *Haematopus longirostris*. Largest number : 27, Woody Point, 11 Apr, RM.
- Masked Lapwing** *Vanellus miles*. Subspecies *novaehollandiae*, Townsville, 13 Sept, GC.
- Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*. 9, Alva Beach (NEQ), 7 Nov; 2 on 5 Dec, PB.
- Lesser Golden Plover** *Pluvialis dominica*. Lake Powlathanga, 22 Sept, PB.
- Red-kneed Dotterel** *Erythronyctes cinctus*. Peak of 34, Charters Towers, Oct, PB.
- Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula*. Kinka Beach, Yeppoon, 20 Feb, MC. 2nd Queensland record.
- Double-banded Plover** *Charadrius bicinctus*. Atkinson's Dam (inland), 12 Apr, TP; Cairns, 21 June, DM.
- Red-necked Avocet** *Recurvirostra novaehollandiae*. Atkinson's Lagoon, 30 July, GL; 260, Karumba (NCQ), 6 July, PB; up to 17, Reeves Lake, Feb-Aug, PB; up to 22, Lake Powlathanga, May-Oct, PB; up

to 42, Townsville, 21 Sept–19 Oct, PB.

Eastern Curlew *Numenius madagascariensis*. 108, Mackay, 12 Dec, MA.

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*. Lake Powlathanga, 24 Sept, PB.

Little Curlew *Numenius minutus*. 20+, Cairns area, Oct–Nov, JS, DM;
Toomba Lake, 25 Jan, PB; up to 7, nr Charters Towers, Oct, PB.

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 5 Sept,
JG.

Redshank *Tringa totanus*. 2, Cairns, 27 Apr, KF, LF.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*. S of Georgetown (inland NCQ), 20
Oct, DM; largest count Charters Towers, 215 on 2 Oct, PB.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*. 30, Kinchant Dam, Mackay, 17 Mar,
TB; Atherton (NEQ), Oct, JS; up to 6, Lake Powlathanga, 20 Oct–
22 Nov, PB; Charters Towers, 23 Oct–11 Nov, PB.

Common Sandpiper *Tringa hypoleucos*. 15, Cooktown, Jan–Feb, JML;
2, Cooktown, 19 July, JML; 2, Tully River (NEQ), 20 Apr, PB; nr
Charters Towers, 4 Feb, 15 Aug, 17 Sept, 10 Oct, PB.

Latham's Snipe *Gallinago hardwickii*. 8, Townsville, 14 Mar, PB; small
passage, Charters Towers, Aug–Oct, PB.

Asian Dowitcher *Limnodromus semipalmatus*. Thornside, 22 Feb, CC,
PW; Lytton, 25 Apr, JM; 3, Thornside, July, DS.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*. Georgetown (NCQ), 20 Oct, DM;
c30, Magnetic Is, Townsville, Nov–Dec, JWj; 86, Townsville, 17 Nov,
PB.

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*. Kinka Beach, Yeppoon (MEQ),
5 Mar, MC; Kinchant Dam, Mackay, 17 Mar, TB.

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*. 55, Karumba, 6 July, PB.

Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta*. Lytton, 22 Feb, CC, TP. PW.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*. 4, Mackay, 28 Mar, GD.

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus*. Mackay, 27 Mar, TB.

- Ruff** *Philomachus pugnax*. Atherton (NEQ), 19 Nov, JS.
- Pomarine Jaeger** *Stercorarius pomarinus*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 1 Feb, SG.
- Silver Gull** *Larus novaehollandiae*. Up to 18, Reeves Lake, Feb-June, PB
- Pacific Gull** *Larus pacificus*. Imm, Wynnum, 14 May to Aug, FC. First record for Queensland.
- Laughing Gull** *Larus atricilla*. Cairns, 11 Dec to end of year, JC. First record for Australia.
- Whiskered Tern** *Chilidonias hybrida*. 200+, Lake Powlathanga, 20 Oct, PB; 4, Goomeri Dam, 25 Jan, PP, DR
- White-winged Tern** *Chilidonias leucoptera*. 350, Giru (NEQ), 13-15 Mar, reduced to 40 on 21 Apr, PB; Wivenhoe Dam, 14 May, GA; 3, Lytton, 28 Nov, TT.
- Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogne caspia*. 135, Magnetic Is, Townsville, 26 Apr, JWi.
- Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica*. 12, Lake Powlathanga, 22 Sept, PB.
- Roseate Tern** *Sterna dougallii*. Tully Heads (NEQ), 14 Apr, PB.
- Sooty Tern** *Sterna fuscata*. Imm, Gladstone, 26 Jan, DC; Lady Elliot Is, 1-3 Nov, RE, JE.
- Bridled Tern** *Sterna anaethetus*. Ad, off Pt Lookout, 18 Feb, RAOU, also 12 Dec, CC.
- Little Tern** *Sterna albifrons*. 1000+, Mackay, Mar, TB.
- Lesser Crested Tern** *Sterna bengalensis*. Redcliffe, July, DS; 30, Tully Heads, 29 Sept, PB.
- Superb Fruit-Dove** *Ptilinopus superbus*. Boigu Is, Torres Strait, 17 Feb, SG; Rafting Ground Road, Brisbane, 24 May, MB.
- Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove** *Ptilinopus regina*. Gallangowan Forest (SEQ), 26 Jan, PP.

- Torresian Imperial-Pigeon** *Ducula spilorrhoa*. Cairns, 31 Aug, KL.
- White-headed Pigeon** *Columba leucomela*. St Lucia, Brisbane, 15 Feb, DMu; Booby Is, Torres Strait, 22 Apr, AW.
- Peaceful Dove** *Geopelia placida*. Boigu Is, Torres Strait, 18 Feb, SG; c20, Teviot Brook, 30 June, CH.
- Bar-shouldered Dove** *Geopelia humeralis*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 5 Sept, JG, AW.
- Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 22 Apr, AW.
- Common Bronzewing** *Phaps chalcoptera*. Eagle Farm, Brisbane, 11 Sept, GN.
- Glossy Black-Cockatoo** *Calyptorhynchus lathami*. 2, Wondai Forest, 20 Jan, DR.
- Long-billed Corella** *Cacatua tenuirostris*. 2, Gympie, 9 Mar, PH, BH; Wacol, nr Brisbane, 28 Mar, JG; feral population.
- Sulphur-crested Cockatoo** *Cacatua galerita*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 10 Mar, AW.
- Musk Lorikeet** *Glossopsitta concinna*. 6, Churchbank Weir, 10 Oct, DN.
- Red-winged Parrot** *Aprosmictus erythropterus*. St Lucia, Brisbane, 21 Apr, BR.
- Budgerigar** *Melopsittacus undulatus*. c20, 10 km W of Murgon, 5 June, CP, PP.
- Swift Parrot** *Lathamus discolor*. Queensport, Brisbane, 26 June, TP.
- Eastern Rosella** *Platycercus eximius*. Clayfield, Brisbane, 26 Aug, KM.
- Port Lincoln Ringneck** *Barnardius zonarius*. W of Longreach, 30 June, JMi.
- Mulga Parrot** *Psephotus varius*. 14, 50 km S of Mitchell, 16 Apr, CP, PP.
- Blue Bonnet** *Northiella haematogaster*. 2, 20 km W of Murgon, 26 Feb, DR, PP.

