Far North Queensland is without doubt one of Australia’s top birding destinations. A variety of tropical habitats including tropical rainforests, palm-fringed beaches, mangrove-lined mudflats, tropical savannahs and cool mountain ranges result in a bird diversity unparalleled elsewhere in the country. Traversing the unique Cape York Peninsula from Cairns, during this tour we aim to find all Far North Queensland specialties. Expect up to 200 species including all the important birds this area is well-known for such as Magnificent Riflebird, Frill-necked Monarch, White-streaked Honeyeater, nesting Red Goshawks, Palm Cockatoo, Eclectus Parrot, Yellow-bellied Kingfisher and of course Cassowary. We’ll have rare access to Golden-shouldered Parrot nesting sites; explore Lakefield National Park; we’ll go night spotting for owls and mammals; and we’ll spend three days in Iron Range National Park, one of Australia’s most important ecosystems. This tour links with our Queensland Tropics tour around Cairns. Below follows the full itinerary.

Tour starts and ends: Cairns, Qld

Scheduled departure date(s):
- 29 May 2018
- Any time as a private tour (subject to availability)

Price: AU$3,999 all-inclusive (discounts available)
Leader: Steve Potter and/or local guide
Trip reports and photos of previous tours: http://www.bellbirdtours.com/reports

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Tour details

Tour starts & finishes: Cairns, Qld.

Scheduled departure and return dates:
Tour commences with dinner on 28 May 2018. Please arrive on or before 28 May. Tour finishes after lunch on 4 June 2018. Please depart on or after 4 June. Itinerary contains further details.

Leader: Steve Potter.

Difficulty: Low/Medium/High/Excellent level of fitness required. The tour has a relaxed pace and walks are on varying surfaces, from paved roads to sandy or rocky walking trails with some short climbs. We generally walk slowly, with lots of stops. You can opt out of any challenging walks. The tour contains some long drive on (at times corrugated) gravel roads.

What to bring: Please travel light. Binoculars, camera, mobile phone, chargers, power converter if you’re an international guest, insect repellent, sunscreen, personal medications, sun hat, water bottle, hand sanitizer. Sturdy footwear recommended. Scopes, super-telephoto lenses with tripods, and heavy suitcases discouraged.

Clothing: Lightweight long pants, t-shirt and long-sleeved shirt, over the top of which you can wear layers that can be taken off as necessary, including a warm jumper/sweater and a rain-proof jacket. Neat casual attire for dinners.

Group size: Minimum 4, maximum 8 participants.

Cost: AU$3,999 per person including accommodation and all meals, based on double or twin-share occupancy. Single occupancy surcharge of $490. Not included: drinks, tips, personal expenses. Earlybird discount of $99 for bookings received up to 6 months before departure date. Return-client discount may apply.

Bookings: Online at http://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings or please complete the booking form in the back of this brochure.
Far North Queensland birding tour

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This tour links with our Queensland Tropics tour from 21-28 May. Book both to receive a discount!

Day 0: Monday 28 May. Arrive in Cairns. Please make your own way to Cairns and to our hotel where we will all meet for dinner, introductions and orientation. Overnight Cairns Plaza Foreshore Hotel (en-suite hotel room; meals included: D).

