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ANOTHER QUEENSLAND LOCALITY FOR THE CARPENTARIAN GRASSWREN

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The circumstances of this sighting near Mt Isa (20°43'S, 139°30'E) are remarkably similar to those reported by the late N.J. Favaloro, who was driving across the Bulloo River overflow in far south-west Queensland in September 1942, when a grasswren *Amytornis* sp. was flushed from beside the road. It was not until 25 years later, when he again encountered a grasswren at this site, that the Grey Grasswren *A. barbatus* Favaloro and McEvey was formally described.

Shortly after dawn on 30 January 1992, whilst driving along a rough road near Mt Isa, I observed a grasswren sitting on a stone on the road as I dipped into a shallow gully with a creek at the bottom. As the vehicle approached, the grasswren became startled and turned to face the vehicle. Side on, it was apparent that it may have been a Carpentarian Grasswren *A. dorotheae*, and when it turned to face me there was no doubt whatsoever. There were three other people in the vehicle with me, and by sheer coincidence my wife had her video camera running. For a period of 5-7 minutes we all had excellent sightings of three Carpentarian Grasswrens clearly visible as they hopped from rock to rock amongst the clumps of spinifex. At times they sat on the rocks, looking in our direction, and less than 50 m distant. On one occasion two of the birds flew up and sat side by side facing us on a black, gently sloping, fallen eucalypt. The birds stood out in stark contrast against the burnt, wet wood.

This new locality for a threatened and probably vulnerable species (Brouwer & Garnett 1990) is about 35 km farther south than recent sightings documented by Harris (1992), who described vegetation and terrain in some detail. There are some similarities when the two sites are compared. Both are dominated by Snappy Gum *Eucalyptus leucophloia*, with extensive ground cover (*Triodia longiceps*, *T. pungens*, *Plectrachne*

pungens, all spinifex species). Though undulating, the area is not dissected as are other areas in which the species is typically found (see McKean & Martin 1989). Where the creek flows across the plain, the water has cut a shallow hollow, leaving boulders strewn along its course where the soil in between has been washed away. Nevertheless, there are stones lying around amongst the spinifex. The geology is dolomitic siltstone, shale, sandstone and minor chert. There is no significant area of exposed dissected stone anywhere near the site of this discovery, the nearest being the range 8-10 km away.

Having had extensive experience with the Striated Grasswren *A. striatus*, I was struck by the similarity of the landform and floristic features of this locality and typical sites for that species. The principal difference in this case was that there were rocks lying around amongst the spinifex and there was a creek with exposed rocks in its bed. My wife made a video of the birds as they scampered over the rocks amongst the spinifex. Though not of high quality, it is good enough to determine that the birds are indeed Carpentarian Grasswrens, and provides a useful record and description of habitat and terrain. If it is subsequently determined that the birds occupy an area of undulating plain without any major areas of dissected escarpment, it may well be that the species will be found elsewhere in the Mt Isa region, in particular farther south and farther east.

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I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Peter Harris for confirming the find and providing details of local geology and flora. At the time of confirming the discovery, Peter found a further pair approximately 800 m east of the road and away from the gully created by the creek.

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**THE QUEENSLAND ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
BIRD REPORT, 1991**

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This ninth annual report lists bird records from Queensland for 1991. Data for 289 species are summarized, compared with 250 species in the 1990 report (Britton 1991). A significant increase in the number of observers contributing is also noteworthy. Data collected for the 1991 QOSI Annual Bird Count and reported on by Venables (1992) have been incorporated.

Much of the south-eastern part of the State experienced below average rainfall, while most tropical and western areas enjoyed above average rainfall (Fig. 1). The latter is perhaps deceptive, in terms of the extraordinary contribution associated with the aftermath of Cyclone Joy at the beginning of the year, which was followed by a very dry period.

There are no Queensland records for four species detailed here, including Namaqua Dove and Red-whiskered Bulbul, occurring as escapees or likely escapees. Proper documentation is lacking for sight records of Cox's Sandpiper at Karumba and Grey Heron near Proserpine, though both have appeared in print. Garnett (1992) referred to a confirmed but undated record of Alexandra's Parrot breeding near Cloncurry, and there are further sightings from Windorah detailed in this report. These Windorah records likewise lack proper documentation. Cox's Sandpiper and various other Holarctic waders are notoriously difficult to identify, and unsubstantiated sightings of various of these at Cairns and elsewhere have prompted pleas for published documentation (see Britton 1991). A similar lack of supporting data was a feature of extra-limital Papuan species in 1988 (Britton 1990).

Garnett (1992) describes the status of the southern form *coxeni* of Double-eyed Fig-Parrot as both vulnerable and critical. A Mudgeeraba record involving six birds is of considerable interest, while a bird inside a house at Norman Park is unprecedented. The individual involved in the latter case must have been a wild bird since none is thought to exist in captivity (D.J. Spittall, pers. comm.).

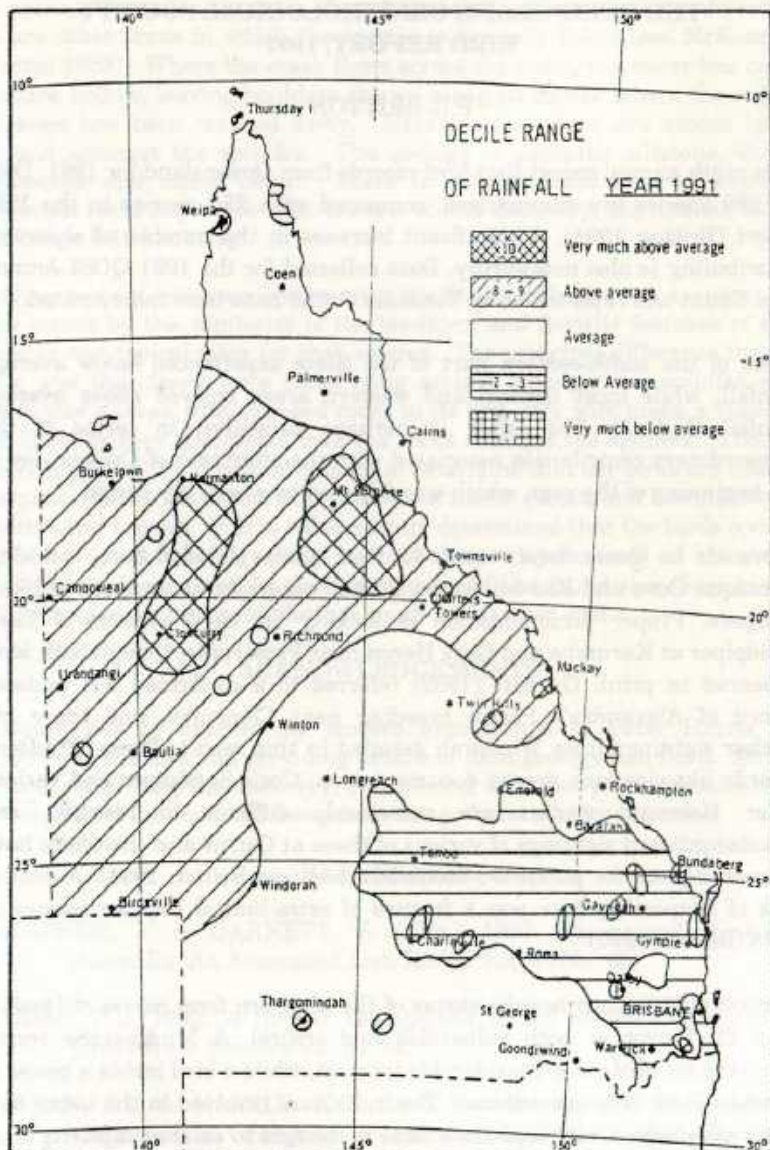


Fig. 1. Rainfall summary for 1991
(Adapted from the Monthly Weather Review -
Bureau of Meteorology)

METHODS

Records included have been selected by the compiler. Omission from this report in no way implies that a record was considered erroneous. 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.

