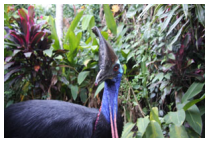

Cassowary House is a small family run guest house which lies in the world heritage tropical rain forests of Far North Queensland, within 30 minutes drive of Cairns. It was established in 1985 as a guest-house for those with an interest in natural history, particularly birds, and was one of the first birding businesses to set up in Far North Queensland.

We offer a true rainforest experience. Apart from a small garden envelope immediately adjacent to the main house, the grounds and surrounding area are unspoilt rainforest, a great place to sit and relax or take quiet walks. The verandahs on the main house and also on the twin guest rooms are elevated and look straight out into the branches of the surrounding trees. The single rooms are under the main house and **Cassowaries** and **musky rat-kangaroos** are frequently seen from their patio. Cassowary House is a great place for those with an interest in bird and wildlife photography, and one of the best places in the world to see wild Cassowary, with thousands of birders getting their lifer here!

We are happy to help with all your birding needs whether it be site information and mud maps or guided birding and wildlife watching. Our 3 locally based expert guides can take you on a selection of ready made tours, or are happy to devise a customised day to suit particular wants whether it be a particular species hit list, a photographic tour or just a general day out.

There is plenty to see and do around here with Cassowary House being in one of the best birding sites in Queensland. We have **Cassowaries** visiting almost daily , wandering from the adjacent world heritage rainforest.The local endemic bird of paradise,
Victoria's Riflebird
has display posts around the grounds and often joins us at breakfast and throughout the day. The colourful and elusive
Noisy Pitta

also lives in the area and is frequently heard calling although actually seeing one requires a bit more application! Other local birds include
Red-necked Crakes
and
Grey Goshawks
, both of which breed in the garden,
Lesser Sooty Owl, Brush Turkey
and
Orange-footed Scrubfowl, King Parrot, Double-eyed Fig Parrot, Topknot Pigeon, Spotted Catbird, Black Butcherbird, Chowchilla, Lovely Fairy-wren, White-eared, Spectacled
and
Pied Monarchs
plus
Yellow-spotted,
Graceful
and
Macleay's Honeyeater
and the distinctive
yorki
form of
Helmeted (New Guinea or Hornbill) Friarbird.

A variety of mammals also frequent the grounds including the endearing **musky rat kangaroo** and several species of bats which roost in the most unlikely places.
Red-legged pademelons
are regular visitors while
striped possums
can often be seen when the bunches of bananas are ripe.
Bandicoots
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iant white-tailed rats
,
antechinus, melomys
and the
prehensile-tailed rats
are amongst the other mammals also on the property.
Platypus
live in the local creek and can sometimes be seen from the bridge in the early morning. We have a great reptile and frog list and butterflies are well represented with the list including the

spectacular swallowtail
Papilio ulysses
and
Cairns Birdwing.

Bird, mammal, reptile and butterfly lists are to be found in the rooms and we have an extensive library of bird and natural history books to help you identify what you see.

Wireless internet is available at no extra charge.