Day 1: Tuesday 29 May. Cairns to Musgrave. After breakfast we commence our trip up the Cape York Peninsula. The Peninsula Development road traverses various habitats to the township of Laura, where we turn east to start birding the southern end of Lakefield National Park. Travelling through a range of habitats our target species will include many species of Honeyeater, Friarbirds, raptors, a number of finch species and others. Here we look for Black-backed Butcherbird, Red Goshawk, Star Finch, Black-throated Finch, Bar-breasted and Rufous-throated Honeyeater. We’ll stay out for dusk, having a good chance to pick up some great night birds including Grass Owl. Overnight Musgrave Roadhouse (en-suite room; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 2: Wednesday 30 May. Musgrave area & Lakefield NP. We depart early to go birding in the northern sections of Lakefield National Park, then we’ll turn east towards Princess Charlotte Bay. Today we’ll search for two major targets: the beautiful and very restricted Golden-shouldered Parrot and the rare Red Goshawk. Other good species we’ll come across include Rufous-throated and Rufous-banded Honeyeater, Star Finch, Black-breasted Buzzard and Black-necked Stork. At the end of the day we return to Musgrave for another chance of night-birding if required. Overnight Musgrave Roadhouse (en-suite room; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 3: Thursday 31 May. Musgrave to Iron Range NP. In the morning, we have another chance of any targets missed. We’ll then drive the Peninsula Development road through Coen to Iron Range National Park in the afternoon. Overnight Iron Range cabins (en-suite cabin; meals included: B, L, D).
Day 4: Friday 1 June. Iron Range NP. An early morning departure allows us to spend the entire day in and around the rainforests of Iron Range National Park, one of Australia’s premier and unique eco-systems. From tall forest to heath to coastal bush, Iron range has a diversity of habitat and a range of wildlife found nowhere else on the planet. We shall target such gems as Marbled Frogmouth, White-throated and Large-tailed Nightjar, Yellow-billed Kingfisher, Red-cheeked Parrot, Brown Booby, a variety of Terns, Black-eared Catbird, Fawn-breasted Bowerbird, Green-backed Honeyeater, Tropical Scrubwren, Grey Whistler, Northern Scrubrobin, Magnificent Riflebird, Trumpet Manucode, Tawny-breasted and White-streaked Honeyeater, robin, White-eared & Frill-necked Monarch, Trumpet Manucode, Lemon-bellied & Yellow-legged Flycatcher, Magnificent Riflebird, White-faced Robin, Lovely Fairywren and of course the highly sought-after Palm Cockatoo and Eclectus Parrot and many more. We spend all day exploring this magnificent national park. Overnight **Iron Range cabins** (en-suite cabin; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 5: Saturday 2 June. Iron Range NP. Today we head to the northern side of the Iron Range and adjacent coasts, around the scenic settlement of Portland Roads. Here we’ll search for Tropical Scrubwren, Double-eyed Fig-Parrot, Mangrove Robin, Eclectus Parrot, Frill-necked Monarch, Fawn-breasted Bowerbird, Green-backed and Varied Honeyeaters plus any birds we may have missed earlier. We’ll check the roads and forest at night for Common Spotted Cuscus and other nocturnal mammals before returning to our accommodation. Overnight **Iron Range cabins** (en-suite cabin; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 6: Sunday 3 June. Iron Range NP to Musgrave. A final morning birding the rainforests of Iron Range National Park picking up any species still needed and no doubt seeing more of the species we’ve seen on previous days. We then commence the drive south again, while continuing to enjoy the birdlife of Cape York and picking up any birds not yet seen along the way. Overnight **Musgrave Roadhouse** (en-suite cabin; meals included: B, L, D).
Day 7: Monday 4 June. Musgrave to Cairns. If necessary, first thing in the morning we’ll head out to look for the critically endangered Golden-Shouldered Parrot at their nesting sites inside termite mounds. We then continue the drive south, continuing to bird along the way, until we reach Cairns late in the afternoon. You will be dropped off at the airport for your flight home (own arrangements) or at a hotel of your choice (own arrangements) around dinner time (meals included: B, L).

Price inclusions and exclusions:

Included: All meals (except Dinner on day 7) commencing with Dinner on Day 0 and finishing with Lunch on Day 7, some snacks, unlimited drinking water refills. Accommodation in private en-suite rooms, transport using comfortable and reliable 4WD vehicle, expert guiding, any entry fees, taxes.

Excluded: Travel to & from departure and finish points, Pre- & post trip accommodation, Dinner on Day 7, drinks except where provided, personal expenses, minibar purchases, tips, insurance, anything not specifically included.

Bookings: Please book online: [http://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings](http://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings) or complete the booking form in the back of this brochure.

Pre- and post-tour options:
If you wish to stay in Cairns for one or more days before or after the tour, we can arrange your accommodation for you - please tick the relevant box on the booking form. We can book this for you and add the cost to your tour price. We can also provide you with tips and hints for pre- and post tour birding or tourist attractions.

