

# Birding Sites around the Lismore Region

*Bird Routes of the Lismore Region includes the district around Nimbin, Dunoon, Clunes, Richmond Hill, Bentley (rural north-west), Wyrallah (rural south) & suburban Lismore/Goonellabah.*

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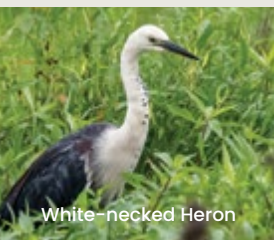
The Shire covers an area of 1,290 square km and, like other areas of the Northern Rivers, is an integral part of the mixed subtropical & temperate ecosystem known as the Macleay-McPherson Overlap: a region of exceptionally high biodiversity made possible by its hilly landscape, rich soils and climate.

The region once contained the largest area of lowland sub-tropical rainforest in Australia – the Big Scrub – of which less than 1% now remains uncleared. It is on the doorstep of spectacular and diverse mountain scenery including the World Heritage listed Gondwana Rainforest National Parks. The lower slopes retain some of the lowland sub-tropical rainforest remnants as well as other habitats such as freshwater wetlands, tall open eucalypt forests, patches of original grassland (“grasses”) and farmland.

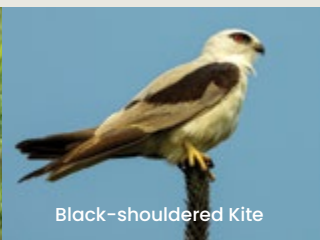
These rich habitats satisfy the food, shelter and breeding needs for a great variety of birds, both within the city itself and throughout the surrounding countryside. Some species are rare, being found nowhere else in the world, such as Albert’s Lyrebird.

This brochure has been produced for visitors and residents to the Lismore region and outlines 19 key birdwatching locations in the area. A list of 241 bird species is also provided with a small selection of birds sighted within each location. Many of these birds can be viewed at multiple sites throughout the region if habitat and climate are suitable. Remember, some birds listed are subject to seasonal variations and migratory patterns.

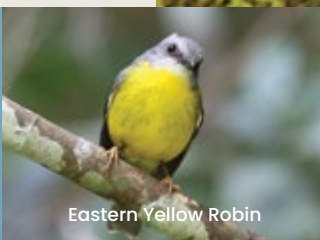
While birdwatching, remember to dress appropriately and always protect yourself against sunburn and insect bites. A pair of binoculars and a good field guide or digital app of Australian birds will undoubtedly enhance your birdwatching experience.



White-necked Heron



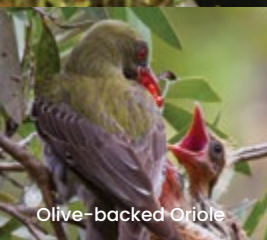
Black-shouldered Kite



Eastern Yellow Robin



Double-barred Finch



Olive-backed Oriole

## Birds you may see in the Lismore City Council Area (LCCA)

**Key** - Status relative to the LCCA. Birds are listed by habitat e.g. coastal, waterbirds, bushbirds

### Threatened Species - NSW

**C** = Common  
**U** = Uncommon  
**R** = Rare  
**I** = Introduced species

### GULLS & TERNS

- Silver Gull **U**
- Whiskered Tern **R**
- Crested Tern **U**
- Gull-billed Tern **R**

### DARTERS, CORMORANTS & PELICANS

- Little Pied Cormorant **C**
- Great Cormorant **U**
- Little Black Cormorant **C**
- Pied Cormorant **U**
- Australasian Darter **U**
- Australian Pelican **U**

### GEESE, DUCKS, SWANS & GREBES

- Plumed Whistling-Duck **U**
- Wandering Whistling-Duck **U**
- Blue-billed Duck **U**
- Pink-eared Duck **U**
- Black Swan **C**
- Hardhead **C**
- Australasian Shoveler **U**
- Pacific Black Duck **C**
- Grey Teal **C**
- Chestnut Teal **C**
- Musk Duck **U**
- Freckled Duck **U**
- Australian Wood Duck **C**
- Australasian Grebe **C**
- Hoary-headed Grebe **R**

### HERONS, EGRETS & BITTERNS

- Australasian Bittern **R**
- Black Bittern **R**
- Australian Little Bittern **R**
- Nankeen Night-Heron **U**
- Striated Heron **R**
- Cattle Egret **C**
- White-necked Heron **C**

- Great Egret **C**
- Intermediate Egret **C**
- White-faced Heron **C**
- Little Egret **U**

### IBIS & SPOONBILLS

- Australian White Ibis **C**
- Straw-necked Ibis **C**
- Yellow-billed Spoonbill **U**
- Royal Spoonbill **C**
- Glossy Ibis **U**

### STORKS & BROLGAS

- Black-necked Stork **U**
- Brolga **U**

### CRAKES, RAILS & WATERHENS

- Lewin’s Rail **R**
- Buff-banded Rail **U**
- Baillon’s Crake **R**
- Spotless Crake **R**
- Australian Spotted Crake **R**
- Pale-vented Bush-hen **U**
- Purple Swamphen **U**
- Dusky Moorhen **C**
- Eurasian Coot **C**

### SHOREBIRDS

- Bush Stone-curlew **R**
- Black-winged Stilt **U**
- Black-fronted Dotterel **U**
- Masked Lapwing **C**
- Red-kneed Dotterel **R**
- Comb-crested Jacana **C**
- Sharp-tailed Sandpiper **R**
- Latham’s Snipe **U**

### QUAILS, MOUND-BUILDERS & BUTTON-QUAILS

- Australian Brush-turkey **C**
- Stubble Quail **R**
- Brown Quail **C**
- King Quail **R**
- Painted Button-quail **R**

### KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES & FALCONS

- Osprey **U**
- Black-shouldered Kite **U**
- Square-tailed Kite **R**
- Pacific Baza **U**
- Wedge-tailed Eagle **C**
- Little Eagle **R**
- Swamp Harrier **R**
- Spotted Harrier **R**
- Grey Goshawk **U**
- Brown Goshawk **U**
- Collared Sparrowhawk **U**

### White-bellied Sea-Eagle **U**

- Whistling Kite **U**
- Brahminy Kite **U**
- Black Kite **U**
- Nankeen Kestrel **U**
- Australian Hobby **U**
- Brown Falcon **U**
- Black Falcon **R**
- Peregrine Falcon **U**

### FROGMOUTHS, NIGHTJARS & OWLS

- Marbled Frogmouth **R**
- Tawny Frogmouth **C**
- White-throated Nightjar **U**
- Australian Owlet-nightjar **U**
- Greater Sooty Owl **R**
- Masked Owl **R**
- Barn Owl **R**
- Powerful Owl **R**
- Barking Owl **R**
- Southern Boobook **C**
- Eastern Grass Owl **R**

### PIGEONS & DOVES

- Rock Dove **C, I**
- White-headed Pigeon **C**
- Spotted Dove **C, I**
- Brown Cuckoo-Dove **C**
- Wonga Pigeon **C**
- Common Bronzewing **U**
- Crested Pigeon **C**
- Peaceful Dove **U**
- Bar-shouldered Dove **C**
- Brown-capped Emerald-Dove **U**
- Wompoo Fruit-Dove **U**
- Superb Fruit-Dove **R**
- Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove **U**
- Topknot Pigeon **C**

### COCKATOOS, PARROTS & LORIKEETS

- Glossy Black-Cockatoo **U**
- Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo **C**
- Galah **C**
- Little Corella **U**
- Sulphur-crested Cockatoo **C**
- Australian King-Parrot **C**
- Crimson Rosella **C**
- Eastern Rosella **C**
- Musk Lorikeet **R**
- Little Lorikeet **U**
- Rainbow Lorikeet **C**
- Scaly-breasted Lorikeet **C**

### CUCKOOS

- Pheasant Coucal **C**
- Eastern Koel **C**
- Channel-billed Cuckoo **C**
- Horsfield’s Bronze-Cuckoo **U**
- Shining Bronze-Cuckoo **C**
- Little Bronze-Cuckoo **R**
- Fan-tailed Cuckoo **C**
- Brush Cuckoo **C**
- Pallid Cuckoo **U**
- Oriental Cuckoo **R**

### KINGFISHERS, BEE-EATERS & ROLLERS

- Rainbow Bee-eater **C**
- Dollarbird **C**
- Azure Kingfisher **U**
- Forest Kingfisher **U**
- Sacred Kingfisher **C**
- Laughing Kookaburra **C**

### SWIFTS & WOODSWALLOWS

- White-throated Needletail **C**
- Fork-tailed Swift **R**
- Dusky Woodswallow **R**
- White-breasted Woodswallow **C**

### MARTINS & SWALLOWS

- Fairy Martin **C**
- Tree Martin **C**
- Welcome Swallow **C**

### PITTAS, LYREBIRDS & TREECREEPERS

- Noisy Pitta **C**
- Albert’s Lyrebird **U**
- White-throated Treecreeper **C**

### SCRUB-BIRD & BOWERBIRDS

- Green Catbird **C**
- Regent Bowerbird **C**
- Satin Bowerbird **C**

### FAIRY-WRENS

- Variegated Fairy-wren **C**
- Superb Fairy-wren **C**
- Red-backed Fairy-wren **C**
- Southern Emu-wren **R**

### SCRUBWRENS, THORNBILLS & PARDALOTES

- Spotted Pardalote **C**
- Striated Pardalote **C**
- Brown Gerygone **C**
- White-throated Gerygone **C**
- Weebill **R**
- Yellow-throated Scrubwren **U**
- White-browed Scrubwren **C**

# BIRD ROUTES of the Lismore Region



Golden Whistler



Topknot Pigeon

A Birdwatchers Guide from the lowlands of the ‘Big Scrub’ to World Heritage Rainforests



Tawny Frogmouth

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- Large-billed Scrubwren **C**
- Yellow-rumped Thornbill **U**
- Yellow Thornbill **U**
- Striated Thornbill **C**
- Brown Thornbill **C**
- Buff-rumped Thornbill **R**

### HONEYEATERS

- Scarlet Honeyeater **C**
- Striped Honeyeater **U**
- Noisy Friarbird **C**
- Little Friarbird **U**
- Brown Honeyeater **C**
- White-cheeked Honeyeater **U**
- Blue-faced Honeyeater **C**
- White-throated Honeyeater **U**
- Eastern Spinebill **C**
- Lewin’s Honeyeater **C**
- Little Wattlebird **C**
- Red Wattlebird **R**
- Fuscous Honeyeater **R**
- Yellow-faced Honeyeater **C**
- Bell Miner **U**
- Noisy Miner **C**

### BABBLERS, LOGRUNNERS & WHIPBIRDS

- Australian Logrunner **C**
- Grey-crowned Babbler **U**
- Eastern Whipbird **C**

### SITTELLAS, CUCKOO-SHRIKES, TRILLERS & QUAIL-THRUSH

- Varied Sittella **U**
- Barred Cuckoo-shrike **R**
- Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike **C**
- White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike **U**
- Cicadabird **C**
- White-winged Triller **U**
- Varied Triller **C**

### WHISTLERS & ALLIES, FIGBIRDS & ORIOLES

- Olive Whistler **R**
- Rufous Whistler **C**
- Golden Whistler **C**
- Crested Shrike-tit **U**
- Little Shrike-thrush **U**
- Grey Shrike-thrush **C**
- Australasian Figbird **C**
- Olive-backed Oriole **C**

### CROWS, BUTCHERBIRDS & ALLIES

- Pied Currawong **C**
- Australian Magpie **C**

- Pied Butcherbird **C**
- Grey Butcherbird **C**
- Torresian Crow **C**
- Spangled Drongo **C**

### FANTAILS, FLYCATCHERS & WHITE-EYES

- Willie Wagtail **C**
- Rufous Fantail **U**
- Grey Fantail **C**
- Leaden Flycatcher **C**
- Satin Flycatcher **R**
- Restless Flycatcher **C**
- Silveryeye **C**

### MUDNESTERS, MONARCHS & RIFLEBIRDS

- Magpie-lark **C**
- Spectacled Monarch **U**
- White-eared Monarch **U**
- Black-faced Monarch **C**
- Paradise Riflebird **U**