- Oriental Cuckoo** *Cuculus saturatus*. Deception Bay, 24 Jan, NM; Mt Glorious, 25 Apr, TP; Caboolture, 20 Sept, GC.
- Pallid Cuckoo** *Cuculus pallidus*. Atkinson's Dam, 3 May, TM.
- Brush Cuckoo** *Cuculus variolosus*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 14 Dec, RH, AW; Burdekin River, Charters Towers, 11 Oct, PB.
- Fan-tailed Cuckoo** *Cuculus pyrrhophanus*. Fletcher Creek (inland NEQ), 26 July, PB.
- Black-eared Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx osculans*. Charters Towers, 6 June, PB.
- Shining Bronze-Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx lucidus*. Acacia Ridge, Brisbane, 3 Mar, LP, SP; Booringa Downs, Mitchell, 11 Oct, RS.
- Channel-billed Cuckoo** *Scythrops novaehollandiae*. 3, Lawn Hill NP, 1-4 July, PB; Boigu Is, Torres Strait, 19 Feb, SG; arrival Charters Towers, 5 Sept, PB; Childers, 13 Sept, TD.
- Rufous Owl** *Ninox rufa*. Cardwell, 6 June, DM; Centenary Lakes, Cairns, 11 Nov, DH, KM.
- Powerful Owl** *Ninox strenua*. Records throughout the year, mainly from the SE : Tallegalla, HH, GL; Mt Marrow, GD, FH, BH, GL; Mt Glorious, IV; Bellbird Grove, IV; Griffith University, JH, DJ; Corona Station, W of Longreach, JR; Mt Coot-tha, Brisbane, PW; Six Mile Creek, nr Ipswich, DN; Benarkin, GG.
- Barking Owl** *Ninox connivens*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 11 Feb, SG.
- Eastern Grass Owl** *Tyto longimembris*. 2, Mackay, 31 Jan, MA; Tolga, nr Atherton (NEQ), 16 Feb, AM, DM.
- Spotted Nightjar** *Caprimulgus guttatus*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 3 Sept, AW.
- Large-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus macrurus*. Magnetic Is, Townsville, Sept, JWi.
- White-rumped Swiftlet** *Collocalia spodiopygia*. Cooktown, Jan-Feb, JML.
- White-throated Needletail** *Hirundapus caudacutus*. Kenmore, Brisbane, 26 June, PM.

- Fork-tailed Swift** *Apus pacificus*. Magnetic Is, Townsville, 1 Mar and 10 Oct, JWi.
- Little Kingfisher** *Ceyx pusilla*. Boigu Is, Torres Strait, 14 Feb, SG.
- Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher** *Tanysiptera sylvia*. Breeding records : Proserpine, 4 Feb, MA; Finch Hatton Gorge, Mackay (4 pr), 23 Jan, TB.
- Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis*. Charters Towers, late bird, 24 Apr, PB.
- Noisy Pitta** *Pitta versicolor*. Bowen, 14 Apr, IM; Redcliffe, 23 Apr, BI.
- Superb Lyrebird** *Menura novaehollandiae*. Killarney Head Road, 28 Mar, GG, MG.
- Rufous Scrub-bird** *Atrichornis rufescens*. Mt Barney NP, 23 May, TP.
- White-backed Swallow** *Cheramoeca leucosternum*. Charters Towers, 5 Sept, PB.
- Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 1 Feb, SG.
- Tree Martin** *Cecropis nigricans*. c300 breeding, Stanley Street, Brisbane, 15 Feb, NHo, MAS.
- Richard's Pipit** *Anthus novaeseelandiae*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 26 Nov, RH.
- Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava*. Cairns, 22 Nov, JC.
- Black-backed Wagtail** *Motacilla lugens*. Ad ♀, Waddy Pt, Fraser Is, late May-22 Sept, CC, CP, DP, DS. First Australian record.
- White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina papuensis*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 24 Dec, RH.
- Yellow-eyed Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina lineata*. Tallegalla, 7 Feb, HH, GL.
- Cicadabird** *Coracina tenuirostris*. Boigu Is, Torres Strait, 17 Feb, SG.
- White-winged Triller** *Lalage sueurii*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 7 May, AW; Redcliffe, 20 Oct, JN.

- Rose Robin** *Petroica rosea*. Pullenvale, Brisbane, 1 May, GG, MG.
- Scarlet Robin** *Petroica multicolor*. Queen's Park, Ipswich, 28 May, JB.
- Crested Shrike-tit** *Falcunculus frontatus*. Mt French NP, 2 Aug, RW.
- Little Shrike-thrush** *Colluricincla megarrhyncha*. Tallegalla, 7 Oct, HH, GL.
- Bower's Shrike-thrush** *Colluricincla boweri*. Ross River, Townsville, 1 Sept, GC.
- Yellow-breasted Boatbill** *Machaerirhynchus flaviventer*. Noosa NP, 8 Nov, GB.
- Shining Flycatcher** *Myiagra alecto*. Elimbah Creek, 2 Aug, MT, JT; Wathumba Creek, Fraser Is, 24 Sept, DP.
- Spotted Quail-thrush** *Cinclosoma punctatum*. ♀, Widgee, 23 Mar, PH, BH.
- Hall's Dabbler** *Pomatostomus halli*. Breeding, Eulo, 10 Oct, NM, CH.
- Tawny Grassbird** *Megalurus timoriensis*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 13 Feb, SG.
- Golden-headed Cisticola** *Cisticola exilis*. Mitchell, 1 Oct, DA, EN.
- Yellow Thornbill** *Acanthiza nana*. 3, Lake Powlathanga, 24 Apr, PB.
- Grey-fronted Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus plumulus*. 12, Georgetown (NCQ), 19 Apr, DM.
- Yellow-tinted Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus flavescens*. Black River, W of Townsville, May, DN.
- Black-chinned Honeyeater** *Melithreptus gularis*. North Pine Dam, nr Brisbane, 24 May, BI.
- Orange Chat** *Ephthianura aurifrons*. 3 males, Booringa Downs, S of Mitchell, 29 Oct, DA.
- Pictorella Mannikin** *Lonchura pectoralis*. 2, Georgetown, 14 Apr, DM.
- Gouldian Finch** *Erythrura gouldiae*. Several, Georgetown (NCQ), 18 Apr, DM.