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Possible species list

EMU
SOUTHERN CASSOWARY
AUSTRALIAN BRUSH-TURKEY
ORANGE-FOOTED SCRUBFOWL
STUBBLE QUAIL
BROWN QUAIL
KING QUAIL
MAGPIE GOOSE
PLUMED WHISTLING DUCK
WANDERING WHISTLING DUCK
FRECKLED DUCK
BLACK SWAN
RADJAH SHELDUCK
AUSTRALIAN WOOD DUCK
PINK EARED DUCK
COTTON PYGMY-GOOSE
GREEN PYGMY-GOOSE
AUSTRALASIAN SHOVELER
GARGANEY
GREY TEAL
CHESTNUT TEAL
PACIFIC BLACK DUCK
HARDHEAD
AUSTRALASIAN GREBE
HOARY-HEADED GREBE
GREAT CRESTED GREBE
ROCK DOVE
WHITE HEADED PIGEON
FERAL PIGEON
SPOTTED DOVE
BROWN CUCKOO-DOVE
EMERALD DOVE
COMMON BRONZE WING
CRESTED PIGEON
SQUATTER PIGEON
DIAMOND DOVE
PEACEFUL DOVE
BAR-SHOULDERED DOVE
WOMPOO FRUIT-DOVE
SUPERB FRUIT-DOVE
ROSE-CROWNED FRUIT-DOVE
PIED IMPERIAL-PIGEON
TOPKNOT PIGEON
TAWNY FROGMOUTH
PAPUAN FROGMOUTH
MARbled FROGMOUTH
WEDGE-TAILED SHEARWATER
GREAT FRIGATEBIRD
LESSER FRIGATEBIRD
MASKED BOOBY
BROWN BOOBY
WHITE-THROATED NIGHTJAR
SPOTTED NIGHTJAR
LARGE-TAILED NIGHTJAR
AUSTRALIAN OWLET-NIGHTJAR
WHITE-RUMPED SWIFTLET
AUSTRALIAN SWIFTLET
WHITE-THROATED NEEDLETAIL
FORK-TAILED SWIFT
AUSTRALASIAN DARTER
LITTLE PIED CORMORANT
GREAT CORMORANT
LITTLE BLACK CORMORANT
PIED CORMORANT
AUSTRALIAN PELICAN
BLACK-NECKED STORK
BLACK BITTERN
LITTLE BITTERN
WHITE-NECKED HERON
EASTERN GREAT EGRET
EASTERN REEF-EGRET
STRIATED HERON
GREAT-BILLED HERON
INTERMEDIATE EGRET
CATTLE EGRET
PIED HERON
WHITE FACED HERON
LITTLE EGRET
NANKEEN NIGHT-HERON
GLOSSY IBIS
AUSTRALIAN WHITE-IBIS
STRAW-NECKED IBIS
ROYAL SPOONBILL
YELLOW-BILLED SPOONBILL
EASTERN OSPREY
BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE
SQUARE-TAILED KITE
BLACK-BREASTED BUZZARD
PACIFIC BAZZA
WHITE-BELLED SEA-EAGLE
WHISTLING KITE
BRAHMINY KITE
BLACK KITE
BROWN GOSHAWK
COLLARED SPARROWHAWK
GREY GOSHAHK
SPOTTED HARRIER
SWAMP HARRIER
RED GOSHAWK
WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE
LITTLE EAGLE
NANKEEN KESTREL
BROWN FALCON
AUSTRALIAN HOBBY
BLACK FALCON
PEREGRINE FALCON
SARUS CRANE
BROLGA
PURPLE SWAMPHEN
BUSH HEN
BAILLON'S CRAKE
WHITE-BROWED CRAKE
RED NECKED CRAKE
LEWIN'S RAIL
BUFF-BANDED RAIL
BALLONS CRAKE
SPOTLESS CRAKE
WHITE-BROWED CRAKE
PALE VENTED BUSH-HEN
DUSKY MOORHEN
EURASIAN COOT
AUSTRALIAN BUSTARD
WEEBILL
BROWN GERYGONE
LARGE-BILLED GERYGONE
FAIRY GERYGONE
WHITE-THROATED GERYGONE
YELLOW THORNBILL
