

36. Savages Crossing

Banks Creek Road, Fernvale. GPS -27.443, 152.669

In Fernvale turn off Brisbane Valley Hwy into Banks Creek Road, near the Post Office and continue 2.5 km to river crossing.

Popular on weekends. Melaleucas dominate riverbank. Return via same route, or continue along Banks Creek/England Creek Rd circuit (approx. 12 km) through interesting bushland back to Brisbane Valley Hwy.

See *Common Bush Birds* and *Common Water Birds*, Australasian Shoveler, Brown Quail, Eastern Osprey, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Brahminy Kite, Peaceful Dove, Fan-tailed & Brush* Cuckoo, Sacred Kingfisher*, Striped & White-throated Honeyeater, Eastern Whipbird, Varied Triller, Australian Golden Whistler*, Spangled Drongo*, White-throated Gerygone, Eastern Yellow Robin, Fairy & Tree Martin, Silvereeye, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin.

37. Burtons Bridge

East Summervilles Rd, Borallon. GPS -27.499, 152.689

6km south of Fernvale on the Brisbane Valley Hwy, turn into Pine Mt Rd. After 1.5 km turn into East Summervilles Rd.

Burtons Bridge crosses Brisbane River. Revegetation and established taller vegetation surrounded by cleared farmland. Walk along roadside both ends of the bridge for bush birds and grassland birds. Also, at corner into East Summervilles Rd, view water birds on dam on private property from roadside.

See *Common Water Birds* and *Common Bush Birds*, Black-shouldered & Brahminy Kite, Pale-vented Bush-hen, Peaceful Dove, Eastern Barn Owl, Sacred Kingfisher*, Nankeen Kestrel, Brown & Peregrine Falcon, Little Corella, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Superb Fairywren, Scarlet Myzomela, Brown & White-throated Honeyeater, Eastern Whipbird, Grey Shrike Thrush, Spangled Drongo*, Silvereeye, Plum-headed Finch, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin, Australian Pipit.

38. Jensens Swamp

Jensen Swamp Rd, Lowood -27.476, 152.537

Take Forrest Hill-Fernvale Rd from Lowood, turn left into Brightview Rd and then into Jensen Swamp Rd.

Jensens Swamp Environmental Reserve has a permanent water hole surrounded by open forest/grassland in farming area. Casuarina and bush gardens in picnic area. Similar across road with walking tracks.

See *Common Water Birds* and *Common Bush Birds*, Magpie Goose, Common Bronzewing, Peaceful Dove, Tawny Frogmouth, Glossy Ibis, Pacific Baza, Black & Whistling Kite, Sacred Kingfisher, Nankeen Kestrel, Red-rumped Parrot, Superb Fairywren, White-throated & Striped Honeyeater, White-browed Scrubwren, Weebill, Leaden Flycatcher*, Australian Reed Warbler, Silvereeye, Mistletoebird, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin.

39. Minden Park (& Jesse Wickman Park)

Lowood-Minden Rd, Minden. GPS -27.551, 152.542

From the Warrego Hwy, take Lowood-Minden Rd for 500m, turn into Minden Park, limited parking at Jesse Wickman Park opposite.

Jesse Wickman Park – Eastern Cattle Egret rookery, wetlands adjacent to park.

See *Common Water Birds* and *Common Bush Birds*, Red-kneed Dotterel, Peaceful Dove, Nankeen Kestrel, Little Corella, Superb Fairywren, Brown & Striped Honeyeater, Fairy Martin, Australian Reed Warbler, Silvereeye, Mistletoebird, Red-browed Finch.

General Birdwatching Tips and Resources

see www.birdsqueensland.org.au. Birds are more active early morning or late afternoon; repeat visits increase the chances of seeing more species.

Site Information

The Somerset Region covers 5,379 square kilometres, taking in the Brisbane and Stanley River catchments with meandering waterways and great lakes surrounded by a beautiful natural environment. Its diverse habitats attract over 300 bird species (almost 50% of Queensland's avifauna) including waterbirds, rainforest species, bush and grassland birds.

The Somerset Region is perfect for beginners and those more experienced birdwatchers. Quiet country roads branching off the main highways criss-cross through scenic countryside ideal for stopovers and roadside strolls to catch sight of the birdlife. The Brisbane Valley Rail Trail (BVRT) traverses the region from Fernvale to north of Linville providing a safe thoroughfare for bird watchers, accessing areas otherwise difficult to reach.

Sites with more than 100 species were selected from eBird.org data and cross-checked by local birders, while some sites were selected for interesting or picturesque habitat. Lists are in IOC taxonomic order. An * indicates nomadic or migratory species. Visit <https://ebird.org/explore> for more birding hotspots.

Somerset Region Habitats - Forest: trees with crowns touching or overlapping. Woodland: trees with widely separated crowns. Scrub and Heathland: scattered trees with shrubby understorey. Grassland: primary vegetation are grasses. Watercourse: river or creek is primary feature and accompanying vegetation. Wetland: lakes and swamps.

