The Toowoomba Bird Observers (TBO) welcomes visitors and invites them to participate in their activities. Over 300 species of bird have been recorded locally by TBO members. (See an abridged species list overleaf). Club outings usually take place on the last weekend of the month and the club produces an informative monthly newsletter.

The following locations are good places to observe birds within, or close to the city.

### 1. Glen Lomond Park

This park, accessed from Dorge Street or Burraway Court, is good for bush birds. Over 70 species have been recorded here including Grey Goshawk, Glossy Black-Cockatoo, Swift Parrot, Powerful Owl, Barking Owl and Satin Bowerbird.

#### 2. Redwood Park

Bordering the northern side of the Warrego Highway, east of Toowoomba, Redwood Park is a prime birding area with more than 150 species recorded, including Grey Goshawk, Powerful Owl, Masked Owl, Painted & Blackbreasted Button-quails, Noisy Pitta and Whiteeared Monarch.

#### 3. West Creek Reserve

The stretch of West Creek between Spring and Alderley Streets supports a range of waterbirds and other species. Over 100 species have been recorded here including Buff-banded Rail, Spotless Crake, Glossy Black-Cockatoo, Yellow Thornbill and Little Grassbird.

#### 4. Table Top Bushland Reserve

Situated at the eastern end of South Street, this reserve offers magnificent views of the Lockyer Valley. Around 100 species have been recorded here. Red-chested and Painted Button-quails have been seen at its base. Rose-crowned and Wompoo Fruit-Doves have been recorded in the vine scrub on the steep climb to the top, while Wedge-tailed Eagle and Grey Goshawk are regularly seen from the summit.

#### **5. Prince Henry Drive**

Prince Henry Drive offers an easy walk along a one-way sealed road with views of the Lockyer Valley. In addition, you can look down on the canopy of several fig trees. Species recorded include Topknot Pigeon, Grey Goshawk, Glossy Black-Cockatoo, Barred Cuckoo-Shrike and Variegated Fairy-wren. It is a reliable location for Regent Bowerbirds.

#### 6. Highfields Falls

Situated in Dau Road, Highfields, about a 15minute drive north of Toowoomba, Highfields Falls offers excellent birding with over 140 species recorded here. They include Pacific Baza, Grey Goshawk, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Powerful Owl, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Eastern Shrike-tit and Satin Bowerbird.

## 7. Toowoomba Bicentennial Waterbird Habitat

This purpose-built, waterbird sanctuary is situated along East Creek, near the corner of Mackenzie and Alderley Streets. Possible species here include Rufous Night-Heron, Australian Pelican, Magpie Goose, Buff-banded Rail, Azure Kingfisher and Glossy Black-Cockatoo.

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Australian Brush-turkey Stubble Quail Brown Quail King Quail Magpie Goose Plumed Whistling-Duck Wandering Whistling-Duck Blue-billed Duck Musk Duck Pink-eared Duck Freckled Duck Black Swan Australian Wood Duck Hardhead Australasian Shoveler Pacific Black Duck Grey Teal Chestnut Teal Australasian Grebe Hoary-headed Grebe Great Crested Grebe Rock Dove White-headed Pigeon Spotted Dove Brown Cuckoo-Dove Wonga Pigeon Common Bronzewing Crested Pigeon Diamond Dove Peaceful Dove Bar-shouldered Dove Brown-capped Emerald-Dove Superb Fruit-Dove Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove Topknot Pigeon Tawny Frogmouth White-throated Nightjar Australian Owlet-nightjar White-throated Needletail Fork-tailed Swift Pheasant Coucal Eastern Koel Channel-billed Cuckoo Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo Black-eared Cuckoo

Shining Bronze-Cuckoo Little Bronze-Cuckoo Fan-tailed Cuckoo Brush Cuckoo Pallid Cuckoo **Oriental** Cuckoo Buff-banded Rail Australian Spotted Crake Baillon's Crake Spotless Crake Pale-vented Bush-hen Purple Swamphen Dusky Moorhen Eurasian Coot Brolga Yellow-billed Spoonbill **Royal Spoonbill** Straw-necked Ibis Australian White Ibis Glossy Ibis Australian Little Bittern **Black Bittern** Nankeen Night-Heron Cattle Egret White-necked Heron Great Egret Intermediate Egret White-faced Heron Little Egret Australian Pelican Little Pied Cormorant Great Cormorant Little Black Cormorant Great Pied Cormorant Australasian Darter **Bush Stone-curlew** Red-necked Avocet Pied Stilt Black-fronted Dotterel Banded Lapwing Masked Lapwing Red-kneed Dotterel Australian Painted-snipe Comb-crested Jacana Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Latham's Snipe

