

41. Gibson Park



Cnr Tallebudgera Creek Road and Rusty Court, Tallebudgera Valley UBD 78 H3
- 28.172876, 153.377173

Best parking is in Rusty Court, then cross road to Gibson Park. Revegetated mixed Australian native forest. White-headed Pigeon, Wonga Pigeon, Eastern Spinebill, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Little Shrike-thrush, Grey Shrike-thrush, Golden Whistler, Tawny Grassbird, Rufous Whistler, Grey Fantail, Large-billed Scrubwren, White-browed Scrubwren, Golden-headed Cisticola, Red-browed Finch.

42. Harley-Smith Reserve



Cnr Tallebudgera Creek Road & Araluen Rd, Tallebudgera Valley UBD 77 P9
-28.185977, 153.352618

Mixed rainforest comprising palms and flame trees. Wompoo Fruit-Dove, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Red-backed Fairywren, Leaden Flycatcher, Striated Pardalote, Large-billed Scrubwren, Brown Thornbill, Eastern Whipbird, Grey Fantail.

CURRUMBIN VALLEY

43. Robert Neumann Park



Cnr Bourke-Lodge Drive and Aqua Promenade, Currumbin Valley UBD 80 C1
-28.168173, 153.444732

Parklands and small lakes along the Currumbin Creek. Fairy Martin*, Comb-crested Jacana, Great Egret, Little Egret, Royal Spoonbill, Little Black Cormorant, Little Pied Cormorant, Australasian Darter, Buff-banded Rail, Golden Whistler, Rufous Whistler, Restless Flycatcher, Striated Pardalote, Olive-backed Oriole, Eastern Whipbird, Topknot Pigeon, White-headed Pigeon, Pheasant Coucal, Rainbow Bee-eater*, Forest Kingfisher, Sacred Kingfisher, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo*, Brown Quail, Golden-headed Cisticola, Tawny Grassbird, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin.

44. Mount Coughal (Springbrook National Park)



End of Currumbin Creek Road, Currumbin Valley - 28.233689, 153.358819

Short paved path leading through rainforest alongside a creek. Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Crimson Rosella, Emerald Dove, Topknot Pigeon, Lewin's Honeyeater, Spangled Drongo, Brown Thornbill, Large-billed Scrubwren, Eastern Whipbird, Common Cicadabird, Pale-yellow Robin.

45. Elanora Sewage Works / Elanora Wetland



Tallebudgera Drive, Elanora UBD 60 B17 - 28.114926, 153.442994

Park under motorway next to creek. Track leads around wetland through forest and mangrove habitat. Intermediate Egret, Black-winged Stilt, Striated Heron, White-faced Heron, Azure Kingfisher, Sacred Kingfisher, Variegated Fairywren, Red-backed Fairywren, Scarlet Honeyeater, Brown Honeyeater, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Grey Fantail.

46. Currumbin Creek Estuary



Thrower Drive, Palm Beach UBD 70 Q6 to Q3 - 28.130892, 153.479712

A boardwalk leads approximately 1km southwest creekside from creek mouth inland through mangrove and casuarina forest. Australian Brush-turkey, Striated Heron, Buff-banded Rail, Eastern Osprey, Little Wattlebird, Olive-backed Oriole, Grey Fantail, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo

Common Gold Coast Birds

The birds most often observed around the Gold Coast are not included in the individual site descriptions.

Australian Magpie, Australian Pelican, Australian White Ibis, Purple Swamphen, Australian Wood Duck, Common (Indian) Myna, Spotted Dove, Crested Pigeon, Silvereye, Galah, Grey Butcherbird, Laughing Kookaburra, Little Corella, Magpie-lark, Masked Lapwing, Superb Fairywren, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Australasian Figbird, Noisy Miner, Pied Butcherbird, Pied Currawong, Feral Pigeon, Rainbow Lorikeet, Silver Gull, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Torresian Crow, Welcome Swallow, Willie Wagtail.

Descriptions provide location addresses, UBD reference numbers and a list of interesting species one can see at the site depending on the time of year. Species lists were compiled using data from www.ebird.org and cross-checked by local birders. Species included on lists represent those likely to be seen at each site, but are not exhaustive. Many birds are migratory at some scale, either latitudinal or altitudinal. Those species marked with a * are seasonal in their abundance across the Gold Coast. In general, they are more likely to be seen in summer months when they migrate from northern regions.

