



Secrets of Port Douglas & Daintree



The Secrets to the Birds of Paradise

- Take an early morning cruise on the Daintree River - the perfect time of the day!. Famous for Kingfishers and the Great-billed Heron, among others. Often 40 species in a morning.
- Look for the legendary Southern Cassowary while visiting the Daintree rainforest and learn about its significance for the rainforest. While there, look for fruit-doves, pitta and other rainforest specialties.
- Search for shorebirds along the beaches, mud flats and estuaries at low tide. There are many more migratory species over the summer months.
- Watch the fields for raptors when the sugar cane is being harvested - kites, kestrels and others searching for food.
- Keep an eye out for seabirds when taking a tour to the Great Barrier Reef - a variety of terns plus gulls, frigate-birds, boobies and others.
- Explore the roads of the Daintree Valley. With a variety of habitats including rainforest, pasture, wetlands and creeks, you can see kingfishers, bee-eaters, fairy-wrens, honey-eaters and much more.
- Enjoy the summer migratory season from late-October, when birds arrive from New Guinea to breed. The beautiful Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher nests in termite mounds on the forest floor.
- Look around the streets nearby to your accommodation - at night Bush Stone-Curlews often roam the streets and parklands.
- Watch the Cattle Egrets fly in their thousands to roost at sunset.
- Did you know that Tropical North Queensland is the richest area in Australia for birdlife? Pick up a local bird list and see how many you can see!