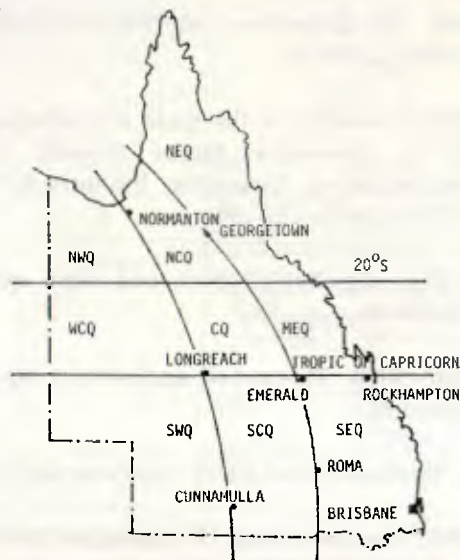
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**Fig. 2. Queensland districts mentioned in the text
(From Palliser 1985, after Dahms 1978)**

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- Emu** *Dromaius novaehollandiae*. 250 in cereal crop W of Dalby, 19 Oct, MW; evidence of widespread nesting in WCQ, Apr, DN.
- Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus*. Wetlands near Charters Towers: 130, Toomba Lake, 18 Sep; 21, Lake Powlathanga, 14 Aug; 31, Reeves Lake, 27 Jun; Pentland, 5 Jul; all PB. Numerous, Lake Bindegolly (SWQ), Aug, RD; 2, Tarong Power Station (SEQ), 25 Sep, GH; Tamborine (SEQ), 18 Mar, VC; Mitchell (SCQ), 16 Jul, DA; Lake Moondarra, Mt Isa, 26 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa; 3, Swanbank Power Station (SEQ), 13 Oct, CP, MMA.
- Hoary-headed Grebe** *Poliiocephalus poliocephalus*. At least 20, Marochydore Sewage Works (SEQ), 6 Oct, AGi, JGi.
- White-headed Petrel** *Pterodroma lessonii*. Cape Weymouth (NEQ), Aug, BV.
- Herald Petrel** *Pterodroma arminjoniana*. 100–150 km NE of Townsville, late Aug, GB.
- Tahiti Petrel** *Pterodroma rostrata*. 4, E of Southport, 29 Mar, GH *et al.*; 100–150 km NE of Townsville, late Aug, GB.
- Streaked Shearwater** *Calonectris leucomelas*. Moreton Bay, 2 Feb, CC.
- Short-tailed Shearwater** *Puffinus tenuirostris*. Southport Spit, 26 Oct, GP, LD, KSm.
- Wilson's Storm-Petrel** *Oceanites oceanicus*. 2, E of Southport, 29 Mar, GH *et al.*; off Brisbane, 6 Jul, CC *et al.*; 100–150 km NE of Townsville, late Aug, GB; at least 4, near Michaelmas Cay (NEQ), 14 May, DH, GGr.
- White-faced Storm-Petrel** *Pelagodroma marina*. 100–150 km NE of Townsville, late Aug, GB.
- Black-bellied Storm-Petrel** *Fregatta tropica*. 100–150 km NE of Townsville, late Aug, GB.
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White-bellied Storm-Petrel *Fregetta grallaria*. Off Brisbane, 6 Jul, RAOU; 100–150 km NE of Townsville, late Aug, GB.

Australian Pelican *Pelecanus conspicillatus*. Thousands, Georgina River, S of Boulia (SWQ), 30–31 Aug, JCa.

Little Black Cormorant *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*. At least 200, Lake Barambah (SEQ), 31 Jan, MT; 40 pairs nesting, Lake Powlathanga, Feb–May, PB; at least 50 pairs nesting, Toomba Lake, Jul–Sep, PB; thousands, Georgina River, 30–31 Aug, JCa.

Least Frigatebird *Fregata ariel*. Townsville, 4 on 3 Jan, 2 on 15 Jan, PB; 2, Alva Beach (NEQ), 10 Mar, PB.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*. A bird recorded at Brandy Creek, Proserpine (MEQ) on 6 Oct (SG, BK, YK, ASm) was referred to by Venables (1992), who noted that previous sightings from Queensland were never substantiated. This distinctive species ranges widely in Asia, south-east to the Philippines, Borneo and Java, but hardly crosses Wallace's Line (White & Bruce 1986). It is to be hoped that this exceptional record will be fully documented in a future issue of *Sunbird* so that it does not attract the description "never substantiated" along with earlier Queensland records.

Great-billed Heron *Ardea sumatrana*. Karumba, 23–29 Jul, DMi; Townsville, flying over suburbia, 28 Feb, IC.

Pacific Heron *Ardea pacifica*. Burpengary Creek (SEQ), 1 Nov, JN; thousands, Georgina River, 30–31 Aug, JCa.

Pied Heron *Ardea picata*. Blakey's Crossing, Townsville, 3 Jul, JGi; 3, Karumba, 30 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa.

Cattle Egret *Ardeola ibis*. Various dates, Blakey's Crossing, Townsville, Sep–Nov, maximum 30 on 18 Oct, FH, RSw, RJ, PB; Charters Towers, 9 Sep–19 Oct, PB; recently dead bird, Gannet Cay (MEQ), 180 km from mainland at 23°S, 20 Nov, PO.

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- Striated Heron** *Butorides striatus*. Auchenflower, Brisbane River, 27 Nov, AG.
- Rufous Night Heron** *Nycticorax caledonicus*. Single immature, several dates 17 Nov–29 Dec, several localities in suburban Brisbane, perhaps several individuals involved, JB, FB, MC, GL, RN, EN, RL; 12, Thornlands, Brisbane, 26–27 Oct, SH, JL; Tamborine Village, 5 Dec, JC, LD, KSm; immatures widespread in SWQ, especially S of Bedourie, no adults noted, Jul–Aug, DN.
- Little Bittern** *Ixobrychus minutus*. Sherwood Arboretum, Brisbane, 16 Mar, JGr; Eight Mile Plains (SEQ), 30 Apr, NMc.
- Black Bittern** *Dupetor flavicollis*. Near Kenilworth (SEQ), 7 Sep, GLo, RD; Blunder Creek, Heathwood (SEQ), 24 Oct, SH, JL; Logan Reserve Floodway (SEQ), 29 Apr, PDA; Mt Elliot, S of Townsville, 24 Feb, PB; Townsville Palmetum, 29 Nov, FH; Noosa River (SEQ), 12 Jan, CP; S of Townsville, 26 Jan, JW.
- Black-necked Stork** *Xenorhynchus asiaticus*. Nesting, Bald Hills, Brisbane, Jun, JN; also recorded in SEQ at Peak Crossing, Maleny, Thornlands, Coombabah Lake, Merrimac Sewage Works, Beaudesert and Rathdowney, BP, AD, JD, KD, MJ, MM, LD, KSm.
- Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus*. Cluny Station bore, E of Bedourie, 12 Aug, DN.
- Royal Spoonbill** *Platalea regia*. 40 pairs bred successfully, Ayr (NEQ), Jan–Mar, PB.
- Yellow-billed Spoonbill** *Platalea flavipes*. Exceptional numbers at Blakey's Crossing, Town Common and Serpentine Lagoon, Townsville, for much of the year, often out-numbering the preceding species, JW.
- Magpie Goose** *Anseranas semipalmata*. 2000, Glass House Mountains (SEQ), 19 Sep, KH, TH; at least 100, Lake MacDonald, Cooroy, 23 Sep, JRi, TRi; at least 200, Ewan Maddock Dam (SEQ), 9 Nov, JB *et al.*; exceptional count of 1300, Lake Powlathanga, 29 Oct, PB;
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small numbers recorded at various sites in SEQ, where the population has increased markedly.

Wandering Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna arcuata*. 6, Yebri Creek (SEQ), 9 Nov–10 Dec, JW; 2, Fleming's Dam, Logan Reserve, 18 Nov, JF, PD, DD.

Plumed Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna eytoni*. 400-500, Mackay Golf Course, 25 Aug, JW; 30, Canungra (SEQ), 10 Dec, GH; 50, Oxenford (SEQ), 3 Oct, LD, KSm; 500, Beaudesert, 24 Oct, LD, KSm; SW of Winton, 27 Jul, DN.

Freckled Duck *Stictonetta naevosa*. 8, Toomaroo Lake (SWQ), Aug, RD; Lake Bindegolly (SWQ), 26 Jun, BI; 130 km S of Mt Isa, 24 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa.

Cape Barren Goose *Cereopsis novaehollandiae*. The bird E of Goondiwindi in Dec 90 was noted on 9 Jan, BT; possibly an escapee.

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*. The bird near Toowoomba from Sep 90 was noted on 13 Jan, CC; an escapee.

Radjah Shelduck *Tadorna radjah*. Regular records throughout the year in the Marlborough-Ogmore-St Lawrence area, KB, and in the Kinka Beach-Iwasaki area near Yeppoon, MC; Mitchell River (NEQ), Sep, GB *et al.*; S of Mackay, 5 Apr, PB; 127, Uningan Native Reserve, Weipa (NEQ), 6 Oct, SM, PDy.

Chestnut Teal *Anas castanea*. 2, Quarantine Beach, Cooktown, 31 Dec, JM; E of Cunnamulla (SCQ), 15 Mar, CC *et al.*; 100 km NW of Longreach (WCQ), 1 Nov, SHe; Tallegalla (SEQ), 28 Apr, GL; 160 km W of Dalby (SEQ), 19 Oct, MW; 6, Town Common, Townsville, 2 Jun, JWi; 352, Coombabah Sewage Works (SEQ), 6 Oct, LD, GP.

Australasian Shoveler *Anas rhynchotis*. Numerous, Lake Bindegolly, Aug, RD; Georgetown, 7 on 17 May, DH, GGr, 2 on 28 Mar, DM; 2, Lake Powlathanga, 14 Aug, PB; pair, Seven Mile Lagoon (SEQ), 16 Mar, CP, AS, HZ.

