

Redden Island Bird Checklist

Australian Brush-turkey	R	Nankeen Kestrel	R	Brush Cuckoo	C,h	Rufous Whistler	U
Orange-footed Scrubfowl	C	Brown Falcon	R	Oriental Cuckoo	R,Mn	Little Shrike-thrush	U R
Brown Quail	R	Peregrine Falcon	R	Azure Kingfisher	R	Australasian Figbird	C
Magpie Goose	R	Bush Stone-curlew	U	Little Kingfisher	R	Yellow Oriole	C
Radjah Shelduck	U	Beach Stone-curlew	R	Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher	R,Mn	Olive-backed Oriole	R
Green Pygmy Goose	U	Australian Pied Oystercatcher	U	Laughing Kookaburra	C	White-breasted Woodswallow	C
Grey Teal	R	Black-winged Stilt	U	Forest Kingfisher	C	Black Butcherbird	C
Pacific Black Duck	C	Pacific Golden Plover	U,Mn	Sacred Kingfisher	C	Spangled Drongo	C
Australasian Grebe	U	Red-capped Plover	C	Collared Kingfisher	C	Rufous Fantail	U
Spotted Dove	C	Double-banded Plover	R,Mnz	Rainbow Bee-eater	C	Grey Fantail	U
Peaceful Dove	C	Lesser Sand Plover	C,Mn	Dollarbird	C,Mn	Northern Fantail	U
Bar-shouldered Dove	C	Greater Sand Plover	C,Mn	Noisy Pitta	U	Willie Wagtail	U
Superb Fruit-Dove	U	Masked Lapwing	C	Great Bowerbird	R	Torresian Crow	U
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	C	Black-tailed Godwit	R,Mn	Red-backed Fairy-wren	U	Leaden Flycatcher	C
Pied Imperial-Pigeon	C,Mn	Bar-tailed Godwit	C,Mn	Lovely Fairy-wren	U	Satin Flycatcher	R
Topknot Pigeon	R	Whimbrel	C	Large-billed Scrubwren	R	Shining Flycatcher	C
Papuan Frogmouth	R	Eastern Curlew	C	Large-billed Gerygone	C	White-eared Monarch	R
Large-tailed Nightjar	U,h	Terek Sandpiper	C,Mn	Fairy Gerygone	C	Black-faced Monarch	U
Australian Swiftlet	C	Common Sandpiper	U,Mn	Striated Pardalote	U	Spectacled Monarch	C
White-throated Needletail	R,Mn	Grey-tailed Tattler	U,Mn	Yellow-spotted Honeyeater	C	Magpie-lark	C
Fork-tailed Swift	R,Mn	Wandering Tattler	C,Mn	Graceful Honeyeater	C	Mangrove Robin	U
Lesser Frigatebird	R	Marsh Sandpiper	C,Mn	Varied Honeyeater	U	Tawny Grassbird	R
Greater Frigatebird	R	Common Greenshank	C,Mn	Yellow Honeyeater	C	Silvereye	U
Australasian Darter	U	Ruddy Turnstone	U,Mn	Brown-backed Honeyeater	C	Welcome Swallow	C
Little Pied Cormorant	R	Great Knot	C,Mn	Dusky Honeyeater	C	Fairy Martin	U
Little Black Cormorant	R	Red-necked Stint	C,Mn	Brown Honeyeater	C	Tree Martin	C
Pied Cormorant	R	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	C,Mn	White-throated Honeyeater	C	Helmeted Friarbird	C
Australian Pelican	C	Curlew Sandpiper	U,Mn	Helmeted Friarbird	C	Noisy Friarbird	R
Black-necked Stork	U	Ruff	V	Noisy Friarbird	R	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	C
Eastern Great Egret	C	Little Tern	C,Mn	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	C	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	U
Intermediate Egret	C	Gull-billed Tern	C	Barred Cuckoo-shrike	C	Cicadabird	C,h
Great-billed Heron	U	Caspian Tern	C	Cicadabird	C,h	White-winged Triller	R
Striated Heron	U	Common Tern	U	White-winged Triller	R	Varied Triller	C
White-faced Heron	U	Lesser Crested Tern	R	Varied Triller	C	Grey Whistler	U
Little Egret	U	Crested Tern	C	Grey Whistler	U		U
Eastern Reef Egret	U	Silver Gull	C				
Nankeen Night-Heron	R	Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	C				
Australian White Ibis	C	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	C				
Straw-necked Ibis	U	Rainbow Lorikeet	C				
Royal Spoonbill	R	Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	C				
Eastern Osprey	C	Little Lorikeet	R				
Black-shouldered Kite	R	Double-eyed Fig-Parrot	C				
Pacific Baza	R	Red-winged Parrot	R				
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	U	Pheasant Coucal	C				
Whistling Kite	U	Eastern Koel	U,Mn,h				
Brahminy Kite	C	Channel-billed Cuckoo	U,Mn				
Black Kite	U	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	R				
Brown Goshawk	U	Little Bronze-Cuckoo	C				
Grey Goshawk	R	Pallid Cuckoo	R				
		Fan-tailed Cuckoo	R				