Common Bush Birds

Birds commonly found at most sites with suitable habitat. Brown Quail, Masked Lapwing, Crested Pigeon, Bar-shouldered Dove, Pheasant Coucal, Pacific Koel*, Channel-billed Cuckoo*, Oriental Dollarbird*, Laughing Kookaburra, Rainbow Bee-eater, Galah, Rainbow Lorikeet, Scaly-breasted Lorikeet, Pale-headed Rosella, Red-backed Fairywren, Brown Honeyeater, Little Friarbird, Noisy Friarbird, Blue-faced Honeyeater, Noisy Miner, Striated Pardalote, White-throated Gerygone, Grey Butcherbird, Pied Butcherbird, Australian Magpie, Black-faced Cuckooshrike, Rufous Whistler, Australasian Figbird, Olive-backed Oriole, Willie Wagtail, Grey Fantail, Magpie-lark, Restless Flycatcher, Torresian Crow, Welcome Swallow, Tawny Grassbird, Golden-headed Cisticola, Double-barred Finch.

Common Waterbirds

Birds commonly found at most wetlands and waterways. Plumed Whistling Duck, Black Swan, Maned Duck, Pacific Black Duck, Grey Teal, Hardhead, Australasian Grebe, Great Crested Grebe, Australian White Ibis, Straw-necked Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, Yellow-billed Spoonbill, Eastern Cattle Egret, White-necked Heron, Great Egret, Intermediate Egret, White-faced Heron, Little Egret, Australian Pelican, Little Pied Cormorant, Little Black Cormorant, Great Cormorant, Australasian Darter, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Australasian Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Eurasian Coot, White-headed Stilt, Masked Lapwing, Black-fronted Dotterel, Silver Gull, Caspian Tern.



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Bird Places of Somerset



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1. Yabba Road

Yabba Road, Jimna State Forest. GPS -26.641, 152.416

From Kilcoy take Kilcoy–Murgon Road north for 45km to Yabba Road.

Ample parking 100m along unsealed road. Continue to second parking area at dam and third parking area a further 1km. Stroll along road to see the abundant birdlife. Also enroute, both sides of the road around the fire tower (approx. 2.5km before Yabba Rd) can provide interesting bird sightings.

See *Common Bush Birds, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Grey Goshawk, Collared Sparrowhawk, Painted Buttonquail, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Wonga & Topknot Pigeon, Shining Bronze, Fan-tailed and Brush* Cuckoo, Australian Boobook, Sacred Kingfisher*, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Little Lorikeet, Australian King Parrot, Satin Bowerbird, White-throated & Brown Treecreeper, Variegated Fairywren, Scarlet Myzomela, Eastern Spinebill*, New Holland Black-chinned, White-throated, White-naped, Yellow-faced*, Yellow-tufted, Fuscous & Lewin's Honeyeater, Spotted Pardalote*, Speckled Warbler, White-browed Scrubwren, Brown Gerygone, Striated Thornbill, Eastern Whipbird, Dusky Woodswallow, White-bellied Cuckooshrike, Varied Sittella, Crested Shrike-tit, Australian Golden Whistler*, Grey Shrike-thrush, Black-faced Monarch*, Paradise Riflebird, Eastern Yellow Robin, Jacky Winter, Rose Robin*, Rufous Songlark, Silvereye, Russet-tailed Thrush, Mistletoebird, Diamond Firetail, Red-browed Finch.*

2. Peach Trees Campsite

Peach Trees Access Rd, Jimna State Forest. GPS -26.636, 152.449

From Kilcoy take Kilcoy–Murgon Road north for 40km. Continue past Jimna turn-off to Peach Trees Access Rd on the right.

Follow signs to camping and day-use area on unsealed road. Information boards in camp describe three circuit walks 0.8-3.5km adjacent to Yabba Creek, through native pine plantations, pockets of natural forest and woodland.

See *Common Bush Birds, Black-breasted Buttonquail, Wonga Pigeon, Shining Bronze & Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Tawny Frogmouth, Australian Owllet-nightjar, Azure Kingfisher, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Little Lorikeet, Noisy Pitta, Regent & Satin Bowerbird, Eastern Spinebill*, New Holland Honeyeater, Spotted Pardalote*, Large-billed Scrubwren, Striated Thornbill, Australian Logrunner, Rufous Fantail*, Black-faced Monarch*, Paradise Riflebird, Eastern Yellow & Rose* Robin.*

3. Brisbane River Crossing

Mt Stanley Rd, 14km north of Linville. GPS -26.743, 152.218

Park on right-hand verge on southern approach to river. Watercourse surrounded by cleared farmland.

Pacific Black Duck, Dusky Moorhen, Rainbow Bee-eater, Little Corella, Brown & White-throated Honeyeater, White-throated Gerygone.