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City of Gold Coast - www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary - www.cws.org.au

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Photographs front page (L-R) Azure Kingfisher, Australian Logrunner, Rainbow Bee-eater.

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16. Federation Walk Coastal Reserve

Seaworld Drive, Southport UBD 29 M9 - 27.961363, 153.427836
Entrance opposite Seaworld. Unpaved track approximately 3km long leading through revegetated coastal forest, open woodland and other dune vegetation communities. Black-shouldered Kite, Brahminy Kite, Bush Stone-curlew, Bar-shouldered Dove, Rainbow Bee-eater*, Dollarbird, Little Wattlebird, Brown Honeyeater, Noisy Friarbird, Olive-backed Oriole, Leaden Flycatcher, Pheasant Coucal, Tawny Grassbird, Golden-headed Cisticola, Double-barred Finch, Brown Quail.

17. Southport Broadwater

Cnr Broad Street and Marine Parade Labrador UBD 19 E20
- 27.942715, 153.410365

Park at Harley Park or on Marine Parade and view from many vantage points across the Broadwater to sand bars where numerous shorebirds and waders congregate. Rewarding views in summer when migrants are present. Little Black Cormorant, Pied Cormorant, Striated Heron, Eastern Osprey, Brahminy Kite, Australian Pied Oystercatcher, Eastern Curlew*, Bar-tailed Godwit*, Gull-billed Tern, Caspian Tern, Common Tern, Crested Tern.

18. Emerald Lakes ‘A’

Nielsens Road, Carrara UBD 38 J16 - 28.021162, 153.379232
Paved path between canal and paperbark swamp with reeds. Magpie Goose, Hardhead, Australasian Grebe, Little Black Cormorant, Little Pied Cormorant, Australasian Darter, Intermediate Egret, Little Egret, Dusky Moorhen, Eurasian Coot, Bar-shouldered Dove, Brown Honeyeater, Blue-faced Honeyeater.

19. Emerald Lakes ‘B’

Madigan Road, Carrara UBD 38 E15 - 28.019421, 153.368116
Park at playground. Path leads through paperbarks and fig trees along waterway. Cross road to large pond. Magpie Goose, Australasian Grebe, Australasian Darter, Little Egret, Dusky Moorhen, Eurasian Coot, Comb-crested Jacana, Variegated Fairywren, Red-backed Fairywren, Red-browed Finch.

20. Lower Beechmont Conservation Area

Belliss Road, Clagiraba UBD 35 N8 - 28.005941, 153.267717
Park at end of Belliss Rd. Walk through gate. Try first trail off main track for Glossy Black-Cockatoo, but return to main track for other species. Wedge-tailed Eagle, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Common Bronzewing, Bar-shouldered Dove, Fan-tailed Cuckoo*, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo*, White-throated Treecreeper, Lewin’s Honeyeater, Scarlet Honeyeater, Brown Honeyeater, Spotted Pardalote, Striated Pardalote, White-browed Scrubwren, Large-billed Scrubwren, Eastern Whipbird, Golden Whistler, Grey Fantail, Spectacled Monarch*, Rose Robin*, Eastern Yellow Robin, Red-browed Finch.

SOUTHERN REGION

21. Varsity Wetland Reserve

Cnr of Scottsdale Drive and Bayswater Avenue, Varsity Lakes UBD 808 R13
-28.097602, 153.404848

Explore this urban reserve via paved and unpaved paths. A mix of habitats including freshwater wetlands and lakes, melaleuca forest and grasslands provides the chance to see a good diversity of bird species. Sacred Kingfisher, Red-backed Fairywren, Superb Fairywren, Golden-headed Cisticola, Tawny Grassbird, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin, Red-browed Finch, Australasian Grebe, Little Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, Australasian Darter, Little Egret, Whistling Kite, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Olive-backed Oriole.

22. Mudgeeraba Creek

Stadium Drive, Robina UBD 48 J15 - 28.065036, 153.379922
Park at end of Stadium Drive and explore two creekside areas for viewing riparian species and waterfowl. (1) Walk straight ahead and then to the right along creek bank. (2) Take easement at northern end of Stadium to access boardwalk and paved path between western side of Stadium and Mudgeeraba Creek. Black Swan, Australasian Darter, Cattle Egret, White-faced Heron, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Whistling Kite, Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, Pale-headed Rosella.