Pink-eared Duck *Malacorhynchus membranaceus*. Numerous, Lake Bindegolly, Aug, RD; 15, S of Winton (WCQ), 9 Jun, JW; 2, Lake Agnes, N of Hughenden (NCQ), 8 Sep, PB; 5, Lake Powlathanga, 12 Oct, PB; Gatton (SEQ), 28 Nov, LD, KSm.

Maned Duck *Chenonetta jubata*. Adult with chicks, W of Quilpie (SWQ), 5 Apr, DN.

Cotton Pygmy-Goose *Nettapus coromandelianus*. Tinaroo Dam (NEQ), 27 Oct, KS; 5, Ewan Maddock Dam, 31 Mar, GH; Gatton, 28 Nov, LD, KSm.

Blue-billed Duck *Oxyura australis*. Lake Bindegolly, 26 Jun, BI, Aug, RD.

Musk Duck *Biziura lobata*. Lake Bindegolly, Aug, RD.

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*. Mitchell (SCQ), 500 km from coast, 1 on 12 Jan, 2 on 25 Jan and 2 Feb, DA, RS, LS; occupied nest, Booyal, Burnett River (SEQ), 80 km from coast, 4 Apr, GH.

Letter-winged Kite *Elanus scriptus*. Eight Mile Plains (SEQ), 23 Jun, WMc; near Yaraka, 25 Feb, SY; between Bedourie and Windorah, 14 Jun, NM, CH; SW of Winton, 27 Jul, DN; Boulia, 7 Aug, DN; N of Bedourie, 8 Aug, DN; Cluny Station, 11 Aug, DN; Jundah, 13 Aug, DN; all SWQ.

Pacific Baza *Aviceda subcristata*. Interesting concentrations SEQ, Apr-Jun: 7, Kin Kin, 15 Apr, NM, CH; 9, near Gympie, Apr-May, BHu, PHu; 7, Cleveland, 27 Jun, RM. Summer records SEQ: nesting, Buderim, 10 Oct, AGi; pair, Cleveland, 4 Dec, RM; 2, Miles, 22 Dec, BWa, AWa, JWa; Imbil, late Jan, JB *et al.*; Keperra Golf Course, 16 Dec, BP; various sites, 5-6 Oct, Annual Bird Count, CF, DMh.

Square-tailed Kite *Lophoictinia isura*. Near Cairns, 17 Mar, DM *et al.*; Roma (SCQ), 22 Dec, BWa, AWa, JWa; Mt Glorious (SEQ), 29 Jul, RR; Beerwah (SEQ), 11 Nov, JN, HN; Deception Bay (SEQ), 7 Sep, RD, GLo; Kallangur (SEQ), 22-25 Dec, JW; NE of Mt Isa, 16 Mar, GH; 2, Town Common, Townsville, 27 Oct, IB; N of Townsville, 27

Apr, 23 Oct, 11 Dec, IC, JWi; Kirrama SF (NEQ), 24 Aug, JWi; Murray Falls (NEQ), 10 May, JWi.

Black-breasted Buzzard *Hamirostra melanosternon*. Lake Mary, Yeppoon (MEQ), 16 Jun, JB, FB, MC; Eagle Farm, Brisbane, Jul, RAOU; Flinders Hwy, Leichhardt River East (WCQ), 24 Jun, GH; Andoom, near Weipa (NEQ), 6 Oct, SM, PDy.

Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatus*. Buderim, 14-16 Jun, AGi.

Collared Sparrowhawk *Accipiter cirrhocephalus*. Brookfield, 2 May, PR, MR; Nanango, 6 May, MT; Windera, 19 May, MT; all SEQ.

Grey Goshawk *Accipiter novaehollandiae*. Buderim, 31 Jul, AGi.

Red Goshawk *Erythrotriorchis radiatus*. 2, Bloomfield River (NEQ), 23 Jul, CG; near Peachester (SEQ), 1 Mar, JT; Lockyer Valley, 3 Feb, 27 Jun, 30 Jul, 2 on 12 May, RHo.

White-bellied Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*. 2, Highgate Hill, Brisbane, 6 Jun, PR; 130 km S of Mt Isa, 24 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa; Lake Moondarra, 26 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa; Gatton, 28 Nov, LD, KSm.

Wedge-tailed Eagle *Aquila audax*. 38 together, Mt Coolon (MEQ), 14 Apr, JV; Bruce Hwy, Kallangur, 20 Feb, JN.

Gurney's Eagle *Aquila gurneyi*. 2, tip of Cape York Peninsula, 25 May, SY. The only previous Australian record is from Boigu Island (Redhead 1990).

Little Eagle *Hieraetus morphnoides*. Sundown NP (SEQ), 24 Nov, QOSI group; Cape Cleveland, S of Townsville, 11 May, PB; near Winton, 1 Jul, PB; Mt Coot-tha, Brisbane, 2 Jun, CP; Town Common, Townsville, 21 Apr, IC; Bellthorpe (SEQ), 6 Oct, JN, HN, LCr, PCr.

Spotted Harrier *Circus assimilis*. Windera, 20 Jan, MT; Maleny (SEQ), 24 Feb, DT; near Woodstock, S of Townsville, 4-8 May, PB; Mt Elliot, S of Townsville, 14 Jul, PB; Gatton, 17 Mar, HZ, AS, CP; Saunders Beach, Townsville, 30 Jun, IC.

- Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus*. Three Isles, N of Cooktown, 14-16 Jan, JM.
- Black Falcon** *Falco subniger*. Townsville, 15 Apr, FH; W of Boulia (WCQ), 4 Jun, NM, CH; Diamantina River, 20 Sep, KS; near Windorah, Aug, RD; Roma, 22 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa; W of Winton, 23 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa; 3, 60 km SE of Boulia, 30 Jul, DN.
- Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*. Successful nesting, Petrie (SEQ), Oct-Nov, JW; Cape Bedford, N of Cooktown, 13 Jan, JM; Brisbane City Centre, 4 Jun, 5 Nov, PC, PW, KWi; Marlborough (MEQ), 30 Jun, GLo; nesting, Mt Coolum (SEQ), Oct-Nov, JV; Swanbank (SEQ), 20 Feb, HZ; Bruce Hwy, Bald Hills, 25 Feb, JN; Bannockburn, S of Torrens Creek (CQ), 5 Jul, PB; Augathella (SCQ), 22 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa; S of Normanton (NWQ), 29 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa.
- Australian Hobby** *Falco longipennis*. Redcliffe (SEQ), 14 Jun, JN; Lake Bindegolly, 26 Jun, BI.
- Grey Falcon** *Falco hypoleucos*. Cameron's Corner (SWQ), 3 Apr, RAOU; Town Common, Townsville, 10 Jul, JWi.
- Australian Brush-turkey** *Alectura lathami*. Gold Creek Reservoir (SEQ), 11 May, CR.
- Stubble Quail** *Coturnix novaezelandiae*. 2, Peak Crossing, Ipswich, 6 Oct, DN.
- Brown Quail** *Coturnix australis*. Pair, Cleveland, 4 Dec, RM; 8, Kenilworth SF, 15 Jun, IM.
- King Quail** *Coturnix chinensis*. North Pine Dam (SEQ), 13 Jul, JW.
- Red-backed Button-quail** *Turnix maculosa*. Eumundi (SEQ), 13 Nov, JFe; Karumba (NCQ), 21 Feb, GB.
- Painted Button-quail** *Turnix varia*. 2, Herberton area (NEQ), 21 Nov, AM, DM; in *Lantana*, Enoggera Reservoir, Brisbane, 9 Nov, FA.
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JA, DT; Sundown NP, 24 Nov, QOSI group; Wallam Creek, Bollon (SCQ), 8 Oct, MHi.

Black-breasted Button-quail *Turnix melanogaster*. Marbletop, Nanango, 6 May, MT; East Nanango SF, 23 Sep, GH.

Little Button-quail *Turnix velox*. Many, some breeding, Simpson Desert, 5 Jun, NM, CH.

Red-chested Button-quail *Turnix pyrrhotorax*. 3, 100 km N of Mt Isa, 27 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa.

Buff-banded Rail *Rallus philippensis*. Pair with 4 chicks, Downfall Creek, early Feb, MH; Redland Bay, 17 Nov, RD; St Lucia, 15 Nov, DMu; Windera, 22 Apr, MT; all SEQ; Diamantina River, Birdsville, 31 Aug, JCa.

Lewin's Rail *Rallus pectoralis*. Swanbank, Jan, HZ; Lytton, 4 May, GLO; Logan Reserve, 2 May, RD; Beechmont, 1 Feb, GH; Lamington NP, 9 Feb, 26 Mar, 2 on 16 Jul, GH; all SEQ.

Red-necked Crake *Rallina tricolor*. Suburban garden, Townsville, 21 Apr, TR; Dunk Is (NEQ), 26 Sep, PB; incubating, Cooktown, 20 Mar, JM.

Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla*. Several, Fleming's Dam, Logan Reserve, 18 Nov, JF, PD, DD; Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens, 16 Nov, RL, TL; Ewan Maddock Dam, 9 Nov, PC *et al.*; Swanbank, 8 on 7 Sep, singles 14 Aug, Jan, MB, LJ, HZ, SH, DMi; Sherwood Arboretum, 24 Feb, JGr; Christmas Creek, 6 Oct, DO, BHa, JBe; Deception Bay, 11 Nov, JB, FB, JN; Glass House Mountains, 29 Sep, KH, TH; Tallebudgera Valley, 31 Oct, MM, LD; Carbrook, 14 Nov, MM, LD, KSm; near Kerry, 6 Oct, DO, JBe, BHa; 11, Logan Reserve, 6 Oct, PBe, EBe, IR, SR, PD, DD; 8, Bald Hills Creek, 5 Oct, RSo, JHe; all SEQ; Blakey's Crossing, Townsville, 12 Sep, JWa.

Australian Crake *Porzana fluminea*. Mt Elliot, 8 May, PB; Swanbank, Jan, HZ; Roadvale (SEQ), 27 Jul, RD, GLO; Mitchell, 11 Mar, DA; 6, Cluny Station, 12 Aug, DN.

Spotless Crane *Porzana tabuensis*. Carbrook Golf Course, 23 Sep, DAR; Swanbank, Jan, HZ; Roadvale, 27 Jul, RD, GLo; 2, Logan Reserve, 6 Oct, PBe, EBe, IR, SR, PD, DD.

White-browed Crane *Poliolimnas cinereus*. Mt Elliot, 18 Aug–3 Oct, PB.

Bush-hen *Gallinula olivacea*. Herberton area, 21 Nov, DM, AM; 2, East Nanango, 6 Apr, MT; Pallarenda, Townsville, 7 Nov, FH; Mt Elliot, 3 Jan, 2 on 13 Jul, PB; Kelso, Townsville, 9 Dec, IC; Kin Kin, 6 Oct, NM, CH.

Black-tailed Native-hen *Gallinula ventralis*. 2, Charters Towers, 1 May, PB; 2, Lake Powlathanga, 29 Oct, PB.

Brolga *Grus rubicundus*. Lytton, 5 May, GLo; 36, Boulia to Birdsville (SWQ), 31 Aug, JCa; 2, heathland plains, Cooloola NP (SEQ), 26 Oct, MMA.

Sarus Crane *Grus antigone*. 50, Mareeba area (NEQ), 19 May, EB.

Australian Bustard *Ardeotis australis*. 8, Wandoan (SEQ), 29 Jun, FG, MB.

Bush Thick-knee *Burhinus magnirostris*. Coochiemudlo Is (SEQ), 2 Nov, JK.

Beach Thick-knee *Burhinus neglectus*. Bribie Is, two sites, 28 Sep, JT.

Painted Snipe *Rostratula benghalensis*. 4, Lake Powlathanga, 29 Oct, PB; 10, Clermont (MEQ), 2 Nov, MP; Minden (SEQ), 17 Nov, GL; Carbrook Golf Course, 11 Dec, 3 on 4 Dec, PDa, RD, HB; near Conondale (SEQ), 1 Jan, IG; Swanbank, 26 Jan, 4 on 5 Nov, HZ, MB, LJ, CP, GW; 2, Blakey's Crossing, Townsville, 2 Jul, JGi; Carbrook, 14 Nov, MM, LD, KSm.

Sooty Oystercatcher *Haematopus fuliginosus*. South Stradbroke Is, 21 Mar, MR, PR.

Masked Lapwing *Vanellus miles*. 55 in flock, Rochedale (SEQ), 1 May, PBe.

Banded Lapwing *Vanellus tricolor*. Burpengary, from 8 Jun, breeding Aug-Sep, JN, HN, RC, SC; 2, Logan Reserve, 18 Jul, PD, DD; 20, near Mt Walker, 13 Oct, JH; 3, Archerfield Airport, Brisbane, 21 Dec, KJ; 7, Mareeba, 11 Jun, EB; 10, Lake Powlathanga, 14 Aug, PB.

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*. Alva Beach, 21 Apr, 4 May, 4 on 18 Jan, 3 on 18 Aug, 6 on 14 Sep, 8 on 26 Oct, PB; Luggage Pt, mouth of Brisbane River, 16 Mar, SH, DMi; Bushland Beach, Townsville, 18 Mar, 3 on 5 Oct, JWi.

Lesser Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica*. Carbrook (inland SEQ), 14 Nov, MM, LD, KSm.

Red-kneed Dotterel *Erythrogonys cinctus*. Blakey's Crossing, Townsville, 8 Nov, 4 from 24 Aug to 15 Sep, PB, RSh, JWi; Lake Powlathanga, 2 on 12 Oct, 9 on 29 Oct, 11 on 11 Nov, PB; Carbrook, 14 Nov, MM, LD, KSm; Tamborine Village, 5 Dec, JC, LD, KSm; near Oxenford, 26 Oct, LD, GP, KSm; 3, Jacobs Well (SEQ), 6 Oct, PBe, EBe, IR, SR, PD, DD; Bald Hills Creek, 5 Oct, RSo, JHe.

Double-banded Plover *Charadrius bicinctus*. 4, Clontarf Beach (SEQ), 11 Aug, BI; Alva Beach, 18 Aug, PB.

Oriental Plover *Charadrius veredus*. 9, Lake Powlathanga, 12 Oct, PB.

Red-capped Plover *Charadrius ruficapillus*. Carbrook, 14 Nov, MM, LD, KSm.

Inland Dotterel *Peltohyas australis*. Lake Caroline, Simpson Desert, 7 Jun, NM, CH; 23, S of Winton, 10 Jun, JW.

Red-necked Avocet *Recurvirostra novaehollandiae*. Raby Bay (SEQ), 26-27 Oct, SH, JL; Keating's Dam, Cooktown, 2 Dec, 8 Dec, JM; Coombabah Sewage Works, 8 Oct, LD, GP; Lytton, 13 Nov, RD, GLo; Deception Bay, 3 Nov, FA; Blakey's Crossing, Townsville, 15 Sep, 11 on 31 Oct, PB, RSw; Hope Is (SEQ), 6 Oct, GP, LD.

Eastern Curlew *Numenius madagascariensis*. 98, Cleveland Pt (SEQ), 6 Oct, DMi, SH.

Little Curlew *Numenius minutus*. 4, Blakey's Crossing, Townsville, 15 Oct, RSw; 3, Lake Moondarra, 27 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa; Gordonvale Turf Farm (NEQ), 40 on 21 Dec, 20 on 28 Dec, AM, DM.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*. 5, Leichhardt River, Mt Isa, 28 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa; Uhlmann Road, Brisbane, 10 Nov, JB, FB; Giru, S of Townsville, 1 Jul, JGi; 2, Undara Lava Tubes (NEQ), 23 Sep, PB; Lake Moondarra, 3 on 26 Dec, 2 on 28 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa; Merrimac Sewage Works, 16 Mar, KSm; Blakey's Crossing, Townsville, 19 Dec, CP.

Wandering Tattler *Tringa incana*. St Helena Is, Moreton Bay, 2 Feb, JHa; Town of 1770 (SEQ), 31 Mar, MMA.

Common Sandpiper *Tringa hypoleucos*. Magnetic Is, Townsville, 16 Jan, PB; Swanbank, 20 Feb, 5 Nov, HZ, MB, LJ; South Stradbroke Is, 6 Oct, PR; Bribie Is, 28 Sep, JD; 6, Raby Bay, 6 Oct, JL, RM, JH, SH.

Latham's Snipe *Gallinago hardwickii*. York's Hollow, Brisbane, 1 Oct, ET; Sandgate, Brisbane, 5 Jan, IM; 4, Swanbank, 1 Nov, MB, LJ; Redcliffe Refuse Tip, 3 Dec, JB; Carbrook Golf Course, 23 Sep, DAr; Charters Towers, 17 Nov, PB; 2, Lake Powlathanga, 14 Aug, PB; Lake Moondarra, 28 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa; Townsville, 8 Sep, IC; Tamborine Village, 6 Oct, PBe, EBe, IR, SR, PD, DD; Haigslea (SEQ), 6 Oct, GL, DSu, MB; Stanmore (SEQ), 6 Oct, JN, HN, PCr, LCr.

Asian Dowitcher *Limnodromus semipalmatus*. Thorneside: 3 Mar, RI, MB; 30 Mar, LH.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*. 6, Atkinson's Dam (SEQ), 26 Sep, GH; Karumba, 23-29 Jul, 10 on 29 Dec, DMi, AWa, BWa, JWa; Swanbank, 27 Oct, MB, LJ; 8, Lake Powlathanga, 11 Nov, PB; Coombabah Lake (SEQ), 26 Oct, LD, GP, KSm.