YELLOW-RUMPED THORNBILL
BUFF-RUMPED THORNBILL
MOUNTAIN THORNBILL
SPOTTED PARDALOTE
RED-BROWED PARDALOTE
STRiated PARDALOTE
EASTERN SPINEBILL
GREEN-BACKED HONEYEATER
RED-HEADED HONEYEATER
LEWINS HONEYEATER
YELLOW-THROATED MINER
BROWN-BACKED HONEYEATER
RUFOUS-THROATED HONEYEATER
DUSKY HONEYEATER
SCARLET HONEYEATER
WHITE GAPED HONEYEATER
WHITE-CHEEKED HONEYEATER
BLACK-CHINNED HONEYEATER
WHITE-THROATED HONEYEATER
WHITE-NAPPED HONEYEATER
BLUE-FACED HONEYEATER
WHITE-GAPED HONEYEATER
VARED HONEYEATER
YELLOW-TINTED HONEYEATER
WHITE-STREAKED HONEYEATER
BAR-BREASTED HONEYEATER
TAWNY-BREASTED HONEYEATER
RUFOUS-BANDED HONEYEATER
HELMETED FRIARBIRD
SILVER-CROWNED FRIARBIRD
NOISY FRIARBIRD
LITTLE FRIARBIRD
MACLEAYS HONEYEATER
GREY-CROWNED BABBLEr
GREY-HEADED ROBIN
WHITE-BROWED ROBIN
HORSFIELDS BUSHLARK
RUROUS SONGLARK
GOLDEN-HEADED CISTICOLA
ZITTING CISTICOLA
AUSTRALIAN REED-WARBLER
TAWNY GRASSBIRD
SILVEREYE
BARN SWALLOW
WELCOME SWALLOW
FAIRY MARTIN
TREE MARTIN
RED-RUMPED SWALLOW
BASSIAN THRUSH
RUSSET-TAILED THRUSH
METALLIC STARLING
COMMON MYNA
MISTLETOEBIRD
OLIVE-BACKED SUNBIRD
ZEBRA FINCH
DOUBLE-BARRED FINCH
BLACK-BREASTED FINCH
PLUM-BEADED FINCH
RED-BROWED FINCH
MASKED FINCH
STAR FINCH
CRIMSON FINCH
BLUE-FACED PARROT-FINCH
NUTMEG MANNIKIN
Chestnut-BREasted MANNIKIN
HOUSE SPARROW
AUSTRALIAN PIPIT
WHITE-BEADED TREECREEPER
BROWN TREECREEPER
SPOTTED CATBIRD
TOOTH-BILLED BOWERBIRD
FAWN-BREASTED BOWERBIRD
GOLDEN BOWERBIRD
SATIN BOWERBIRD
GREAT BOWERBIRD
RED-BACKED FAIRY-WREN
LOVELY FAIRYWREN
FERNWREN
MAKED WOODSWALLOW
WHITE-BROWED WOODSWALLOW
BLACK-FACED WOODSWALLOW
DUSKY WOODSWALLOW
LITTLE WOODSWALLOW
BLACK BUTCHERBIRD
BLACK-BACKED BUTCHERBIRD
GREY BUTCHERBIRD
PIED BUTCHERBIRD
AUSTRALIAN MAGPIE
PIED CURRAWONG
SPANGLED DRONGO
RUFOUS FANTAIL
GREY FANTAIL
NORTHERN FANTAIL
WILLIE WAGTAIL
TORRESIAN CROW
LEADEN FLYCATCHER
SATIN FLYCATCHER
SHINING FLYCATCHER
RESTLESS FLYCATCHER
YELLOW-LEGGED FLYCATCHER
MANGROVE ROBIN
WHITE-FACED ROBIN
NORTHERN SCRUB-ROBIN
WHITE-EARED MONARCH
BLACK-FACED MONARCH
SPECTACLED MONARCH
FRILL-NECKED MONARCH
BLACK-WINGED MONARCH
BROAD-BILLED FLYCATCHER
MAGPIE-LARK
PIED MONARCH
YELLOW-BREASTED BOATBIL
APSTLEBIRD
VICTORIAS RIFLEBIRD
MAGNIFICENT RIFLEBIRD
TRUMPET MANUCODE
JACKY WINTER
LEMON-BELLIED FLYCATCHER
PALE-YELLOW ROBIN
EASTERN YELLOW ROBIN
Tour Booking Form