4. Brisbane River near Camp Duckadang

Avoca Creek Road (aka Avoca Lane), Avoca Vale. GPS -26.750, 152.239

Take the Linville Rd from Moore to Linville. The road name then changes to Mt. Stanley Rd. From Linville, continue for 12km to reach Avoca Lane.

Park 1.5km along Avoca Lane before crossing. Surrounded by cleared farmland and is a good picnic spot.

See *Common Water Birds, Eastern Osprey, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Rainbow Bee-eater, Nankeen Kestrel, Superb Fairywren, Brown Honeyeater, Restless Flycatcher, Fairy Martin.*

5. Monsildale Creek Road

Monsildale Rd, (north of Linville). GPS -26.784, 152.282

6.5km north of Linville, on Mt Stanley Rd, turn into Monsildale Creek Rd.

(i) Marsh Causeway crosses Brisbane River after 500 m. Park on right before the causeway. Walk down to the wide stony riverbed with extensive coverage of melaleucas. Sparse woodland and open grazing land on both sides.

(ii) Continue on unsealed road for 3km, noting private property on both sides of road. Cattle may be along unfenced road. Park on verge overlooking Monsildale Creek. Surrounded grazing properties have open woodland. Casuarinas and melaleucas line the wide stony creek bed providing habitat for bush birds and waterbirds.

See *Common Bush birds, Black Swan, Pacific Black Duck, Little Black & Great Cormorant, Australasian Darter, Dusky Moorhen, Bar-shouldered Dove, Oriental Dollarbird*, Rainbow Bee-eater, Brown Blue-faced & Yellow-faced* Honeyeater, Eastern Whipbird, Grey Shrike-thrush, Welcome Swallow, Fairy Martin.*

6. Brisbane River - Mount Stanley Rd

Mount Stanley Rd, 5km north of Linville. GPS -26.796, 152.262

Park on riverside verge of road. Wide riverbed with extensive melaleuca bushland set in open woodland and farmland. Waterbirds and bush birds depending on the water level of the river.

Black Swan, Great & Little Egret, Australasian Darter, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Eurasian Coot, Little Corella, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Superb Fairywren, White-throated Honeyeater, Fairy Martin.

7. Wells Park Linville & Linville Memorial Park

John St, Linville. GPS -26.842, 152.278

From George St, turn into John Street, follow signs to Wells Park and drive 50m unsealed road to park. (Facilities at Linville Memorial Park, George St.)

Sports field bordering Blackbutt Creek and open farmland. Established trees with thick understory along creek bank. Walk around park border and roadway across creek culvert.

Little Egret, Black-shouldered Kite, Peaceful Dove, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Little Corella, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Australian King Parrot, White-throated, Yellow-faced & Lewin's Honeyeater, White-browed Scrubwren, Grey-crowned Babbler, Eastern Whipbird, Pied Currawong, Varied Sittella, White-winged Chough, Apostlebird, White-backed Swallow, Fairy Martin, Australian Pipit.*

8. Moore Recreation Trail

Eskdale St, Moore. GPS -26.893, 152.290

Turn off D'Aguilar Highway at Stanley Gates Park into Eskdale Street, Moore.

Park at Stanley Gates Park or Uniting Church at trail entrance. Facilities at Stanley Gates Park. Walk 50m along Eskdale Street to Recreation Trail (part of BVRT). Take pedestrian bridge to regeneration and open area. 300m return.

Australian White & Glossy Ibis, Australian Pelican, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Collared Sparrowhawk, Whistling Kite, Spotted & Peaceful Dove, Sacred Kingfisher, Nankeen Kestrel, Brown Falcon, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Australian King Parrot, Scarlet Myzomela, White-throated Honeyeater, Grey-crowned Babbler, Pied Currawong, Common Cicadabird*, Spangled Drongo*, Restless Flycatcher, Tree Martin, House Sparrow.*

9. Emu Creek and Clancys Campgrounds

Benarkin State Forest. GPS -26.976, 152.171

From Moore continue west on D'Aguilar Hwy. At Benarkin turn south on Syd Allery Drive to Benarkin Forest Drive which leads 14km to both campgrounds.

Road condition variable. High clearance recommended.

See *Common Bush Birds, White-necked Heron, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Topknot Pigeon, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Australian Boobook, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Little Lorikeet, White-throated Treecreeper, Superb Fairywren, White-throated & Yellow-*

faced Honeyeater, Spotted Pardalote*, Speckled Warbler, Brown Thornbill, Eastern Whipbird, Crested Shrike-tit, Australian Golden Whistler*, Silvereye, Mistletoebird, Red-browed Finch.*

10. Alf Williams Bridge (Brisbane River Crossing)

Gregors Creek Rd, Gregors Creek. GPS -26.987, 152.398

From the Brisbane Valley Hwy between Toogoolawah and Harlin, turn onto Gregors Creek Rd and continue for approximately 5km to Alf Williams Bridge.

Park right-hand side from either approach to bridge. Cleared farmland both sides of river. Grassland and bush along western side, wide stony riverbed, melaleucas along eastern side.

