

# Karumba-Normanton Bird Species

Emu  
Australian Brush-turkey  
Brown Quail  
Magpie Goose  
Plumed Whistling-Duck  
Wandering Whistling-Duck  
Black Swan  
Radjah Shelduck  
Australian Wood Duck  
Pink-eared Duck  
Green Pygmy-goose  
Grey Teal  
Pacific Black Duck  
Hardhead  
Australasian Grebe  
Hoary-headed Grebe  
Great Crested Grebe  
Rock Dove - I  
Crested Pigeon  
Squatter Pigeon  
Diamond Dove  
Peaceful Dove  
Bar-shouldered Dove  
Pied Imperial-Pigeon  
Tawny Frogmouth  
Spotted Nightjar  
Australian Owlet-Nightjar  
Fork-tailed Swift  
Great Frigatebird  
Brown Booby  
Australasian Darter  
Little Pied Cormorant  
Great Cormorant  
Little Black Cormorant  
Pied Cormorant  
Australian Pelican  
Black-necked Stork  
Black Bittern  
White-necked Heron  
Eastern Great Egret  
Intermediate Egret  
Great-billed Heron  
Cattle Egret  
Striated Heron  
Pied Heron  
White-faced Heron  
Little Egret  
Eastern Reef Egret  
Nankeen Night-Heron  
Glossy Ibis

Australian White Ibis  
Straw-necked Ibis  
Royal Spoonbill  
Yellow-billed Spoonbill  
Eastern Osprey  
Black-shouldered Kite  
Square-tailed Kite  
Black-breasted Buzzard  
White-bellied Sea-Eagle  
Whistling Kite  
Brahminy Kite  
Black Kite  
Brown Goshawk  
Collared Sparrowhawk  
Grey Goshawk  
Spotted Harrier  
Swamp Harrier  
Wedge-tailed Eagle  
Little Eagle  
Nankeen Kestrel  
Brown Falcon  
Australian Hobby  
Black Falcon  
Sarus Crane  
Brolga  
Purple Swamphen  
Spotted Crake  
Dusky Moorhen  
Eurasian Coot  
Australian Bustard  
Bush Stone-curlew  
Beach Stone-curlew  
Australian Pied Oystercatcher  
Black-winged Stilt  
Red-necked Avocet  
Pacific Golden Plover  
Grey Plover  
Red-capped Plover  
Lesser Sand Plover  
Greater Sand Plover  
Oriental Plover  
Black-fronted Dotterel  
Red-kneed Dotterel  
Masked Lapwing  
Comb-crested Jacana  
Latham's Snipe  
Black-tailed Godwit  
Bar-tailed Godwit  
Little Curlew  
Whimbrel

Eastern Curlew  
Terek Sandpiper  
Common Sandpiper  
Grey-tailed Tattler  
Common Greenshank  
Marsh Sandpiper  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Great Knot  
Red Knot  
Sanderling  
Red-necked Stint  
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper  
Curlew Sandpiper  
Broad-billed Sandpiper  
Oriental Pratincole  
Australian Pratincole  
Little Tern  
Gull-billed Tern  
Caspian Tern  
Whiskered Tern  
Common Tern  
Lesser Crested Tern  
Crested Tern  
Silver Gull  
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo  
Galah  
Little Corella  
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo  
Cockatiel  
Rainbow Lorikeet  
Varied Lorikeet  
Red-winged Parrot  
Pale-headed Rosella  
Pheasant Coucal  
Eastern Koel  
Channel-billed Cuckoo  
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo  
Little Bronze-Cuckoo  
Brush Cuckoo  
Barking Owl  
Southern Boobook  
Azure Kingfisher  
Blue-winged Kookaburra  
Forest Kingfisher  
Red-backed Kingfisher  
Sacred Kingfisher  
Collared Kingfisher  
Rainbow Bee-eater  
Dollarbird  
Great Bowerbird

