

# WHERE TO SEE BIRDS IN LOGAN

Part 3 in a series  
**WILDLIFE CORRIDORS OF LOGAN WEST**



*Golden-headed Cisticola*



*Comb-crested Jacana*



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 western 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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Richard's Pipit



White-faced Heron

There are three distinct wildlife corridors in the Logan City West area. The first is the fragmented areas around Oxley Creek and its tributaries in the Forestdale area from Greenbank Military Camp. It takes in the Camp, Greenwood Lake on Oxley Creek at Forestdale, Lincoln Park, Paradise Park, and Archery Park. These areas then connect with two other corridors in the Regents Park and Heritage Park areas, which then link up with Berrinba Bushland Reserve in the central section following the Scrubby Creek corridor.

### 1. The Greenbank Military Camp and surrounding areas

This area has an impressive bird list but cannot be accessed by the general public. However, most of the resident native species seen here have also been seen in the surrounding areas including Greenwood Lake and Paradise and Archery Parks.

The Camp area is a heavily wooded area with numerous bird habitats and some of the rarer species of birds in Logan have been recorded there. It has large areas of eucalypt forest, with thick undergrowth and riparian rainforest remnants along Oxley Creek from its source within the Camp, and Allocasuarina on which the vulnerable Glossy Black Cockatoo depend for their food source.

Species such as Black Bittern, White-backed Swallow, Red-capped Robin, Scarlet Robin and Grey-crowned Babbler have been recorded in this area. Also recorded are Australian Owllet-Nightjar, Azure Kingfisher, Dusky Woodswallow, Cicadabird, Topknot Pigeon, Black-faced Monarch and Speckled Warbler.

With its virtual isolation from the community, many flora and fauna species may survive here that are rarely found in other parts of Logan. For example, the Spotted-tailed Quoll, a rare marsupial mammal, has been re-discovered around the edges of the Camp.

The total number of bird species recorded in this area is 125.

### 2. Greenwood Lake, Paradise Park and Archery Park at Forestdale

This is one of the better birdwatching locations in Logan. Its close proximity to Greenbank Military Camp and rich bird diversity provides great opportunity to see rare or unusual species. It is beautifully maintained, with an emphasis on the natural environment. It runs along Oxley Creek and widens out into a lagoon.

This area contains a great deal of bird habitat - water, reedbeds, native eucalypt woodland, tall grassy areas, and the nearby boundary of the Camp. Birdwatching around the fringes of heavily wooded or rainforest areas is always rewarding, and this spot is no exception. There is an observation platform on the banks of the creek for easy viewing of waterbirds on the lagoon. At the beginning of the walk there is a gazebo that can be used for a picnic.

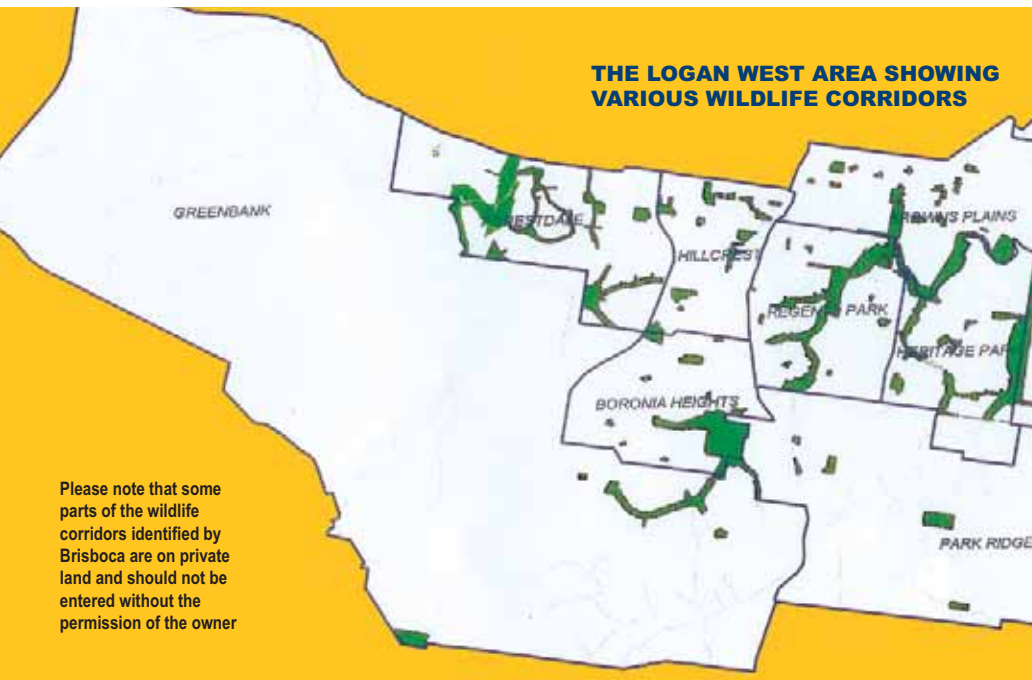
Some of the species seen here include White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike; Superb, Red-backed, and Variegated Fairy-wrens; Mistletoebird, Pacific Baza, Brown Goshawk, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, White-throated Treecreeper, Eastern Spinebill, Rose Robin, Golden Whistler, Rufous Fantail, Double-barred Finch, and many others. A 'must visit place' for all those interested in birds. Paradise Park and Archery Park are both bushland areas with facilities for children. Archery Park also has barbeque facilities and tables for picnics.