23. Hinterland Regional Park

Hardys Road, Mudgeeraba UBD 57 R7 - 28.092746, 153.355918
Large area to explore comprising a mix of habitats including eucalypt forest, riparian areas and grassy areas. Chestnut Teal, Brown Quail, Little Black Cormorant, Little Pied Cormorant, Great Egret, White-faced Heron, Cattle Egret, Straw-necked Ibis, Black-shouldered Kite, Pacific Baza, Dusky Moorhen, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Bar-shouldered Dove, Channel-billed Cuckoo*, Sacred Kingfisher, Dollarbird*, Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, Variegated Fairywren, Red-backed Fairywren, Lewin’s Honeyeater, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Scarlet Honeyeater, Brown Honeyeater, White-throated Honeyeater, Spotted Pardalote, Striated Pardalote, White-browed Scrubwren, Large-billed Scrubwren, Eastern Whipbird, Rufous Shrike-thrush, Grey Shrike-thrush, Spangled Drongo, Grey Fantail, Leaden Flycatcher, Eastern Yellow Robin, Tawny Grassbird, Golden-headed Cisticola, Red-browed Finch, Double-barred Finch.

24. Wyangan Valley Way Reserve

21 Wyangan Valley Way, Mudgeeraba UBD 58 G10 - 28.098608, 153.373448
Follow track beside creek. Thick riparian habitat, open grassy areas. Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Lewin’s Honeyeater, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Scarlet Honeyeater, Brown Honeyeater, Striated Pardalote, White-browed Scrubwren, Large-billed Scrubwren, Brown Thornbill, Eastern Whipbird, Golden Whistler, Olive-backed Oriole, Grey Fantail, Eastern Yellow Robin, Red-browed Finch.

NUMINBAH VALLEY – Nerang-Murwillumbah Road travels south west through cleared farmlands and forest patches, parallel to the vertical cliffs of Beechmont and Lamington Plateaus, ending at Murwillumbah. The following are several birding spots along the way.

25. Numinbah Forest Reserve

Nerang- Murwillumbah Rd, Numinbah Valley UBD 65 Q2
- 28.126723, 153.229554
On right along Nerang-Murwillumbah Road. Sign posted as “Forest Park Picnic Area”. Eucalypt forest and grassed areas. Forest Kingfisher, White-throated Treecreeper, Variegated Fairywren, Red-backed Fairywren, Lewin’s Honeyeater, Yellow-faced

Honeyeater, White-throated Honeyeater, White-throated Gerygone, Golden Whistler, Eastern Whipbird, Eastern Yellow Robin.