Metallic Starling *Aplonis metallica*. 15, Cooktown, 23 July, JML.

Olive-backed Oriole *Oriolus sagittatus*. Booby Is, Torres Strait, 26 Nov, SG.

Regent Bowerbird *Sericulus chrysocephalus*. Tallegalla, 7 Oct, HH, GL.

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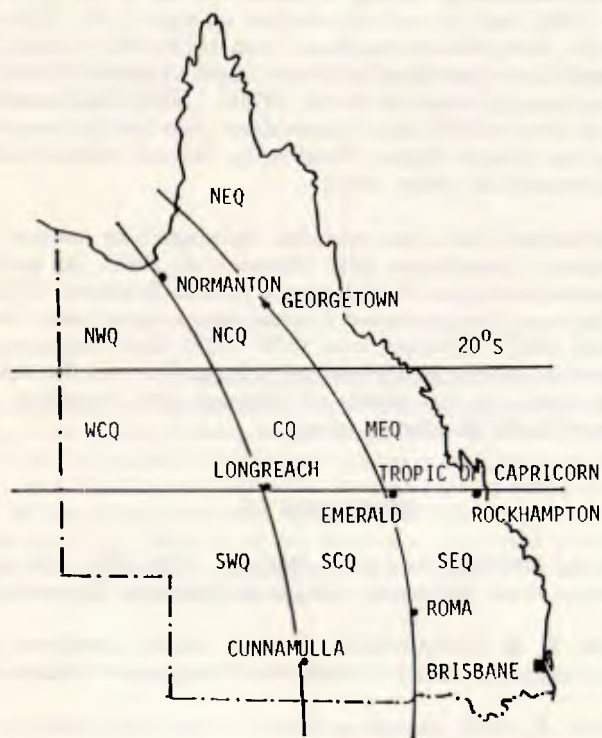


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(from Dahms, in Palliser 1985)

DOUBLE-BARRED FINCH ON NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND

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Small flocks of Double-barred Finch *Poephila bichenovii* were seen at Adam's Beach, Point Lookout and Eighteen-mile Swamp during a brief visit to North Stradbroke Island from 12-15 September, 1988. These sightings suggested that the species was reasonably common and widely distributed on the island.

While widespread in south-east Queensland, this species seems to be a recent addition to the island's avifauna. It was not included in bird lists for the island compiled by Vernon & Martin (1975a) or by Durbridge & Covacevich (1981), and it was not recorded on any of the QOS annual bird counts for North Stradbroke Island from 1973-1980 (Woodall 1987). It is also absent from bird lists for Fraser Island (Vernon & Barry 1972) and Moreton Island (Vernon & Martin 1975b). Island locations are not given for it in Storr's (1973) list of Queensland birds but it is recorded for the Moreton Bay islands (Bribie, Moreton, St. Helena, North Stradbroke, Peel) in his revised list (Storr 1984).

The Double-barred Finch has expanded its range into eastern coastal areas this century (Immelmann 1967; Blakers *et al.* 1984). An analysis of finches recorded during QOS bird counts around Brisbane, 1972-1983, indicated that most Double-barred Finches were counted away from the coast (Woodall 1987). However, from 1979 - 1981 there was an apparent influx of this species to coastal areas, and it is possible that this may have extended to some of the islands of Moreton Bay, resulting in the colonisation of North Stradbroke Island.

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COMMENT FROM THE EDITOR

It is regrettable that comparative lack of material received in 1989 has meant that we were able to produce only a single issue in Volume 19. Much of the content of this first issue for 1990 was collated in 1989, but it seemed unreasonable to label it as Volume 19(2) when it was actually published in April 1990. There will be at least two issues in Volume 20, the second of which should be published in July. Whether or not there are more 1990 issues depends on suitable material being submitted in the near future. It is hoped that we are able to revert to three or four issues per year.

THE QUEENSLAND ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY BIRD REPORT, 1988.

P.L. BRITTON

This sixth annual report lists bird records from Queensland for 1988. The publication of these sightings continues to provide a permanent record for future reference, focusing attention on particular areas as well as seasonal patterns of occurrence. Cumulative data over decades will assist in our understanding of these complex patterns, which are often obscure in a continent noted for climatic vicissitudes. The inevitable effects of clearing and other forms of environmental degradation can be likewise monitored when sufficient long-term data are available for perusal.

Observations at Boigu Island in Torres Strait again resulted in an addition to the State List. This Singing Starling, still lacking proper documentation, was in fact new to the Australian avifauna. A New Guinea Pied Harrier casually reported from two localities was also an addition to the State List, while migrant Grey Wagtail, Red-necked Phalarope, Red-rumped Swallow, Asian Dowitcher and Garganey from the Northern Hemisphere are hardly recorded.

More than half of the State experienced below average rainfall in 1988 (Fig.1). The extent of the average rainfall area is misleading in terms of exceptional rain in many areas in December, which lifted annual rainfall and provided unusually verdant conditions at the end of the year.

METHODS

Records included have been selected by the compiler. Omission from this report in no way implies that a record was considered erroneous. It is regrettable that virtually all data other than the compiler's are already published in standard sources such as the Q.O.S. Newsletter. Such sources tend to focus on the rare or atypical, whereas data submitted for the report itself allow the compiler to select interesting items which might appear to be random when viewed in isolation. A wealth of data is certainly preferred, so that sifting or selection is possible in terms of correlation from locality to locality. The data presented for Black-tailed Native-hen and White-winged Triller from Georgetown and Charters Towers illustrate this potential.

Format, nomenclature, abbreviations and sources for published records are as used in the 1986 Bird Report (Redhead 1988). The regional location (Fig.2) is given in parenthesis for less well-known localities the first time each appears. Initials of the observers appear after other details of each record.