**i** Access to Greenwood Lake on Oxley Creek, Forestdale, (refer Brisbane UBD 239, B17, or off Creekside Court at UBD 239, B15 and C15). For access to Paradise Park (refer UBD Map 239, C17), and Archery Park access, (refer UBD 239, H16) off Lincoln Green Drive.

### 3. Boronia Bushland Reserve

This small open-woodland area is surrounded by suburban homes and has a fractured wildlife corridor to Greenbank Military Camp. Tall eucalypts are predominant, with scattered casuarinas and melaleuca along the banks of the creek. The banks are heavily covered in tall grass and reedbeds, and the area has a large re-growth and bracken understorey. The reserve experienced a bushfire in 2005 but is regenerating.

There are covered areas, barbeques, and toilets in the



centre, with concrete tracks throughout to guide you through the various habitat areas. Access tracks to the reserve can be gained from any of the surrounding streets. Eastern Grey Kangaroos and Red-necked Wallabies can be seen here early in the morning.

Prominent bird species found here include Common Bronzewing, Grey Butcherbird, Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, Rainbow Bee-eater, Dollarbird and a number of honeyeaters.

The reserve contains numerous old-growth trees and, as a result, it is a very important habitat for owls, parrots, possums and gliders.

**i** Access at Conlon Street. (refer UBD Map 259, P10: 259, R11 at Peregrine Street; and R12 at Ghostgum Court).

#### 4. Parkland and reserves along both sides of Bayliss Rd, Heritage Park

This corridor extends from Park Ridge to Berrinba Bushland Reserve. It is an important bird habitat, with eucalypt woodland along the tributary of Scrubby Creek that is thickly timbered with a dense understorey.

Other wildlife corridors similar to Heritage Park are found along Grosvenor Park, Hyde Park, Acorus Park and Regents Park, along Waller Road and Emerald Drive respectively. Both follow tributaries of Scrubby Creek into Park Ridge and Boronia Heights.

At Hyde Park there are wheelchair accessible toilets, and a bikeway. Acorus Park has a bikeway, while Regents Park has a toilet block, electric barbeques, a bikeway and sporting facilities.

Many well known birds can be found in these areas including Australian Magpie, Magpie-lark, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Little Friarbird, Crested Pigeon, Striated and Spotted Pardalotes and Rufous Whistler.

**i** Access to the Bayliss Road parkland and reserves is off Browns Plains Road (refer UBD, Map 261, A1/B1), and anywhere off Bayliss Road, (to the left or right hand side), to the Green Road intersection.

Access to these parks is as follows:- Grosvenor Park – Off Berkley Dve, (refer UBD Map 240, L200). Hyde Park – off Vansittart Rd, (refer UBD 260, E1). Acorus Park – off Acorus Court (refer UBD 260, E2). Regents Park – off Bennett Drive (refer UBD 240, G19) or Regency Dve (refer UBD 240, H20).

#### 5. Bayliss Road and the buffer zone around Magnesium Drive to Green Road and Crestmead Park

This corridor contains much old growth forest with many and varied nesting hollows. It also contains tall eucalypts and other species, various middle-storey trees and shrubs, and differing types of understorey comprising tall grasses, bracken, low shrubs and ground covers. Much of the vegetation is along creeklines. Reedbeds and open grassy areas are also found here. Tree species include Eucalyptus Tereticornis, (also known as Blue Gum or Forest Red Gum), Tuckeroo, Allocasuarina Littoralis, Casuarina Glauca, Ironbarks, and many others.