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*. Alva Beach, 14 Sep, 26 Oct, PB; Karumba, 29 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa.

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- Great Knot** *Calidris tenuirostris*. 90, Tuan, S of Maryborough, 1 Apr, GH; at least 1500, Bushland Beach, Townsville, 19 Mar, JWi.
- Pectoral Sandpiper** *Calidris melanotos*. Blakey's Crossing, Townsville, 15 Apr, KCr.
- Cox's Sandpiper** *Calidris paramelanotos*. Karumba, 29 Dec, BWa, AWa, JWa. If properly substantiated, this is the first Queensland record of a recently described species which is identified with difficulty (Parker 1982). A hybrid origin is possible (Schulenberg 1989, Cox 1990), perhaps involving the preceding species and the following species.
- Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea*. 400, Bell's Beach, Clontarf, 6 Oct, NL.
- Sanderling** *Calidris alba*. Labrador (SEQ), 10 on 28 Jan, 2 on 24 Aug, GH; Alva Beach, 18 Jan, 10 Mar, 21 Apr, 2 on 4 May, PB; Townsville, 3 Nov, RJ.
- Broad-billed Sandpiper** *Limicola falcinellus*. Thorneside, 23 Mar, SH, DMi.
- Red-necked Phalarope** *Phalaropus lobatus*. Lake Moondarra, 25 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa.
- Oriental Pratincole** *Glareola maldivarum*. Blakey's Crossing, Townsville, 27-28 Oct, IB, IC *et al.*; 2, Lake Moondarra, 27 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa; 2000, 120 km N of Mt Isa, 28 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa; 2, Gordonvale Turf Farm, 28 Dec, DM, AM.
- Australian Pratincole** *Stiltia isabella*. 20, Mareeba, 26 May, EB; several groups, up to 50, S of Bedourie, 16 Jun, NM, CH; 120, Cleveland Bay, Townsville, 12 Nov, RJ, RSw, JBN; 25, Lake Powlathanga, 29 Oct, PB; 500, between Winton and Boulia, 23 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa; 2, Gordonvale Turf Farm, 9 Dec, DM, AM.
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- Arctic/Pomarine Jaeger** *Stercorarius parasiticus/pomarinus*. Saunders Spit, Cooktown, 12 Mar, JM. Full details have appeared in McLean (1991).
- White-winged Tern** *Chlidonias leucoptera*. 12, Blakey's Crossing, Townsville, 25 Nov, RJ; Giru, 120 on 1 Apr, 60 on 13 Apr, 45 on 21 Apr, 1 on 5 May, PB; Alva Beach, 90 on 10 Mar, 150 on 29 Mar and 1 Apr, 2 on 21 Apr, PB.
- Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica*. Small bird, apparently referable to the race *affinis* from the Northern Hemisphere, Lytton, 13 Nov, RD, GLo.
- Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*. At least 650, Reef Pt (SEQ), 4 Dec, JN, HN; an unusual concentration of this Palaearctic migrant.
- Roseate Tern** *Sterna dougallii*. 7, Bushland Beach, Townsville, 19 Mar, JWi.
- Grey Ternlet** *Procelsterna albivittata*. Pt Lookout, North Stradbroke Island (SEQ), 2 Feb, GR, CP, AS; S of Pt Lookout, 3 Feb, CC *et al.*
- Superb Fruit-Dove** *Ptilinopus superbus*. 2, Goodna (SEQ), 12 Nov, JFo; Town Common, Townsville, 3 Nov, 17 Nov, FH.
- Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove** *Ptilinopus regina*. Flew into window, Eumundi, 17 Nov, JFe; Kin Kin, 9 Dec, NM; Pullenvale, 1 Dec, BJ, GG, MG; Springbrook, 19 Dec, LD, KSm.
- Wompoo Fruit-Dove** *Ptilinopus magnificus*. 8, Mt Mee (SEQ), 18 Nov, MO, JO.
- Topknot Pigeon** *Lopholaimus antarcticus*. 80, S of Mt Elliot, 5 May, PB; Centenary Hwy, Brisbane, 21 Jul, JN, HN.
- White-headed Pigeon** *Columba leucomela*. 4 pairs, Cliveden Park, 9 Nov, GA; Indooroopilly Bridge, 4 Aug, MG; Graceville, 30 Oct, MF; Corinda, 22 May, 29 May, PR; Western Fwy, mid-May, JBi; all suburban Brisbane.
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- Namaqua Dove** *Oena capensis*. E of Toompine (SEQ), 31 Mar, CB; an African species not established as a feral species in Australia, presumably an escapee.
- Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica*. Pt Lookout, 23 Sep, BH; Balgal Beach, Townsville, 30 Jun, KS.
- Common Bronzewing** *Phaps chalcoptera*. 14, W of Mt Isa, 23 May, NM, CH.
- Brush Bronzewing** *Phaps elegans*. Cooloola NP, 11 Oct, JHa.
- Flock Bronzewing** *Phaps histrionica*. 2, NE of Mt Isa, 16 Mar, GH; 150, 90 km W of Richmond (WCQ), 3 Dec, CP, CBU, MMA; 400, 86 km S of Boulia, 31 Aug, JCa; 100, 70 km N of Bedourie, 10 Aug, DN.
- Squatter Pigeon** *Petrophassa scripta*. Winton, 19 Sep, KS.
- Spinifex Pigeon** *Petrophassa plumifera*. 30, Yaraka (SWQ), 27 Sep, LL; 2, Retreat, Barcoo River (SWQ), 8 Apr, DN; near Yaraka, 25 Feb, SV; 7, S of Winton, 1 Jul, PB; W of Winton, 23 Dec, AWa, JWa, BWa.
- Palm Cockatoo** *Probosciger aterrimus*. 21, Weipa, 6 Oct, SM, PDy; Vrylia Pt, near Bamaga (NEQ), 22 May, SY.
- Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo** *Calyptorhynchus magnificus*. 46, Windera, 24 May, MT; Cooloola NP, 12 Oct, RD, GLo, JHa.
- Glossy Black-Cockatoo** *Calyptorhynchus lathami*. Pair, Cooloola NP, 28 Jul, CP; 3, Mt Cainbale, 5 Oct, CP, GW, DS; 3, Waterford, 16-23 Sep, DAr; Mt Tamborine, 25 Nov, 5 Dec, MH, LD, KSm; Kinka Beach, 12-13 May, MC; 20, Boyne Is, 6 Oct, JRI; near Rathdowney, 21 Feb, LD, GP, KSm; all SEQ.
- Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo** *Calyptorhynchus funereus*. Tallebudgera Valley, 7 Feb; Currumbin Valley, 28 Feb; Oxenford-Tamborine road, 4 Jul; all SEQ, LD, KSm.
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Long-billed Corella *Cacatua tenuirostris*. 11, established from escapees, Capalaba, 13 Mar, VC; 30, Moggill, Jan-Feb, LDa; 2, Deception Bay, 6 Mar, PM; all SEQ. One with Sulphur-crested Cockatoo *C. galerita*, Great Keppel Is (MEQ), 7-8 Apr, PB; presumably an escapee.

Little Corella *Cacatua sanguinea*. Eight Mile Plains, Brisbane, 1 Feb, WMc, NMc; 4, Townsville Palmetum, 16 Nov, PB.

Pink Cockatoo *Cacatua leadbeateri*. 2, Gold Creek Reservoir, 11 May, CR; presumably escapees.

Varied Lorikeet *Psitteuteles versicolor*. Small flock, Moonah Creek, near Urandangi (WCQ), 23 Apr, DN.

Musk Lorikeet *Glossopsitta concinna*. Ipswich (SEQ), 19-23 Oct, 6 Nov, KW; 2 or 3, Stafford, Brisbane, 27 Oct-2 Nov, BH.

Double-eyed Fig-Parrot *Psittaculirostris diophthalma*. Race *macleayana*: 2, S of Malanda (NEQ), early Mar, RH. Race *coxeni*: 6, Mudgeeraba (SEQ), 30 Nov, HK; inside the house, Norman Park, Brisbane, 4 Nov, MS, VS.

Australian King Parrot *Alisterus scapularis*. Eight Mile Plains, 25-27 Oct, NMc, WMc.

Red-winged Parrot *Aprosmictus erythropterus*. 20, Windera, 20 Jan, MT; pair, Narangba (SEQ), 4 Jun, BML, DMI; Cooloolo NP, 12 Oct, RD, GLo, JHa; Kin Kin, 20 Mar, NM, CH.

Alexandra's Parrot *Polytelis alexandrae*. This highly nomadic species ranges widely west of 136°E. Reports by two station owners east of Windorah in November (RAOU) lack proper documentation in published form. Garnett (1992) details the only confirmed record for Queensland, involving birds breeding near Cloncurry, not dated but said to be "quite recent".

Cockatiel *Nymphicus hollandicus*. Regular flocks throughout year, Hervey Bay, PCo; 3, Burpengary, 14 Oct, JN; Narangba, 28 Jun, JN.