A lack of proper documentation is referred to in some instances, when a record is of particular interest and thus in special need of such. Various other cases of inadequate documentation are not referred to specifically. It is hoped that rare species which are difficult to identify (for example Long-toed Stint) and sightings which represent extensions of known range (for example Black-browed Albatross) will be fully documented elsewhere, as already done by Cheshire (1989) for the latter species.

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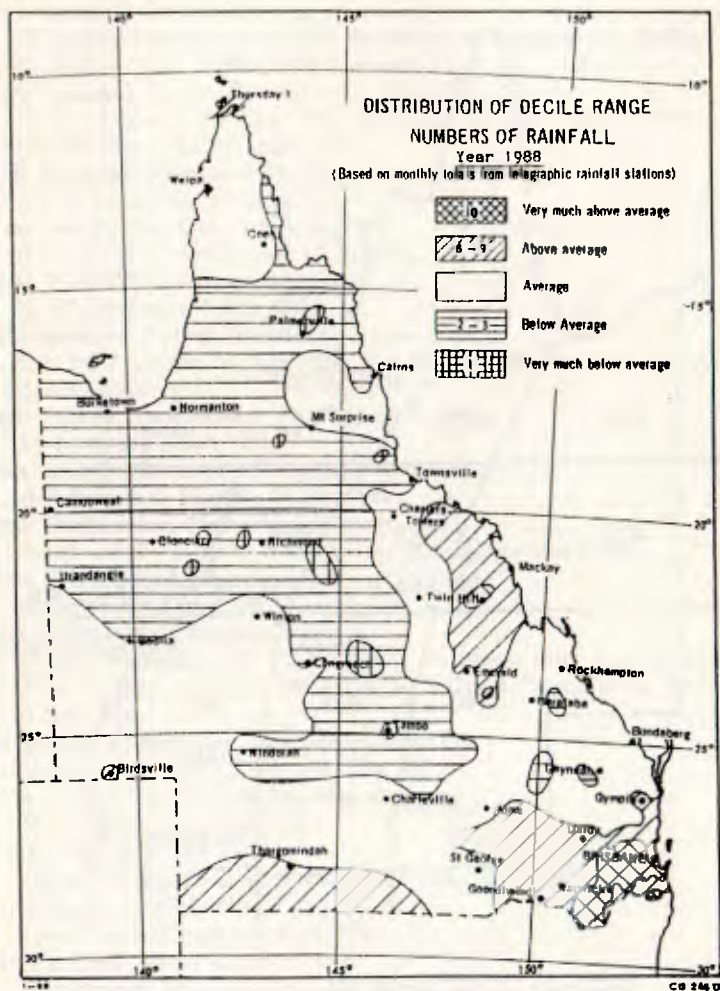
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JB	J Birbeck	JM	J Mckean
TBr	T Brickhill	NMk	N McKendrick
PB	P Britton	DMo	D Moss
DB	D Brown	KMo	K Moss
KB	K Brownlow	JMu	J Munro
MB	M Buchanan	DN	D Niland
DC	D Cape	JN	J Noyce
MCA	M Carter	GO	G O'Meara
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JH	J Harding	JTh	J Thompson
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PHs	P Haselgrove	JT	J Tilly
CH	C Hembrow	MT	M Tilly
SH	S Heussler	IV	I Venables
RHi	R Hindmarsh	DW	D Watson
BH	B Hines	AWt	A West
CHd	C Hubbard	AW	A Williams
PL	P Lansley	LW	L Williams
GL	G Leach	MW	M Wilson
AL	A Lloyd	CW	C Wingate
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Fig.1 : Rainfall Summary for 1988