26. Bochow Park

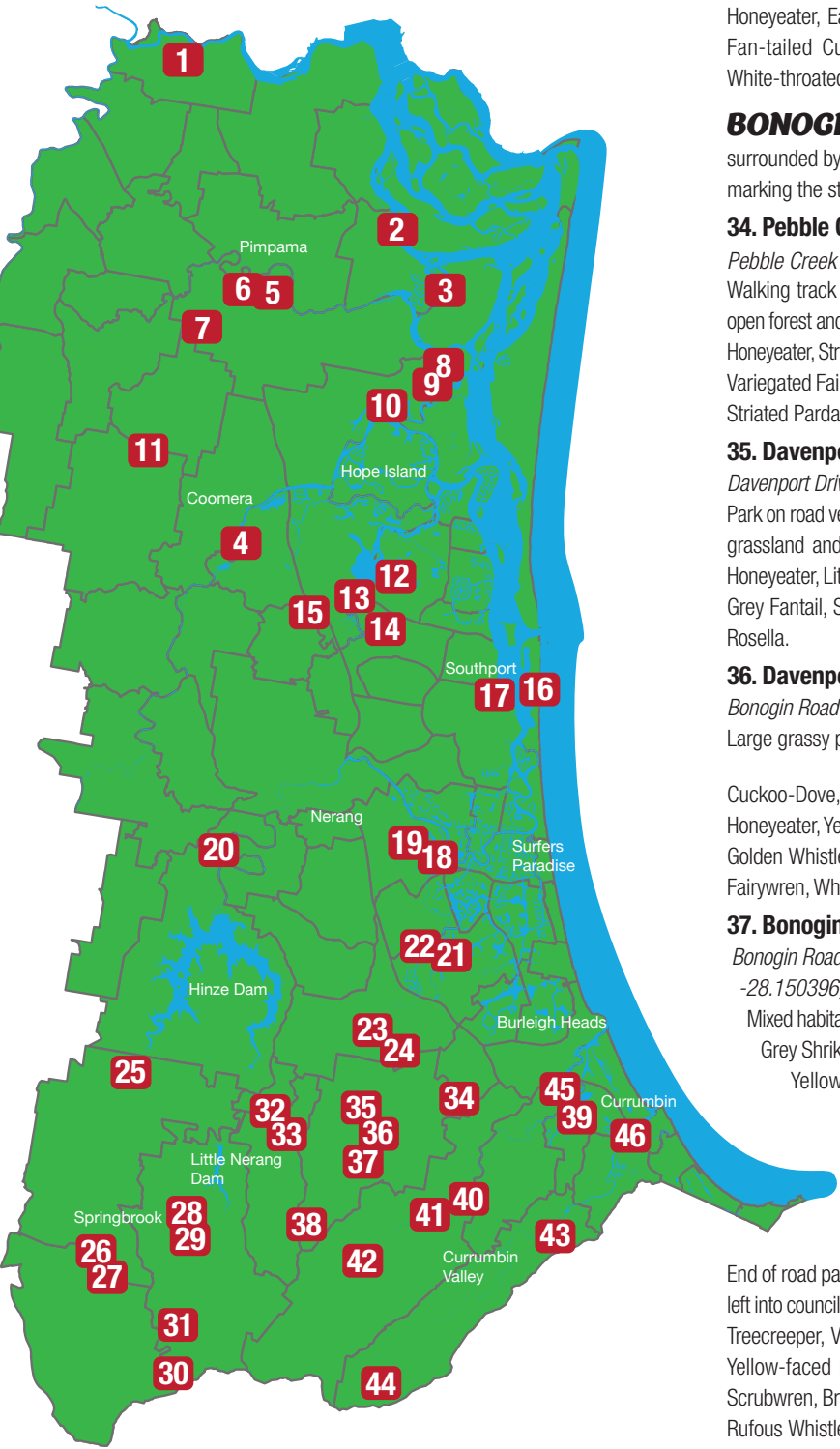
Nerang-Murwillumbah Road, Numinbah Valley UBD 65 Q17
- 28.199254, 153.230327

Located on the right after crossing the Nerang River. Eucalypt habitat. Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Azure Kingfisher, Long-billed Corella, Crimson Rosella, Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, Striated Pardalote, Grey Shrike-thrush, Olive-backed Oriole.

27. Natural Bridge

Bakers Road, Numinbah Valley M65 R21 - 28.229837, 153.241069
Walk along Bakers Rd from the carpark above the main walking track. Australian Brush-turkey, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Wonga Pigeon, Topknot Pigeon, Wompoo Fruit-Dove, Crimson Rosella, Green Catbird, Satin Bowerbird, White-throated Treecreeper, Bassian Thrush, Lewin’s Honeyeater, Paradise Riflebird, Brown Thornbill, Brown Gerygone, Australian Logrunner, Eastern Whipbird, Grey Shrike-thrush, Golden Whistler, Spangled Drongo, Spectacled Monarch*, Pale-yellow Robin, Eastern Yellow Robin.

SPRINGBROOK – Gold coast-Springbrook Road travels south-west from Mudgeeraba. A drive through mixed areas of suburban, rural properties and forest patches ends at the top of a ridge where Springbrook National Park has several walks and parks. The whole park is great for birding, these are just a few of the prime spots.



28. Apple Tree Park

Springbrook Road, Springbrook UBD 66 E10 - 28.166255, 153.259397
Walking tracks through rainforest and wet eucalypt. Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Glossy Black-Cockatoo, Satin Bowerbird, White-throated Treecreeper, Lewin’s Honeyeater, Large-billed Scrubwren, Brown Thornbill, Eastern Whipbird, Grey Shrike-thrush, Golden Whistler, Grey Fantail, Eastern Yellow Robin.

