

# EXPLORE RAPID CREEK

## Gurambai, Larrakia Country

Gurambai is the Larrakia name for Rapid Creek. The Larrakia people are the traditional owners of the lands and waters around Darwin. Their country runs from Cox Peninsula in the west to Gunn Point in the north, Adelaide River in the east and down to the Manton Dam area in the south. Gurambai means elbow, referring to the shape of the creek towards its mouth. Rapid Creek has been the source of plentiful food and fresh water for countless generations of Larrakia people.

Rapid Creek forms the only significant freshwater system in Darwin. Around ten kilometres long, it supports rich and varied wildlife in important vegetation communities, including mangroves, savannah woodland, riverine monsoon forest, grasslands and paperbark swamps. Rapid Creek and its catchment are under threat from weeds, late dry season wildfires, water pollution and inappropriate development and clearing.

The Rapid Creek Landcare Group looks after Rapid Creek through on-ground work, promoting awareness about the creek and advocating for better management throughout the catchment.

For more information visit [www.rapidcreek.org.au](http://www.rapidcreek.org.au)

## Key Sites of Interest

1. Viewing platform
2. Yellow footbridge
3. Accessible fishing platform
4. 'The Spit' - *Recent focus of Landcare group revegetation*
5. Lakeside Drive Community Garden
6. Jingili Water Gardens and Community Garden
7. Red footbridge
8. V-notch weir and gauging station
9. Yankee Pools - *WWII defence forces swimming spot*
10. Mercure Hotel
11. Flood Mitigation Weir
12. Gurambai Trail - *Creekside walk through rainforest: a collaborative project developed by the Larrakia traditional owners, and the Airport Development Group.*
13. Marrara swamp

## Bird List

### Megapode & Quail

Orange-footed Scrubfowl  
Brown Quail

### Ducks, Geese & Grebe

Magpie Goose  
Plumed Whistling-Duck  
Wandering Whistling-Duck  
Radjah Shelduck  
Green Pygmy-goose  
Grey Teal  
Pacific Black Duck  
Hardhead  
Australasian Grebe

### Pigeons & Doves

Pacific Emerald Dove  
Peaceful Dove  
Bar-shouldered Dove  
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove  
Torresian Imperial-Pigeon

### Frogmouth, Nightjars & Swift

Tawny Frogmouth  
Spotted Nightjar  
Large-tailed Nightjar  
Australian Owlet-nightjar  
Pacific Swift

### Frigatebird, Darter & Cormorants

Lesser Frigatebird  
Australasian Darter  
Little Pied Cormorant  
Little Black Cormorant  
Pied Cormorant

### Pelican & Stork

Australian Pelican  
Black-necked Stork

### Hérons, Egrets and Bittern

Black Bittern  
Great Egret  
Intermediate Egret  
Cattle Egret  
Striated Heron  
Pied Heron  
White-faced Heron  
Little Egret  
Eastern Reef Egret  
Nankeen Night-Heron

### Ibis and Spoonbill

Glossy Ibis  
Australian White Ibis

Straw-necked Ibis  
Royal Spoonbill

### Eagles, Kites, Goshawks, Osprey & Falcons

Osprey  
Black-shouldered Kite  
Pacific Baza  
White-bellied Sea-Eagle



Red headed Honey eater. Photo Peter Cooke

### Whistling Kite

Brahminy Kite  
Black Kite  
Brown Goshawk  
Collared Sparrowhawk  
Grey Goshawk  
Spotted Harrier  
Wedge-tailed Eagle  
Nankeen Kestrel  
Brown Falcon  
Australian Hobby  
Peregrine Falcon

### Crane, Crakes, Rail & Coot

Brolga  
Buff-banded Rail  
Baillon's Crane  
White-browed Crane  
Eurasian Coot

### Stone-curlews

Bush Stone-curlew  
Beach Stone-curlew

### Oystercatchers, Stilt & Avocet

Australian Pied Oystercatcher  
Sooty Oystercatcher  
Pied Stilt  
Red-necked Avocet

### Plovers, Dotterels, Lapwing & Jacana

Pacific Golden-Plover  
Grey Plover  
Red-capped Plover  
Lesser Sand-Plover

Greater Sand-Plover  
Oriental Plover  
Black-fronted Dotterel  
Red-kneed Dotterel  
Masked Lapwing  
Comb-crested Jacana

### Snipes, Sandpipers, Godwits, Curlews & Stint

Swinhoe's Snipe  
Black-tailed Godwit  
Bar-tailed Godwit  
Little Curlew  
Whimbrel  
Far Eastern Curlew  
Terek Sandpiper  
Common Sandpiper  
Broad-billed Sandpiper  
Grey-tailed Tattler  
Common Greenshank  
Marsh Sandpiper  
Wood Sandpiper  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Great Knot  
Red Knot  
Sanderling  
Red-necked Stint  
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper  
Curlew Sandpiper