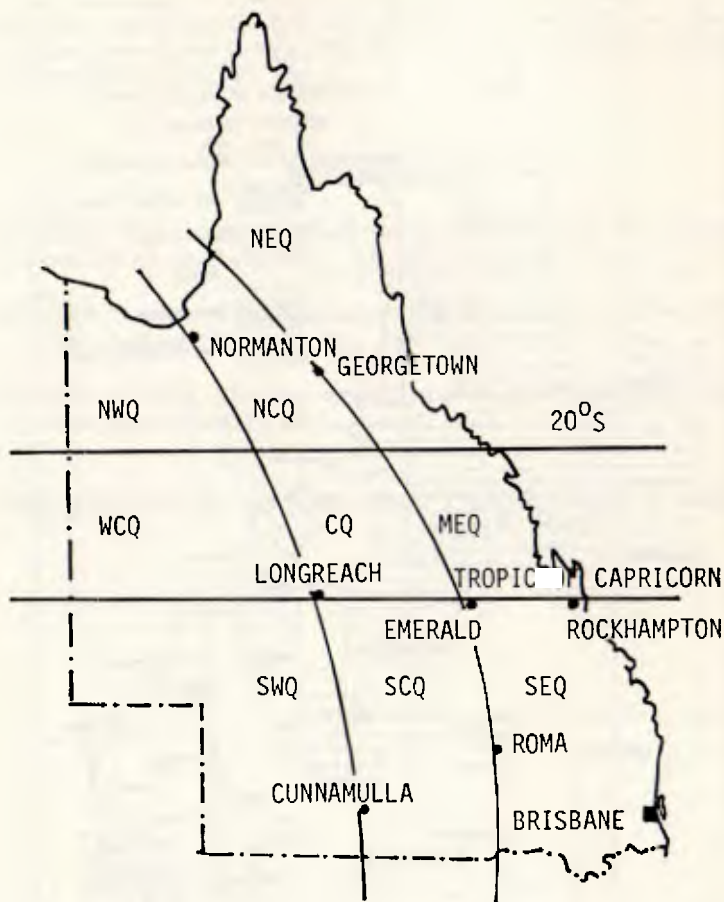


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SYSTEMATIC LIST

- Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus*
15, Dyer's Lagoon, 12 Oct, RH; 4 pairs, Lake Samsonvale, 28 Dec, ES;
8, Reeves Lake, 5 Mar, PB; Georgetown, 2 Apr, DM.
- Hoary-headed Grebe** *Poliiocephalus poliocephalus*
Dyer's Lagoon, 12 Oct, RH; Reeves Lake, 26 Apr, 5 Jun, PB;
Broadwater Lake, 11 Jun, IBT.
- Black-browed Albatross** *Diomedea melanophrys*
NE of Lizard Is, 11 Sept, NC.
- Kermadec Petrel** *Pterodroma neglecta*
Beachwashed, Southport, 13 Apr, DC.
- Tahiti Petrel** *Pterodroma rostrata*
3, off Brisbane, 6 Feb, CC.
- White-necked Petrel** *Pterodroma externa*
Off Pt Lookout, 6 Feb, CC; few Australian records, no proper
documentation
- Flesh-footed Shearwater** *Puffinus carneipes*
Pt Lookout, 3 Feb, JN.
- Short-tailed Shearwater** *Puffinus tenuirostris*
Beachwashed, Mackay, 9 Jan, TBr.
- Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo*
Small numbers, Lake Samsonvale, throughout year, IBT.
- Great Frigatebird** *Fregata minor*
3, Dunk Is, 3 Apr, PB.
- Least Frigatebird** *Fregata ariel*
Single, Wellington Pt, 17 Jan, IBT; 15, blown over road, Mackay, 3
Mar (Cyclone Charlie), MCr; 55, with Great Frigatebirds, Dunk Is,
3 Apr, PB.
- Red-tailed Tropicbird** *Phaethon rubricauda*
Michaelmas Cay, 1 Dec, AM, DM, FS.
- White-tailed Tropicbird** *Phaethon lepturus*
Michaelmas Cay, Sept, CD.
- Pacific Heron** *Ardea pacifica*
Large breeding colony, Broadwater Lake, Jun, IBT, QOS.
- Cattle Egret** *Ardeola ibis*
Lake Powlathanga, 10 Sept, PB.
- Eastern Reef Egret** *Egretta sacra*
Currimundi Lake, 29 Nov, JN; Noosa NP, 19 Mar, IBT.
- Rufous Night Heron** *Nycticorax caledonicus*
5, Deception Bay, 16 Apr, IBT.
- Black Bittern** *Dupetor flavicollis*
Georgetown, 2 Apr, DM; Logan River, Waterford, 2 Oct, DMO;
Yeppoon, 19 Dec, MCD; Mt Elliot, 30 Oct, PB.
- Australasian Bittern** *Botaurus poiciloptilus*
Brisbane Airport, 19 Jun, DR.

Yellow-billed Spoonbill *Platalea flavipes*

Churchbank Weir, S of Ipswich, 15 May, IBT.

Magpie Goose *Anseranas semipalmata*

Up to 50 birds, Carbrook Golf Course, nr Beenleigh, Mar, IBT.

Radjah Shelduck *Tadorna radjah*

Yeppoon, Nov, MCd.

Australasian Shoveler *Anas rhynchotis*

Redcliffe Airport, 15 May, PM, RM; 8, Valley of Lagoons (NEQ), 6 Apr, PB; 2, Georgetown, 2 Apr, DM; up to 7, Reeves Lake, 5 Mar-12 June, PB.

Garganey *Anas querquedula*

5, Townsville (Blakey's Crossing), 18 Feb - early Mar, JM, PB, GC.

Pink-eared Duck *Malacorhynchus membranaceus*

Small colony, Doboy Ck, throughout year, IBT.

Hardhead *Aythya australis*

Small numbers, Lake Samsonvale, throughout year, IBT.

Cotton Pygmy-Goose *Nettapus coromandelianus*

13, Bingera, nr Bundaberg, 25 Jun, LR.

Blue-billed Duck *Oxyura australis*

Nr Gatton, 6 Nov, DS, IBT.

Musk Duck *Biziura lobata*

Female, Broadwater Lake, 11 Jun, IBT.

Letter-winged Kite *Elanus scriptus*

Moranbah district, 3 May, TBr

Pacific Baza *Aviceda subcristata*

Springwood, 29 Jul, CHd; 2, Mitchell, 11 Aug, RS; Booringa Downs, 5 Dec, DA.

Square-tailed Kite *Lophoictinia isura*

Moggill, 3 Mar, AL,CL; Kallangur, 3 May, JN; Charters Towers, 12 Jun, PB; Mt Elliot, 21 Feb, PB; Deception Bay, 16 Apr, FB, TB; Booringa Downs, 19 Nov, DA; Samsonvale, 30-31 Jul, eating Noisy Miner, IBT; Gympie, 19 Jun, IF; Valley of Lagoons, 6 Apr, PB; Burketown, 4 Jul, PB.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*

Stafford Heights, 3 Feb, BH.

Red Goshawk *Erythrotriorchis radiatus*

Daintree district, 5 Aug, JMu.

Little Eagle *Hieraaetus morphnoides*

Kholo Ck, 8 May, IBT,QOS; Bribie Is, 30 Jun, JN; Mt Elliot, 17 Jun, PB; Doomadgee (NWQ), 3 Jul, PB; Charters Towers, 10 Sep, PB; N of Townsville, 11 Sep, PB.

Spotted Harrier *Circus assimilis*

Killarney, 2 May, JB, MB; 2 singles, nr Beaudesert, 24 Sep, IV; Charters Towers, 26 Mar, 26 Apr, 21 May, PB.

Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

Lake Samsonvale, 6 Mar, IBT; Lake Clarendon, nr Lowood, 3 Jun, JH; nr Beaudesert, 24 Sep, IV; Valley of Lagoons, 6 Apr, PB.

New Guinea Pied Harrier *Circus spilothorax*

Sub-adult reported in Daintree district, 10 Aug, JMu. This, and a reported sighting at Tolga several weeks earlier, lack proper documentation.

Black Falcon *Falco subniger*

Nr Rathdowney, 24 Sep, IV.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

Cooran, nr Pomona, 20 Feb, IBT; nesting, Sundown NP, 19 Oct, JN; Mt Piebald, NW of Cooktown, 19 Aug, JM.

Grey Falcon *Falco hypoleucos*

Condamine River, nr Killarney, 12 Jun, RSg.

Stubble Quail *Coturnix pectoralis*

Valley of Lagoons, 6 Apr, PB.

King Quail *Coturnix chinensis*

2 pairs, Cooloolah NP, 9 Apr, IBT; Lake Samsonvale, throughout year, IBT; Gympie, 27 Feb, IFi.

Red-backed Button-quail *Turnix maculosa*

Townsville, Apr, JM.

Painted Button-quail *Turnix varia*

Pair, Broadwater Lake, 12 Jun, IBT; Sundown NP, 20 Aug, IBT, QOS; road kill, Rockhampton, 7 Nov, MCD.

Black-breasted Button-quail *Turnix melanogaster*

4, Yarraman, 17 Aug, DM; Lamington NP, mid Oct, DF.

Little Button-quail *Turnix velox*

Injured bird, Charters Towers, 21 Apr, PB.

Red-chested Button-quail *Turnix pyrrhorthorax*

4, Townsville (Blakey's Crossing), Mar-Apr, JM; Charters Towers, 7 Feb, 16 May, PB.