29. Lyre-Bird Ridge

Lyre-Bird Ridge Road, Springbrook UBD 66 E14 - 28.185296, 153.257344
Roadside parking and birding. Exercise caution due to the road being narrow. Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Wonga Pigeon, Topknot Pigeon, Bassian Thrush, Crested Shrike-tit, Satin Bowerbird, Crimson Rosella, Eastern Spinebill, Eastern Whipbird, Lewin’s Honeyeater, Leaden Flycatcher, Eastern Yellow Robin, Australian Logrunner, Grey Shrike-thrush, Red-browed Finch.

30. Best of All Lookout

Repeater Station Road, Springbrook UBD 66 - 28.239796, 153.267554
Small track leads through cool Antarctic Beech forest. Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Crimson Rosella, Lewin’s Honeyeater, Yellow-throated Scrubwren, White-browed Scrubwren, Large-billed Scrubwren, Brown Thornbill, Brown Gerygone, Australian Logrunner, Eastern Whipbird, Golden Whistler, Grey Fantail, Eastern Yellow Robin.

31. The Settlement Campground

42 Carricks Road, Springbrook UBD 66 H16 - 28.193498, 153.272124
Large ex-farming area. Open eucalypt forest and grassed areas. Track through eucalypt to rainforest and waterfall sections. Wedge-tailed Eagle, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Spangled Drongo, Cicadabird, Common Koel*, Eastern Whipbird, Eastern Spinebill, Satin Bowerbird, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Crimson Rosella, Eastern Rosella, Australian King-Parrot, White-headed Pigeon, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Lewin’s Honeyeater, Variegated Fairywren, Eastern Yellow Robin, Rose Robin*, Red-browed Finch, Brown Thornbill, Large-billed Scrubwren.

32. Austinville Community Park

18 Staghorn Drive, Austinville UBD 66 R2 - 28.128231, 153.314179
Mature wet eucalypt forest on Mudgeeraba Creek. Australian Brush-turkey, Brown Cuckoo-dove, Bar-shouldered Dove, Australian King-parrot, Pacific Baza, Lewin’s Honeyeater, White-browed Scrubwren, Large-billed Scrubwren, Brown Thornbill, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Variegated Fairywren, Eastern Whipbird, Rufous Shrike-thrush, Spangled Drongo, Forest Kingfisher, Azure Kingfisher, Black-faced Monarch, Spectacled Monarch*, White-throated Treecreeper, Fan-tailed Cuckoo*, Eastern Yellow Robin, Red-browed Finch.

33. Mt Nimmel Hall

Austinville Road (Cnr of Daintree Court), Austinville UBD 67 A5
- 28.132960, 153.316552

Dry eucalypt forest with stands of grevillea growing nearby. Common Bronzewing, Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, White-throated Treecreeper, Lewin’s Honeyeater, Scarlet Honeyeater, Eastern Spinebill, Noisy Friarbird, Rufous Whistler, Golden Whistler, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Spotted Pardalote, Brown Thornbill, Striated Thornbill, White-throated Gerygone, Cicadabird, Spangled Drongo, Red-browed Finch.

BONOGIN – Bonogin Road travels through low density housing areas surrounded by steep sided sclerophyll forest reserves ending in an unsealed road marking the start of a large state forest conservation area.

34. Pebble Creek Road Reserve

Pebble Creek Road, Bonogin UBD 58 J17 - 28.114918, 153.380387
Walking track starts near the carpark on Pebble Creek Rd. Track heads through open forest and grasslands. Common Bronzewing, Scarlet Honeyeater, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Striped Honeyeater, Noisy Friarbird, Golden Whistler, Grey Shrike-thrush, Variegated Fairywren, Brown Thornbill, White-throated Treecreeper, Varied Sittella, Striated Pardalote, Olive-backed Oriole, Grey Fantail, Eastern Yellow Robin.

35. Davenport Drive

Davenport Drive, Bonogin UBD 67 N4 - 28.129564, 153.345854
Park on road verge. Adder Creek flows roadside. Varied habitat including hoop pine, grassland and grevilleas. Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Lewin’s Honeyeater, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Little Wattlebird, Scarlet Honeyeater, Mistletoebird, Red-browed Finch, Grey Fantail, Striated Pardalote, Eastern Whipbird, Eastern Rosella, Pale-headed Rosella.