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- Budgerigar** *Melopsittacus undulatus*. Nesting abundantly NW of Mt Isa, 21 Jun, GH; widespread nesting in numbers, WCQ, Apr, DN.
- Crimson Rosella** *Platycercus elegans*. Open country S of Dalby, 12 Jan, MW; Indooroopilly, 4 Feb, RT.
- Port Lincoln Ringneck** *Barnardius zonarius*. Glass House Mountains, 19 Sep, KH, TH; Wynnum North, 19 Jun, MHO; all SEQ, presumably escapees.
- Red-rumped Parrot** *Psephotus haematonotus*. 16, Windera, 4 Mar, MT.
- Blue Bonnet** *Northiella haematogaster*. 5, N of Dalby, 22 Dec, BWa, AWa, JWa; pair, Dalby, 9 Nov, MW; NE of Jandowae (SEQ), Sep, TP.
- Bourke's Parrot** *Neophema bourkii*. Numerous, 90 km E of Windorah, 24 Jun, BI; at least 60, Eulo, 14 Jun, GH; 27, W of Quilpie, 15 Jun, GH; all SWQ.
- Oriental Cuckoo** *Cuculus saturatus*. Townsville Palmetum, 29 Nov, 1 Dec, 2 on 23 Nov, 4 on 27 Nov, FH *et al.*; NW of Biggenden (SEQ), 5 Apr, GH.
- Pallid Cuckoo** *Cuculus pallidus*. Near Oxenford, 26 Oct, LD, GP, KSm; Carbrook, 14 Nov, MM, LD, KSm; Grantham, 28 Nov, LD, KSm; all SEQ.
- Brush Cuckoo** *Cuculus variolosus*. Buderim, 27 May, AGi.
- Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo** *Cuculus castaneiventris*. Bloomfield River, 22 May, CG; Julatten, 10 Aug, 21 Aug, KF, DM, AM; all NEQ.
- Black-eared Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx osculans*. 2, S of Malanda, early Mar, RH.
- Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx basalis*. 3, Charters Towers, 25-29 May, PB.
- Little Bronze-Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx malayanus*. Yebri Creek, 9 Nov, JW.
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- Common Koel** *Eudynamis scolopacea*. 2, Cleveland, 3 Sep, RM; early date.
- Channel-billed Cuckoo** *Scythrops novaehollandiae*. 5, Lawn Hill NP (NWQ), 19 Jun, IC; winter 1987 and 1988 records from Lawn Hill and Burketown (Redhead 1990, Britton 1990); bore at edge of grass-land, E of Boulia, 29 Apr, DN.
- Rufous Owl** *Ninox rufa*. Pair with 2 juveniles, Cairns suburb, 25 Nov, DM, AM; Iron Range, 26 Dec, DMi, SH; all NEQ.
- Powerful Owl** *Ninox strenua*. Toohey Forest, Brisbane, 22 Jan, 10 Aug, PC, DJ, DE; Coal Creek (SEQ), 22 Nov, MB, LJ; heard, Widgee, near Gympie, 18 Mar, BHu, PHu; Carnarvon NP (CQ), 18-19 May, GH; bred successfully, Mt Coot-tha, Apr-Aug, CP.
- Barking Owl** *Ninox connivens*. Near Miriam Vale (SEQ), 30 Mar, MMA.
- Barn Owl** *Tyto alba*. Willawong, Brisbane, 23 Dec, JH; Raby Bay, 19 Jun, RM; Cooper Creek (SWQ), Aug, RD; 5, S of Mt Isa, 24 Dec, AWA, BWA, JWA.
- Masked Owl** *Tyto novaehollandiae*. Hervey's Range, Townsville, Oct, HF.
- Eastern Grass Owl** *Tyto longimembris*. Boondall wetlands, Brisbane, 28 Jun, IV; Cooloola NP, 11 Oct, JHa.
- Sooty Owl** *Tyto tenebricosa*. Bunya Mts NP (SEQ), 3 Nov, MBe, AG; Maiala NP, Mt Glorious (SEQ), 17 Mar, HZ, AS, CP.
- Tawny Frogmouth** *Podargus strigoides*. Nest with chicks, Tennyson, Brisbane, 2 Oct, JR; 2, W of Yandina (SEQ), 1 Nov, JBe.
- Australian Owlet-nightjar** *Aegotheles cristatus*. 90 km E of Windorah, 24 Jun, BI; Coochiemudlo Is, 2 Nov, JK; Imbil, late Jan, JB *et al.*; 2, Lake Bindegolly, Aug, RD; Austinville (SEQ), 1 Aug, MM, LD, KSm.
- White-throated Nightjar** *Caprimulgus mystacalis*. Incubating, Tallegalla, 8 Dec, GL.
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- Large-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus macrurus*. Cooloola NP, 11 Oct, JHa.
- White-rumped Swiftlet** *Collocalia spodiopygia*. 2, Townsville City Centre, 6 Dec, JBn.
- White-throated Needletail** *Hirundapus caudacutus*. Hundreds, Haigslea-Tallegalla, 17 Nov, GL; 3, Paluma (NEQ), 27 Oct-4 Nov, AGn; 3, near Townsville, 28 Nov, AGn; 12 moving S, Town Common, Townsville, 17 Nov, FH *et al.*; Annerley, Brisbane, 7 Jan, AT; 7 moving S, NW of Charters Towers, 13 Oct, PB.
- Fork-tailed Swift** *Apus pacificus*. At least 20 with preceding species, Aspley, Brisbane, Dec, JN; at least 50, Jimboomba (SEQ), 21 Dec, RD, GPa; 2, Barcoo River (SWQ), 8 Apr, DN; Biggera Waters (SEQ), 29 Dec, KSm, LD.
- Azure Kingfisher** *Ceyx azurea*. Stony Creek, Woodford, 9 Nov, JW.
- Blue-winged Kookaburra** *Dacelo leachii*. Barcaldine (SCQ), 18 May, JC; Barcaldine-Jericho road, 25 May, JC.
- Red-backed Kingfisher** *Halcyon pyrrhopygia*. Cooktown, 14-16 May, JM; Willawong Refuse Tip, Brisbane, 2 Sep, JH; Giru, 21 May, JWi.
- Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher** *Tanysiptera sylvia*. Upper Endeavour River, Cooktown, 12 Jun, JM.
- Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis*. Dalby, 25 Sep, MW; Nanango, 16 Apr, MT; early and late dates.
- Red-bellied Pitta** *Pitta erythrogaster*. Iron Range, 26 Dec, DMi, SH.
- Noisy Pitta** *Pitta versicolor*. Caboolture, 30 Sep, PC, LC; Pt Lookout, 28 Sep, BH; Buderim, 1 Aug, AG; Mt Coot-tha, 23 May-18 Jun, CP; all SEQ.
- Albert's Lyrebird** *Menura alberti*. 4, Palm Grove NP, Mt Tamborine, 3 Oct, LD, KSm.
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- Rufous Scrub-bird** *Atrichornis rufescens*. Warrie NP (SEQ), 14 Aug, GH.
- White-backed Swallow** *Cheramoeca leucosternum*. 2, Lowood (SEQ), 16 Mar, CP, AS, HZ; 2, Mt Marrow (SEQ), 6 Oct, GL, DSu, MB.
- Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*. 10, Garradunga (NEQ), 10 Dec, AM, DM.
- Red-rumped Swallow** *Hirundo daurica*. Garradunga, 28 Jan, JG.
- Tree Martin** *Cecropis nigricans*. At least 2000 moving N, Winderera, 8 Feb, MT.
- Fairy Martin** *Cecropis ariel*. Thousands nesting under bridges, Boulia area, 30-31 Aug, JCa.
- Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava*. 3, Karma Pine Turf Farm, Yarrabah (NEQ), 15 Dec, CP, CBU; up to 4, Gordonvale Turf Farm, 1 Jan-10 Mar, 10-28 Dec, DM, AM.
- White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina papuensis*. 5, Nanango, 21 May, MT.
- Yellow-eyed Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina lineata*. 3, Conondale Range, 21 Feb, CP, MBt; 2, Nanango, 19 May, MT; Coal Creek, 23 Nov, MB, LJ; Pullenvale, 12 Nov, GG, MG; Lamington NP, 14 Feb, LD, KSm; all SEQ; 4, Crater NP (NEQ), 31 Dec, AWa, JWa, BWa.
- Ground Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina maxima*. Logan Reserve, 2 Apr, 16 Nov, 2 on 7 Apr, PD, PDa; 9, Mt Edwards (SEQ), 22 Apr, JH; Wandoan, 29 Jun, FG, MB; Opalton (WCQ), 19 Sep, KS; N of Charters Towers, 18 Sep, 3 on 18 May, 2 on 13 Jun, PB; near Beaudesert, 28 Mar, MM, LD, KSm.
- White-winged Triller** *Lalage sueurii*. Up to 7, Caboolture, 28-30 Sep, 11-30 Nov, PCr, LCr; Kin Kin, 14 Nov, NM, CH; 2, Eight Mile Plains, 9 Nov, WMc; Redcliffe Airport, 27 Oct, JB, FB.
- Varied Triller** *Lalage leucomela*. 2, Marbletop, Nanango, 6 May, MT; late date, usually gone by March.
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- Red-whiskered Bulbul** *Pycnonotus jocosus*. Tallebudgera Creek (SEQ), 23 Feb, GH; nearest known population is in Coffs Harbour area, and recorded at Lismore in 1984, northern New South Wales; possibly an escapee.
- White's Thrush** *Zoothera dauma*. Logan Reserve, 1 Jul, PD, DD.
- Rose Robin** *Petroica rosea*. Tallegalla, 28 Apr, GL; Logan Reserve, 29 Mar, PDA; Peel Is, 4 Jun, DO; all SEQ.
- Scarlet Robin** *Petroica multicolor*. 3, Mt Edwards, 4 Jun, JHa; male and female, Goomburra SF, 14 Jul, JW; male and female, Girraween NP, 26-28 Jul, JW; all SEQ.
- Red-capped Robin** *Petroica goodenovii*. Canungra, 27 Apr, IV; Rasey Park, Herston, 7 May, ET; Mt Marrow, 20 Sep, 2 on 21 Jul and 28 Jul, GL; Cressbrook Creek, late Sep, WP; Greenbank, 15 Oct, PDR; Atkinson's Dam, 16 Mar, CP, AS, HZ; all SEQ; 3, Longreach (CQ), 4 Jul, PB.
- Hooded Robin** *Melanodryas cucullata*. Cory Range, S of Winton, 18 Apr, DN; near Gympie, 4 Jun, BHU, PHU.
- Mangrove Robin** *Eopsaltria pulverulenta*. 3, Bushland Beach, Townsville, 11 Aug, KS.
- White-browed Robin** *Poecilodryas superciliosa*. Town Common, Townsville, 3 Nov to end of year, IC.
- Grey-headed Robin** *Poecilodryas albispecularis*. Josephine Falls (NEQ), 5 Jun, JWi.
- Crested Shrike-tit** *Falcunculus frontatus*. Enoggera Reservoir, 9 Nov, FA, DT, JA.
- Mangrove Golden Whistler** *Pachycephala melanura*. 2, Karumba, 29 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa.
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- Rufous Whistler** *Pachycephala rufiventris*. Redcliffe, 1 Sep, JB, FB.
- Crested Bellbird** *Oreoica gutturalis*. Male, Yaraka, 27 Sep, LL.
- Black-faced Monarch** *Monarcha melanopsis*. Logan Reserve, 15 Apr, PDA; Eight Mile Plains, 12 Oct, WMc.
- Black-winged Monarch** *Monarcha frater*. Cooktown, 18 Mar, JM; Iron Range, 26 Dec, DMi, SH.
- Spectacled Monarch** *Monarcha trivirgatus*. 2, Fig Tree Pocket, Brisbane, 29 Oct, PL; Graceville, Sep, MF.
- White-eared Monarch** *Monarcha leucotis*. 2, Brisbane Forest Park, 24 Nov, DT *et al.*; Downfall Creek Reserve, Brisbane, 25 Nov, AG, BG; Peel Is, 4 Jun, DO; Dunethin Rock, 12 Jun, JN; Kondalilla NP, 15 Jun, JT; Burpengary, 3 Nov, JN, PCr, LCr; Yebri Creek, 13 Apr, JW; Rocksberg, 5 Aug, JWh, JN; Carbrook Golf Course, 23 Sep, DAR; all SEQ.