See *Common Water Birds and Common Bush Birds, Whistling Kite, Azure Kingfisher, Scarlet Myzomela, White-throated Gerygone, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Grey Shrike-thrush, Fairy Martin, Common Myna.*

11. Yowie Park, Kilcoy

Hope St (D'Aguilar Hwy), Kilcoy. GPS -26.947, 152.562

Travelling west through Kilcoy, D'Aguilar Hwy becomes Hope St.

Circuit around lake and parkland to wetland areas. Visitor Centre.

See *Common Water Birds & Common Bush Birds, Whistling Kite, Comb-crested Jacana, Little Corella, Scarlet Myzomela, White-throated & Yellow-faced* Honeyeater, White-browed Scrubwren, Brown Thornbill, Australian Golden Whistler*, Grey Shrike-thrush, Restless Flycatcher, Eastern Yellow Robin, Tree Martin, Red-browed Finch.*

12. Lester Kropp Bridge

Neurum Rd, Villeneuve. GPS -26.964, 152.636

Limited offroad parking Villeneuve side of bridge. Open views of Stanley River, surrounding farmland and wetlands.

See *Common Water Birds & Common Bush Birds, Cotton Pygmy Goose, Whistling & Brahminy Kite, Comb-crested Jacana, Peregrine Falcon, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Little Lorikeet, White-throated & Lewin's Honeyeater, Eastern Whipbird, White-breasted Woodswallow, Leaden Flycatcher*, Fairy & Tree Martin, Silvereye, Mistletoebird, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin.*

13. Westvale Road Boat Ramp

Westvale Road, Mt Archer. GPS -26.978, 152.618

Between Villeneuve and Mt Archer turn off Neurum Rd into Westvale Rd near the Lester Kropp Bridge.

Westvale Rd is unsealed for last 2km before turn-off to boat ramp. Parkland along Lake Somerset with open views to lake, sparse woodland and grassland surrounding park. Good picnic spot.

See *Common Water Birds and Common Bush Birds, Cotton Pygmy Goose, Whistling Kite, Comb-crested Jacana, Wonga Pigeon, Nankeen Kestrel, Eastern Whipbird, Tree Martin.*

14. Taylors Bridge

Esk-Crows Nest Rd, Biarra. GPS -27.151, 152.313

Sealed road, 15 kms from Esk.

Park on southern side of bridge on circular drive. No facilities but pleasant picnic spot on Cressbrook Creek. Casuarinas, eucalypt bushland with adjoining grassed farmland.

See *Common Bush Birds, Brush Cuckoo*, Azure & Sacred* Kingfisher, Australian King-Parrot. Lewin's & White-throated Honeyeater, Varied Sittella, Spangled Drongo*, Leaden Flycatcher*, White-winged Chough, Red-browed Finch.*

15. The Condensery - Somerset Regional Art Gallery

Factory Rd, Toogoolawah. GPS -27.095, 152.378

The South Toogoolawah Koala Habitat Enhancement Corridor passes between the Condensery and Cressbrook Creek. Stroll through this area past the public swimming pool to BVRT running through Poll Crandell Park over Carol Toms Bridge (pedestrian bridge). Woodland with thick understory on western side of trail and parkland with large eucalypts on eastern side. Follow BVRT to end of park exploring mowed paths leading into bushland.

See Common Bush Birds, White-necked Heron, Black-shouldered Kite, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Spotted Harrier, Black & Whistling Kite, Forest & Azure Kingfisher, Nankeen Kestrel, Black Falcon, Glossy Black Cockatoo, Cockatiel, Australian King Parrot, Superb Fairywren, Scarlet Myzomela, White-throated Honeyeater, Grey-crowned Babbler, Eastern Whipbird, Spangled Drongo*, Leaden Flycatcher*, Silvereye.

16. O'Shea's Crossing

Esk-Kilcoy Rd between Wivenhoe and Somerset Dams. GPS -27.137, 152.509

Turn into park at O'Shea's Bridge, 35km from Kilcoy or 19km from Esk.

Parkland overlooking Brisbane River. Circuit walk 100m through bushland at northern end of park. Waterbirds and bush birds.

See Common Water Birds, Whistling Kite, Wonga Pigeon, Nankeen Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Australian King Parrot, Scarlet Myzomela, White-throated Honeyeater, Eastern Whipbird, Fairy Martin.

17. The Spit

Esk-Kilcoy Rd, Lake Somerset. GPS -27.103, 152.561

On Somerset Dam, 1km from the dam wall.

Popular boating and watersport on weekends. Open parkland on lake.

See Common Water Birds, Hoary-headed Grebe, Glossy Ibis, Black-shouldered Kite, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Whistling Kite, Gull-billed Tern, Whiskered Tern, Nankeen Kestrel, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, White-throated Treecreeper.