36. Davenport Park

Bonogin Road East, Bonogin UBD 67 N6 - 28.134657, 153.348001
Large grassy park, a boardwalk alongside Bonogin Creek leads to a forest. Brown

Cuckoo-Dove, Striated Pardalote, Brown Thornbill, Brown Honeyeater, Lewin’s Honeyeater, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Eastern Spinebill, Grey Fantail, Rose Robin*, Golden Whistler, Little Shrike-thrush, Eastern Whipbird, Brown Quail, Variegated Fairywren, White-breasted Woodswallow, White-faced Heron, Sacred Kingfisher.

37. Bonogin Creek Reserve

Bonogin Road, opposite Waltham Court, Bonogin UBD 67 G13
-28.150396, 153.333144
Mixed habitats along Bonogin Creek. Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Common Bronzewing, Grey Shrike-thrush, Little Shrike-thrush, Golden Whistler, Lewin’s Honeyeater, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Fan-tailed Cuckoo*, Eastern Whipbird, Double-barred Finch, Rufous Fantail*, Grey Fantail, Rose Robin*, Eastern Yellow Robin.

38. Bonogin Road Conservation Area

End of Bonogin Road, Bonogin UBD 67 G17 - 28.173990, 153.324999

End of road parking. Walk through first gate for approximately 50 metres then turn left into council reserve via another signed gate. Fan-tailed Cuckoo*, White-throated Treecreeper, Variegated Fairywren, Red-backed Fairywren, Lewin’s Honeyeater, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Scarlet Honeyeater, Spotted Pardalote, Large-billed Scrubwren, Brown Thornbill, Striated Thornbill, Eastern Whipbird, Golden Whistler, Rufous Whistler, Grey Fantail, Spectacled Monarch*, Leaden Flycatcher, Eastern Yellow Robin, Red-browed Finch.

TALLEBUDGERA VALLEY – Tallebudgera Creek Road runs west from Burleigh Heads, following Tallebudgera Creek much of the way. Road ends at the lower sections of Springbrook National Park.

39. Schuster Park

Heather Street, Tallebudgera UBD 70 B2 - 28.125213, 153.440541
A large park comprising mature native trees, mangroves, paperbark and water-lilies. Little Black Cormorant, Great Egret, White-faced Heron, Striated Heron, Little Egret, Intermediate Egret, Cattle Egret, Latham’s Snipe*, Buff-banded Rail, Brahminy Kite, Barking Owl, Tawny Frogmouth, Sacred Kingfisher, Fan-tailed Cuckoo*, Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, Golden-headed Cisticola, Tawny Grassbird,, Red-backed Fairywren, Brown Honeyeater, Striped Honeyeater, Striated Pardalote, Brown Thornbill.

40. Lions Park

Cnr Tallebudgera Creek Road and Syndicate Road, Tallebudgera Valley UBD 68 R17 - 28.159199, 153.395986
Riparian habitat with mature eucalypts, hoop pines and casuarina trees. White-faced Heron, Eurasian Coot, Dusky Moorhen, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, White-headed Pigeon, Wonga Pigeon, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Olive-backed Oriole, Pale-headed Rosella, Sacred Kingfisher, Red-backed Fairywren, Brown Thornbill, Striated Pardalote, Rufous Whistler, Spangled Drongo, Rose Robin*.

Scope recommended

Off-street parking

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Barbeques

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Drinking water

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BirdLife Important Bird and Biodiversity Area

Seasonal/migratory species

NORTHERN REGION

1. Alberton

Rotary Park Road and Alberton Road Boat Ramp UBD 265 L12
- 27.699532, 153.253639 (Rotary Park Rd); -27.693868, 153.261027 (Boat ramp)

Walk along Alberton Rd and turn right onto Rotary Park Rd. Roadside birding and waterbirds are prolific after rain. Little Black Cormorant, Little Pied Cormorant, Little Egret, Intermediate Egret, Great Egret, Cattle Egret, Brahminy Kite, White-bellied Sea-eagle, Black-shouldered Kite, Eastern Osprey, Whistling Kite, Spotted Harrier, Mangrove Honeyeater, Striped Honeyeater, Brown Honeyeater, Red-browed Finch, Variegated Fairywren, Red-backed Fairywren, Australasian Pipit, Grey Shrike-thrush, Grey Teal, Straw-necked Ibis, Black-winged Stilt, Red-kneed Dotterel*, Black-fronted Dotterel.