Marsh Sandpiper Black-breasted Button-guail Painted Button-guail Red-chested Button-guail Silver Gull Whiskered Tern Greater Sooty Owl Masked Owl Barn Owl Powerful Owl Barking Owl Southern Boobook Osprev Black-shouldered Kite Square-tailed Kite Pacific Baza Wedge-tailed Eagle Little Eagle Swamp Harrier Spotted Harrier Grey Goshawk Brown Goshawk Collared Sparrowhawk Red Goshawk White-bellied Sea-Eagle Whistling Kite Black Kite Rainbow Bee-eater Oriental Dollarbird Azure Kingfisher Forest Kingfisher Sacred Kingfisher Red-backed Kingfisher Laughing Kookaburra Nankeen Kestrel Australian Hobby Brown Falcon Black Falcon Peregrine Falcon Cockatiel Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo Glossv Black-Cockatoo Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo Galah Long-billed Corella

Little Corella Sulphur-crested Cockatoo **Red-rumped Parrot** Bluebonnet Pale-headed Rosella Fastern Rosella Swift Parrot **Turguoise** Parrot Musk Lorikeet Little Lorikeet Rainbow Lorikeet Scalv-breasted Lorikeet Budgerigar Australian King-Parrot **Red-winged Parrot** Noisu Pitta Regent Bowerbird Satin Bowerbird White-throated Treecreeper Variegated Fairy-wren Superb Fairy-wren Red-backed Fairy-wren White-winged Fairy-wren Brown Honeveater Blue-faced Honeveater White-naped Honeyeater White-throated Honeveater Black-chinned Honeveater Brown-headed Honeveater Striped Honeyeater Little Friarbird Noisy Friarbird Black Honeveater Scarlet Honeveater Eastern Spinebill Lewin's Honeyeater Spiny-cheeked Honeveater Red Wattlebird White-plumed Honeveater Fuscous Honeyeater

Yellow-faced Honeyeater Yellow-tufted Honeyeater **Bell Miner** Noisy Miner Yellow-throated Miner Spotted Pardalote Striated Pardalote Brown Gerygone White-throated Gerygone Western Gerygone Weebill Speckled Warbler White-browed Scrubwren Large-billed Scrubwren Yellow-rumped Thornbill Yellow Thornbill Striated Thornbill Brown Thornbill Buff-rumped Thornbill Grev-crowned Babbler Varied Sittella Australasian Figbird Olive-backed Oriole Spotted Quail-thrush Eastern Shrike-tit Rufous Whistler Golden Whistler Grey Shrike-thrush Eastern Whipbird Ground Cuckoo-shrike Barred Cuckoo-shrike Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike Common Cicadabird White-winged Triller Varied Triller Pied Currawong Australian Magpie Pied Butcherbird Grey Butcherbird Masked Woodswallow White-browed Woodswallow Dusky Woodswallow Black-faced Woodswallow White-breasted Woodswallow Willie Wagtail

**Rufous Fantail** Grev Fantail Spangled Drongo Leaden Flycatcher Satin Flucatcher **Restless Flycatcher** Magpie-lark Spectacled Monarch White-eared Monarch Black-faced Monarch Torresian Crow Australian Raven White-winged Chough Apostlebird Rose Robin Red-capped Robin Jacky Winter Eastern Yellow Robin Horsfield's Bushlark Golden-headed Cisticola Australian Reed-Warbler Brown Songlark Rufous Songlark Tawny Grassbird Little Grassbird White-backed Swallow Fairv Martin Tree Martin Welcome Swallow Silvereve Common Starling Common Myna Russet-tailed Thrush Common Blackbird Mistletoebird Chestnut-breasted Mannikin **Diamond Firetail Red-browed Finch** Plum-headed Finch Zebra Finch Double-barred Finch House Sparrow Australasian Pipit