18. Esk

Brisbane Valley Highway GPS -27.240, 152.420

i) At Esk Memorial Park turn off Ipswich St (Brisbane Valley Hwy) into Highland St. to Pipeliner Park. Stroll 1km along BVRT to Esk-Hampton Road and return.

ii) From Brisbane Valley Hwy take Esk-Hampton Rd for 800m. Pull into Off-Leash Dog Park (Hertrich Place) on left. Just beyond off-leash area on Esk-Hampton Rd, follow well-formed track to pedestrian creek crossing to Creek St. Path continues along Sandy Creek to highway bridge. Return via same route. Open grassed areas and bushland along creek.

See Common Bush Birds, Grey Teal, Peaceful Dove, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Whistling Kite, Sacred Kingfisher*, Nankeen Kestrel, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Australian King-Parrot, Superb Fairywren, Yellow-faced Honeyeater*, White-browed Scrubwren, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Grey-crowned Babbler, Grey Shrike-thrush, Spangled Drongo*, Jacky Winter, Tree Martin, Silvereye, Australasian Pipit.

19. Mount Glen Rock Firetrail

Middle St, Esk. GPS -27.241, 152.425

Near bridge over Sandy Creek, turn north into Middle St and follow to parking area.

Walk 1.3km along firetrail, returning via same route.

Australian Brushturkey, Peaceful Dove, Pallid* & Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Australian King Parrot, Variegated & Superb Fairywren, Scarlet

See Common Bush Birds, Peaceful Dove, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, White-throated Needletail, White-throated Treecreeper, Variegated Fairywren, Yellow-faced* Honeyeater, Scarlet Myzomela, White-throated Honeyeater, White-browed Scrubwren, Striated Thornbill, Grey-crowned Babbler, Common Cicadabird*, Eastern Whipbird, Grey Shrike-thrush, Leaden Flycatcher*, Eastern Yellow Robin, Red-browed Finch.

24. Hamon Cove

Hamon Rd, Lake Wivenhoe. GPS -27.301, 152.518

From Brisbane Valley Hwy, drive 1.5km along Hamon Rd (13km south of Esk).

Undulating grassland adjacent to Lake Wivenhoe. Open water views. Walk along Hamon Rd for bush and grass birds. Good picnic stop.

See Common Water Birds, Whistling Kite, Whiskered Tern, Superb Fairywren, Yellow-rumped Thornbill.

See Common Bush Birds, Australian Brushturkey, Wonga Pigeon, Azure Kingfisher, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Australian King Parrot, Noisy Pitta, Scarlet Myzomela, Bell Miner, Lewin's Honeyeater, White-browed Scrubwren, Brown Thornbill, Eastern Whipbird, Common Cicadabird*, Varied Triller, Australian Golden Whistler*, Spangled Drongo*, Spectacled Monarch, Rose Robin*, Silvereye, Mistletoebird, Red-browed Finch.

28. Wivenhoe Outlook

Northbrook Parkway, D'Aguilar NP, Dundas. GPS -27.296, 152.729

At corner where Northbrook Parkway becomes Mt Glorious Rd.

Outlook over lakes of the Somerset Region. Rainforest.

See Common Bush Birds, Pacific Baza, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Wonga Pigeon, Wompoo Fruit Dove, Topknot Pigeon, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Little Lorikeet, Crimson Rosella, Scarlet Myzomela, Eastern Spinebill*, White-naped Honeyeater, Spotted Pardalote*, Brown Gerygone, Brown & Striated Thornbill, Eastern Whipbird, Australian Golden Whistler*, Black-faced Monarch*, Paradise Riflebird, Eastern Yellow Robin, Russet-tailed Thrush.

29. Banool Road (& Blind Gully Road)

Off Coominya Connection Rd. GPS -27.446, 152.447

From Coominya, take Coominya Connection Rd for 6km, turn West into Watsons Rd which splits into Banool and Blind Gully Rd.

At junction, walk 500m to end of Blind Gully Rd or continue along Banool Rd. Verge parking for roadside viewing across private property. Open farmlands with dams and canals attracting grass, bush and water birds.

See Common Water Birds and Common Bush Birds, Pink-eared Duck, Australasian Shoveler, Black-necked Stork, Black-shouldered Kite, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Black Kite, Banded Lapwing, Whiskered Tern, Pallid Cuckoo*, Brown & Black Falcon, Cockatiel, Red-rumped Parrot, Superb Fairywren, Striped Honeyeater, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Grey-crowned Babbler, Ground Cuckooshrike, Fairy & Tree Martins, Brown Songlark, Australian Pipit.

30. Atkinsons Dam

Atkinsons Dam Rd. GPS -27.420, 152.448

Extensive parkland adjacent to lake, pockets of bushland, cleared farmland. Variety of fairywrens and grassbirds along water edge when water levels permit.

See Common Water Birds and Common Bush Birds, Wandering Whistling & Freckled Duck, Australasian Shoveler, Hoary-headed Grebe, Black-necked Stork, Glossy Ibis, Black-shouldered Kite, Swamp Harrier, Black Kite, Painted Buttonquail, Red-necked Avocet, Banded Lapwing, Latham's Snipe, Comb-crested Jacana, Marsh & Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Gull-billed & Whiskered Tern, Cockatiel, Striped Honeyeater, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Fairy & Tree Martins, Australian Reed Warbler, Silvereye, Plum-headed Finch, Australian Pipit.