JACOBS WELL

2. Corbould Land Trust Nature Refuge

Greenfinch Court, Jacobs Well UBD 307 R7 - 27.773677, 153.355956
Park roadside. Use easement between houses to a belt of littoral forest between mangroves and houses. There are rough tracks throughout. Whistling Kite, Eastern Osprey, Peaceful Dove, Bar-shouldered Dove, Mangrove Gerygone, Eastern Spinebill, Grey Shrike-thrush, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, White-throated Honeyeater, Spangled Drongo, Mistletoebird, Striated Pardalote, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Brush Cuckoo, Olive-backed Oriole, Rufous Fantail*, Variegated Fairywren, Red-backed Fairywren, Eastern Yellow Robin.

3. Jacobs Well Habitat Reserve

Harrigans Lane, Jacobs Well UBD 308 H12 - 27.786927, 153.375554
Visit at low tide. See waders in tidal mud flats and mangroves. Little Black Cormorant, Little Pied Cormorant, Australasian Darter, Eastern Reef Egret, White-faced Heron, Royal Spoonbill, Osprey, Whistling Kite, Brahminy Kite, White-bellied Sea-eagle, Australian Pied Oystercatcher, Whimbrel*, Eastern Curlew*, Pacific Golden Plover*, Bar-tailed Godwit*, Gull-billed Tern, Collared Kingfisher, Pale-headed Rosella, Mangrove Honeyeater, Noisy Friarbird, Striped Honeyeater, Striated Pardalote, Mangrove Gerygone, Grey Fantail.

4. Old Tamborine Road Weir

Old Tamborine Road, Oxenford UBD 16 G1 - 27.897950, 153.292090
Park in cul-de-sac at the end of the road. Views into Coomera River and weir section. Australasian Grebe, Hardhead, Striated Heron, Little Black Cormorant, Little Pied Cormorant, Australasian Darter, Eurasian Coot, Brahminy Kite, Brown Honeyeater, Striated Pardalote.

ORMEAU

5. Ormeau Sports Park

Upper Ormeau Road, Ormeau UBD M305 L18 - 27.801863, 153.259766
Park in car park at sports park. Pimpama River passes through north west of car park. Riparian and eucalypt forest. Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, Lewin's Honeyeater, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Brown Honeyeater, White-throated Honeyeater, Noisy Friarbird, Striated Pardalote, Grey Shrike-thrush, Grey Fantail.

6. Upper Ormeau Park

Corner of Upper Ormeau Road and Barrenjoey Drive, Ormeau UBD M304 R11 - 27.808392, 153.236160
Off street parking, Assorted vegetation planted through the riparian zone. Australian King Parrot, Grey Fantail, Double-barred Finch, Red-browed Finch, Scarlet Honeyeater, Tree Martin, Golden Whistler, Striated Pardalote, Bar-shouldered Dove.

7. Boral Environmental Reserve

Upper Ormeau Road, Ormeau M304 Q15 - 27.822947, 153.225106
Drive south west along Upper Ormeau Road. Site is on west side of road. Park on grass road verge. Creekside vegetation includes rainforest with large fig trees. Olive-backed Oriole, Lewin's Honeyeater, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Varied Triller, Golden Whistler, Grey Fantail, Rose Robin*.

COOMERA – after exiting the Pacific highway at exit 54, take Foxwell Road east. Foxwell road turns into Coleman Road after several kilometres. These birding spots are all accessible from Coleman Road.

8. Coomera - Colman Road Boat Ramp

End of Colman Road, Coomera UBD 328 K7 - 27.821909, 153.379341
Forest species in Ironbarks and Casuarinas alongside riverbank species on mudflats. White-faced Heron, Little Egret, Striated Heron, Whistling Kite, Eastern Osprey, Black-winged Stilt, Whimbrel*, Eastern Curlew*, Bar-tailed Godwit*, Pied Oystercatcher, Terek Sandpiper, Gull-billed Tern, Pale-headed Rosella, Rufous Whistler. Koala present.

9. Coomera – Colman Rd Conservation Area

Colman Road, Coomera UBD 328 J11 - 27.829550, 153.377192
This area is approx 900m from the boat ramp. Access Gold Coast City Council reserve via gate on south side of road. Rough tracks lead through diverse habitats including eucalypt forest, wet forest and mudflats. Little Egret, Whistling Kite, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, White-throated Honeyeater, Mangrove Honeyeater, Scarlet Honeyeater, Mangrove Gerygone, Striated Pardalote, Grey Fantail, Variegated Fairywren, Red-backed Fairywren, Rufous Whistler, Golden Whistler.

