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South East Queensland (SEQ) is one of the most species-rich and diverse parts of Australia, and the world.

Healthy Land & Water supports many biodiversity projects, some of which aim to support bird conservation. Birds are essential parts of our ecosystems and enrich our lives. They are recognised environmental indicators and through their monitoring we can tell if our ecosystems are healthy.

This fact sheet gives an overview of some of the bird conservation projects Healthy Land & Water supports in the SEQ region.

## Protecting priority bird species

SEQ 'Back on Track' Actions for Biodiversity, an initiative of the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM), identifies native wildlife that are a priority for conservation action.

With funding from the Queensland Government's Q2 Coasts and Country program, Healthy Land & Water is undertaking habitat mapping and supporting on-ground actions to reduce threats to selected species.

Bird species being addressed through this project are:

- Eastern Bristlebird.
- Red Goshawk.
- Black-breasted Button-Quail.
- Glossy Black-Cockatoo.
- Beach Stone-Curlew.

Through workshops with bird experts from around SEQ, parameters such as nesting and feeding requirements are being identified to define habitats, including essential habitat for threatened species. The resultant mapping assists government planning and decision-making as well as guiding on-ground and research action.

The project is being undertaken in partnership with Burnett Mary Regional Group and DERM.



Red Goshawk



Beach Stone-Curlew



Eastern Bristlebird



## Glossy Black Conservancy

Glossy Black-Cockatoo, *Calyptorhynchus lathami*, is one of the more threatened species of cockatoo in Australia and is listed as vulnerable under QLD and New South Wales (NSW) legislation.

The Glossy Black Conservancy seeks to increase awareness and promote a collaborative conservation management approach for Glossy Black-Cockatoos across SEQ and the north coast of NSW.

Healthy Land and Water is a partner of the Glossy Black Conservancy and assists with:

- Community awareness and education;
- Promotion of events and activities;
- Development of Conservation Guidelines and fact sheets;
- Providing resources and funding for Conservancy activities; and
- Development of habitat maps.



Glossy Black-Cockatoo

## Reducing disturbance to shorebirds

About 40,000 shorebirds of 32 species migrate to Moreton Bay each year, a further 3,500 shorebirds of 10 species are considered residents. Disturbance to shorebirds is a well-known stress that affects long term survival and breeding success. Uncontrolled dogs and walkers account for 40% of disturbances to shorebirds within Moreton Bay.

In 2012-13 a new project will help conserve shorebirds by conducting strategic community awareness activities targeted at dog walkers.



Pied Oystercatcher



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Healthy Land & Water also works on a range of other broader biodiversity projects which improve outcomes for bird conservation.

Some of these projects include:

- Conservation of endangered ecological communities
- Land for Wildlife, voluntary nature conservation
- Border Ranges Alliance



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