- Broad-billed Flycatcher** *Myiagra ruficollis*. 8, Karumba, 29 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa.
- Leaden Flycatcher** *Myiagra rubecula*. Nesting, Yebri Creek, 9 Nov, JW.
- Satin Flycatcher** *Myiagra cyanoleuca*. Male, Undara Lava Tubes, 24 Sep, PB.
- Shining Flycatcher** *Myiagra alecto*. Petrie, 1 Apr, JW; Victoria Pt, Jan-Feb, PDU; Sandstone Pt, 5 Mar, VT; all SEQ; Bushland Beach, Townsville, 11 Aug, KS.
- Restless Flycatcher** *Myiagra inquieta*. Rainforest 1 km from nearest clearing, Lamington NP, 17 Aug-3 Sep, GH; Yebri Creek, 13 Apr, JW.
- Rufous Fantail** *Rhipidura rufifrons*. 2, Eight Mile Plains, 9 Nov, WMc.
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- Grey Fantail** *Rhipidura fuliginosa*. Race *phasiana*, endemic to mangroves: Edward River (NEQ), Sep, GB *et al.*; 5, Karumba, 30 Dec, AWa, JWa, BWa.
- Northern Fantail** *Rhipidura rufiventris*. Shelly Beach, Townsville, 13 Nov, IC.
- Chirruping Wedgebill** *Psophodes cristatus*. Lake Bindegolly, 26 Jun, BI.
- Spotted Quail-thrush** *Cinclosoma punctatum*. Tallegalla, 2 Jun, GL; 3, Bellbird Grove, Brisbane, 16 Mar, GLo; Girraween NP, 28 Jul, JW; male, Enoggera Reservoir, 20 Jun, CP.
- Cinnamon Quail-thrush** *Cinclosoma cinnamomeum*. Two sites W of Boulia, 4 Aug, 5 Aug, DN; NW of Jundah, 14-15 Aug, DN.
- Grey-crowned Babbler** *Pomatostomus temporalis*. 5, Banyo, Brisbane, 7-14 Jan, MJ.
- Hall's Babbler** *Pomatostomus halli*. 6, between Winton and Boulia, 24 Dec, AWa, JWa, BWa; 90 km E of Windorah, 16 Jun, 24 Jun, NM, CH, BI; several groups in Eulo-Thargomindah-Quilpie area, Aug, RD; Opal-ton, 19 Sep, KS; 90 km N of Opalton, 2 Jul, PB.
- Little Grassbird** *Megalurus gramineus*. Tinaroo Dam, 27 Oct, KS; 2, Town Common, Townsville, 12 May, PB.
- Spinifexbird** *Eremiornis carteri*. Widespread, W of Winton, 18-19 Jun, GH; widespread, Lark Quarry, near Winton, 26 Jul, DN.
- Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis*. Karumba, 21 Feb, 23-29 Jul, GB, DMi; Edward River, Sep, GB *et al.*; 2, Giru, 23 Mar, JW.
- Rufous Songlark** *Cinclorhamphus mathewsi*. Marburg (SEQ), 20 Sep, GL; Mt Elliot, 4 May, PB.
- Brown Songlark** *Cinclorhamphus cruralis*. Female, Morayfield, N of Brisbane, 14 Sep, JN; Cromarty, S of Townsville, 27 Oct, IC *et al.*
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- Variegated Fairy-wren** *Malurus lamberti*. Edward River, Sep, GB *et al.*.
- White-winged Fairy-wren** *Malurus leucopterus*. Diamantina River, 20 Sep, KS.
- Rufous-crowned Emu-wren** *Stipiturus ruficeps*. Family group, Britcher Creek, W of Winton, 15 Apr, DN; several groups S and W of Winton, 17 Jun, 19 Jun, GH; 2, between Winton and Boulia, 24 Dec, BWa, AWa, JWa.
- Carpentarian Grasswren** *Amytornis dorotheae*. Two sites near Mt Isa, 17 Feb, Jun, GB, GH.
- Striated Grasswren** *Amytornis striatus*. 3 or 4, Lark Quarry, S of Winton, 18 Jun, GH; Opalton, 19 Sep, KS.
- Chestnut-rumped Hylacola** *Sericornis pyrrhopygius*. Girraween NP, 27 Jul, JW.
- Speckled Warbler** *Sericornis sagittatus*. Swanbank Power Station, 27 Mar, JH; Yebri Creek, 1 Apr, JW; S of Tambo (SCQ), 23 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa; 4, Malabar, Marburg (SEQ), 6 Oct, GL, DSu, MB.
- Fairy Gerygone** *Gerygone palpebrosa*. Dundowran Beach, Hervey Bay, 3 Apr, GH.
- White-throated Gerygone** *Gerygone olivacea*. West End, near Brisbane City Centre, 25 Aug, FG.
- Slaty-backed Thornbill** *Acanthiza robustirostris*. Eulo Bore, 27 Jun, BI.
- White-browed Treecreeper** *Climacteris affinis*. Delta, near Barcaldine, 6 May, JC.
- Black-tailed Treecreeper** *Climacteris melanura*. W of Winton, 18 Jun, GH.
- Little Wattlebird** *Anthochaera chrysoptera*. Kippa-Ring, 2 Aug, first in 6 years, JB, FB; Toohey Forest, Brisbane, 6 Oct, BDa, ADA.
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- Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater** *Acanthagenys rufogularis*. 2, Bribie Is, 29 Jun, LMc, IMc; Logan Reserve, 24 Jul, DD, PD; Oxley, 10 Aug, PC; all SEQ.
- Striped Honeyeater** *Plectorhyncha lanceolata*. Chambers Flat (SEQ), 25 May, PBe.
- Lewin's Honeyeater** *Meliphaga lewinii*. Several, lower elevations Mt Elliot NP, 19 May, JW*i*.
- Yellow-tufted Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus melanops*. Several, Bunya Crossing, 7 Jun, RR; Woodford, 20 Jun, JN, WP; both SEQ.
- Grey-headed Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus keartlandi*. W of Eulo, 16 Mar, CC *et al.*; Logan Falls, S of Winton, 19 Sep, KS; Opalton, 19 Sep, KS.
- Grey-fronted Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus plumulus*. 100 km W of Charleville (SCQ), 24 Jun, BI; S of Georgetown, 24 Oct, KS.
- Fuscous Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus fuscus*. Deception Bay, 11 Nov, JN, JB, FB; at least 20, Goodna Creek, SW of Brisbane, 1 Apr, CP.
- Yellow-tinted Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus flavescens*. Orange Plains, Lakefield NP (NEQ), Sep, GB *et al.*
- Black-chinned Honeyeater** *Melithreptus gularis*. Swanbank Power Station, 14 Aug, SH, DM*i*; 2, Morayfield, 12 Oct, JN; pair, Paroo River (SWQ), Aug, RD; Serpentine Lagoon, S of Townsville, 2 Jun, JW*i*.
- White-naped Honeyeater** *Melithreptus lunatus*. Lamington NP, 14 Feb, LD, KSm; Cleveland (SEQ), 6 Oct, JL, RM, JH, SH; Redbank Plains (SEQ), 6 Oct, DN.
- Painted Honeyeater** *Grantiella picta*. 3, 92 km N of Boulia (WCQ), 20 Jun, GH.
- White-cheeked Honeyeater** *Phylidonyris nigra*. Kallangur, 14 Nov, JW; Burpengary, 8 Nov, JN.
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- Brown-backed Honeyeater** *Ramsayornis modestus*. Nesting in suburban garden, Townsville, from Jan, TR.
- Bar-breasted Honeyeater** *Ramsayornis fasciatus*. 2, Georgetown, 29 Mar, DM.
- Rufous-throated Honeyeater** *Conopophila rufogularis*. Karumba, 23-29 Jul, DMi.
- Eastern Spinebill** *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*. 3, Holland Park, 20 May-6 Jun, BP; 4, Eight Mile Plains, 3 Jun, NMc, WMc; all suburban Brisbane.
- Banded Honeyeater** *Certhionyx pectoralis*. 2, Georgetown, 29 Mar, DM.
- Black Honeyeater** *Certhionyx niger*. 5, Leichhardt River, Mt Isa, 26 Dec, BWa, JWa, AWa; 6, Lake Moondarra, 27 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa.
- Dusky Honeyeater** *Myzomela obscura*. Coochiemudlo Is, 2 Nov, JK.
- Red-headed Honeyeater** *Myzomela erythrocephala*. Round Pt, Shelburne Bay (NEQ), 5 Oct, AS; 2, Karumba, 29 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa.
- Crimson Chat** *Ephthianura tricolor*. Flock, W of Windorah, Aug, RD; 2, Lake Moondarra, 25 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa.
- Orange Chat** *Ephthianura aurifrons*. 2, Lake Moondarra, 25 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa.
- Yellow White-eye** *Zosterops lutea*. Edward River, Sep, GB *et al.*.
- European Goldfinch** *Carduelis carduelis*. Wynnum North, Brisbane, 1 Jul, MHo.
- House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*. Lady Musgrave Is (SEQ), 6-20 Jan, PC; Diamantina Lakes Homestead (SWQ), 1 May, DN; Bedourie, 11 Jun, DN.
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- Painted Firetail** *Emblema picta*. 15, Lark Quarry, 8 Jun, 1 Jul, JW, EP, PB; 2, Logan Falls, 2 Jul, 19 Sep, KS, PB; occupied nests, Lake Moondarra, 21 Mar, 24 Jun, GH; 100, Lake Moondarra, 26-28 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa.
- Star Finch** *Neochmia ruficauda*. Karumba, 21 Feb, GB; Edward River, Sep, GB *et al.*.
- Crimson Finch** *Neochmia phaeton*. Pair, Town Common, Townsville, Jul-Aug, IC, JW_i.
- Masked Finch** *Poephila personata*. Georgetown, 26 Oct, KS, 10 on 29 Mar, DM.
- Black-throated Finch** *Poephila cincta*. Pair, suburban garden, Townsville, 16 Oct, JB_n.
- Plum-headed Finch** *Aidemosyne modesta*. 200, Kingaroy (SEQ), 11 Oct, DM, AM; 5, W of Winton, 18 Jun, GH; Christmas Creek (SEQ), 6 Oct, DO, JB_e, BH_a; Saunders Beach, Townsville, at least 3000 on 25 Aug, then decreasing to mid-Sep, IC; at least 1000, Giru, 21 May, JW_i.
- Pictorella Mannikin** *Lonchura pectoralis*. 3, Georgetown, 1 Apr, DM.
- Gouldian Finch** *Erythrura gouldiae*. 4, Georgetown, 28 Mar, DM.
- Common Mynah** *Acridotheres tristis*. Newly arrived Pallara, 5 Oct, JH; 4, Logan Reserve, 25 Sep, RD; 12, Corinda, 3 Feb, PC; Eight Mile Plains, 10 Nov, NMc, WMc; continues to spread in suburban Brisbane.
- Regent Bowerbird** *Sericulus chrysocephalus*. Male and female, Tallegalla, 1 Dec, GL.
- Spotted Bowerbird** *Chlamydera maculata*. Wandoan, 29 Jun, FG, MB.
- Green Catbird** *Ailuroedus crassirostris*. Pair, Kin Kin, from 20 Nov, NM, CH.
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White-winged Chough *Corcorax melanorhamphos*. 4, S of Longreach, 4 Jul, PB.