10. Coomera – Billabong Ponds

Boambilliee Drive, Coomera UBD 327 Q15 - 27.839024, 153.352650
Paved walking track rings around billabong with viewing platform. Wetland birds with fringing forest species. Australasian Grebe, Dusky Moorhen, Wandering Whistling-Duck, Bar-shouldered Dove, Little Wattlebird, Noisy Friarbird, Striped Honeyeater, Grey Shrike-thrush, Rufous Whistler, Golden Whistler, Olive-backed Oriole, Little Bronze-Cuckoo.

CENTRAL REGION

11. Wongawallan Conservation Area

Lanes Road, Wongawallan UBD 4 Q4 -27.858961, 153.230092
Park at the end of Lanes Rd and enter the GCCC reserve. Eucalypt and rainforest habitat. Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo*, Pheasant Coucal, Australian King-Parrot, Lewin's Honeyeater, White-browed Scrubwren, Brown Thornbill, Striated Thornbill, White-throated Gerygone, Eastern Whipbird, White-bellied

Cuckoo-shrike, Cicadabird, Rufous Whistler, Olive-backed Oriole, Spangled Drongo, Grey Fantail, Leaden Flycatcher, Red-browed Finch.

12. Coombabah Lakelands Conservation Area – Rain Tree Glen

Rain Tree Glen, Coombabah UBD 18 H1 - 27.919802, 153.377061
Gates open 6am - 6pm. Many unpaved tracks leading through mixed forest, wetlands, saltmarsh and mangroves. A boardwalk also leads through paperbark forest and ephemeral wetlands. White-faced Heron, Royal Spoonbill, Whistling Kite, Bar-shouldered Dove, Sacred Kingfisher, Rainbow Bee-eater*, Variegated Fairywren, Red-backed Fairywren, Brown Honeyeater, Noisy Friarbird, Scarlet Honeyeater, Striated Pardalote, Brown Thornbill, White-browed Scrubwren, Mangrove Gerygone, Grey Shrike-thrush, Golden Whistler, Rufous Whistler, Olive-backed Oriole, Spangled Drongo, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Grey Fantail, Rufous Fantail*, Eastern Yellow Robin, Red-browed Finch. Koala and Kangaroo present.

13. Coombabah Lakelands Conservation Area – Mangrove

Boardwalk & Wastewater Treatment Viewing Platform
Shelter Road, Coombabah UBD 18 A13 -27.917036, 153.358808
Access boardwalk on left of Shelter Rd. Short walk through mangroves to bird hide for viewing wetland and shore birds. Drive further along Shelter Rd till viewing platform appears on the left. Great Egret, Royal Spoonbill, Bar-shouldered Dove, Hardhead, Chestnut Teal, Eurasian Coot, Royal Spoonbill, Collared Kingfisher, Sacred Kingfisher, Variegated Fairywren, Mangrove Gerygone, Eastern Whipbird, Grey Fantail, Leaden Flycatcher.

14. Tee Trees Catchment

Tee Trees Boulevard, Arundel UBD 17 P19 - 27.938647, 153.350748
Park at the end of Tee Trees Blvd and explore extensive rough tracks through creek catchment. Wetlands, ephemeral ponds and paperbark forest. Black Swan, Grey Teal, Chestnut Teal, Latham's Snipe, Black-winged Stilt, Hardhead, Little Black Cormorant, Little Pied Cormorant, Intermediate Egret, White-faced Heron, Royal Spoonbill, Whistling Kite, Tawny Grassbird, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Dusky Moorhen, Eurasian Coot, Bar-shouldered Dove, Sacred Kingfisher, Red-backed Fairywren, Brown Honeyeater, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Rufous Whistler.

15. Saltwater Park - Pacific Pines

Binstead Way, Between Pitcairn Way and Greenway Boulevard, Pacific Pines UBD 16 L13 - 27.926867, 153.301092
Saltwater Park and two small dams on opposite side of road on Binstead Way. Tall eucalypt, paperbarks, reeds and grasses. Magpie Goose, Hardhead, Australasian Grebe, Great Egret, Dusky Moorhen, Tawny Frogmouth, Pale-headed Rosella, White-throated Honeyeater, White-throated Gerygone, Spangled Drongo, Mistletoebird.

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