

- Brown Quail
- Magpie Goose
- Plumed Whistling-Duck
- Wandering Whistling-Duck
- Freckled Duck
- Black Swan
- Australian Wood Duck
- Cotton Pygmy-goose
- Green Pygmy-goose
- Pacific Black Duck
- Australasian Shoveler
- Grey Teal
- Pink-eared Duck
- Hardhead
- Australasian Grebe
- Great Crested Grebe
- Darter
- Little Pied Cormorant
- Pied Cormorant
- Little Black Cormorant
- Great Cormorant
- Australian Pelican
- White-faced Heron
- Little Egret
- White-necked Heron
- Pied Heron
- Great Egret
- Intermediate Egret
- Cattle Egret
- Nankeen Night Heron
- Glossy Ibis
- Australian White Ibis
- Straw-necked Ibis
- Royal Spoonbill
- Yellow-billed Spoonbill
- Black-necked Stork
- Osprey
- Pacific Baza
- Black-shouldered Kite
- Black Kite
- Whistling Kite
- Brahminy Kite
- White-bellied Sea-Eagle
- Spotted Harrier
- Swamp Harrier
- Brown Goshawk
- Collared Sparrowhawk
- Wedge-tailed Eagle
- Brown Falcon
- Australian Hobby

- Black Falcon
- Peregrine Falcon
- Nankeen Kestrel
- Brolga
- Purple Swampphen
- Black-tailed Native-hen
- Eurasian Coot
- Australian Bustard
- Latham's Snipe
- Black-tailed Godwit
- Bar-tailed Godwit
- Little Curlew
- Eastern Curlew
- Marsh Sandpiper
- Common Greenshank
- Common Sandpiper
- Red-necked Stint
- Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
- Curlew Sandpiper
- Comb-crested Jacana
- Bush Stone-curlew
- Black-winged Stilt
- Pacific Golden Plover
- Red-capped Plover
- Oriental Plover
- Black-fronted Dotterel
- Red-kneed Dotterel
- Banded Lapwing
- Masked Lapwing
- Australian Pratincole
- Silver Gull
- Gull-billed Tern
- Caspian Tern
- Whiskered Tern
- White-winged Black Tern
- Crested Pigeon
- Squatter Pigeon
- Diamond Dove
- Peaceful Dove
- Bar-shouldered Dove
- Superb Fruit-dove
- Red-tailed Black Cockatoo
- Galah
- Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
- Cockatiel
- Rainbow Lorikeet
- Scaly-breasted Lorikeet
- Red-winged Parrot
- Pale-headed Rosella
- Budgerigar

- Oriental Cuckoo
- Pallid Cuckoo
- Brush Cuckoo
- Black-eared Cuckoo
- Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo
- Shining Bronze-Cuckoo
- Gould's Bronze-Cuckoo
- Common Koel
- Channel-billed Cuckoo
- Pheasant Coucal
- Barking Owl
- Southern Boobook
- Masked Owl
- Grass Owl
- Tawny Frogmouth
- Large-tailed Nightjar
- Australian Owlet-nightjar
- White-rumped Swiftlet
- White-throated Needletail
- Azure Kingfisher
- Laughing Kookaburra
- Blue-winged Kookaburra
- Forest Kingfisher
- Red-backed Kingfisher
- Sacred Kingfisher
- Rainbow Bee-eater
- Dollarbird
- Red-backed Fairy-wren
- Striated Pardalote
- Weebill
- Fairy Gerygone
- White-throated Gerygone
- Helmeted Friarbird
- Noisy Friarbird
- Little Friarbird
- Blue-faced Honeyeater
- Yellow-throated Miner
- Yellow Honeyeater
- Fuscous Honeyeater
- Black-chinned Honeyeater
- White-throated Honeyeater
- Brown Honeyeater
- Brown-backed Honeyeater
- Rufous-throated Honeyeater
- Dusky Honeyeater
- Scarlet Honeyeater
- Jacky Winter
- Lemon-bellied Flycatcher
- Grey-crowned Babbler
- Varied Sittella

- Rufous Whistler
- Leaden Flycatcher
- Restless Flycatcher
- Magpie-lark
- Rufous Fantail
- Grey Fantail
- Willie Wagtail
- Spangled Drongo
- Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
- White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike
- Cicadabird
- White-winged Triller
- Olive-backed Oriole
- Figbird
- White-breasted Woodswallow
- Masked Woodswallow
- White-browed Woodswallow
- Black-faced Woodswallow
- Grey Butcherbird
- Pied Butcherbird
- Australian Magpie
- Australian Raven
- Torresian Crow
- Apostlebird
- Great Bowerbird
- Singing Bushlark
- Richard's Pipit
- Zebra Finch
- Double-banded Finch
- Black-throated Finch
- Plum-headed Finch
- Nutmeg Mannikin
- Chestnut-breasted Mannikin
- Yellow-bellied Sunbird
- Mistletoebird
- Welcome Swallow
- Tree Martin
- Fairy Martin
- Clamorous Reed-Warbler
- Tawny Grassbird
- Rufous Songlark
- Brown Songlark
- Golden-headed Cisticola
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Information

Lake Ross is located a short drive (about 14 km) from Townsville/Thuringowa Central. Owned by NQ Water, Lake Ross stores over 200,000 million litres of water and supplies up to 80% of the region's potable water supply. The dam wall stretches 8.3 km across the Ross River floodplain providing an additional flood mitigation benefit to the downstream community.

In recognition of its habitat values, Lake Ross is listed as a Wetland of National Significance. The extensive shallow margins of the lake provide habitat for a diversity of water birds. The lake is also surrounded by thousands of hectares of unspoiled open savannah teeming with wildlife. Over 220 species of bird have been recorded on or around the lake to date.

Access

Access to Lake Ross is via Riverway Drive, Kelso. The dam wall is currently being upgraded, so access to Lake Ross and the dam wall is restricted until construction activities are completed in early 2008. Members of the public are reminded not to enter the construction site for safety reasons.

Ross Park, located immediately below the dam wall, has ample parking, picnic and toilet facilities. Many birds can be seen along the Ross River and the *Townsville Region Bird Observers Club* hosts early morning bird-watching walks generally on the 3rd Sunday of each month from this location.

Three local Eco-tourism operators have access to the Lake and surrounding woodlands. They are :-

- Pop Sullivan Tours and Cruises* (Boat Cruises): 0407 167 524
- NQ River 'n' Road Tours* (Kayaking and 4WD): 0418 758 256
- Townsville Tropical Tours* (4WD & Birdwatching): 0427 216 489

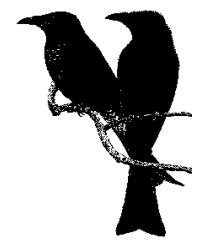
Check local guides for details.

To report unlisted or unusual sightings, please phone; or mail your completed lists to:-

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Checklist of Birds

Lake Ross and Surrounds

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