

BIRDS OF ST LAWRENCE WETLANDS

your guide to one of
Australia's best kept secrets

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Welcome to our piece of paradise



St Lawrence and its surrounding area in the Isaac region provide the birdwatcher with a feast of opportunities to spot more than 100 bird species.

They inhabit wetlands, marine plains, estuaries, woodland, Melaleuca swamp, mangroves and beaches.

Thank you for taking time out to visit this magical location which is a treasured part of the Isaac region.

Whatever time of the year you will still see an amazing variety of birds that will enrich your birdlife watching experience.

This guide will show you the seven hot spots where you will be able to gaze at our feathered beauties. Thank you to Birdlife Capricornia for their assistance in creating this guide.

Acknowledgement to Country

We acknowledge the Koinjmal Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of lands and waters of St Lawrence and their enduring cultural connection to country and community.

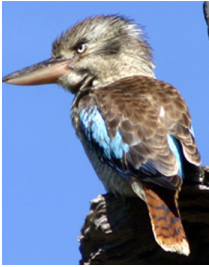
We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging for they hold the stories, culture, and traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

Our relationship with Traditional Custodians and other First Nations communities will shape a shared future that celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture as the foundation of our region's collective identity.





Bird friends snapshot



blue-winged
kookaburra



black-necked
stork



forest
kingfisher



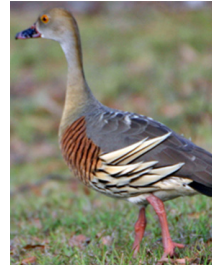
chestnut-
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purple
swamphen



cotton
pygmy-goose



plumed
whistling duck



magpie goose



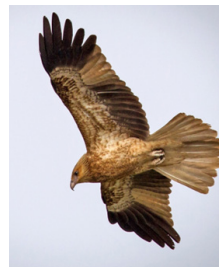
mistletoe bird



royal spoonbill



buff-banded
rail



whistling kite



Bird hot spots



1. St Lawrence wetlands

The St Lawrence Wetlands is one of the most significant wetlands on the Queensland coast.

The St Lawrence Wetlands support nationally threatened waterbirds, as well as shorebirds that migrate internationally along the East Asian – Australasian Flyway.

The Reserve is home to a variety of birds (over 55 waterbird species

have been recorded in the area). Large flocks of Magpie Geese occur in the early part of the wet season, feeding on the tubers of Eleocharis (water chestnut) sedge.

Other birds that are occasionally spotted in the wetlands around the swamps and sedges includes: Black Bittern, Little Bittern, Baillon's Crake, the threatened Australian Painted

Snipe and the threatened Capricorn Yellow Chat.

Pairs or groups of Radjah Shelduck are often seen at the site.

When the wetlands are full, the deep open water is used by diving birds such as Hardhead, Australasian Grebe and occasionally Great Crested Grebe and Black Swans may nest.

2. Melaleuca swamp

There is extensive Melaleuca swamp fringing the wetlands to the south and this is where Yellow-billed Spoonbill nest and where the Little Bittern can be seen.

3. St Lawrence Creek and estuary

Resident Osprey nest every year and Brahminy Kite, Whistling Kite and Black Kite often build their nests on the railway bridge. At low tide birds such as egrets, herons and shorebirds feed on the mud flats.

4. Newport Conservation Park and Waverly Creek

This is the historical site of the old meatworks.

Remains of boilers, the wagon line and wharf can still be seen as part of St Lawrence's history.

Waverly Creek is lined with mangroves and is a good place spotting the Mangrove Honeyeater and Striated Heron among others.

5. St Lawrence Weir

A short drive to the north-east lies St

Lawrence Weir where Chestnut-breasted Mannikin and Zebra Finch, Golden-headed Cisticola live.

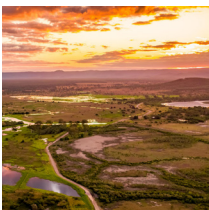
You can also grab a glimpse of the Nankeen-night Heron and Magpie Geese roosting in trees.

6. Connors Range

A short drive to the east the road crosses the Connors Range where many woodland birds can be seen including Boobook Owl and Tawny Frogmouth.

7. Marine Plain

Access to marine plains will require permission from local landowners.



5 ST LAWRENCE WEIR

3 ST LAWRENCE CREEK & ESTUARY

LITTLE BLACK CORMORANT & EGRET NESTING COLONY

OSPREY NEST

1 ST LAWRENCE WETLANDS

2 MELALEUCA SWAMP

ST LAWRENCE CAMPGROUND

Bruce Hwy

St Lawrence Northern Rd

St Lawrence Connection Rd

Railway Rd

Catherine St

Cannon St

ST LAWRENCE

ST LAWRENCE CREEK

NEW CONSERVATION PARK

6 ROAD TO CONNORS RANGE



WAVELY CREEK AND ESTUARY

Barplains Rd

Barplains Rd

Hausens Rd

Kinnard St

ANCE

Settlement Rd

PORT
CONSERVATION
PARK

WAVELY CREEK

MANGROVES WITH
RAMP ACCESS

NEWPORT
CONSERVATION
PARK &
WAVELY CREEK

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7 MARINE PLAIN





Bird check list

Status

- C = Common** Readily found in suitable habitat
U = Uncommon Only found in small numbers
R = Rare Does not visit very often
V = Vagrant A very occasional visitor

Species	Status	Seen
Australian Brush-turkey	C	
Australian Bustard	U	
Australian Hobby	U	
Australian Magpie	C	
Australian Pelican	C	
Australian White Ibis	C	
Australasian Grebe	C	
Australian Painted Snipe	R	
Australian Wood Duck	C	
Baillon's Crake	U	
Bar-breasted Honeyeater	U	
Bar-shouldered Dove	C	
Black Bittern	R	
Black Kite	C	
Black Swan	C	
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	C	

Double-barred Finch	C	
Eurasian Coot	C	
Fairy Gerygone	R	
Fairy Martin	U	
Forest Kingfisher	C	
Great Cormorant	U	
Great Crested Grebe	U	
Great Egret	C	
Grey Fantail	V	
Grey Teal	C	
Golden-headed Cisticola	C	
Gull-billed Tern	C	
Hardhead	C	
Intermediate Egret	C	
Laughing Kookaburra	C	
Latham's Snipe	R	
Lewin's Honeyeater	C	

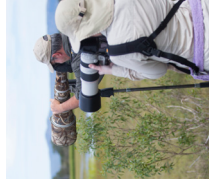
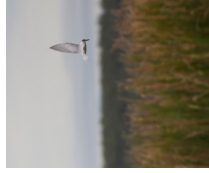
Black-necked Stork	U	
Black-shouldered Kite	U	
Black-winged Stilt	U	
Blue-faced Honeyeater	C	
Blue-winged Kookaburra	U	
Boobook Owl	U	
Brahminy Kite	C	
Brolga	C	
Brown Falcon	C	
Brown Honeyeater	C	
Brown Quail	C	
Bush-stone Curlew	C	
Caspian Tern	C	
Cattle Egret	C	
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	C	
Crested Pigeon	C	
Crested Tern	C	
Collared Sparrow Hawk	R	
Comb-crested Jacana	C	
Cotton-pygy Goose	C	
Darter	C	

Little Black Cormorant	C	
Little Egret	U	
Little Pied Cormorant	C	
Little Friarbird	C	
Maggie Goose	C	
Maggie Lark	C	
Mangrove Gerygone	R	
Mangrove Honeyeater	C	
Masked Lapwing	C	
Mistletoe Bird	U	
Nankeen Kestrel	C	
Nankeen Night Heron	U	
Noisy Friarbird	C	
Osprey	C	
Pacific Baza	U	
Pacific Black Duck	C	
Pale-headed Rosella	C	
Peaceful Dove	C	
Peregrine Falcon	R	
Pheasant Coucal	C	
Pied Butcherbird	C	

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Pied Cormorant	C	
Pied Oystercatcher	U	
Plumed Whistling Duck	C	
Purple Swamphen	C	
Rainbow Bee-eater	C	
Radjah Shelduck	U	
Rainbow Lorikeet	C	
Red-backed Fairy Wren	C	
Red-backed Kingfisher	U	
Red-capped Plover	C	
Red-winged Parrot	C	



Royal Spoonbill	U
Rufous Songlark	U
Rufous Whistler	C
Sacred Kingfisher	C
Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	C
Scarlet Honeyeater	R
Silver Gull	C
Silvereye	U
Singing Bushlark	U
Singing Honeyeater	U
Straw-necked Ibis	C
Striated Heron	U
Striated Pardalote	C
Sulphur Crested Cockatoo	C
Swamp Harrier	U
Tawny Frogmouth	C
Torresian Crow	C
Tree Martin	C
Varied Triller	U
Wandering Whistling Duck	U
Wedge-tailed Eagle	U



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Welcome Swallow	C
Whiskered Tern	C
Whimbrel	C
Whistling Kite	C
White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	C
White-breasted Wood swallow	U
White-bellied Sea Eagle	C
White-faced Heron	C
White-necked Heron	C
White-throated Honeyeater	C
Willie Wagtail	C
Yellow Honeyeater	U
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	C
Zebra Finch	U
TOTAL POSSIBLE	129
TOTAL SEEN	

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journey



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