

# Mount Isa and District Bird Species

Emu  
Stubble Quail  
Brown Quail  
Magpie Goose  
Plumed Whistling-Duck  
Wandering Whistling-Duck  
Freckled Duck  
Black Swan  
Australian Wood Duck  
Pink-eared Duck  
Cotton Pygmy-goose  
Green Pygmy-goose  
Australasian Shoveler  
Grey Teal  
Pacific Black Duck  
Hardhead  
Australasian Grebe  
Hoary-headed Grebe  
Great Crested Grebe  
Rock Dove - I  
Spotted Dove - I  
Common Bronzewing  
Flock Bronzewing  
Crested Pigeon  
Spinifex Pigeon  
Diamond Dove  
Peaceful Dove  
Tawny Frogmouth  
Spotted Nightjar  
Australian Owlet-Nightjar  
Fork-tailed Swift  
Lesser Frigatebird  
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  
Cattle Egret  
Pied Heron  
White-faced Heron  
Little 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  
Pacific Baza  
White-bellied Sea-Eagle  
Whistling Kite  
Black Kite  
Brown Goshawk  
Collared Sparrowhawk  
Spotted Harrier  
Swamp Harrier  
Red Goshawk - R  
Wedge-tailed Eagle  
Little Eagle  
Nankeen Kestrel  
Brown Falcon  
Australian Hobby  
Grey Falcon  
Black Falcon  
Peregrine Falcon  
Brolga  
Purple Swamphen  
Buff-banded Rail  
Baillon's Crake  
Australian Spotted Crake  
Spotless Crake  
Black-tailed Native-hen  
Dusky Moorhen  
Eurasian Coot  
Australian Bustard  
Bush Stone-curlew  
Black-winged Stilt  
Red-necked Avocet  
Pacific Golden Plover  
Grey Plover  
Red-capped Plover  
Oriental Plover  
Inland Dotterel  
Black-fronted Dotterel  
Red-kneed Dotterel  
Banded Lapwing  
Masked Lapwing  
Comb-crested Jacana  
Australian Painted Snipe - R  
Latham's Snipe  
Swinhoe's Snipe - R

Black-tailed Godwit  
Bar-tailed Godwit  
Little Curlew  
Terek Sandpiper  
Common Sandpiper  
Common Greenshank  
Marsh Sandpiper  
Wood Sandpiper  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Red-necked Stint  
Long-toed Stint - R  
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper  
Curlew Sandpiper  
Red-necked Phalarope - R  
Little Button-quail  
Oriental Pratincole  
Australian Pratincole  
Gull-billed Tern  
Caspian Tern  
Whiskered Tern  
White-winged Black Tern  
Silver Gull  
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo  
Galah  
Little Corella  
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo  
Cockatiel  
Rainbow Lorikeet  
Varied Lorikeet  
Red-winged Parrot  
Pale-headed Rosella  
Australian Ringneck  
Budgerigar  
Pheasant Coucal  
Eastern Koel  
Channel-billed Cuckoo  
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo  
Black-eared Cuckoo  
Pallid Cuckoo  
Brush Cuckoo  
Barking Owl  
Southern Boobook  
Eastern Barn Owl  
Azure Kingfisher  
Blue-winged Kookaburra  
Red-backed Kingfisher  
Sacred Kingfisher  
Rainbow Bee-eater  
Dollarbird  
Black-tailed Treecreeper

Spotted Bowerbird  
Great Bowerbird  
Red-backed Fairy-wren  
White-winged Fairy-wren  
Variegated Fairy-wren  
Carpentarian Grasswren  
Kalkadoon Grasswren  
Weebill  
Western Gerygone  
Yellow-rumped Thornbill  
Inland Thornbill  
Red-browed Pardalote  
Striated Pardalote  
Pied Honeyeater  
Singing Honeyeater  
White-gaped Honeyeater  
Grey-headed Honeyeater  
Grey-fronted Honeyeater  
Yellow-tinted Honeyeater  
White-plumed Honeyeater  
White-fronted Honeyeater  
Yellow-throated Miner  
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater  
Rufous-throated Honeyeater  
Crimson Chat  
Orange Chat  
Yellow Chat  
Black Honeyeater  
Banded Honeyeater  
Brown Honeyeater  
Black-chinned Honeyeater  
White-throated Honeyeater  
Silver-crowned Friarbird  
Little Friarbird  
Grey-crowned Babbler  
Varied Sittella  
Ground Cuckoo-shrike  
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike  
White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike  
White-winged Triller  
Rufous Whistler  
Grey Shrike-thrush  
Crested Bellbird  
Olive-backed Oriole  
White-breasted Woodswallow  
Masked Woodswallow  
White-browed Woodswallow  
Black-faced Woodswallow  
Little Woodswallow  
Pied Butcherbird

