

 Magnetic Island is the perfect holiday location for bird watching or 'birding'. The island has recorded 186 native birds, and it offers them a wide variety of habitats.

Some of these quirky characters like the bush stone-curlew, the majestic brahmny kite and the industrious Australian brush turkey are permanent residents, but depending on the season there will also be a few 'visitors' resting on their migration routes.

The most comprehensive list of local birdlife can be found at [NQ Dry Tropics](http://www.nqdrytropics.com.au/birds-our-region). Go through their A-Z listings.

During the wet season (January to March) you'll also find that the [Horseshoe Bay](bushwalking) Lagoon comes alive, and walking it's boardwalk is a great way to check out the bird activity.

(Photos courtesy of [Claudia Gaber](http://www.magneticislandphotos.com)).

**Walk the Arcadia Nature Walk and learn more about the wildlife, birds, significant trees and landscape.**

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