### ROBINS, PIPITS & THRUSHES

- Rose Robin **C**
- Jacky Winter **U**
- Eastern Yellow Robin **C**
- Pale-yellow Robin **U**
- Australasian Pipit **U**
- Bassian Thrush **R**
- Russet-tailed Thrush **U**

### REED-WARBLERS, GRASSBIRDS & ALLIES

- Australian Reed-Warbler **U**
- Rufous Songlark **R**
- Tawny Grassbird **C**
- Little Grassbird **R**
- Golden-headed Cisticola **C**

### FLOWERPECKERS, FINCHES & MANNIKINS

- Mistletoebird **C**
- Red-browed Finch **C**
- Plum-headed Finch **R**
- Double-barred Finch **C**
- Chestnut-breasted Mannikin **C**

### MYNAS & SPARROWS

- Common Starling **U, I**
- Common Myna **C, I**
- House Sparrow **C, I**



Albert's Lyrebird

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To protect wildlife please leave your dog at home. Fines apply in National Parks.



Paradise Riflebird (Female)



# Lismore City Council Birding Sites

Distances are approximate and start, in general, from the Lismore City Hall. Unless stated, the sites described are serviced by good tarred roads & adequate parking space is available.

## LISMORE CITY ENVIRONS: 1-6

Facilities are available at the Tourist Office in CBD or Sites 3 & 7

### 1 -28.824218, 153.284516

#### Robinsons Lookout, Robinsons Ave, Girards Hill

A small patch of the Big Scrub sub-tropical rainforest with some spectacular old fig trees. The short 1.45km track (The Ward St/ Bicentennial Walking track) skirts the golf course to the Lookout with some steep sections, especially at the top. **Access:** From the CBD travel E on the Bruxner H'way B60 towards Ballina, at the Wyrallah Rd interchange, take the third exit onto Wyrallah Rd, go 500m to the next roundabout, take the 3rd exit if going to the Lookout first, otherwise go thru the roundabout for 300m, turn R into Barham St, next R into Amaro St & park – the track starts here. **Birds seen include:** Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Grey & Brown Goshawk, Rose Robin, Rainbow Bee-eater.

### 2 -28.8300778, 153.28819

#### Wilson Nature Reserve, City View Drive

A Big Scrub rainforest remnant & stately forest red gums (Eucalyptus tereticornis). Koalas can often be seen in the gums. **Access:** From the CBD travel E on the Bruxner H'way B60 towards Ballina, at the 2nd roundabout from City Hall, take the third exit onto Wyrallah Rd, go 2.2km, turn R into City View Drive, proceed up the hill for 400m, turn L at top of hill & park adjacent to water storage. **Birds seen include:** Pheasant Coucal, Golden Whistler, Dollarbird, Sacred Kingfisher, Eastern Koel, Large-billed Scrubwren, Varied Triller, Rufous Fantail, Little Shrike-thrush, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Tawny Grassbird, Brown & White-throated Gerygone, Green Catbird.

### 3 -28.83961471, 153.28505

#### Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens, 313 Wyrallah Rd

The Gardens officially opened in June 2013. It is managed by Lismore City Council & a non-profit group of volunteers 'Friends of Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens Inc'. Includes a collection of local rainforest & other local native plants. Pleasant walking through labelled trees & plantings on sealed tracks. Koalas are often seen. Open Monday - Friday 7.30 am to 3.30 pm, Saturday & Sunday 9am-4pm. www.friendslrbg.com.au **Access:** Approx. 3km S of the CBD; from the City Hall travel E on the Bruxner H'way B60 towards Ballina, at the Wyrallah Rd interchange, take the third exit onto Wyrallah Rd, go 2.6km then R into the Lismore Waste Facility, follow the signs into the Gardens & park. **Birds seen include:** Scarlet Honeyeater, Restless Flycatcher,

Golden & Rufous Whistler, Olive-backed Oriole, Double-barred and Red-browed Finch, Black-shouldered Kite.

