

<input type="checkbox"/>	Southern Cassowary*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Australian Brush Turkey*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brown Quail	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pacific Black Duck	R
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grey Teal	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Darter	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Little Pied Cormorant	O
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Little Egret	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Great Egret	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pacific Baza	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Square-tailed Kite	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black Kite	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Whistling Kite	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brown Goshawk	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grey Goshawk*	O*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Collared Sparrowhawk	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wedge-tailed Eagle	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Peregrine Falcon*	O*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-necked Crake*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Buff-banded Rail	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-backed Button-quail	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Little Button-quail	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-Chested Button-quail	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Painted Button-quail	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black-winged Stilt	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black-fronted Dotterel	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	White-headed Pigeon*	N*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brown Cuckoo-Dove*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emerald Dove*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Peaceful Dove	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wompoo Fruit-Dove*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Superb Fruit-Dove*	N*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rose-Crowned Fruit-Dove*	N*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Topknot Pigeon*	N*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-tailed Black Cockatoo	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	R
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rainbow Lorikeet	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Little Lorikeet*	O*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Double-eyed Fig-Parrot	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Australian King-Parrot*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crimson Rosella*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brush Cuckoo	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Koel	M
<input type="checkbox"/>	Channel-billed Cuckoo	M
<input type="checkbox"/>	Southern Boobook	R
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesser Sooty Owl*	R*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Barn Owl	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Papuan Frogmouth	R
<input type="checkbox"/>	Australian Owlet Nightjar	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	White-rumped Swiftlet	N
<input type="checkbox"/>	White-throated Needletail	M
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fork-tailed Swift	M
<input type="checkbox"/>	Azure Kingfisher	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Little Kingfisher	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher*	M*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forest Kingfisher	O,M
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sacred Kingfisher	O,M
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rainbow Bee-eater	M
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dollarbird	M
<input type="checkbox"/>	Noisy Pitta*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	White-throated Treecreeper*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-backed Fairy-wren	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spotted Pardalote	R
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fernwren*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow-throated Scrubwren*	R*
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Fairy Gerygone	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mountain Thornbill*	R*
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Lewin's Honeyeater*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow-spotted Honeyeater*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Graceful Honeyeater	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bridled Honeyeater*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow-faced Honeyeater*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	White-naped Honeyeater	R
<input type="checkbox"/>	White-cheeked Honeyeater*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dusky Honeyeater*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scarlet Honeyeater	M
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Spinebill*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pale-yellow Robin*	R*
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Grey-headed Robin*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chowchilla*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Whipbird*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Golden Whistler	R
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grey Whistler	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Little Shrike-thrush	R
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bower's Shrike-thrush*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grey Shrike-thrush	R
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow-breasted Boatbill	R
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black-faced Monarch*	M*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spectacled Monarch*	M*
<input type="checkbox"/>	White-eared Monarch	R

<input type="checkbox"/>	Pied Monarch	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leaden Flycatcher	M
<input type="checkbox"/>	Satin Flycatcher	M
<input type="checkbox"/>	Magpie-lark	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rufous Fantail	M
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grey Fantail*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Willie Wagtail	M
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spangled Drongo*	M*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barred Cuckoo-shrike*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cicadabird	M
<input type="checkbox"/>	Varied Triller	R
<input type="checkbox"/>	Figbird*	N*
<input type="checkbox"/>	White-breasted Woodswallow	N
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pied Currawong	R
<input type="checkbox"/>	Victoria's Riflebird*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Australian Raven	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Torresian Crow	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spotted Catbird*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tooth-billed Bowerbird*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Golden Bowerbird*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Satin Bowerbird*	O*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-browed Finch*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mistletoebird*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Welcome Swallow	O
<input type="checkbox"/>	Silvereye*	R*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bassian Thrush	R
<input type="checkbox"/>	Russet-tailed Thrush	R
<input type="checkbox"/>	Metallic Starling	M