Australian Magpie  
Grey Fantail  
Willie Wagtail  
Australian Raven  
Torresian Crow  
Restless Flycatcher  
Magpie-lark  
Apostlebird  
Jacky Winter  
Red-capped Robin  
Hooded Robin  
Horsfield's Bushlark  
Golden-headed Cisticola  
Australian Reed-Warbler  
Little Grassbird  
Rufous Songlark  
Brown Songlark  
Spinifexbird

Welcome Swallow  
Fairy Martin  
Tree Martin  
Common Starling - I  
Mistletoebird  
Zebra Finch  
Double-barred Finch  
Long-tailed Finch  
Painted Finch  
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin  
Pictorella Mannikin  
House Sparrow - I  
Australasian Pipit

## 231 species

R - Rare sightings  
I - Introduced birds

This bird list includes resident species, seasonal migrants, regular and uncommon visitors and rare sightings reviewed by national or state Rarities Committees ("R"). Names and taxonomic order used for the list follow *Systematics and Taxonomy of Australian Birds* by L Christidis and W E Boles (CSIRO, Melbourne, 2008).

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## *New or unusual sightings around Mount Isa?*

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# WHO ARE WE?

## **Birds Australia North Queensland (BANQ)**

is a regional group of the national organisation Birds Australia (Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union, RAOU), formed in 1901 - the oldest Australian society concerned with national and international bird study and conservation.

The BANQ area covers Queensland from Ayr north to the Torres Strait Islands and west to the Northern Territory border. Area representatives are based in Townsville, Mount Isa, Cairns, Atherton Tableland, Mossman/ Daintree, and Cape York.

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# INFORMATION

*Mount Isa*, in NW Queensland on the Leichhardt River, is surrounded by rugged hills covered in spinifex and open snappy gum woodland. Over 245 bird species including Spinifexbird, Painted Finch and Black-tailed Treecreeper have been recorded within 60 km. Kalkadoon Grasswrens are common on spinifex-covered hillsides and Carpentarian Grasswrens can be found at a few localities, but Grasswrens avoid recently burnt areas. Waterholes are frequent and attract many birds. Larger wetlands and storages may have significant numbers of water and shorebirds. Other common fauna include Purple-necked Rock-wallaby, Agile Wallaby, Euro and Freshwater Crocodile.

## **Key birdwatching areas**

Waterbirds: Lake Moondarra, Clem Walton Park, Mount Isa Sewage Works. Kalkadoon Grasswrens: Mica Creek, 6 km from the CBD on the Dajarra Rd. Carpentarian Grasswrens: try McNamara's Rd 70km from Mount Isa, head N for 7-15km (Sybella Creek) and search the spinifex.

## **Mount Isa Tourist Information Centre**

19 Marian St Mount Isa (07) 4749 1555  
[www.mountisa.biz/tourism/index.php](http://www.mountisa.biz/tourism/index.php) (pdf maps for download) and [www.outbackatisa.com.au](http://www.outbackatisa.com.au)

## **Location and Facilities**

20°43'31"S 139°29'50"E (GDA 94)

**885 km W of Townsville**

**150 km E of the Northern Territory border**

## **Facilities**

Mount Isa is a cosmopolitan city combining an outback location with extensive shopping, accommodation and cultural venues. It is the centre of major zinc, lead, silver and copper mining operations. Bookings are advisable for tours and accommodation. Ask the Information Centre about track condition and vehicles/equipment needed to access birding sites, which may be remote from services and assistance.

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