Many common bird species can be seen including Willie Wagtail, Crested Pigeon, Silvereye, Grey Fantail, Brown Honeyeater, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Magpie-lark, Torresian Crow and Grey Butcherbird. Other interesting species recorded nearby include Australian Owllet-nightjar, Black-shouldered Kite, Pacific Baza, Speckled Warbler, Brush Cuckoo, Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Common Koel, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Scarlet Honeyeater and Mistletoebird.

**i** For access (refer UBD Map 260, R3 to R8. UBD 261, C3 to C8).



Australian King Parrot

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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Welcome Swallow

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The combined list of species recorded in recent surveys for the Logan West area is 131, but this will no doubt increase with further surveying.

### CHECKLIST OF BIRDS RECORDED IN THE LOGAN WEST AREA

Australian Brush-turkey  
 Australian Wood Duck  
 Pacific Black Duck  
 Hardhead  
 Australasian Grebe  
 Darter  
 Little Pied Cormorant  
 Little Black Cormorant  
 White-faced Heron  
 Great Egret  
 Cattle Egret  
 Black Bittern  
 Australian White Ibis  
 Straw-necked Ibis  
 Royal Spoonbill  
 Pacific Baza  
 Brahminy Kite  
 Brown Goshawk  
 Collared Sparrowhawk  
 Australian Hobby  
 Nankeen Kestrel  
 Purple Swamphen  
 Dusky Moorhen  
 Eurasian Coot  
 Masked Lapwing  
 Comb-crested Jacana  
 Rock Dove  
 Spotted Turtle-Dove  
 Brown Cuckoo-Dove  
 Common Bronzewing  
 Crested Pigeon  
 Peaceful Dove  
 Bar-shouldered Dove  
 Topknot Pigeon  
 Galah  
 Little Corella  
 Sulphur-crested Cockatoo  
 Rainbow Lorikeet  
 Scaly-breasted Lorikeet  
 Little Lorikeet  
 Australian King Parrot  
 Crimson Rosella  
 Eastern Rosella  
 Pale-headed Rosella

Brush Cuckoo  
 Fan-tailed Cuckoo  
 Shining Bronze Cuckoo  
 Common Koel  
 Channel-billed Cuckoo  
 Southern Boobook Owl  
 Tawny Frogmouth  
 White-throated Nightjar  
 Australian Owllet-nightjar  
 Azure Kingfisher  
 Laughing Kookaburra  
 Forest Kingfisher  
 Sacred Kingfisher  
 Rainbow Bee-eater  
 Dollarbird  
 White-throated Treecreeper  
 Brown Treecreeper  
 Superb Fairy-wren  
 Variegated Fairy-wren  
 Red-backed Fairy-wren  
 Spotted Pardalote  
 Striated Pardalote  
 White-browed Scrubwren  
 Speckled Warbler  
 Weebill  
 White-throated Gerygone  
 Brown Thornbill  
 Buff-rumped Thornbill  
 Yellow Thornbill  
 Little Wattlebird  
 Striped Honeyeater  
 Noisy Friarbird  
 Little Friarbird  
 Dusky Moorhen  
 Noisy Miner  
 Lewin's Honeyeater  
 Yellow-faced Honeyeater  
 Fuscous Honeyeater  
 White-throated Honeyeater  
 Brown Honeyeater  
 Eastern Spinebill  
 Scarlet Honeyeater  
 Jacky Winter  
 Scarlet Robin  
 Red-capped Robin  
 Rose Robin  
 Eastern Yellow Robin  
 Grey-crowned Babbler  
 Eastern Whipbird  
 Varied Sitella  
 Golden Whistler  
 Rufous Whistler  
 Grey Shrike-thrush  
 Black-faced Monarch  
 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  
 Varied Triller  
 Olive-backed Oriole  
 Figbird  
 White-breasted Woodswallow  
 Dusky Woodswallow  
 Grey Butcherbird  
 Pied Butcherbird  
 Australian Magpie  
 Pied Currawong  
 Torresian Crow  
 Double-barred Finch  
 Red-browed Finch  
 Chestnut-breasted Mannikin  
 Mistletoebird  
 White-backed Swallow  
 Welcome Swallow  
 Tree Martin  
 Fairy Martin  
 Clamorous Reed-Warbler  
 Golden-headed Cisticola  
 Silveryeye  
 Common Myna

*The total of 131 species is by no means a definitive total – there will be more species recorded in this region. This list includes species recorded in Greenbank Military Camp by Tom Creavey and Peter Driscoll some years ago and recorded at Wildnet (EPA). Of these 130 species, 58 have were 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 at May 2006) with probable breeding of 101 species.*

*We hope you enjoy your birding in some of the best scenic areas in the west of Logan City.*

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