Red-backed Fairy-wren  
Variegated Fairy-wren  
Weebill  
Mangrove Gerygone  
Western Gerygone  
White-throated Gerygone  
Red-browed Pardalote  
Striated Pardalote  
White-gaped Honeyeater  
Yellow Honeyeater  
Grey-fronted Honeyeater  
Yellow-tinted Honeyeater  
Yellow-throated Miner  
Bar-breasted Honeyeater  
Rufous-banded Honeyeater  
Rufous-throated Honeyeater  
Crimson Chat  
Red-headed Honeyeater  
Brown Honeyeater  
White-throated Honeyeater  
Blue-faced Honeyeater  
Silver-crowned Friarbird  
Little Friarbird  
Grey-crowned Babbler  
Ground Cuckoo-shrike  
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike  
White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike  
White-winged Triller  
Mangrove Golden Whistler  
Rufous Whistler  
White-breasted Whistler  
Little Shrike-thrush  
Grey Shrike-thrush  
Australasian Figbird  
Yellow Oriole  
Olive-backed Oriole  
White-breasted Woodswallow  
Masked Woodswallow  
White-browed Woodswallow  
Black-faced Woodswallow  
Little Woodswallow  
Pied Butcherbird  
Australian Magpie  
Spangled Drongo  
Arafura Fantail  
Grey Fantail  
Mangrove Grey Fantail  
Northern Fantail  
Willie Wagtail  
Australian Raven

Torresian Crow  
Broad-billed Flycatcher  
Leaden Flycatcher  
Restless Flycatcher  
Magpie-lark  
Apostlebird  
Jacky Winter  
Mangrove Robin  
Horsfield's Bushlark  
Zitting Cisticola  
Golden-headed Cisticola  
Australian Reed-Warbler  
Tawny Grassbird  
Rufous Songlark  
Brown Songlark  
Yellow White-eye

Silvereye  
Welcome Swallow  
Fairy Martin  
Tree Martin  
Mistletoebird  
Zebra Finch  
Double-barred Finch  
Black-throated Finch  
Star Finch  
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin  
Pictorella Mannikin  
House Sparrow - I  
Australasian Pipit

**229 species**  
I - Introduced birds

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List by Birds Australia. It is a guide to species birders might reasonably expect to see within a 40km radius of Karumba (including Normanton township) across all seasons and a range of weather conditions. It includes residents, seasonal migrants, regular visitors and some uncommon visitors but not vagrants or very rare species.

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# INFORMATION

*Normanton* is a small town on the Norman River in north Queensland's Gulf Savannah. Nearby *Karumba* is a fishing village and port. The region supports grazing, mining, fishing and tourism. Main access roads are bitumen but the area is low-lying and can be isolated by floods Dec-March. After the Wet Season is a good time to view waterbirds in the wetland zone between Normanton and Karumba, including Sarus Cranes with young.

Sought-after species in mangroves and swampy grasslands include White-breasted Whistler, Zitting Cisticola, Arafura Fantail, Mangrove Robin and Yellow-White-eye. Boat tours at Karumba specialise in mangrove bird species as well as Saltwater Crocodiles and spectacular sunsets. Other attractions include fishing, historic buildings and the weekly Gulflander train between Normanton & Croydon.

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## Location and Facilities

**Normanton:** 17°40'12.5"S 141°4'45"E

650km W of Cairns via the Kennedy Highway & Gulf Developmental Road

**Karumba:** 17°29'19.7"S 140°50'17.5"E

72km NW of Normanton, by road

**Normanton Information Centre**  
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*More information*

[www.gulf-savannah.com.au](http://www.gulf-savannah.com.au)

<http://karumba.qld.au>

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Advance bookings are advisable for accommodation and the Gulflander Train. Fuel and basic supplies are available but in the Gulf Region facilities can be remote, and visitors should be well-prepared. Road condition should be checked before travelling Nov-May.

# KARUMBA NORMANTON

Northwest Queensland

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