Uncommon Sightings

<input type="checkbox"/>	King Quail
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plumed Whistling-Duck
<input type="checkbox"/>	Australian Wood Duck
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hardhead
<input type="checkbox"/>	Australasian Grebe
<input type="checkbox"/>	Great Crested Grebe
<input type="checkbox"/>	White-necked Heron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate Egret
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nankeen Night Heron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Australian White Ibis
<input type="checkbox"/>	Straw-necked Ibis
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black-shouldered Kite
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spotted Harrier
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brolga
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bush-hen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spotless Crake
<input type="checkbox"/>	Latham's Snipe
<input type="checkbox"/>	Masked Lapwing

Uncommon Sightings (Continued)

- Crested Pigeon
- Squatter Pigeon
- Diamond Dove
- Glossy Black-Cockatoo
- Pale-headed Rosella
- Budgerigar
- Pallid Cuckoo
- Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo
- Pheasant Cuckoo
- Rufous Owl
- White-throated Nightjar
- Large-tailed Nightjar
- Laughing Kookaburra
- Blue-winged Kookaburra
- Red-backed Kingfisher
- Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater
- Noisy Friarbird
- Little Friarbird
- White-throated Honeyeater
- Brown Honeyeater
- Varied Sittella
- Crested Shrike-tit
- Rufous Whistler
- Northern Fantail
- Olive-backed Oriole
- Masked Woodswallow
- White-browed Woodswallow
- Grey Butcherbird
- Australian Magpie
- Spotted Bowerbird
- Great Bowerbird
- Grey Wagtail
- Chestnut-breasted Mannikin
- Fairy Martin
- Clamorous Reed-Warbler
- Tawny Grassbird
- Rufous Songlark
- Brown Songlark
- Golden-headed Cisticola

TIME:..... DATE:.....

Legend

- * Breeding
- N Nomadic
- M Migratory
- O Occasional
- R Resident

Information

The Paluma region boasts some of the best upland rainforest birding in North Queensland's Wet Tropics World Heritage listed National Park. Part of the Paluma Range National Park, Little Crystal Creek is a popular swimming and picnic area with wheelchair-accessible toilet facilities and free barbecues. The road to Paluma and the stone arch-bridge over Little Crystal Creek were constructed under an employment scheme during the Great Depression (1930's). This area is habitat to rainforest animals such as the Green Ringtail Possum, Northern Barred Frog, the Giant White-tailed Rat, Cassowary and local bird of paradise, the Victoria's Riflebird. McClelland's lookout, located just before the township, has wheelchair-accessible toilets, free barbecues and shelter sheds. A range of accommodation is available in the township, and there is a network of popular walking trails through the rainforest, ranging from 100m to 6km in length. Download a brochure from: http://www.thuringowa.qld.gov.au/thuringowa/info/PALUMA_WALKING_TRACKS.pdf

Lake Paluma is a picturesque man-made drinking water storage area, also used for recreational swimming and non-motorised vessels. There are wheelchair accessible toilets, weather proof shelters for day use with BBQs, and camping areas for longer stays. All rubbish taken in must be removed, and no domestic animals are allowed. If you are lucky you may see a Platypus, Peregrine Falcon or Eastern Water Dragon. There are a limited number of camp sites available and you must have a permit. For more information go to:- http://www.nqwater.com.au/LP_Info_Camping.asp.

Access

Access to **Little Crystal Creek** and **Paluma** is via the Bruce Highway, approximately 60km north of Townsville. Turn left off the highway 300m north of Ollera Creek. Follow this road 3.5km to an intersection. Turn left here and follow the narrow winding bitumen road, which first passes Little Crystal Creek (7km), McClelland's Lookout (17km) and then on to Paluma (18km). **Lake Paluma** is approximately 17km NW from the Paluma Township. Road access is via a turn-off to your right 4km past the Paluma Township: Follow this unsealed road for 12 km. En Route, **Birthday Creek** bridge area is worth a stop; as too is the walk to **Birthday Creek Falls**. The **Eucalyptus grandis forest**, 8km west of Paluma on the main road, is another good birding location.

Geographical Coverage

Sightings of birds on this checklist have been recorded from the picnic area at Little Crystal Creek; the Township of Paluma and its surrounding walking trails; north to Birthday Creek and Lake Paluma; and west to the "Eucalyptus grandis forest", and includes all roads that connect these places.

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