

# WHERE TO SEE BIRDS IN LOGAN

Part 2 in a series  
**WILDLIFE CORRIDORS OF  
LOGAN EAST**



Superb Fairy-wren



Rainbow Lorikeet



Logan City has a rich and varied bird life, and will provide the casual or serious birdwatcher with an abundance of different species to enjoy. The city has extensive areas of beautiful bushland remnants, wildlife corridors, parks, wetlands and reserves that are home to hundreds of different species including honeyeaters, parrots, warblers, ducks, waders, owls and raptors. This booklet looks at various areas within eastern Logan and some of the different species that have been recorded during 2004-06 surveys. It can be a useful reference for anyone interested in studying the birds of Logan City.



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Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike

**1. Springwood Conservation Park, Daisy Hill State Forest, Neville Lawrie Reserve, Kimberley Forest Park, Cornubia Forest Park, Venman Bushland National Park and Carbrook Wetlands Wildlife Corridor. It joins the Fischer Nature Reserve and bushland through Zipfs Rd, Redland Bay, to the Redland Bay Channel and mouth of the Logan River**

This has to be one of the best birding corridors in South East Queensland, and includes a number of excellent spots to see birds.

**Venman Bushland National Park** has been included in this booklet because it adjoins Cornubia Forest Park and Neville Lawrie Reserve and is an integral part of the corridor.

The corridor is a heavily timbered area with important watercourses within including Buhot, Tingalpa, California, Native Dog and Serpentine Creeks. Riparian vegetation areas are found along all these creeks. Trees include eucalypts, melaleuca and allocasuarina. Coupled with tall grassy areas, reedbeds and swamps they result in a high diversity of bird species. Carbrook Wetlands is RAMSAR\* listed as the site is of great importance to waders and waterbirds. It is a very exciting area for birdwatchers. Small ponds and lakes are found scattered throughout the area, providing important habitat for birds. The corridor is fragmented in

sections but native trees throughout the corridor form important linkages to these special places. Rare and uncommon bird species including Powerful Owl, Grass Owl, White-throated Nightjar, Marbled Frogmouth, Bush Hen, Lewin's Rail, Oriental Cuckoo, White-eared Monarch, Square-tailed Kite, Noisy Pitta, Plumed Whistling-Duck, Chestnut Teal, Black-necked Stork, Grey Goshawk, Painted Button-quail, Emerald Dove, Wompoo Fruit-Dove, Glossy Black-Cockatoo, and Spotted Quail-thrush have been recorded.

Over 30 species of waterbird, 17 of the 24 Australian raptors, 11 wader species, 10 pigeon/dove species, six of the cockatoos, nine cuckoo species, five species of nightbirds, 10 of the flycatchers, four species of finch, and many others have been seen. Large numbers of these species also nest in the area. It is rich in wildlife including frogs, mammals and birds. In total 201 different species of birds have been recorded.

Brisboca surveys have identified 49 woodland species at Cornubia Forest Park, 135 species at Daisy Hill State Forest, 121 at Venman Bushland National Park, 87 at Ferry Road Lakes, 166 at Carbrook Wetlands, 60 at Springwood Conservation Park, 48 at Neville Lawrie Res and 100 at Kimberley Forest Park/ Parkview Park.

More than 87 species have been recorded at Ferry Rd Lakes including Black-faced Monarch, 12 species of Honeyeater, 24 species of waterbird including Yellow-billed Spoonbill and raptors including Australian Hobby, Brown Falcon and Black-shouldered Kite.

**i Entry to these sites as follows:-**

**Springwood Conservation Park – off Jardine Drive at Light St. (refer UBD Map 222, K20). Has toilets.**

**Daisy Hill State Forest – off Daisy Hill Road, (refer UBD Map 223, B20). Has BBQ/ toilets.**

**Neville Lawrie Reserve has no facilities. It is accessible on foot from Daisy Hill Forest Park. (refer UBD Map 223, B20).**

**Venman Bushland National Park – off West Mt. Cotton Road (refer UBD Map 244, F3/4). There are wood burning BBQ's and toilets.**

**Kimberley Forest Park – through Koolan Park off Koolan Crt, (refer UBD Map 243, K9). No facilities.**

**Cornubia Forest Park – off Cycas Court, (refer UBD Map 244, B13, or UBD Map 243, R10) off Telfer Street by the reservoir. No facilities.**

**Carbrook Wetlands Conservation Park – This park can be accessed at a number of places – Lagoon Road, (refer UBD Map 245, P19; Solway Crescent, UBD Map 245, areas N 14/16; Stern Road, UBD Map 245, E16). The Serpentine Creek section has no access from Logan City, the access being along a designated track called Native Dog Road in Redland Bay (refer UBD Map 266, J/K5). No facilities.**

**Ferry Road Lakes can be viewed from the roadside as the lake is situated on private land with no access. (refer UBD Map 265, L7). There are no facilities here. Views of swamps and waterbirds are easily obtained on the Beenleigh/Redland Bay Road opposite Ferry Road on the northern side.**

**2. Alexander Clark Park, Diddams St Egret Colony, Loganholme Wetlands, Chantilly Park, Skinners Park wildlife corridor**

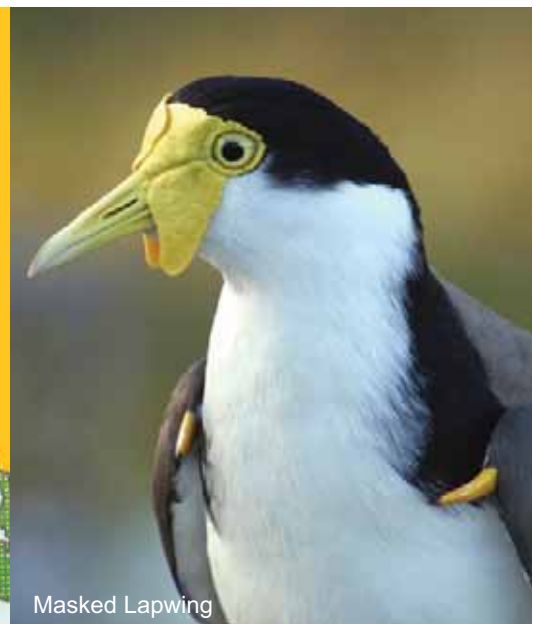
This is another very important wildlife corridor in the east of Logan City that stretches from Alexander Clark Park to join up with the Carbrook Wetlands on the Beenleigh/Redland Bay Road. It follows the northern banks of the Logan River and varies in habitat from manicured lawns, fig trees, eucalypt bushland, floodplain wetlands and ponds.

It is home to one of the largest and most important Egret roosts in SEQ, with around 2000 birds usually present. The roost is situated off Diddams Street/ Tibrogargan Close at Loganholme. Species breeding and roosting here include Cattle, Intermediate, Great and Little Egret, Little Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, Royal Spoonbill and Australian White Ibis. Darters also nest here. Observers can watch birds in the breeding season - some having up to three chicks in each of a thousand nests throughout the roost. Ibis chicks are cared for in crèches by younger birds and parents. Activity is frenetic at this time, with large numbers of birds coming and going from the roost with food for their hungry chicks.

**i The roost is accessible (refer UBD Map 263, N11). There are no facilities.**



**THE LOGAN EAST AREA SHOWING VARIOUS WILDLIFE CORRIDORS**



Masked Lapwing

**Alexander Clark Park** is a wonderful wildlife and recreational area for the community. It contains mangroves along the Logan River and regenerated eucalypt bushland on the southern and western edges of the park. Large fig trees are scattered throughout the park.

A number of woodland birds can be seen here including a resident nesting pair of Pacific Baza. The total species currently recorded is 74, including Brown Quail, Glossy Ibis, Buff-banded Rail, Dollarbird, White-throated Treecreeper, Golden Whistler, Rufous Whistler and many other species.

**i** Access to the park is from Dewar Drive (refer UBD Map 263, P13). Facilities include wood-burning barbeques, shelters, toilets, and a pontoon looking over to Logan River Parklands.

**Loganholme Wetlands** is a very important site for waterbirds, waders and raptors, as well as ground-feeding and woodland species. It holds extensive reedbeds and melaleuca swamps, as well as large open grassland areas. It hugs the northern banks of the Logan River in an easterly direction and contains an oxbow of significant environmental importance.

Birds of prominence here include many raptors including Peregrine Falcon, Australian Hobby, Brown Falcon, Swamp Harrier, Nankeen Kestrel and Whistling Kite as well as Sacred Kingfisher, Collared

Kingfisher, Spotless Crake, Red-kneed Dotteral, White-necked Heron, Dollarbird and Rainbow Bee-eater.

It is a significant site and is directly opposite the Eagleby Wetlands on the southern side of the Logan River, where 207 species of birds have been recorded. Loganholme Wetlands has 130 species recorded.

Chantilly Heights Park, Cornubia, lies adjacent to Loganholme Wetlands in the north eastern corner of the wetlands. It is predominantly a manicured recreation park but has some important tall eucalypt trees where koalas have been sighted.

**i** There is no official entrance (access in Chetwynd Street, Loganholme, by the Logan Water Treatment Facility - Refer UBD Map 264, A6) to the Loganholme wetlands.

**Note: Anyone wishing to watch or survey birds must apply for permission from the Logan City Council on (07) 3412 3412.**

### 3. Skinners Park off Skinners Road, Carbrook

This popular site includes a ramp and pontoon for fishermen and their boats, but also has mangroves along the Logan River and considerable native tree growth. It has electric barbeque, tables and toilets.

It is a good chance to see three honeyeater species that inhabit mangroves : Striped, Mangrove and White-throated Honeyeaters. Striated Heron and Mangrove Gerygone are also common here.

Whistling Kite and Little Eagle have been known to nest here, whilst White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Brahminy Kite and Osprey are frequently seen along the river. Latham's Snipe are seen in the swampy tussock grass fringes of the nearby lake (on private property but viewable from Skinners Park) during summer, and the quaint Black-fronted and Red-kneed Dotterels may also be seen.

Many waterbird species inhabit the area including Australian White Ibis, White-faced Heron, Purple Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Great Egret, Little Egret, Little Pied Cormorant, Pied Cormorant, Pacific Black Duck and Australian Wood Duck. The number of species recorded at this site is 74.

**i** For location details refer to UBD Map 264, NP4/5.

\*RAMSAR - the broad aims of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) is to halt the worldwide loss of wetlands and to conserve those that remain through wise use and management. The convention was signed by 18 nations (including Australia) at the small Iranian town called Ramsar in 1971.



White-headed Pigeon

A Logan City Council LEAG-UE grant funded this project to produce three booklets on birds and their habitats within Logan City (divided into Logan Central, Logan West and Logan East). The project was undertaken by members of Brisboca. (The Brisbane and Gold Coast Regional Office of the Bird Observers Club of Australia, incorporating S.E. Qld and N.E. NSW), and included extensive surveys of the areas covered.

The aim of the project was to better inform the Logan City community of the existence of wildlife corridors, reserves and parks throughout the City where different avian wildlife could be found in various habitat areas. The booklet is also designed to accommodate eco tourists visiting the City, by providing information on areas where birds may be seen.



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Tawny Grassbird

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## CHECKLIST OF BIRDS RECORDED IN THE LOGAN EAST AREA

Australian Brush-turkey  
 Red Junglefowl (Probable escapee)  
 Peacock  
 Brown Quail  
 Magpie Goose  
 Plumed Whistling Duck  
 Wandering Whistling Duck  
 Black Swan  
 Australian Wood Duck  
 Mallard  
 Pacific Black Duck  
 Grey Teal  
 Chestnut Teal  
 Hardhead  
 Australasian Grebe  
 Darter  
 Little Pied Cormorant  
 Pied Cormorant  
 Little Black Cormorant  
 Australian Pelican  
 White-faced Heron  
 White-necked Heron  
 Little Egret  
 Great Egret  
 Intermediate Egret  
 Cattle Egret  
 Striated Heron  
 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  
 Whistling Kite  
 Square-tailed Kite  
 Brahminy Kite  
 White-bellied Sea-Eagle  
 Swamp Harrier  
 Brown Goshawk  
 Grey Goshawk  
 Collared Sparrowhawk  
 Wedge-tailed Eagle  
 Little Eagle  
 Brown Falcon  
 Australian Hobby  
 Peregrine Falcon  
 Nankeen Kestrel  
 Buff-banded Rail