### 4 -28.80923536, 153.295314

#### Rotary Park - 32-36 Rotary Drive

About 12ha of globally unique dry rainforest & a Big Scrub remnant. It is culturally & spiritually significant for the Widjabal/Wiyabal people of the Bundjalung Nation. Easy, short circular walk features massive Hoop Pines and Figs, some with huge curling buttresses & roots. Three species of flying foxes can be found in the park. **Access:** 32-36 Rotary Drive; from CBD, drive E on Uralba St, for 3km, just past Lismore Base Hospital & thru the roundabout, turn R into Rotary Drive following sign into Rotary Park. **Birds seen include:** Australasian Figbird, Lewin's Honeyeater, Silvereye, Grey Fantail, Rainbow Lorikeet, Spectacled Monarch, Large-billed Scrubwren, Eastern Yellow Robin, Wonga Pigeon, Little Shrike-thrush, Green Catbird, Dollarbird, White-throated Gerygone.

### 5 -28.82057561, 153.33597

#### Birdwing Butterfly Gully, 15 Kadina St Goonellabah

Pleasant walking along on a paved track beside the tree-lined & running waters of the Tucki Tucki Creek. The walk passes through patches of sub-tropical rainforest, marshlands & open areas with pools along the creek; platypus may be seen from the viewing platform at end of walk at dawn or dusk. **Access:** from CBD travel east on Brunxer Highway (B60), from the roundabout at the top of Rotary Dr, travel 3.5km & at the roundabout, turn right into Kadina St and another 400m to the walk entrance. **Birds seen include:** Grey & Pied Butcherbird, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Dusky Moorhen, Purple Swamphen, Australasian Figbird, Sacred Kingfisher, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Rainbow & Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, Restless Flycatcher, Dollarbird, Azure Kingfisher, Emerald Dove.

### 6 -28.818501, 153.24765

#### Sewage Treatment Works STP – South Lismore

Wide, mown walkways surrounding settling ponds. Ponds can be seen from the roadside with binoculars & roadside vegetation is worth a look. **Access:** Three Chain Road, Lismore. Permission must be sought from Lismore City Council during office hours for entry to the site. (02) 6623 3800. From City Hall travel W across the river, then S on B60 towards Casino; go 1km, at the roundabout take 3rd exit onto Three Chain Road & and travel 1km, the STP is on the R. **Birds seen include:** Nankeen Night Heron, Australasian Darter, Golden-headed Cisticola, Yellow-rumped Thornbill.

### 7 -28.832603, 153.264963

#### Lismore Lake - Loftville

Once a man-made lake, on the banks of the Wilson River, it is now mostly dry. There are occasional pools & moist areas and plenty of reeds and sedges suitable for small birds.

The adjacent bush remains a haven for other native birds. You can walk right round the lake so worth a look despite the lack of water. **Access:** From CBD travel W across the river, then S on B60 towards Casino; go 2km, turn L into Lismore Lake Holiday PK & park anywhere on lakes edge. **Birds seen include:** Australian Brush-turkey, White-breasted Woodswallow, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Australian Reed-Warbler, Black-shouldered & Brahminy Kite, Striated Pardalote, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin, White-winged Triller, Golden-headed Cisticola.

## LISMORE REGION: 8-13

Care must be taken when driving on rural roads, many are narrow, both tarred & dirt roads have large potholes. Facilities are available in the small towns. Some NPWS parks & reserves have facilities & day use carpark fees or NPWS annual Pass may apply.

### 8 -28.543748, 153.288865

#### Mt Nardi – Nightcap Range National Park.

**Nightcap Range. KBA Atlas Site 9856**  
Area of subtropical & warm temperate rainforest & part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area – a living link to the ancient environment of Australia. Recognised as a Biodiversity Hotspot where there are “exceptional concentrations of endemic species that are undergoing exceptional loss of habitat”. Has the highest rainfall in NSW. The Widjabal people of the Bundjalung Nation lived at Nightcap Range for at least 4000 years. Moderately easy walking tracks through rainforest bordered by Walking-stick Palms and Tree-fern. No facilities. **Access:** Lismore to Nimbin. Take the Tuntable Falls Road & follow signs to Mt Nardi. Road is tarred but narrow, steep & watch for potholes. **Birds seen include:** White-browed Scrubwren, Golden Whistler, Regent and Satin Bowerbird, Eastern Spinebill, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Australian Logrunner, Australian King Parrot, Brown Gerygone, Black-faced Monarch, Eastern Yellow Robin, Eastern Whipbird, Albert's Lyrebird.

### 9 -28.569059, 153.310421

#### Protesters Falls – Nightcap National Park.

**Nightcap Range. KBA Atlas Site 9855**  
Named after the Terania Creek protests of the late 1970s that saved this precious patch of pristine rainforest. It's an important habitat for a range of endangered frogs, including the threatened Fleay's barred frog & pouched frog. As part of the Nightcap National Park it is World Heritage-listed. The Protesters Falls walking track (part-way boarded) leads through subtropical stands of bangalow palms, native tamarind & old red cedar trees, to the waterfall. Walking back along the road to the forest edge is also good birding. **Access:** Travel from N Lismore N towards Dunoon for 14.5km, turn L, then 4km to the Channon, then R into Mill St/ Terania Creek Rd & follow the signs for 15km to carpark. It's a 2WD narrow good gravel road but watch for pot holes. **Birds seen include:** Noisy Pitta, Spangled Drongo, Wompoo and Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Pale Yellow and Eastern Yellow Robin, Marbled Frogmouth, Australian Logrunner, Albert's Lyrebird, Black-faced Monarch, Eastern Whipbird, Brown Cuckoo-Dove.

### 10 -28.637923, 153.346691

#### Rocky Creek Dam – Dunoon Nightcap Range. KBA Atlas Site. 9854

The Dam supplies water to Lismore City, Byron Bay, parts of Ballina & outlying areas. With the surrounding warm temperate rainforest (found on brown soils which come from rhyolite lava flows) & sub-tropical rainforest (grows on nutrient rich red soils, from basalt lava flows) it supports a great diversity of bird life. A number of walking tracks are well maintained within the site & a good guide is provided at <https://rous.nsw.gov.au/activities-at-rocky-creek-dam>. A walking circuit also crosses the dam spillway, goes through the Big Scrub Flora Reserve & back along the Gibbergunyah Road (6km). Grassy picnic areas, shelters & toilets are available. **Access:** From Lismore travel N to Dunoon, keep on the Dunoon Road towards Mullumbimby for 4km; turn L onto the Rocky Creek Dam Rd & another 2km to carpark. **Birds seen include:** Regent & Satin Bowerbird, White-eared, Black-faced & Spectacled Monarch, Grey Goshawk, Pacific Baza, White-headed & Wonga Pigeon, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Bush Hen (Pale-vented), Noisy Pitta, Rose-crowned & Superb Fruit-Dove, Rainbow Bee-eater, Tawny Frogmouth, Rose Robin, Comb-crested Jacana, Russet-tailed Thrush, Yellow-throated Scrubwren, Paradise Riflebird, Pale Yellow Robin.

### 11 -28.640720, 153.335855

#### Big Scrub Loop – Nightcap National Park. Gibbergunyah Range Rd - Nightcap Range KBA

A 1.5km walking loop & another superb example of subtropical rainforest, featuring enormous fig trees, giant stinging trees

& yellow carabean trees towering above & forming part of the rainforest canopy. Underneath are bangalow palms, black bean, maiden's blush & lawyer vine. Need to walk through shallow water across a causeway from the carpark, which can become impassable during & after rain. Another 200m & the walk entrance is on your R. (Another 3km to the Rocky Creek on the R & back to Rocky Creek Dam) The track is marked with orange markers but can become hard to follow in places. Insect repellent necessary. Remember the weather can be extreme & unpredictable so ensure you are well prepared. **Access:** From Lismore travel N to Dunoon, follow the Dunoon Road towards Mullumbimby for 4km, turn L onto the Rocky Creek Dam Rd & travel 1.5km, turn L onto a dirt road, another 1km to carpark. Dry weather road only and high clearance vehicle recommended. **Birds seen include:** As with Sites 8, 9, 10 & 12, many rainforest birds - Regent & Satin Bowerbird, White-eared, Black-faced & Spectacled Monarch, Grey Goshawk, Noisy Pitta, Rose-crowned and Superb Fruit-Dove, Tawny Frogmouth, Rose Robin, Russet-tailed Thrush, Paradise Riflebird, Pale Yellow Robin.

### 12 -28.5988064, 153.378197

#### Rummery Park Camping Area, Whian Whian State Conservation Area (SCA) - Nightcap Range KBA, Group Atlas Site. 9853

A former state forest & created as an SCA in 2003. Heavily logged, especially for its red cedar, since 1830s. Similar vegetation & natural heritage values to those found in the adjoining Nightcap NP & features moss-covered fallen trees & stumps of the tall, wet sclerophyll forest. A number of easy walking tracks, including a 2km walk to Minyon Falls, leads from the campground. **Access:** From Lismore travel to Dunoon, follow the Dunoon Road towards Mullumbimby for 7km, turn L onto the Nightcap Range Road, another 8km (2WD dirt road in part) thru Whian Whian State Forest & the Nightcap Range NP to the campground. **Birds seen include:** Paradise Riflebird, Spotted Pardalote, Spectacled Monarch, Australian Logrunner, Rufous Fantail, Crimson Rosella, Pale Yellow Robin, Grey Goshawk, Topknot Pigeon, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Australian King Parrot, Leaden Flycatcher, Green Catbird, White-throated Treecreeper, Variegated Fairy-wren.

### 13 -28.8513433, 153.28044 (1) -28.9293477, 153.31701 (2)

#### Tucki Tucki Nature Reserve

4.4. hectares, originally gazetted as a Nature Reserve in 1963 for the protection of the dwindling koala population. Once considered dry rainforest above the floodplain the area is now dominated by planted eucalypt species as food trees for the koala but also benefits bird species. **Access:** From the City Hall travel E on the Bruxner H'way B60 towards Ballina, at the Wyrallah Rd interchange, take the third exit onto Wyrallah Rd, travel 14km & Tuck Tucki Nature Reserve is on the R. **Birds seen include:** Rose & Eastern Yellow Robin, Dollarbird, White-throated Honeyeater, Mistletoebird.

## BOUNDARY REGION: 14-18

The following sites are in close in proximity to LCCA & are also included in other Northern Rivers Bird Trail Brochures – directions are given from Lismore.

### 14 -28.744122, 153.447208

#### Booyong Nature Reserve

A level walking track through 16ha of sub-tropical rainforest; a Big Scrub remnant at the junction of Wilsons River & Pearces Creek. Toilets are across the road & insect repellent needed. **Access:** Lismore to Clunes via the Bangalow Road. In Clunes, turn R on Booyong Rd & 5km to the reserve or travel another 3km on the Bangalow Rd & turn R into Stewarts Rd, then left into Booyong Rd - about 2km to the Reserve. Some of Booyong Road is unsealed. **Birds seen include:** Green Catbird, Emerald Dove, Grey Goshawk, White-headed & Topknot Pigeon, Regent Bowerbird.

### 15 -28.879950, 153.573932

#### Victoria Park Nature Reserve

Victoria Park NR is one of six reserves that protect the remnants of the original Big Scrub. They are the surviving stands of what was once the largest area of sub-tropical rainforest in Australia, with over 150 plant species including White Booyong, Red Bean, Morton Bay Fig & the extremely rare Jointed Baloghia. A circular boardwalk suitable for wheelchairs provides access through this special remnant. **Access:** From Lismore CBD travel E on B60 to Goonellabah, at the Rous Rd interchange take the 2nd exit, travel 14.5km on the Rous Rd/ Dalwood Rd, turn R into Victoria Park Rd, then R into Victoria Park Lane at the Nature Reserve sign. **Birds sighted include:** Emerald Dove, Topknot Pigeon, Wompoo and Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove, Eastern Yellow & Pale-yellow Robin, White-eared Monarch, Large-billed & White-browed Scrubwren, Noisy

Pitta, Green Catbird, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, White-eared Monarch.

