

Some Birding Places in the Ipswich City Council area: preliminary listing (28 June 2017)

This list compiled by the Birding Places of Ipswich project identifies some of the more significant birding sites, based on present knowledge together with selected sites, marked by red asterisks, about which more information is needed. If you visit, please post your list on the eBird hotspot (name in italics in table below) or, if not an eBird user, email to gordonmeg@bigpond.com or phone Meg Gordon on 32023732. This list excludes sites for which forward planning is required because permission to access must be obtained. Abbreviations: **D&L8** = Downs Lockyer 8 Roads & Streets; **UBD** = Gregory's Brisbane, Gold Coast & Sunshine Coast street directory.

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Brassall	*Haig Street Quarry Bushland Reserve Hotspot: <i>Haig Street Quarry Bush Reserve</i>	UBD 212 L6	Main entry from Haig & High Street corner, Brassall. Brochure with track maps etc available on ICC website. Wheelchair accessible toilets.	Easy paths. Bush birds including wrens, honeyeaters, Speckled Warblers, White-throated Gerygone, White-throated Treecreeper. Sometimes waterbirds in the pool or Peregrine Falcons on the nearby tower. Three kingfishers (Sacred, Forest and Azure) can be found here.
Brookwater	Opossum Creek Parklands Hotspot: <i>Opossum Creek Parklands</i>	UBD 236 N 14-15	58 Scoparia Drive, Brookwater. Park in off street car park, take concrete path into bush on the left. Approx. 1500 metres of path along Opossum Creek: can be accessed/exited also at Lomandra Court, Brookwater. Wheelchair accessible toilets.	Level concrete path, mostly flat. Wide range of open forest species, birds of mid- and lower storeys and of dense habitat. King-parrots, honeyeaters, fairywrens, finches, White-throated Treecreeper, Varied Sittellas, Black-faced Monarch, Leaden and Satin Flycatchers in season, Rufous and Grey Fantail. Wetland birds on adjacent Golf Course.
Bundamba	Bundamba Creek, Bundamba Hotspot: <i>Bundamba Creek (from Brisbane Rd to Gledson St)</i>	UBD 214 F14	Park behind Bundamba Swim Centre, 256 Brisbane Rd, Bundamba. Follow walking path along Bundamba Creek-east to bridge, west and north through Jack Barkley Park to Gledson St. No toilets.	Easy level walking.. Hollow-nesting birds (lorikeets, Little Corellas, Kestrels), Azure Kingfisher, grass birds like brown Quail, Tawny Grassbird, Golden-headed Cisticola, Reed Warbler, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin, all 3 Fairy-wrens, finches, all possible honeyeaters, nesting Moorhens.
Chuwar	Colleges Crossing Recreation Reserve Hotspot: <i>Colleges Crossing</i>	UBD 194 F10	408-492 Mt Crosby Rd, Chuwar. Wheelchair accessible toilets.	Recovering from 2011 flood. Ducks, Pelicans, Darters, Cormorants, Striated Heron, Black-fronted Dotterel, 3 river raptor species and other raptors some nesting eg Brahminy Kites. More waterbirds may return if not deterred by recreational usage.
Goodna	*Ric Natrass Environmental Park Hotspot: <i>Ric Natrass Environmental Park</i>	UBD 216 N18	Access opposite 77 Eric St, Goodna. Very hilly, steep-very steep inclines (up and down), unsealed tracks. No toilets.	Small reserve with varied habitat including permanent water. Wide range of bush birds of understorey, shrubbery and trees. Waterbirds include duck, grebe, cormorants, large wading birds and Azure Kingfisher. Raptors including Grey and Brown Goshawks and Peregrine Falcon.