Buff-banded Rail *Rallus philippensis*

Boonooroo, nr Maryborough, 23 Jan, IBT; Charters Towers, 2 Sep, PB; Townsville, Apr, JM.

Red-necked Crake *Rallina tricolor*

Mt Cook, Cooktown, 23 Sep, JM.

Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla*

Up to 5, Minden district, 13-29 Nov, GA, CL, GL, RP; Mitchell Sewage Farm, 2-7 Jan, DA, LS, RS, CW; 2, Charters Towers, 2-8 Feb, PB.

Australian Crake *Porzana fluminea*

Pullenvale, 24 Oct, RM; Charters Towers, 28 Feb, PB.

- White-browed Crane** *Poliolimnas cinereus*
Frequently heard and occasionally seen, Townsville (Blakey's Crossing), winter, GC.
- Black-tailed Native-hen** *Gallinula ventralis*
Flocks of 8-24 at four sites nr Charters Towers, 13-26 Mar, PB; several groups nr Georgetown, early Apr, DM.
- Brolga** *Grus rubicundus*
Pair, Elimbah Creek, nr Toorbul, 3 Jan, IBT; pair, Redcliffe Airport, 25 Apr, IBT.
- Sarus Crane** *Grus antigone*
1000, Ravenshoe, 17 Sep, IV; frequent from Edward River south to Karumba, June, always more numerous than Brolga, DN.
- Australian Bustard** *Ardeotis australis*
64 birds in 2ha area, eating grasshoppers, Lake Powlathanga, 24 Jan, PB.
- Beach Thick-knee** *Burhinus neglectus*
Booby Is, 14 Sep, RH.
- Painted Snipe** *Rostratula benghalensis*
Up to 3, Minden, 16-23 Oct, GA, GL; Reeves Lake, 9 Apr, and pair there 12 Jun, PB.
- Sooty Oystercatcher** *Haematopus fuliginosus*
Single, Scarborough, 16 Apr, IBT; Maroochydore River, 29 Nov, JN.
- Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*
9, Woodgate NP (MEQ), 17 Jan, PB; Cairns, 19-22 Sep, PB; Alva Beach (NEQ), 13 Mar, 8 on 7 Aug, 5 on 30 Oct, PB; 3, Boonooroo, 23 Jan, IBT.
- Lesser Golden Plover** *Pluvialis dominica*
Inland bird at Reeves Lake, 9-20 Oct, PB.
- Red-kneed Dotterel** *Erythrogonys cinctus*
Up to 24, Reeves Lake, Feb-Mar, PB; 7, Fishermans Island, 24 Mar, IBT.
- Mongolian Plover** *Charadrius mongolus*
10, N Stradbroke Is, 8 Jul, GO, JT.
- Double-banded Plover** *Charadrius bicinctus*
Thorneside, 20 Mar, IBT; Scarborough, in breeding plumage, 17 Aug, IBT; Cairns, 11 July, DM.
- Red-capped Plover** *Charadrius ruficapillus*
10, Valley of Lagoons, 6 Apr, PB.
- Red-necked Avocet** *Recurvirostra novaehollandiae*
525, Bowen Salt Works, 14 Jun, JW; 22, Inverleigh Station (NWQ), 5 Jul, PB; Reeves Lake, 20-21 Mar, PB; up to 30, Fishermans Island, Mar, IBT.
- Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*
Inland bird at Lake Moondarra, Mt Isa, 19 Oct, PH.

Eastern Curlew *Numenius madagascariensis*

Inland bird at Lake Moondarra, Mt Isa, 17 Dec, PH.

Little Curlew *Numenius minutus*

Up to 32 at 3 sites nr Charters Towers, 13 Mar-19 Apr, PB; Georgetown, 2 Apr, DM; 16, Gordonvale (NEQ), 6 Nov, DM; 110, Valley of Lagoons, 6 Apr, PB.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

6, Lake Powlathanga, 20 Mar, PB; 2, Reeves Lake, 7 Feb-5 Mar, PB; 2, Lake Powlathanga, 2-23 Oct, 1 there on 20 Nov, PB.

Wandering Tattler *Tringa incana*

Bundaberg, 1 Jan, ES; Alexandria Bay, Noosa NP, Dec, JR, TR.

Common Sandpiper *Tringa hypoleucos*

Boonooroo, 23 Jan, IBT, JN; Cairns, 13 Sep, PB; Yeppoon, 15 Dec, MC; nr Charters Towers, 26 Mar, 9 Oct, PB.

Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

25, Lytton, Jul, JTh.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

Small numbers Lytton, Feb-Mar, Aug Sep, IBT.

Latham's Snipe *Gallinago hardwickii*

1-2 at several sites nr Charters Towers, 31 Jan-13 Mar, 11 Aug-23 Oct, PB; several Carbrook Golf Course, 17 Jan, IBT; 7, Townsville (Blakey's Crossing), 22 Aug, PB.

Asian Dowitcher *Limnodromas semipalmatus*

7, Yeppoon, 3 Jan, MC; Cairns, 29 Oct, DM; Thorneside, 1 Dec, DS.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*

Up to 19, Reeves Lake, 7 Feb-28 Apr, PB; up to 10, nr Charters Towers, 2-23 Oct, PB; small numbers Lytton Feb-Apr, Aug-Sep, IBT.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

Booby Is, 12 Sep, AW.

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

Alva Beach, 7 on 13 Mar, 2 on 30 Oct, PB.

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*

Toorbul, 27 Nov, JN.

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*

120, Lytton, Jul, JTh.

Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta*

Reported at Cairns, 24 Oct, AG.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

N Stradbroke Is, 7 Jul, GO, JTn; Alva Beach, 29 Oct and 4 on 13 Mar, PB; nr Cairns, 14 Sep, PB.

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus*

Cairns, 20 Sep, PB; small numbers Thorneside, Jan-Mar, IBT.