Lewin's Rail  
 Spotless Crake  
 Bush Hen  
 Purple Swamphen  
 Dusky Moorhen  
 Eurasian Coot  
 Painted Button-quail  
 Latham's Snipe  
 Whimbrel  
 Marsh Sandpiper  
 Common Greenshank  
 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper  
 Comb-crested Jacana  
 Black-winged Stilt  
 Red-capped Plover  
 Black-fronted Dotterel  
 Red-kneed Dotterel  
 Masked Lapwing  
 Gull-billed Tern  
 White-headed Pigeon  
 Spotted Turtle-Dove  
 Brown Cuckoo-Dove  
 Emerald Dove  
 Common Bronzewing  
 Crested Pigeon  
 Peaceful Dove  
 Bar-shouldered Dove  
 Wonga Pigeon  
 Wompoo Fruit-Dove  
 Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo  
 Glossy Black-Cockatoo  
 Gang-Gang Cockatoo (Possible escapees)  
 Galah  
 Little Corella  
 Sulphur-crested Cockatoo  
 Rainbow Lorikeet  
 Scaly-breasted Lorikeet  
 Little Lorikeet  
 Australian King Parrot  
 Crimson Rosella  
 Eastern Rosella  
 Pale-headed Rosella  
 Pallid Cuckoo  
 Brush Cuckoo  
 Fan-tailed Cuckoo  
 Horsefield's Bronze Cuckoo  
 Shining Bronze-Cuckoo  
 Little Bronze-Cuckoo  
 Oriental Cuckoo  
 Common Koel  
 Channel-billed Cuckoo  
 Pheasant Coucal  
 Powerful Owl  
 Southern Boobook  
 Grass Owl  
 Marbled Frogmouth  
 Tawny Frogmouth  
 Australian Owlet-nightjar

White-throated Nightjar  
 White-throated Needletail  
 Fork-tailed Swift  
 Azure Kingfisher  
 Laughing Kookaburra  
 Forest Kingfisher  
 Sacred Kingfisher  
 Collared Kingfisher  
 Rainbow Bee-eater  
 Dollarbird  
 Noisy Pitta  
 White-throated Treecreeper  
 Red-browed Treecreeper  
 Brown Treecreeper  
 Superb Fairy-wren  
 Variegated Fairy-wren  
 Red-backed Fairy-wren  
 Spotted Pardalote  
 Striated Pardalote  
 White-browed Scrubwren  
 Large-billed Scrubwren  
 Speckled Warbler  
 Weebill  
 Brown Gerygone  
 Mangrove Gerygone  
 White-throated Gerygone  
 Brown Thornbill  
 Buff-rumped Thornbill  
 Yellow-rumped Thornbill  
 Yellow Thornbill  
 Striated Thornbill  
 Striped Honeyeater  
 Noisy Friarbird  
 Little Friarbird  
 Blue-faced Honeyeater  
 Noisy Miner  
 Lewin's Honeyeater  
 Yellow-faced Honeyeater  
 Black-chinned Honeyeater  
 White-throated Honeyeater  
 White-naped Honeyeater  
 Brown Honeyeater  
 Mangrove Honeyeater  
 Eastern Spinebill  
 Scarlet Honeyeater  
 Jacky Winter  
 Scarlet Robin  
 Rose Robin  
 Eastern Yellow Robin  
 Grey-crowned Babbler  
 Eastern Whipbird  
 Spotted Quail-thrush  
 Varied Sitella  
 Crested Shrike-tit  
 Golden Whistler  
 Rufous Whistler  
 Little Shrike-thrush  
 Grey Shrike-thrush  
 Black-faced Monarch  
 Spectacled Monarch  
 White-eared Monarch  
 Leaden Flycatcher

Satin Flycatcher  
 Shining Flycatcher  
 Restless Flycatcher  
 Magpie-lark  
 Rufous Fantail  
 Grey Fantail  
 Willie Wagtail  
 Spangled Drongo  
 Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike  
 White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike  
 Cicadabird  
 Varied Triller  
 Olive-backed Oriole  
 Figbird  
 White-breasted Woodswallow  
 Masked Woodswallow  
 Dusky Woodswallow  
 Grey Butcherbird  
 Pied Butcherbird  
 Australian Magpie  
 Pied Currawong  
 Australian Raven  
 Torresian Crow  
 Regent Bowerbird  
 Richard's Pipit  
 House Sparrow  
 Double-barred Finch  
 Red-browed Finch  
 Chestnut-breasted Mannikin  
 Mistletoebird  
 Welcome Swallow  
 Tree Martin  
 Fairy Martin  
 Clamorous Reed-Warbler  
 Tawny Grassbird  
 Little Grassbird  
 Golden-headed Cisticola  
 Silvereye  
 Common Starling  
 Common Myna

*Of these 201 species, 58 have been recorded nesting within the City boundaries or are highly likely to do so, as they are seen in the same areas on a regular basis.*

*The total species count for Logan City is 242, (Brisboca surveys as at May 2006) with probable breeding number of 101 species.*

*Please refer to the other two booklets in this series covering the areas of Logan West and Logan Central..*