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Grandchester	*Railway Dam Reserve Hotspot: <i>Railway Dam Reserve (Grandchester)</i>	D&L8 44 A2	Enter from Clancys Rd off Long Gully Rd, Grandchester. Walk from Clancys Rd entry to dam wall. Enter back part of reserve through a vehicle gate on left. No toilets.	Mown grass near dam, medium incline; rough uneven and some steep sections in unsealed track through back of reserve. Good range of bush birds, perhaps wetland birds when dam has more water - more surveys needed.
Grandchester	*Gordon Road, Grandchester Hotspot: <i>Gordon Rd, Grandchester</i>	D&L8 44 A3	Road walk. Gordon Road, Grandchester. Park at Bigges Camp Park, walk up road. Toilets at park at beginning of road.	Flat graded dead end road, little traffic. Range of larger bush birds have been noted, remains to be seen if smaller/understorey birds are present: more surveys needed.
Haigslea	*Noble Road, Haigslea	UBD 170 M14	Road walk & bush lane. Drive past Missigs Rd corner. Stop near 55 Noble Rd & walk to end of Noble Rd including bush lane. No toilets.	Flat graded gravel road, bushy lane with uneven track surface. Seems to have a good mixture of water birds (large farm dams) and bush birds - more surveying needed.
Ironbark	*Coach Lane, Lovers Lane-Huth Road Hotspots: (1) <i>Coach & Lovers Lanes, Ironbark</i> (2) <i>Huth Rd at Coach Lane, Ironbark</i>	UBD 191 C4	Bush lanes. (1) Park near corner of Coach and Lovers Lanes. Check immediate vicinity, both roads and creek. Walk or drive to (2) Coach Lane-Huth Rd intersection - walk unmade extensions of both these roads. No toilets.	Small sites needing further exploration. 1) With permanent creek water, this site had many bush birds even in the very hot summer weather; well worth further exploration to assess birding potential. (2) Dam on private property close to unmade section of Huth Rd.
Jeebropilly	Bremer Rd - Rosewood Wetland Hotspot: <i>Bremer Rd - Rosewood Wetland</i>	UBD 210 K16	Road walk. Bremer Rd, Jeebropilly. Do not enter private property. Wetland on private property near road, view from quiet level dirt road. Toilets at nearby Armstrong Park.	Range of wetland species, varying over time: ducks, Darter, cormorants, large wading birds. Also many grassland species including Chestnut-breasted Mannikins and open forest bird species in vicinity.
Karalee	Riverside Park Hotspot: <i>Riverside Park, Karalee</i>	UBD 195 J2	Park Rd, Karalee. Car park at bottom of Park Rd (river level). For varied habitats, walk downriver on flat next to car park, uphill to track that leads off to right on upriver side of Park Rd, and uphill to flat area of dense bush near and beyond toilet block. Wheelchair accessible toilets.	Easy tracks. Wide range of riverine, grassland, open forest and dense vegetation bird species. May see Striated Heron, Brahminy Kite, Sea-Eagle, Grey Goshawk. Dense area species include Large-billed Scrubwren and Little Shrike-Thrush.

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Karalee	*Katherine Court Reserve (Venus Pool) Hotspot: <i>Katherine Court Reserve (Karalee)</i>	UBD 194 Q9	Park at dead end of Katherine Court, walk downhill. At river level, tracks lead left to Johnson Rocks, right (downriver) past pools, and also ahead toward another pool and river's edge. No toilets.	Tracks mostly easy, but undulating. Good for grassland birds (eg finches, fairywrens, Tawny Grassbird, Brown Quail) and riverine species (eg Striated Heron, raptors, Darters. sometimes Black-fronted Dotterel). Also has a number of open forest species.
Mount Marrow	Schumanns Road, Mount Marrow. Hotspot: <i>Schumanns Road, Mount Marrow</i>	UBD 210 G5-E4	Road walk. Walk from top (dead end) of maintained road to Mount Marrow school; also walk in opposite direction along about 600 metres of unmaintained section of Schumanns Rd. No toilets.	Easy walking on quiet graded road; plus uneven 4WD track. Wide variety of species reflecting varied habitat: large numbers of breeding Rainbow Bee-eaters in summer; also has Varied Triller, Speckled Warbler, birds of farm dams, raptors, fairywrens and finches.
Muirlea	Kholo Gardens Hotspot: <i>Kholo Botanic Gardens</i>	UBD 192 N13	243 Riverside Drive, Muirlea. Brochure with track maps etc available on ICC website. Wheelchair accessible toilets.	Damaged by floods 2011. River birds like Darters, cormorants, kingfishers, Ospreys, Brahminy Kites, White-bellied Sea-eagles. Rainforest walks with birds of wetter forests like Varied Triller, Little Shrike-Thrush, Wonga Pigeon. Powerful Owl.
Peak Crossing	Flinders Peak Conserv. Estate - Sandy Creek trail (Flinders Plum) Hotspot: <i>Flinders Peak Conservation Estate - Sandy Creek trail (Flinders Plum)</i>	D&L8 46 & 46A	Mt Flinders Road, Peak Crossing. East of the Ipswich-Boonah Road, 11.5 km from the Cunningham Highway, follow the dirt road to the Flinders Plum Picnic Area at the end. Wheelchair accessible toilets.	For a good bird walk follow the creek eastwards for a couple of kilometres. A range of bush birds including some of dense habitat eg White-eared Monarch, Emerald Dove, Rose-crowned Fruitdove, Spectacled Monarch; also Speckled Warbler, finches and fairywrens; and raptors.
Pine Mountain	*Riverside Drive, Pine Mountain Hotspot: Riverside Drive, Pine Mountain - northern end	UBD 172 Q14 to 173 A13	Riverside Drive about 5.5km past Kholo Botanic Gardens at a yellow tank on nature strip on left, opp. no. 801. Park off road without blocking gateways. Walk along road, uphill for about 1km, back toward Ipswich for approx. 450 metres. Take care along road. No toilets.	Dry vine forest and farmland offers variety of birds: Varied Triller, White-eared and Spectacled Monarchs, fruit doves, as well as open forest birds, fairywrens and finches. May glimpse Black-breasted Buttonquail.
Pine Mountain	Walter Zimmerman Park Hotspot: <i>Walter Zimmerman Park, Pine Mountain</i>	UBD 192 B14	Kirkston Place, Pine Mountain Wheelchair accessible toilets.	Easy tracks. Wide range of bush birds of forest and lower storey; Common Bronzewing, Speckled Warblers, honeyeaters, fairywrens, finches.