### Button-quails

Red-backed Buttonquail  
Red-chested Buttonquail

### Pratincoles

Oriental Pratincole  
Australian Pratincole



Nankeen Night-Heron. Photo - Ian Lancaster

### Gull & Terns

Crested Tern  
Lesser Crested Tern  
White-winged Tern  
Little Tern  
Gull-billed Tern

Caspian Tern  
Whiskered Tern  
Silver Gull

### Cockatoos, Galah & Corella

Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo  
Galah  
Little Corella  
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo

### Parrot, Lorikeets & Rosella

Red-collared Lorikeet  
Varied Lorikeet  
Red-winged Parrot  
Northern Rosella

### Cuckoos

Pheasant Coucal  
Pacific Koel  
Channel-billed Cuckoo  
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo  
Little Bronze-Cuckoo  
Pallid Cuckoo  
Brush Cuckoo  
Oriental Cuckoo  
Black-eared Cuckoo

### Owls

Rufous Owl  
Barking Owl  
Southern Boobook  
Barn Owl

### Kingfishers & Bee-eater

Azure Kingfisher  
Little Kingfisher  
Blue-winged Kookaburra  
Forest Kingfisher  
Sacred Kingfisher  
Torresian Kingfisher  
Rainbow Bee-eater

### Dollarbird, Pitta & Bowerbird

Dollarbird  
Rainbow Pitta  
Great Bowerbird

### Fairy-wren

Red-backed Fairy-wren

### Weebill, Gerygones & Pardalote

Weebill  
Mangrove Gerygone  
Large-billed Gerygone  
Green-backed Gerygone  
Striated Pardalote

### Honeyeaters & Friarbirds

White-gaped Honeyeater

Bar-breasted Honeyeater  
Rufous-banded Honeyeater  
Dusky Myzomela  
Red-headed Myzomela  
Banded Honeyeater  
Brown Honeyeater  
White-throated Honeyeater  
Blue-faced Honeyeater  
Helmeted Friarbird  
Silver-crowned Friarbird  
Little Friarbird

### Babbler & Cicadabird

Grey-crowned Babbler  
Common Cicadabird  
Cuckoo-shrikes & Trillers  
Black-faced Cuckooshrike  
White-bellied Cuckooshrike  
White-winged Triller  
Varied Triller



Northern Rosella. Photo Ian Lancaster

### Whistlers & Shrike-thrushes

Grey Whistler  
Rufous Whistler  
Arafura Shrikethrush

### Orioles & Figbird

Australasian Figbird  
Green Oriole  
Olive-backed Oriole

### Woodswallows & Butcherbirds

White-browed Woodswallow  
White-breasted Woodswallow  
Masked Woodswallow  
Black-faced Woodswallow  
Black Butcherbird  
Silver-backed Butcherbird  
Pied Butcherbird  
Drongo  
Spangled Drongo

### Fantails

Mangrove Fantail  
Arafura Fantail

Northern Fantail  
Willie-wagtail

### Crow

Torresian Crow

### Flycatchers

Broad-billed Flycatcher  
Leaden Flycatcher  
Shining Flycatcher  
Paperbark Flycatcher  
Magpie-lark  
Lemon-bellied Flycatcher

### Robin & Lark

Mangrove Robin  
Australasian Bushlark

### Cisticolas

Zitting Cisticola  
Golden-headed Cisticola

### Grassbird & White-eye

Tawny Grassbird  
Australian Yellow White-eye

### Martins

Fairy Martin  
Tree Martin

### Mistletoebird

Mistletoebird

### Swallows

Barn Swallow  
Red-rumped Swallow

### Finches & Mannikins

Double-barred Finch  
Long-tailed Finch  
Masked Finch  
Crimson Finch  
Yellow-rumped Mannikin  
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin

### Pipit & Wagtail

Australasian Pipit  
Eastern Yellow Wagtail  
Grey Wagtail



Red-Tailed Black-Cockatoo. Photo Ian Lancaster

## Rapid Creek Landcare Group

The group has been active for three decades, we were incorporated in 1997. Our members are volunteers who are passionate about Rapid Creek. We achieve our goals through on-ground Projects, Campaigns and Working Bees. We welcome new members, please contact us through the website.

## Our goals

The group's objects and purposes are:

- Restore and protect natural ecosystems within the Rapid Creek catchment
- Promote the implementation of the broad concepts and principles outlined in the Rapid Creek Management Plan
- Establish and maintain links with and between community groups, landholders and other stakeholders in the Rapid Creek catchment to facilitate understanding and support
- Involve the community in the management and enjoyment of the Rapid Creek open space land
- Develop understanding in the community of the natural values and cultural heritage of the Rapid Creek catchment and of land, flora and fauna conservation



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