This form contains 3 pages. Please print out and complete each page, and sign where indicated. Scan and email, or send by postal mail, with payment (see last page) to the address above.

Tour details:

Name of tour__________________________________________________________

Starting and Ending dates________________________________________________

Your details:

Name and address of the registrant(s) (only 1 form is needed for people residing at the same address)

Name(s)________________________________________________________________________

Date of birth________________________________________________________________________

Address________________________________________________________________________

Identification document and number (passport for international visitors)__________________

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Telephone (Home)________________________________________

(Work)________________________________________(Mobile)________________________________

Email________________________________

☐ tick if you do not want to receive future updates, news and special offers from Bellbird Tours by email

Emergency Contact Name, relationship and telephone number (required field)

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Accommodation requirements (please tick):

☐ Single Room (surcharge applies)

☐ Double Room (2 people, 1 bed, usually queen-size, but this cannot always be guaranteed)

☐ Twin Share (2 people, 2 beds) (If you are a solo traveller and want to share a room: we will try to team you up with another solo traveller, however this cannot be guaranteed. Single surcharge applies for single occupancy)

Medical conditions and dietary requirements:

Do you have any medical conditions (eg. disabilities, illnesses or allergies) that might restrict your full involvement in any aspect of the tour?

No / Yes

If Yes, please provide details: __________________________________________
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If you have other special requirements (eg dietary requirements), please advise. While we cannot guarantee to accommodate them, we will make every attempt to do so.

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Optional extras:

Please indicate if you would like us to arrange any of the following (we’ll contact you to discuss):

☐ Domestic flights
☐ International flights
☐ Travel insurance
☐ Pre and/or post tour hotel bookings

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Terms and Conditions:
Please read the terms and conditions and the release of liability waiver (both can be found on http://www.bellbirdtours.com/terms-and-conditions), then sign below.

I/we agree to book this tour. I/we have read and understood, and accept the terms and conditions. I/we accept the release and waiver from liability.

Signature 1: __________________________ Signature 2: __________________________

Print Name 1: __________________________ Name 2: __________________________

Date: __________________________ Date: __________________________

To secure a seat, a deposit of 20% of the tour price is required at the time of booking. Full payment is due 60 days prior to the departure date. Until full payment has been received, Bellbird Tours reserves the right to change the tour price (eg due to changing fuel prices).

Please tick which of the following payment options you will be using to pay the deposit:

- Domestic electronic funds transfer: please send funds to the following bank account:
  - bank: Australia & New Zealand Bank (ANZ), 112 Rundle Mall, Adelaide SA 5000
  - account name: Bellbird Tours Pty Ltd
  - Branch No. (BSB) 015-140  Account No. 206136528
    - Please use your surname as the booking reference.

- Visa & Mastercard: through Pin Payments (an easy, secure online payment system). They charge us a fee of 1.75%, which unfortunately we have to pass on to you. Please contact us if you want to use this option, and we’ll email you a link to a secure payment page.

- PayPal & other credit cards through PayPal: They charge us a fee of between 2.5-3.5% to receive your money, which unfortunately we have to pass on to you. Please contact us if you want to use this option, and we’ll email you a secure PayPal invoice.

- International electronic funds transfer: please send funds in Australian Dollars (+ bank charges or AU$20 bank transaction fee, see notes below) to the following bank account:
  - international swift code: anzbau3m (no IBAN codes are used in Australia)
  - bank: Australia & New Zealand Bank (ANZ), 112 Rundle Mall, Adelaide SA 5000
  - account name: Bellbird Tours Pty Ltd
  - Branch No. (BSB) 015-140  Account No. 206136528
    - If possible, please use your surname as the booking reference.
    - If you are asked to provide our physical address, this is: 101 Chilton Road, Berri, SA 5343, Australia.
    - Please specify AU$ as the recipient’s currency, and the correct amount. Select the option for you to incur any charges at both ends; if no such option exists, please add AU$20 to cover the bank fee at the recipient’s end. Any discrepancy between the amount payable and amount received will be added to the final balance, or payable in cash at the start of the tour. Prices and fees are not negotiable.