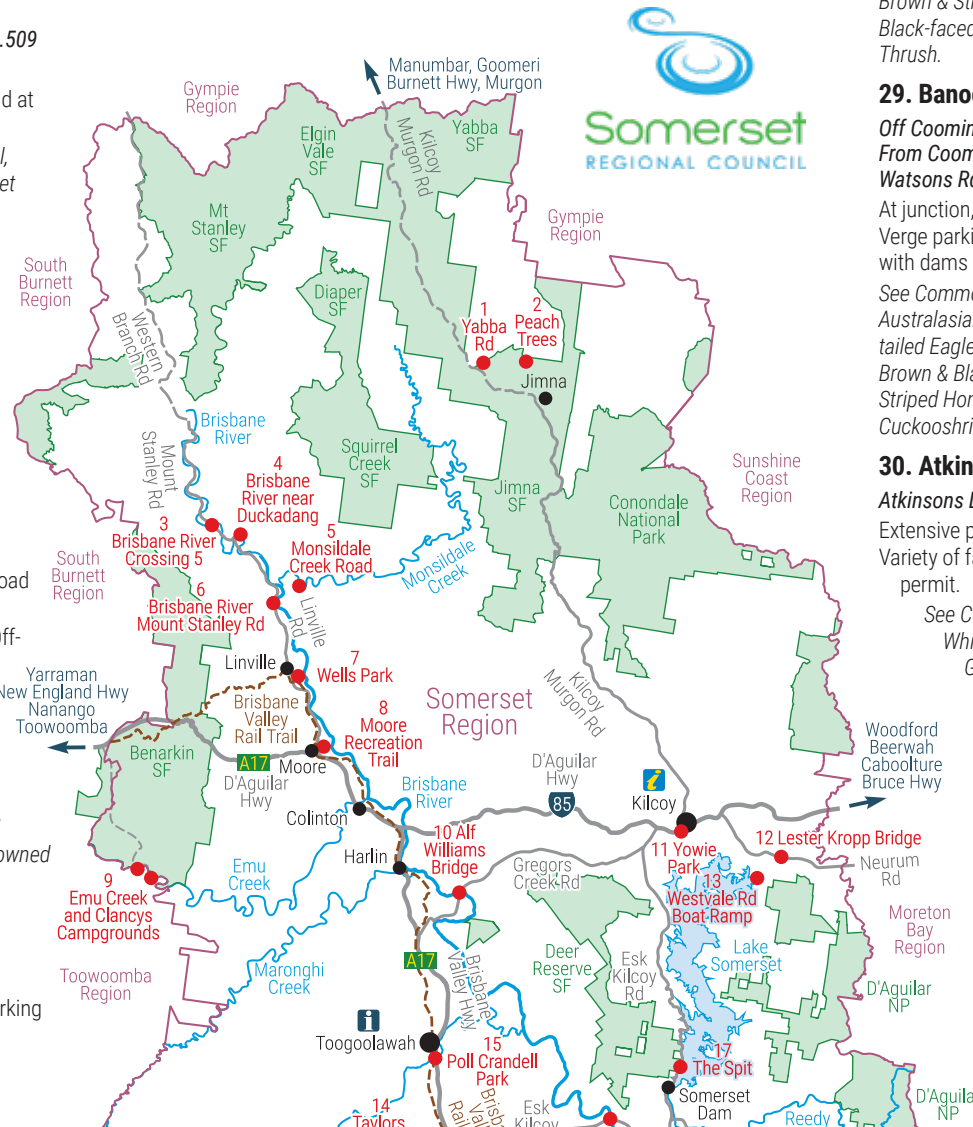
31. Boyces Road

Boyces Rd, Atkinson Dam. GPS -27.432, 152.465

Turn off Atkinsons Dam Rd into Boyces Rd.

Pull into grassed area at dam wall. Open farmland providing a vantage point to Atkinson Dam.

See Common Water Birds and Common Bush Birds, Nankeen Kestrel, Australian Hobby, Brown Falcon, Cockatiel, Striped Honeyeater, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Grey-crowned Babbler, Ground Cuckooshrike, Fairy Martin.



Australian King Parrot, Variegated Fairywren, Eastern Yellow Robin, Spotted Pardalote*, White-browed Scrubwren, Yellow-rumped, Yellow & Striated Thornbill, Eastern Whipbird, Spotted Quail-thrush, Rufous & Australian Golden* Whistler, Eastern Yellow & Rose* Robin, Silveryeye, Red-browed Finch.

20. Deongwar State Forest

Regents Rd, Redbank Creek. GPS -27.300, 152.278

20km from Esk on the Esk-Hampton Rd turn a tight right onto Regents Rd.

Unsealed road, park at entry or 50m along at start of forest track on left. Track goes through open forest with dense understorey leading to remnant rainforest.

See Common Bush Birds, Painted Buttonquail, Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Regent Bowerbird & Satin Bowerbird, White-throated Treecreeper, Variegated Fairywren, Yellow-faced* & Lewin's Honeyeater, Brown Gerygone, Striated Thornbill, Eastern Whipbird, White-bellied Cuckooshrike, Grey Shrikethrush, Spangled Drongo*, Rufous Fantail*, Black-faced Monarch*, Common Cicadabird*, Paradise Riflebird, Eastern Yellow Robin, Red-browed Finch.

21. Esk National Park and State Forest

Via Esk-Hampton Rd. GPS -27.308, 152.313

From Esk drive 12km along Esk-Hampton Rd. Turn left onto Esk Forest Rd.

Follow gravel road for 5km, keeping right at the fork before reaching water tanks at boundary track. Walk the National Park boundary track downhill to the right.

See Common Bush Birds, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Australian King Parrot, Regent Bowerbird, White-throated Treecreeper, Variegated Fairywren, Scarlet Myzomela, Eastern Spinebill*, White-throated & Yellow-faced* Honeyeater, White-browed Scrubwren, Brown Gerygone, Brown, Yellow & Striated Thornbill, Eastern Whipbird, Spotted Quail-thrush, Varied Sittella, Grey Shrikethrush, Spangled Drongo*, Black-faced Monarch*, Common Cicadabird*, Leaden Flycatcher*, Eastern Yellow Robin, Silveryeye, Mistletoebird, Red-browed Finch.

22. Mount Hallen

Old Station Rd, Mt Hallen. GPS -27.315, 152.407

11km from Esk on Gatton-Esk Rd turn left into Old Station Rd.

Continue 100m along unsealed road to access BVRT over low fence. Walk along trail both directions through open forest and woodland. BVRT crosses Gatton-Esk Rd with similar habitat.

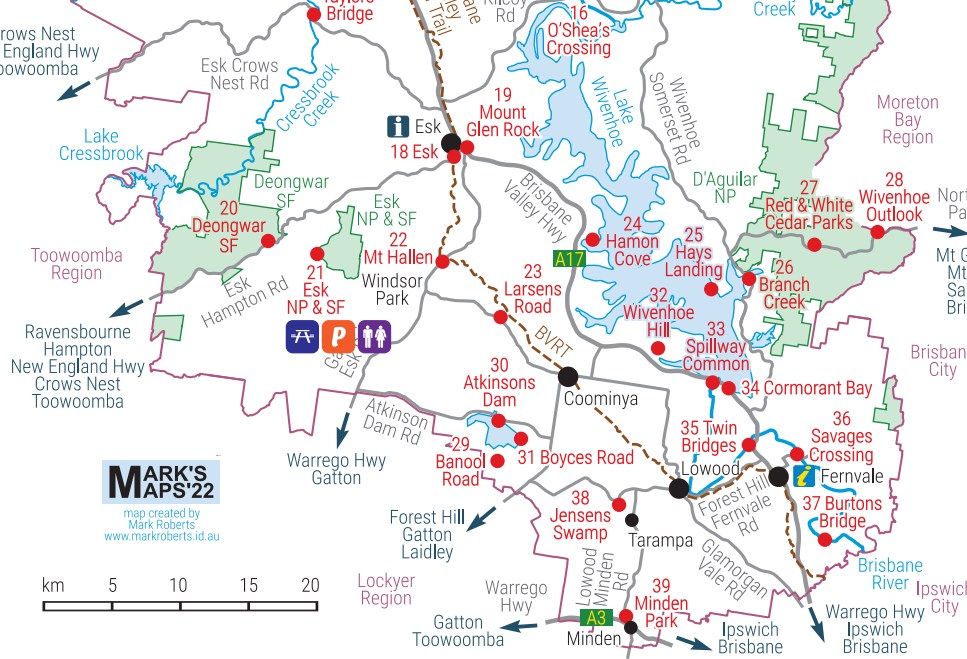
See Common Bush Birds, Black-shouldered Kite, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Whistling Kite, Common Bronzewing, Squatter Pigeon, Horsfield's Bronze* & Shining Bronze Cuckoo, Brown Falcon, Scarlet Myzomela, Black-chinned, White-throated, Yellow-faced* & Fuscous Honeyeater, Spotted Pardalote*, Yellow Thornbill, White-bellied Cuckooshrike, Varied Sittella, Leaden Flycatcher*, White-winged Chough, Jacky Winter, Red-browed Finch, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin.

23. Larsens Rd.

Larsens Rd between Mt Hallen and Coominya. GPS-27.351, 152.450

13km from Esk on the Esk-Gatton Rd, turn left onto Willaura Drive. Approx. 6 km along turn left onto unsealed section of Larsens Rd.

Park on verge 1km down road and walk along roadside to view bush birds. Open forest with dense understorey.