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Pine Mountain	Brisbane Valley Rail Trail, Desbrow St - Walter Zimmerman Park Hotspot: <i>Brisbane Valley Rail Trail, Desbrow St to Walter Zimmerman Park</i>	UBD 191 Q11	Access from Pine Mountain Quarry Road near Desbrow St, Pine Mountain. Walk south toward Walter Z. Park. No toilets.	Easy level track. Wide variety of bush birds of forest and lower storeys, including Speckled Warblers, Tawny Grassbird, lorikeets and parrots, honeyeaters, fairywrens and finches.
Pine Mountain	*Pine Mountain Bush Reserve Hotspot: <i>Pine Mountain Bush Reserve</i>	UBD 191 Q5	20-100 Pine Mountain Quarry Rd. Follow return track from picnic table/parking spot area to and past small dam. Additional tracks: (a) horse trail going downhill from car park; (b) track through dry open forest is accessible from same road, approx. 500m. from carpark after a sharp bend: track on left. No toilets.	Small reserve but with open forest, shrubby mid-storey including some dense habitat, and a small dam with permanent water, the site supports a good variety of bush birds.
Purga	Hardings Paddock Hotspot: <i>Flinders Conservation Estate - Hardings Paddock</i>	D&L8 46 C2	Carmichaels Road, Purga. Turn left (east) off the Ipswich-Boonah road, 5.8 km south of the Cunningham Highway, and go to the end of the road, c.3km. Toilets.	Walks through varied habitats. Gamlen Circuit (3.5km, hilly) is excellent for bush birds: wrens, honeyeaters, Grey-crowned Babblers, Speckled Warblers, Spotted Quail-thrush. Another route along Chalk Cct, Bush Tucker Trail, and around camping ground has range of forest and understorey birds.
Purga	*Purga Nature Reserve Hotspot: <i>Purga Nature Reserve</i>	D&L8 45 4C	840 Middle Rd, Purga (Off UBD 251 R20), c.7km south of Cunningham Highway. Brochure on Council website shows designated walking tracks. Wheelchair accessible toilets.	Best birding off boardwalks in mixed open forest around southern, eastern and north-eastern edges: finches, thornbills, Speckled Warblers, Tawny Frogmouth, Boobook, Cockatiel.
Raceview	Bremervale Park Hotspot: <i>Bremervale Park (off Kordan Blvd, Raceview)</i>	UBD 234 B7	Kordan Boulevard, Raceview. Follow formed circular walking track around park; take diversions on grass toward highway (grassland birds) and bush track through forest along creek. No toilets.	Flat mostly concrete paths. With permanent water in a dam, gully and creek, there are wetland birds (eg ducks, cormorants, moorhen, herons. Buff-banded Rail), bush birds including Grey and Rufous Fantails, raptors, and lower storey/grassland birds such as Chestnut-breasted Mannikins, finches and fairywrens.

