- ☐ Australian Brush Turkey
- ☐ Magpie Goose
- ☐ Wandering Whistling Duck
- ☐ Black Swan
- ☐ Pacific Black Duck
- ☐ Australasian Grebe
- ☐ Darter
- ☐ Little Pied Cormorant
- ☐ Little Black Cormorant
- ☐ Australian Pelican
- ☐ White-faced Heron
- ☐ Little Egret
- ☐ Eastern Reef Egret
- ☐ Great Egret
- ☐ Intermediate Egret
- ☐ Cattle Egret
- ☐ Striated Heron
- ☐ Australian White Ibis
- ☐ Straw-necked Ibis
- ☐ Royal Spoonbill
- ☐ Black-necked Stork
- ☐ Osprey
- ☐ Black Kite
- ☐ Whistling Kite
- ☐ Brahminy Kite
- ☐ White-bellied Sea-Eagle
- ☐ Brown Goshawk
- ☐ Wedge-tailed Eagle
- ☐ Australian Hobby
- ☐ Peregrine Falcon
- ☐ Nankeen Kestrel
- ☐ Brolga
- ☐ Bar-tailed Godwit
- ☐ Little Curlew
- ☐ Whimbrel
- ☐ Eastern Curlew
- ☐ Marsh Sandpiper
- ☐ Common Greenshank
- ☐ Terek Sandpiper
- ☐ Grey-tailed Tattler
- ☐ Ruddy Turnstone
- ☐ Great Knot
- ☐ Red Knot
- ☐ Red-necked Stint
- ☐ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
- ☐ Beach Stone-curlew
- ☐ Pied Oystercatcher
- ☐ Black-winged Stilt
- ☐ Pacific Golden Plover
- ☐ Red-capped Plover
- ☐ Lesser Sand Plover
- ☐ Greater Sand Plover
- ☐ Black-fronted Dotterel
- ☐ Masked Lapwing
- ☐ Silver Gull
- ☐ Gull-billed Tern
- ☐ Caspian Tern
- ☐ Lesser Crested Tern
- ☐ Crested Tern
- ☐ Little Tern
- ☐ Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon)
- ☐ Crested Pigeon
- ☐ Diamond Dove
- ☐ Peaceful Dove
- ☐ Bar-shouldered Dove
- ☐ Wompoo Fruit-Dove
- ☐ Pied Imperial-Pigeon
- ☐ Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo
- ☐ Galah
- ☐ Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
- ☐ Rainbow Lorikeet
- ☐ Scaly-breasted Lorikeet
- ☐ Red-winged Parrot
- ☐ Pale-headed Rosella
- ☐ Brush Cuckoo
- ☐ Fan-tailed Cuckoo
- ☐ Little Bronze-Cuckoo
- ☐ Gould's Bronze-Cuckoo
- ☐ Common Koel
- ☐ Channel-billed Cuckoo
- ☐ Pheasant Coucal
- ☐ White-throated Needletail
- ☐ Fork-tailed Swift
- ☐ White-rumped Swiftlet
- ☐ Azure kingfisher
- ☐ Little Kingfisher
- ☐ Laughing Kookaburra
- ☐ Blue-winged Kookaburra
- ☐ Forest Kingfisher
- ☐ Sacred Kingfisher
- ☐ Collared Kingfisher
- ☐ Rainbow Bee-eater
- ☐ Dollarbird
- ☐ Lovely Fairy-wren
- ☐ Red-backed Fairy-wren
- ☐ Striated Pardalote
- ☐ Mangrove Gerygone
- ☐ Large-billed Gerygone
- ☐ Fairy Gerygone
- ☐ Helmeted Friarbird
- ☐ Noisy Friarbird
- ☐ Little Friarbird
- ☐ Blue-faced Honeyeater
- ☐ Yellow-spotted Honeyeater
- ☐ Graceful Honeyeater
- ☐ Bridled Honeyeater
- ☐ Varied Honeyeater
- ☐ White-gaped Honeyeater
- ☐ Yellow Honeyeater
- ☐ White-throated Honeyeater
- ☐ Brown Honeyeater
- ☐ Brown-backed Honeyeater
- ☐ Dusky Honeyeater
- ☐ Mangrove Robin
- ☐ White-browed Robin
- ☐ Little Shrike-thrush
- ☐ Spectacled Monarch
- ☐ Leaden Flycatcher
- ☐ Shining Flycatcher
- ☐ Magpie-lark
- ☐ Grey Fantail
- ☐ Willie Wagtail
- ☐ Spangled Drongo
- ☐ Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
- ☐ Barred Cuckoo-shrike
- ☐ White-winged Triller
- ☐ Varied Triller
- ☐ Olive-backed Oriole
- ☐ Figbird
- ☐ White-breasted Woodswallow
- ☐ Black Butcherbird
- ☐ Pied Butcherbird
- ☐ Australian Magpie
- ☐ Australian Raven
- ☐ Torresian Crow
- ☐ Great Bowerbird
- ☐ House Sparrow
- ☐ Zebra Finch
- ☐ Double-barred Finch
- ☐ Chestnut-breasted Mannikin
- ☐ Yellow-bellied Sunbird
- ☐ Mistletoebird
- ☐ Welcome Swallow
- ☐ Fairy Martin
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Information

Bushland, Saunders, Toolakea, Toomulla and Balgal Beaches are popular for a range of attractions and activities, including natural beauty, rich World War II history, fishing and birdwatching. Rollingstone and Balgal Beach played an important role in World War II as a coastal surveillance site when invasion by Japanese forces was feared. After the war, Balgal and other northern beaches became sought after holiday destinations, and are a delight for anglers. Renowned for winter whiting, shore-based fishing can be productive. Boat ramps are located at Bushland Beach, Saunders Beach, Toomulla and at the mouth of Rollingstone Creek at Balgal Beach.

The northern beaches also provide the ideal habitat for seabirds and migratory waders. Among the birds seen on a stroll along any of these beaches would include Pied Oystercatchers, Beach Stone-curlews, Red-capped Plovers, several species of Terns and at certain times of the year, large numbers of migratory waders. Raptors are ever present in the skies above while a good assortment of forest birds can be spotted in the vegetation at the top of the beaches. The 144 species listed above are not exclusive either, which is why there are 48 vacant spaces for you to fill in additional species you may sight. The areas surveyed include the mouths of the adjacent creeks, sand and mud-flats, and dunes within 500m of the high water mark. More areas are yet to be surveyed.

Access

The northern beaches are public areas and are therefore unrestricted for access. From Thuringowa Central, travel north along the Bruce Highway and turn off to your right.

Approximate distances from Thuringowa are as follows:
Bushland Beach - 19km;
Saunders Beach - 29km;
Toolakea - 33km;
Toomulla - 42km; and
Balgal Beach - 53km.

To report unlisted or unusual sightings, please mail a copy of your completed lists to:-

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