

# Birding Sites



Double-eyed Fig-Parrot



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Helmeted Friarbird



Australasian Darter

## Cooktown

### 1. botanic gardens & finch bay

Hear the very vocal Yellow Oriole, Figbird, Varied Triller, Wompoo and Rose-crowned Fruit-doves, Yellow-spotted, Dusky and White-throated Honeyeaters, Helmeted Friarbird, and Pied Imperial Pigeon in wet season. Not as conspicuous are Leaden Flycatcher, Shining Flycatcher, Lovely Fairy-wren.

### 2. mt cook walking path

Patch of rainforest with notable Tropical Scrubwren, Lovely Fairy-wren, Yellow-breasted Boatbill, Peregrine Falcon, Grey Goshawk, Macleay's Honeyeater, Barred Cuckoo-shrike, Noisy Pitta, Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher.

### 3. adelaide street to old cemetery

Along the old Cooktown-Laura railway line through mangroves and saltpans, waders, terns, Nankeen Night-heron, Beach Stone-curlew.

### 4. endeavour river boat cruises

Waders, Black-necked Stork, Egrets, Great-billed Heron, Little Kingfisher, Mangrove Robin.

### 5. quarantine bay - Waterbirds, Kingfishers.

### 6. keating's lagoon

Ducks, Herons, Egrets, Jacana, Pygmy-Geese and Magpie-Geese.

### 7. archer point

Beach Stone-curlew, Eastern Reef Egret, Varied Honeyeater, Waders.

### 8. annan river gorge - Honeyeater species.

## Lakeland & Laura

### 9. normanby river crossing

Riverine forest, Grey Whistler, White-streaked, White-gaped and Black-chinned Honeyeater.

### 10. laura river & lakefield national park

Lagoons and waterbirds, Crimson Finch (white-belly form), dry country species including Black-backed Butcherbirds.

### 11. laura escarpment

Dry country species such as Black-backed Butcherbird, Diamond Dove, Peregrine Falcon, Squatter Pigeon.

### 12. lakeland & honey dam

Brolgas, Sarus Crane, Bustard, Black-breasted Buzzard, Square-tailed Kite.



## Hope Vale & Elim

### 13. endeavour river valley

Riverine forest with Tropical Scrubwren, Grey Whistler, Macleay's and Graceful Honeyeaters, Shining Flycatcher, Large-billed and Fairy Gerygone, Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo, Red Goshawk. Also farming land with Bustards, Black-throated Finch.

### 14. endeavour river escape

Lagoon and riverine rainforest species such as Tropical Scrubwren, Grey Whistler, Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo.

### 15. alkoomie station

Dry country species such as Black-backed Butcherbird, Diamond Dove, Peregrine Falcon, Squatter Pigeon.

### 16. hope vale coastal heaths & elim beach

White-streaked, Graceful, Macleay's Honeyeater plus Waders.

### 17. mcivor river & mt webb national park

Black-winged Monarch and Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher in wet season, Spectacled Monarch, Grey Whistler, Tropical Scrubwren, Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo.



White-throated Honeyeater

## Rainforest Coast

### 18. bloomfield falls & granite creek

Mix of rainforest and drier eucalypt species, including Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher in wet season, Macleay's, Graceful, Yellow-spotted, White-throated, Scarlet honeyeaters, Lovely Fairy-wren.

### 19. weary bay

Waders and terns on beach, and in the freshwater swamps behind the beach, including Wood Sandpiper, Red-necked Stint, Grey-tailed Tattler.

### 20. hope islands

Boat charter, especially for terns and waders, Sooty and Pied Oystercatchers, Bridled, Sooty, Black-naped, Common, Lesser Crested, and Crested Terns, Masked and Brown Booby.

### 21. cedar bay national park

Start of walking track, 14.5 km north of Ayton. Rainforest species.

### 22. home rule & falls

Rainforest species, Cassowary.

### 23. lion's den

Rainforest and riverine species.

### 24. mungumby lodge walking track

High elevation rainforest species.

### 25. shipton's flat

Two specialities here are Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo and White-streaked Honeyeater.

### 26. mt misery & mt poverty tracks

High elevation rainforest species, Blue-faced Parrot-finch, Bower's Shrike-thrush, Tooth-billed Bowerbird.



Rainbow Bee-eater



Pied Heron



Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher



