

start of the gravel road is a small parking spot on the left. This unique area is managed by the Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council and is a haven for migratory shore birds, estuarine and bush birds. It is also an important breeding ground for the Little Tern. The peninsula promises to be one of the premier bird-watching venues in the Tweed district due to its diverse habitat and the many different bird species - 165 to date. Walk to the river and turn right, here there are several tracks to follow criss-crossing between the river and the lake and passing through native grasslands, mangroves and sand flats.

BIRDS SIGHTED INCLUDE:

Osprey, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Bar-tailed Godwit, Whimbrel, Eastern Curlew, Curlew Sandpiper, Red Knot, Grey-tailed Tattler, Pied and Sooty Oystercatchers, Pacific Golden Plover, Red-capped Plover, Caspian Tern, Whiskered Tern, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Pheasant Coucal, Collared Kingfisher, Sacred Kingfisher, Dollarbird, Mangrove Gerygone, White-throated Gerygone, Red Wattlebird, Golden and Rufous Whistlers, Little Shrike-thrush, Grey Shrike-thrush, Leaden Flycatcher, Restless Flycatcher, White-winged Triller, Varied Triller and Tawny Grassbird.

8. Cudgen Creek

ACCESS & POINTS OF INTEREST:

14k south of Tweed Heads P.O.

Follow the highway, cross two bridges, take the Chinderah / Fingal Head/ Kingscliff exit, left at roundabout into Chinderah Bay Drive, turn left into Wommin Bay Road, right into Kingscliff Street, veer right into Pearl Street and continue on through Kingscliff. Turn into the area opposite the Ed Parker Rotary Park (just before the bridge) and follow the gravel road to the end. A small wooden bridge takes you to a track which follows the river, on through dense remnant rainforest, over two small creeks and continues on to terminate at the back of the Kingscliff High School grounds. Return the same way to the banksia woodland, do a left loop through paperbark forest and ephemeral wetland area back to your starting point. An added benefit of this walk is that at low tide you can follow the riverbank upstream to view waders. This area is popular with picnickers and facilities include covered picnic tables and toilets.

BIRDS SIGHTED INCLUDE:

White-faced Heron, Striated Heron, Royal Spoonbill, Osprey, Brahminy Kite, Whistling Kite, Whimbrel, Eastern Curlew, Pied Oystercatcher, Sooty Oystercatcher, Collared Kingfisher, Sacred Kingfisher, Rainbow Bee-eater, Striped and White-cheeked Honeyeaters, Eastern Whipbird, Spangled Drongo and Varied Triller.

9. Pottsville Environment Centre

(Wheelchair accessible)

ACCESS & POINTS OF INTEREST:

26k south of Tweed Heads P.O.

Take the Tweed Coast Road towards Pottsville, turn right at the bowling club and follow the signs. Set between the two arms of Cudgera Creek, the 54 hectare park contains fresh and saltwater wetlands, coastal eucalypt forest and remnants of heath and rainforest. When the trees are flowering the area provides excellent bird-watching opportunities. There are easy walking tracks that take you past a large bat colony, koalas have also been seen in the area. Facilities include free electric BBQ, picnic tables and drinking water.

BIRDS SIGHTED INCLUDE:

Great Egret, White-faced Heron, Royal Spoonbill, Bar-shouldered Dove, Large-billed Scrubwren, Brown Thornbill, White-cheeked Honeyeater, Scarlet Honeyeater, Eastern Yellow Robin, Eastern Whipbird, Rufous Whistler and Spectacled Monarch.

10. Egret Nesting Site

ACCESS & POINTS OF INTEREST:

3k from Murwillumbah P.O.

Travel north along the Tweed Valley Way to a roundabout, follow the Reserve Creek Road to Quarry Road, turn into Lundberg Drive and the nesting site is on your right. This small marsh area comes to life early in November when the Cattle Egrets, Great Egrets and Pied Cormorants nest.

BIRDS SIGHTED INCLUDE:

Pied Cormorant, Great Egret, Cattle Egret, Buff-banded Rail, Masked Lapwing, Superb Fairy-wren, Red-backed Fairy-wren, Noisy Friarbird, Brown Honeyeater, Red-browed Finch, Silvereye.

11. Lyrebird Walk

ACCESS & POINTS OF INTEREST:

12k from Murwillumbah P.O.

On the Uki Road follow the signs to Mount Warning. The drive out to Mount Warning provides excellent bird-watching opportunities as you cross over the river and creeks and wind your way through the valley. Mount Warning National Park is the centre of 5 local World Heritage-listed Parks and features one of the earth's great ancient volcanos. Although there are several walks on offer the Lyrebird Walk is relatively easy, approximately 20 minutes. The path crosses a little gully and leads up through the rainforest to a lookout. At the time of your visit you may be fortunate enough to hear the call of the elusive Albert's Lyrebird or the Green Catbird. There are picnic facilities available in the area.

BIRDS SIGHTED INCLUDE:

Australian Brush-turkey, White-headed Pigeon, Crested Pigeon, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Crimson Rosella, Eastern Rosella, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Pheasant Coucal, Tawny Frogmouth, Sacred Kingfisher, White-browed Scrubwren, White-throated Gerygone, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Noisy Miner, Brown Honeyeater, Eastern Yellow Robin, Logrunner, Eastern Whipbird, Rufous Whistler, Willy Wagtail, Magpie-lark, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Pied Butcherbird, Australian Magpie, Pied Currawong, Red-browed Finch, Mistletoebird.

