



Birds of Pelican Point

Over 190 bird species use Pelican Point for at least part of the year. Waterbirds like the PELICAN and some DUCKS are always here, and COTTON PYGMY-GEESE and GREAT CRESTED GREBES often visit. In some years up to 100 SARUS CRANES may roost on the point and BIRDS OF PREY hunt overhead.

Regular nesting species include BLACK-SHOULDERED KITES, PURPLE SWAMPHENS, WHITE-THROATED GERYGONES and large numbers of GOLDEN-HEADED CISTICOLAS.

Most of the CUCKOOS are migrants while the range of resident and visiting HONEYEATERS at Pelican Point is expanding all the time as the planted trees grow, flower and fruit. Rare visitors have included a Little Ringed Plover and Satin Flycatchers.

As you walk the Pelican Point trails you will be aware of many different birds in the trees, grassland, water, water's edge and overhead. Enjoy your visit!

Stubble Quail	Black-necked Stork	Sarus Crane
Brown Quail	White-necked Heron	Brolga
King Quail	Eastern Great Egret	Purple Swamphen
Magpie Goose	Intermediate Egret	Buff-banded Rail
Plumed Whistling-Duck	Cattle Egret	Baillon's Crake
Wandering Whistling-Duck	Pied Heron	White-browed Crake
Black Swan	White-faced Heron	Pale-vented Bush-hen
Radjah Shelduck	Little Egret	Dusky Moorhen
Australian Wood Duck	Nankeen Night-Heron	Eurasian Coot
Pink-eared Duck	Glossy Ibis	Bush Stone-curlew
Cotton Pygmy-goose	Australian White Ibis	Black-winged Stilt
Green Pygmy-goose	Straw-necked Ibis	Pacific Golden Plover
Grey Teal	Royal Spoonbill	Little Ringed Plover
Pacific Black Duck	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Black-fronted Dotterel
Hardhead	Eastern Osprey	Red-kneed Dotterel
Australasian Grebe	Black-shouldered Kite	Masked Lapwing
Hoary-headed Grebe	Square-tailed Kite	Comb-crested Jacana
Great Crested Grebe	Black-breasted Buzzard	Latham's Snipe
Spotted Dove §	Pacific Baza	Black-tailed Godwit
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Common Greenshank
Emerald Dove	Whistling Kite	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
Peaceful Dove	Brahminy Kite	Red-backed Button-quail
Bar-shouldered Dove	Black Kite	Red-chested Button-quail
Superb Fruit-Dove	Brown Goshawk	Gull-billed Tern
Topknot Pigeon	Collared Sparrowhawk	Caspian Tern
Tawny Frogmouth	Grey Goshawk	Whiskered Tern
Large-tailed Nightjar	Spotted Harrier	Roseate Tern
Australian Swiftlet	Swamp Harrier	Silver Gull
White-throated Needletail	Wedge-tailed Eagle	Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo
Australasian Darter	Little Eagle	Little Corella
Little Pied Cormorant	Nankeen Kestrel	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Great Cormorant	Brown Falcon	Rainbow Lorikeet
Little Black Cormorant	Australian Hobby	Scaly-breasted Lorikeet
Pied Cormorant	Black Falcon	Little Lorikeet
Australian Pelican	Peregrine Falcon	Pale-headed Rosella

Pheasant Coucal	Scarlet Honeyeater	Rufous Fantail
Eastern Koel	Brown Honeyeater	Grey Fantail
Channel-billed Cuckoo	White-cheeked Honeyeater	Willie Wagtail
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	White-throated Honeyeater	Torresian Crow
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	White-naped Honeyeater	Leaden Flycatcher
Little Bronze-Cuckoo	Blue-faced Honeyeater	Satin Flycatcher
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	Helmeted Friarbird	Black-faced Monarch
Brush Cuckoo	Noisy Friarbird	Spectacled Monarch
Barking Owl	Little Friarbird	Magpie-lark
Southern Boobook	Macleay's Honeyeater - E	Lemon-bellied Flycatcher
Eastern Barn Owl	Varied Sittella	Eastern Yellow Robin
Azure Kingfisher	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Horsfield's Bushlark
Little Kingfisher	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	Golden-headed Cisticola
Laughing Kookaburra	Barred Cuckoo-shrike	Australian Reed-Warbler
Blue-winged Kookaburra	Cicadabird	Tawny Grassbird
Forest Kingfisher	White-winged Triller	Little Grassbird
Sacred Kingfisher	Varied Triller	Silvereye
Rainbow Bee-eater	Golden Whistler	Welcome Swallow
Dollarbird	Rufous Whistler	Fairy Martin
Red-backed Fairy-wren	Little Shrike-thrush	Tree Martin
Large-billed Scrubwren	Bower's Shrike-thrush - E	Common Myna §
Brown Gerygone	Grey Shrike-thrush	Mistletoebird
Fairy Gerygone	Australasian Figbird	Olive-backed Sunbird
White-throated Gerygone	Olive-backed Oriole	Double-barred Finch
Lewin's Honeyeater	White-breasted Woodswallow	Red-browed Finch
Graceful Honeyeater	Black Butcherbird	Nutmeg Mannikin §
Yellow-faced Honeyeater	Pied Butcherbird	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin
Yellow Honeyeater	Australian Magpie	Australasian Pipit
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater	Pied Currawong	
Dusky Honeyeater	Spangled Drongo	

§ Introduced species E – Wet Tropics endemic species

This list has been compiled from surveys and other records by members of TREAT and Birds Australia, and local residents. Illustrations courtesy of Birds Australia. The bird names and order of this list are as recommended by Birds Australia (Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union). List compiled by Elinor Scambler.

TREAT would be pleased to hear of interesting sightings, nesting or other observations.

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