25. Hays Landing (and Billies Bay)

Hine/Bryden Rd, Lake Wivenhoe. GPS -27.333, 152.606

From Wivenhoe-Somerset Rd, take Hine/Bryden Rd (either name is used). Follow signage to both destinations. Approx. 3km. Good picnic stop. Open parkland, grassland adjacent to Lake Wivenhoe. Verge parking along access road to see more bush birds.

See Common Water Birds, Cotton Pygmy Goose, Whistling Kite, Comb-crested Jacana, Gull-billed & Whiskered Tern, Common Bronzewing, Superb Fairywren, Striped & White-throated Honeyeater, Grey-crowned Babbler, Varied Sittella, Leaden Flycatcher, Tree Martin, Silveryeye, Red-browed Finch, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin, Australian Pipit.

26. Branch Creek (& Kipper Creek Road)

Wivenhoe-Somerset Rd, Lake Wivenhoe. GPS -27.327, 152.634

Branch Creek parking area 13km from Brisbane Valley Highway overlooks grassland at Branch Creek inlet. Kipper Creek Rd, off Wivenhoe-Somerset Rd, 300m south with verge parking only. Continue for 3km to access track into State Forest (RHS).

See Common Water Birds and Common Bush Birds, Shining Bronze & Brush* Cuckoo, Nankeen Kestrel, Brown Falcon, Little Lorikeet, Scarlet Myzomela, Striped & White-throated Honeyeater, Spotted Pardalote*, White-browed Scrubwren, Grey-crowned Babbler, Eastern Whipbird, Common Cicadabird*, White-winged* & Varied Triller, Eastern Yellow Robin, Fairy Martin, Mistletoebird, Red-browed Finch.

27. Red & White Cedar Parks

Northbrook Parkway, D'Aguilar NP, Dundas. GPS -27.304, 152.682

Follow signs to Red Cedar or White Cedar Parks open parkland adjacent to Northbrook Creek, surrounded by rainforest. Good picnic stop.

32. Wivenhoe Hill

Fig Tree Rd, Wivenhoe Hill. -27.372, 152.566
5km towards Esk from the Lake Wivenhoe Dam Wall on the Brisbane Valley Hwy. Turn into Hay Rd, continue onto Fig Tree Rd. Turn right to the parking area.

Access over 12 kms of walking trails through open forest with views of Lake Wivenhoe. A popular area for horse riders.

See Common Water Birds, Whistling Kite, Forest Kingfisher, White-throated Honeyeater, Pied Currawong, Varied Sittella, Grey Shrikethrush, Spangled Drongo*, Leaden Flycatcher*, Red-browed Finch.

33. Spillway Common

Spillway Common, Lake Wivenhoe. GPS -27.396, 152.609
7km north-west from Fernvale on the Brisbane Valley Hwy, turn into Spillway Common.

Diverse habitat with open parkland, grassland, and bushland. Entry road through bushland with verge parking for further exploration.

See Common Water Birds, Eastern Osprey, Brown Goshawk, Whistling Kite, Common Bronzewing, Peaceful Dove, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Sacred Kingfisher*, Little Corella, Little Lorikeet, Superb Fairywren, Scarlet Myzomela, White-throated Honeyeater, White-browed Scrubwren, Varied Sittella, Australian Golden Whistler*, Grey Shrikethrush, Leaden Flycatcher*, Fairy Martin, Silveryeye, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin.

34. Cormorant Bay

Brisbane Valley Highway, Cormorant Bay. GPS -27.399, 152.618

Turn right 8km from Fernvale on the Brisbane Valley Hwy. Adjacent to Wivenhoe Dam Wall.

Named for prevalence of Little Black Cormorants. Sealed roads, parkland. Lake Trail Loop 3.5km bushwalk (see information board).

See Common Water Birds and Common Bush Birds, Common Bronzewing, Gull-billed & Whiskered Tern, Pied Cormorant, Black Bittern, Nankeen Night-Heron, Glossy Ibis, Collared Sparrowhawk, Black & Whistling Kite, White-throated Honeyeater, Brown Thornbill, Grey-crowned Babbler, Eastern Whipbird, Golden Whistler*, Pied Currawong.

35. Twin Bridges

Wivenhoe Pocket Rd. GPS -27.436, 152.633

Turn off Brisbane Valley Hwy 2km north of Fernvale.

Picnic area and facilities on elevated treed area above river crossing. Popular on weekends. River access, surrounded by cleared farmland with eucalypt woodland along both sides of river.

See Common Water Birds and Common Bush Birds, Eastern Osprey, Black-shouldered, Black, Whistling & Brahminy Kite, Peaceful Dove, Little Corella, Little Lorikeet, Australian King Parrot, Superb Fairywren, Fairy Martin, Plum-headed Finch, Chestnut-breasted Mannikin.

Legend



Toilets



Access for mobility impaired



Barbecues



Off street parking



Shelter



Track maps