### 16 -28.951695, 153.368291

#### Tuckean Nature Reserve & Canals

The Reserve vegetation is dominated by large paperbarks & swamp oaks which become inundated in wet weather, otherwise surrounded by grazing properties, cane farms & melaleuca farms with scattered paddock trees. No access into the Reserve but the roadside viewing is excellent. The road crosses two canals which are visited by a variety of waterbirds. **Access:** From Lismore CBD travel E on B60 to Goonellabah, at the Rous Rd interchange take the 2nd exit, travel 9km, R into Tregeagle Rd, another 4km L into Brennan Rd, travel 3km, sharp L into Tucki Rd, for 4km keeping R stay on Tucki Rd, then sharp R into Marom Creek Rd for 1.5km, then R onto Tuckean Island Rd. Note – a narrow dirt road, advisable not to travel during flood periods & only stop on the roadside where it is safe to do so. After 5km the Reserve is on the L, travel another 2.5km, turn L into Hoare Lane, travel another 4.7km, turn L onto the Broadwater Rd & back to Lismore via Bagotville Rd & Alstonville. Amenities available at Dungarubba Pk (3km). **Birds sighted include:** Brown Quail, Black Swan, Chestnut Teal, Whistling Kite, Dollarbird, Tawny Grassbird, Great Egret, Striped Honeyeater, Leaden Flycatcher, Spangled Drongo, Dollarbird, Rufous Songlark, Forest Kingfisher.

### 17 -28.980127, 153.405016

#### Bagotville Barrage

The Barrage is a barrier limiting the mixing of seawater with the freshwater of the Tuckean Swamp. Hectares of water lilies ornament the scene. The birds can be seen from the roadway. It's a busy road so you need to be aware of approaching cars. **Access:** From Lismore travel E to Alstonville on B60, exit at Sneaths Rd – onto the Lismore/Ballina Rd continue travelling to Alstonville, at the roundabout take the 3rd exit onto Daley St & L turn into Wardell Rd, head S for 11km, turn R into Bagotville Rd, travel another 7km to the Barrage. Back to Lismore continue on Bagotville Rd to the T junction, go R onto Broadwater Rd for 6km, R onto Wyrallah Rd. **Birds seen include:** Wandering & Plumed Whistling-Duck, Black Swan, Pacific Black Duck, Grey Teal, Hardhead, Australian Pelican, Great & Little Egret, Eurasian Coot, Comb-crested Jacana, Black-fronted Dotterel, Rainbow Bee-eater, Superb & Red-backed Fairy-wren, Scarlet Honeyeater.

### 18 -29.058039, 153.290578

#### Swan Bay - School Road

The road runs along a billabong cut off from the Richmond River. Roadside coastal scrub & grasses provide good birding. Glimpses to the Bay on the R & sugar cane land on the L. Best view of bay is first 100m - roadside parking. **Access:** From Lismore turn into Wyrallah Rd from the Bruxner H'way, travel 10km, R onto the Wyrallah Ferry Rd & follow the signs to Coraki for 12km (poor condition), L on the Casino-Coraki - Woodburn Rd, another 9km turn L into Swan Bay School Rd – good 2km dirt road to end & a locked gate. **Birds seen include:** Azure Kingfisher, Black Swan, Swamp Harrier, Tawny Grassbird, Rose Robin.

### 19 -28.560077, 153.116450

#### Hanging Rock Falls – on Leicester Creek

Mostly roadside viewing along the road/creek & a short walk to the falls. Riparian vegetation includes a mixture of exotic & native trees & under-story of lantana. **Access:** From CBD travel W over the river to Sth Lismore, turn into Union St, travel 5km towards Kyogle, go R into Rock Valley Rd, after 1km keep L & travel 39km to Cawongla, go R onto the Kyogle Rd, another 1.6km to Williams Rd turn L, 3km to the Falls carpark. Complete the loop, travel another 2km, R onto Link Rd, R & back onto the Kyogle Rd. Continuing on Williams Rd will take you to the Border Ranges; the road is steep & winding. **Birds seen include:** Eastern Yellow Robin, Grey Fantail, White-browed Scrubwren, Brown Cuckoo-Dove.