Apostlebird *Struthidea cinerea*. 8, Samford (SEQ), 10-29 Mar, FA.

Australian Magpie-lark *Grallina cyanoleuca*. At least 150, Marlborough, 29 Jun, GL; exceptional concentration.

White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorhynchus*. Hundreds moving NW, Kin Kin, early Nov, NM, CH; nesting, Yebri Creek, 10 Dec, JW; at least 20, Winderera, 22 Jan, MT.

Masked Woodswallow *Artamus personatus*. 100, Diamantina River, 20 Sep, KS; more than 1000, SW of Winton, 19 Apr, DN; Opalton, 19 Sep, KS.

White-browed Woodswallow *Artamus superciliosus*. 11, Morayfield, 14 Sep, JN; with Masked Woodswallows, SW of Winton, DN, and 10 at Diamantina River, KS; with White-breasted Woodswallows at Kin Kin, NM, CH.

Dusky Woodswallow *Artamus cyanopterus*. Small numbers with White-breasted and White-browed Woodswallows at Kin Kin, early Nov, NM, CH.

Little Woodswallow *Artamus minor*. 5, Diamantina River, 20 Sep, KS, with Masked and White-browed Woodswallows; Gatton Forestry (SEQ), 28 May, JW; Logan Falls, 19 Sep, KS; 4, 120 km N of Mt Isa, 28 Dec, AWa, BWa, JWa.

Australian Raven *Corvus coronoides*. 2, Marbletop, Nanango, 16 Mar, MT.

A SECOND QUEENSLAND RINGED PLOVER AT YEPPON

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As a Palaearctic vagrant, the Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula* is virtually annual in Australia in recent years (Lane 1987). There are two Queensland records: Boonooroo from 17 July to 23 August 1983 (Stewart 1984); and Kinka Beach, Yeppoon on 20 February 1987 (Redhead 1990). The second of these Queensland records is documented in this note. This species and the possibly conspecific Semipalmated Plover *C. semipalmatus* from North America are very similar. The latter is not considered in the following discussion.

This distinctive species is readily identified if features are noted to distinguish it from the Little Ringed Plover *C. dubius*. This is especially true for birds in adult plumage as this bird was. Using 8x40 binoculars the Yeppoon bird was seen twice in the same morning, at ranges down to 10-20 m for a total of about 20 minutes. Orange legs, a pronounced black breast band, and a prominent white collar, very pronounced when the bird was seen from behind, were distinctive. This small, plump plover was rather wary of the somewhat smaller Red-capped Plovers *C. ruficapillus* which fed nearby. It was watched on an open, sandy shore, following the margin of a 'run-in' of water left by the retreating tide. The bird exhibited a rather characteristic run-stop gait. Brownish upperparts contrasted with pure white underparts, and the short, thickish bill was noticeably black at the tip with a significantly paler base. The distinctive large eye lacked the eye-ring of Little Ringed Plover, though there appeared to be some white around the eye.

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