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Redbank Plains	White Rock- Spring Mountain Conservation Estate (Redbank Plains access). Hotspot: <i>White Rock Conservation Park</i>	UBD 255 J3	School Rd, Redbank Plains. A number of optional routes from Paperbark Flats Picnic Ground. Varied birding if extending: Six Mile Creek boardwalk to include Bluff Lookout Track, Little White Rock and Multi-user Trails, and Six Mile Creek track to t-junction with diversion on right on Haul Rd to waterhole and edge of reserve. Brochure with track maps available on ICC website and map onsite. Wheelchair accessible toilets.	Mostly flat walking tracks, medium incline tracks to Bluff Lookout and Little White Rock. Varying bush habitats: bush birds like wrens, honeyeaters, parrots, Speckled Warbler, Spotted Quail-thrush, Buff-rumped Thornbill, White-throated Nightjar. Peregrine Falcons nest at White Rock itself.
Ripley South	Daly's Lagoon, South Ripley Hotspot: <i>Dalys Lagoon (restricted access)</i>	UBD 275 B9	Ripley Rd about 9km south of Ripley. Private property; do not enter. Park and view from the road. Spotting scope desirable. No toilets.	Waterbirds: ducks, egrets, White-bellied Sea-eagles, Darters, cormorants. A small swamp a little further along the road, also on private property, has waterbirds: ducks, Moorhens & Swampheens, Australasian Grebes, Buff-banded Rails. May see nesting White-necked Stork and Whistling Kite here.
Spring Mountain	*White Rock- Spring Mountain Conservation Estate, Ironbark Track south & environs Hotspot: <i>White Rock Spring Mountain Conservation Estate - Huntingdale Drive access</i>	UBD 257 E9	Best access from the end of Huntingdale Drive, Greenbank. On entering the Estate, walk left about 200-300 metres, also walk to right and across gully for approx. 1500 metres. Return same way. No toilets.	Open forest and some understorey birds. Species to date include Buff-rumped Thornbill, White-browed Scrubwren, Varied Sittella, White-throated Treecreeper, three fairywren species as well as larger open forest birds.
Swanbank	Swanbank Lagoon & environs Hotspot: <i>Swanbank Power Station, Swanbank</i>	UBD 234 L14	Swanbank exit from Cunningham highway. Drive along Swanbank Rd to Swanbank Coal Road, to public park at edge of lagoon. Walk the paved path northwest along lagoon edge to bushland near railway station; and in opposite direction, along the road to and nature strips towards Swanbank Road. Wheelchair accessible toilets.	Waterbirds including nesting Darters and cormorants. Raptors frequent the area. A spotting scope is useful. Though not as good for wetland birds as in the past, the site provides a wide range of bird species including considerable variety of open forest and understorey birds.

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Tallegalla	*Woolshed Creek Rd, Tallegalla (See also, Woolshed entry) Hotspot: <i>Woolshed Creek Rd, Tallegalla at -27.59055, 152.52138</i>	UBD 209 D3	Road walk. Pass Mountain Scrub Rd on right, park on nature strip on right at top of hill. Walk back down road. OR park near no. 124 and walk uphill. No toilets.	Graded road with hill. Range of open forest birds and some lower storey birds. Buff-rumped Thornbill, White-throated Treecreeper, White-throated Gerygone. Seasonal visitors include Leaden Flycatcher and Rose Robin.
Tallegalla	*Woolshed Creek Rd, between Tallegalla Rd entrance and no. 124 Woolshed Creek Rd.	UBD 209 H2	Road walk. Start either at entrance to Woolshed Creek Rd or at no. 124 and walk back toward entrance. No toilets.	Flat graded stretch of road, bordered in part by vine scrub, farmland. Permanent water in creek and small dams. Mixture of species seen to date including large wading birds.
Walloon	Kamp Rd & Raysource Rd, Walloon Hotspot: <i>Kamp Rd at Raysource Rd</i>	UBD 210 R1	Road walk. Turn west from Haigslea Amberley Rd - c.2.5 km north of Walloon. Park at junction of Raysource Rd and Haigslea Cemetery Rd. Walk west (Raysource Rd) and south (Kamp Rd) on dirt roads. Do not enter private property. No toilets.	Bush birds along roads: Grey-crowned Babblers, Speckled Warblers, wrens, Owllet-Nightjars, Brush and Fantail Cuckoos, Fuscous and other honeyeaters. Western walk along Raysource Rd (flat graded road then bush track) near dam on private property with waterbirds including Nankeen Night Herons.
Woolshed	*Woolshed Creek Rd, Woolshed (See also, Tallegalla entry) Hotspot: <i>Woolshed Creek Rd, Woolshed</i>	UBD 209 A4	Drive to end of maintained road. Walk ahead through bush lane (on unmaintained road reserve), to horse paddock (about 1 km). No toilets.	Flat bush track. Forest and lower storey, some dense habitat result in range of species including Little Cuckoo-shrike, Whipbird, Speckled Warbler, Brown Cuckoo-dove, Cicadabird, lorikeets, fairywrens etc..
Yamanto	*Bremerdale Park, Yamanto Hotspot: <i>Bremerdale Park, Yamanto</i>	UBD 232 M7	Midland St, Yamanto. Drive to end of Midland St. No toilets.	Slashed grass tracks, undulating with a few short steep sections. Open forest birds (many parrots, lorikeets and honeyeaters) and grassland species (Chestnut-breasted Mannikins and other finches, Tawny Grassbird, Cisticola, fairywrens).