- Ruff** *Philomachus pugnax*
Lytton, 23 Jan, NM.
- Red-necked Phalarope** *Phalaropus lobatus*
Hood's Lagoon, Helidon, E of Toowoomba, 8-22 Oct, CC, JN *et al.*
- Oriental Pratincole** *Glareola maldivarum*
80, Gordonvale, 2 Dec, AM, DM, FS; Edmonton (NEQ), 2 Jan, JS.
- Australian Pratincole** *Stiltia isabella*
6 and 2 chicks, N of Dalby, 18 Feb, MW.
- Laughing Gull** *Larus atricilla*
Second bird at Cairns from 17 Apr; both in breeding plumage later, and resident whole year, AM, DM, JC *et al.*
- Kelp Gull** *Larus dominicanus*
Immature, Cairns, 16 Nov, AM, DM, NMk.
- White-winged Tern** *Chlidonias leucoptera*
At least 500, nr Alva Beach, 13 Mar, PB; Lake Moondarra, 7 Dec, PH; Lytton Sewage Works, Jan-Apr, IBT; Lake Samsonvale, 12 Mar, IBT.
- Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*
A distressed bird inland at Kenilworth, 15 Apr, KB. A bird with a black-tipped red bill at Boonooroo Pt on 25 Jan was probably of the nominate race, IBT, QOS.
- Roseate Tern** *Sterna dougallii*
Townsville, 26 Feb, JM.
- Little Tern** *Sterna albifrons*
At least 500 in breeding plumage, Noosa River, 15-20 Dec, RC.
- Fairy Tern** *Sterna nereis*
Cairns, 20 Nov, DM.
- Lesser-crested Tern** *Sterna benghalensis*
Pair breeding amongst Sooty Terns, Michaelmas Cay, 11 Oct, IBT.
- Black Noddy** *Anous minutus*
Pt Lookout, 3 Feb, JN.
- Superb Fruit-Dove** *Ptilinopus superbus*
Dead bird, Uni of Queensland, Brisbane, 19 Oct, DB; Sundown NP, May, PHs.
- Torresian Imperial-Pigeon** *Ducula spilorrhoa*
Cooktown, 17 Aug, JM.
- White-headed Pigeon** *Columba leucomela*
Donnybrook, 24 Aug, JN; Burpengary Creek, 28 Aug, JN.
- Diamond Dove** *Geopelia cuneata*
Numbers at coastal sites nr Bowen, Apr, JW, CW; Townsville, 8 Aug, JM.
- Common Bronzewing** *Phaps chalcoptera*
Pair, nr Broadwater Lake, 11 Jun, IBT, QOS; Sundown NP, 20 Aug, IBT, QOS; S of Laura (NEQ), 23 Jun, JM; Nebo district, 20 Jun, TBr.

- Flock Bronzewing** *Phaps histrionica*
2, Georgetown, 2 Apr, DM; Pyampa Bulloo Overflow, 26 Sep, PM, JN.
- Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo** *Calyptorhynchus magnificus*
8, nr Kenilworth, 16 Aug, KB.
- Glossy Black-Cockatoo** *Calyptorhynchus lathami*
8, Booringa Downs, 22 Mar, DA, RS; pair, Jimboomba, 25 Mar, GP, IBT.
- Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo** *Calyptorhynchus funereus*
4, Mt Nebo, 12 Feb; 3, Tableland Forest, nr Pomona, 20 Feb; Lake Samsonvale, 12 Mar; 4, Peregrin Beach, nr Coolumb, 19 Mar; all IBT.
- Rainbow Lorikeet** *Trichoglossus haematodus*
Booby Is, 2 Sep, RHi.
- Musk Lorikeet** *Glossopsitta concinna*
Kenmore, 1 Aug, IV.
- Cockatiel** *Nymphicus hollandicus*
3, Coominya, nr Esk, 21 Feb, IBT; many flocks, Drumduff, Palmer River, 6 Jun, DN.
- Budgerigar** *Melopsittacus undulatus*
Small flocks, Mitchell and Alice Rivers NP (NEQ), 7 Jun, DN; numerous at various sites, Darling Downs to Chinchilla, Feb-Mar, MW; breeding, Condamine, 19 Feb, MW.
- Northern Rosella** *Platycercus venustus*
Hell's Gate (NWQ), 29 Jun, NM, CH.
- Mulga Parrot** *Psephotus varius*
5, Booringa Downs, 14 Oct, DA.
- Golden-shouldered Parrot** *Psephotus chrysopterygius*
S of Musgrave, Cape York, 15 Jun, NM, CH.
- Turquoise Parrot** *Neophema pulchella*
Sundown NP, 19 Oct, JN, QOS; Girraween NP, 15 Jan, 4 Oct, PB, GL.
- Oriental Cuckoo** *Cuculus saturatus*
Immature, Charters Towers, 9 Oct, PB; first record in 6 years.
- Black-eared Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx osculans*
Juvenile fed by Speckled Warbler, Booringa Downs, 6 May, DA.
- Little Bronze-Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx malayanus*
Hilliards Ck, nr Ormiston, 17 Jan, IBT; Booby Is, 10 Sep, AW.
- Common Koel** *Eudynamis scolopacea*
Early bird at Cooktown, 25 Aug, JM.
- Channel-billed Cuckoo** *Scythrops novaehollandiae*
30-40, Grandchester, 24 Jan, DMO, KM; 2 singles in Burketown area, 5 Jul, PB; early bird at Charters Towers, 19 Jul, PB.
- Rufous Owl** *Ninox rufa*
Nr Ingham (NEQ), 28 May, NM, CH

Powerful Owl *Ninox strenua*

Slaughter Falls, 24 Nov, DS; Pine Mt, nr Ipswich, late Apr, JB;
Upper Brookfield, 1 Feb, DD.

Barking Owl *Ninox connivens*

Coochin Ck, 30 July, JN.

Masked Owl *Tyto novaehollandiae*

Brisbane, Sept, CC; nr Ingham, 28 May, NM, CH.

Eastern Grass Owl *Tyto longimembris*

Pair with eggs, nr Ingham, 5 Apr, PB; 3, nr Ingham, 3 Dec, DM;
Atherton, 24 Oct, PL; Cooloolah NP, 27 Aug, RS.

Australian Owlet-nightjar *Aegotheles cristatus*

Rufous phase, in hollow log, Jimboomba, Mar, GP,IBT; grey phased
bird, in creek bed tree, Sundown NP, 20 Aug, IBT, QOS.

White-throated Nightjar *Caprimulgus mystacalis*

Breeding pair with chick, Clear Mt, nr Lake Samsonvale, 18 Nov,
MP; Mt Coot-tha, Feb, IBT; Cooran, nr Pomona, 30 Apr, IBT; Mary
River, nr Imbil, 1 Apr, IBT.

Glossy Swiftlet *Collocalia esculenta*

Warraber Is, Torres Strait, 30 Jan, MCA; few Australian records, no
proper documentation.

Fork-tailed Swift *Apus pacificus*

At least 20, Jimbour Plains, N of Dalby, 14 Mar, MW; City Botanic
Gardens, Brisbane, 3 Mar, AWt.

Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher *Tanysiptera sylvia*

Yeppoon, 12 Feb, VB.

Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*

9 together, Eight Mile Plains, 18 Nov, WM.

Noisy Pitta *Pitta versicolor*

Tallegalla, 24 Apr, GL; Mt Cook, Cooktown, 8-23 Sept, JM;
Ravensbourne NP, 29 Jun, JN; 4, Mary Cairncross Reserve, 7 Oct,
AG.

Rufous Scrub-bird *Atrichornis rufescens*

Spicers Gap, 26 Jan, SD,CF.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Innisfail (NEQ), 2 Dec, DM.

Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica*

5, Thursday Is, 31 Jan, MCA; 3, Edmonton, 7 Jan, TP, JM; few
Australian records, no proper documentation.

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

2 males of race *simillima*, Gordonvale, 31 Mar, PB; Gordonvale, 15
Nov, DM.

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

Mt Lewis (NEQ), Feb, JoS, JM; few Australian records, no proper
documentation.

Yellow-eyed Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina lineata*

Flock in Fig-tree with Cicadabirds, Mary River, nr Imbil, 2 Apr, IBT, QOS.

White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina papuensis*

Small numbers, Lake Samsonvale area, Mar-Jun, IBT, IF.

Cicadabird *Coracina tenuirostris*

Hilliard's Ck, nr Ormiston, pair on nest, 17 Jan, IBT; Redcliffe Airport, Oct-Nov, JN.

Ground Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina maxima*

Lake Clarendon, 3 Jun, JH; pair, Minden, 15 May, IBT; up to 5 at 3 sites near Charters Towers, 5 May-12 Jun, PB; Sundown NP, 20 Aug, IBT.

White-winged Triller *Lalage sueurii*

Exceptional numbers around Charters Towers, 5 May-16 Jul, when often 35 or more together, peaking at 65 together on 8 Jun, PB; said to be 'everywhere' around Georgetown, early Apr, DM; Everton Hills, 25 Oct, RE, JE; Redcliffe Airport, 26 Oct, JN; male, Hood's Lagoon, nr Toowoomba, 6 Nov, IBT.

Red-capped Robin *Petroica goodenovii*

Hell's Gate, 29 Jun, NM, CH; Mt Cotton, late Jul, LW; numerous, Broadwater Lake, 11 Jun, IBT, QOS; several, Sundown NP, 20 Aug, IBT.

Crested Shrike-tit *Falcunculus frontatus*

Pair, Mary River, nr Imbil, 2 Apr, IBT, QOS; Samsonvale, 30 Jul, IBT.

Sandstone Shrike-thrush *Colluricincla woodwardi*

Hell's Gate, 29 Jun, NM, CH.

White-eared Monarch *Monarcha leucotis*

Mary River, nr Imbil, 2 Apr, IBT, QOS; Lamington NP, mid Oct, DF; Hilliards Ck, nr Ormiston, 22 May, RD, DW, TG.

Broad-billed Flycatcher *Myiagra ruficollis*

Forrest Beach, nr Ingham, 19 Mar, JM.

Shining Flycatcher *Myiagra alecto*

Coochin Ck, nr Roy, 12 Jan, 30 Jul, 17 Aug, JN, RR, IBT.

Spotted Quail-thrush *Cinclasoma punctatum*

Clear Mt, Lake Samsonvale, 29 May, GA; singing male with 2 females, Upper Lacey's Ck, nr Dayboro, 26 Jun, IBT.

Hall's Babbler *Pomatostomus halli*

Noted 100km NW of Longreach, 20 Sep, SH.

Little Grassbird *Megalurus grammineus*

Atkinson's Dam, 8 Mar, 12 Mar, NM, CH, GA; Minden district, 27 Nov, CL, GL; singing males, Lytton, 14 Feb, IBT; singing males, Lake Samsonvale, 4 Sep, IBT.

Rufous Songlark *Cinchorhamphus mathewsi*

Pair, Sundown NP, 21 Aug, IBT, QOS; Wallengarra, 16 Oct, JT, MT.

- Superb Fairy-wren** *Malurus cyaneus*
Moranbah (MEQ), 8 Jun, TBr.
- White-winged Fairy-wren** *Malurus leucopterus*
Bowenville, nr Dalby, on easternmost limit of range, 31 Aug, MW.
- Grey Grasswren** *Amytornis barbatus*
Pyampa Bulloo Overflow, 27 Sep, PM, JN.
- Eastern Bristlebird** *Dasyornis brachypterus*
Pair with 2 young in nest, Mt Barney NP, 30 Dec, RD.
- Inland Thornbill** *Acanthiza apicalis*
Moranbah, 8 Jun, TBr.
- Striped Honeyeater** *Plectorhyncha lanceolata*
Lytton, 24 Apr, IBT; Prince Charles Hospital, Brisbane, 6 May, JN.
- Little Friarbird** *Philemon citreogularis*
Booby Is, 21 Sep, RH.
- Regent Honeyeater** *Xanthomyza phrygia*
Stanthorpe, 15 Apr, EF.
- Noisy Miner** *Manorina melanocephala*
2, S of Laura, 31 Jul, JM.
- Bridled Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus frenatus*
Cape Tribulation (NEQ), 14 Sep, JM.
- Black-chinned Honeyeater** *Melithreptus gularis*
Tallegalla, 1 May, GL.
- White-cheeked Honeyeater** *Phylidonyris nigra*
McDowall, 8-9 Apr, AG.
- Red-headed Honeyeater** *Myzomela erythrocephala*
Booby Is, 23 Aug, AW.
- Red-browed Pardalote** *Pardalotus rubricatus*
2, Georgetown, 2 Apr, DM.
- Zebra Finch** *Poephila guttata*
2, Deception Bay, 8 Jan, PM, RM.
- Metallic Starling** *Aplonis metallica*
Cooktown, 17 Aug, JM.
- Singing Starling** *Aplonis cantoroides*
Boigu Is, Torres Strait, Jan, GR; first record for Australia, no proper documentation.
- Masked Woodswallow** *Artamus personatus*
Tallegalla, 19 Nov, GL, GA, RP, CL; several on powerlines, Bruce Hwy, nr Bowen, 7 Oct, IBT.
- Pied Currawong** *Strepera graculina*
60, Grassy Hill, Cooktown, 3 Aug, JM; Corinda, 30 Apr, DN; W of Pascoe River (top of Great Divide), 27 May, DN; Coochin Ck, 30 Jul, JN.

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