LIST ANNOTATIONS

- C=Common** Likely to be recorded on most visits
U=Uncommon Recorded regularly but not every visit
R=Rare Recorded infrequently
V=Vagrant Does not usually occur in Australia

h=More often heard than seen
Mn=Migrant from the North (approx Oct-Mar)
Mw=Migrant from the West (approx May-Sep)

Vegetation Types

- Tall woodland with Variable-barked Bloodwood *Corymbia erythrophloia* & Moreton Bay Ash *C. tessellaris* (15m)
- Tall open woodland with Pink Bloodwood *C. intermedia* (30m)
- Tall woodland 15-18m with Broad-leaved Tea Tree *Melaleuca leucadendra*
- A small area of Tall closed forest with Beach Tamarind *Cupaniopsis anacardioides*, White Tamarind *C. foveolata*, Beach Cherry *Eugenia reinwardtiana* and Supplejack *Flagellaria indica*
- Cannonball Mangrove *Xylocarpus granatum* + Slender-fruited Mangrove *Bruguiera parviflora*
- *Rhizophora spp* + Grey Mangrove *Avicennia marina*
- A high density *Ceriops spp.* stand
- A beach community
- A highly mixed fringing community

Habitat data courtesy of Cairns Port Authority
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Definition: The C/U/R annotations in this list give an indication of how easy or difficult it might be to find a species. They indicate the likelihood that an experienced birder might record the species, during a day bird-watching, at the right time of year, in the appropriate habitat.

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INFORMATION

Redden Island is situated in the Cairns suburb of Machans Beach, just north of Cairns International Airport. About 68ha of Redden Island is owned by the Cairns Port Authority. Surrounded by the Barron River, Redden Creek and the Coral Sea, it contains a high diversity of habitats in a relatively small area and attracts a large number of bird species.

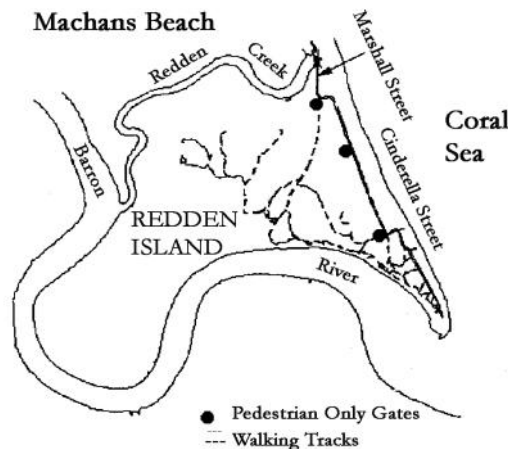
Waders (shorebirds) are mainly found at the mouth of the Barron River on the sandbars and are best viewed on an incoming tide. At higher tide they move to the opposite bank of the river, on Casuarina Point. Other bird species may be found by following the various walking tracks around the island. The Great-billed Heron and Little Kingfisher might be sighted on Redden Creek and the Mangrove Robin is hard to find along the Barron River opposite the airport.

Migrants (Sept-April) include Pied Imperial Pigeon, Oriental Cuckoo, Dollarbird and most waders. The Red-winged Parrot is unusual on the coast and the Great Bowerbird was the first sighting in Cairns.

Access and Facilities

Vehicle access is via the Marshall St bridge over Redden Creek to Redden Island, and Cinderella St which leads to the Barron River mouth. Walking tracks traverse most habitats and are accessed via 3 pedestrian gates along Cinderella St.

Bring suitable walking shoes and insect repellent



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