

# Factsheet

## Queensland Wildlife

There's a special thrill in interacting with wildlife and it doesn't come any better than in Queensland. There are literally dozens of ways to get up close and personal with Australia's amazing wildlife – from breakfasting with brightly-coloured tropical birds to swimming with sharks, cuddling sleepy koala's and seeing our world famous Australia Zoo. Here's a taste of some special Queensland experiences.

### Eating with the animals

#### Tropical North Queensland

##### **Breakfast with the birds – Rainforest Habitat - Port Douglas**

Enjoy the symphony of sounds and colours from the surrounding wildlife, as you are treated to one of Queensland's best tropical breakfast buffets. Rainforest Habitat is located in the heart of the Wetlands environment in Tropical North Queensland and is a perfect way to start a day of trekking through the nearby Rainforests or Wetlands.

Ph: +61 7 4099 3235 or visit [www.rainforesthabitat.com.au](http://www.rainforesthabitat.com.au)

##### **Breakfast with the Koalas – The Tropical Zoo – Palm Cove**

From 8.30am, the Cairns Tropical Zoo opens the doors of their "Koala Café" not only to the general public, but also to the koalas themselves. Get up close and personal with these furry marsupials, synonymous with Australia the world over. Cuddle a koala during breakfast and then head into the zoo where you can feed kangaroos and meet hundreds more exotic and native species. Bookings for Breakfast with the Koalas are essential.

Ph: +61 7 4059 2713 or visit [www.wildworld.com.au](http://www.wildworld.com.au).

##### **Night time dining in the rainforest - Rainforest Habitat – Port Douglas**

For a dining experience with a difference, Rainforest Habitat also offers a guided sunset tour through the rainforest, followed by delicious meal at the Wetlands restaurant. Take a peek into the world of the rainforest cloaked in darkness. During dinner, guests meet and mingle with some unusual company as a trained keeper offers an interactive wildlife experience. Habitat After Dark operates from July – October. For further information on Habitat After Dark or Breakfast with Birds.

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##### **Queensland's menagerie by night – The Tropical Zoo – Palm Cove**

After a barbeque dinner, guides provide guests with a torch and lead them into the darkness to meet the creatures of the night. Guests will learn how owls hunt, touch a possum, pat a koala and be lead safely through a crocodiles' lair. From there, they will enjoy billy tea and damper with a friendly Swaggie by a campfire. His friends, the kangaroos will come down to say G'day and maybe even share a bite to eat! After a complimentary cold beer or wine, the guides will teach guests some famous Aussie bush dances.

Ph: +61 7 4055 3669 or visit [www.cairnsnightzoo.com](http://www.cairnsnightzoo.com)

##### **Twilight Safari – Mareeba Wetlands - Mareeba**

This popular tour departs the Mareeba Wetlands Visitor Centre each afternoon two-and-a-half hours before sunset. Take in the riot of sounds and sights as ospreys, sea eagles, black

swans, magpie geese, brolgas, whistling ducks in their hundreds, pelicans, pink-eared ducks and even Australia's only stork, the jabiru assault the senses! The tour includes the boat cruise, afternoon 'billy tea' in the heart of the Reserve and cheese and wine back at the Centre at sunset. The Safari takes visitors to several of the lagoons of the Reserve, connected by crystal clear water creeks buzzing with birdlife.  
Ph: +61 7 4093 2514 or visit [www.mareebawetlands.com](http://www.mareebawetlands.com)

## Whitsundays

### **Breakfast with some friendly neighbours – Hamilton Island**

Don't be surprised if you feel you are being watched when you have breakfast or a snack at the Koala Gallery on Hamilton Island. The watchful eyes are simply those of koala's lazing in trees which border the al fresco dining area of the Koala Gallery Wildlife Experience. The sanctuary features a large collection of Australian native animals including koalas kangaroos, wallabies, and wombats as well as an impressive array of birds and reptiles. For a truly special breakfast with an Australiana flavour, don't miss the unique 'Breakfast with the Koalas' which features a delicious Australian buffet breakfast of juices, fresh fruits, pastries, bacon, sausages and eggs served in open natural surroundings overlooking the koala habitat.

Ph: +61 7 4948 2600 or visit [www.hamiltonisland.com.au](http://www.hamiltonisland.com.au)

## Gold Coast

### **A memorable way to start the day – Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary - Currumbin**

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary offers one of the Gold Coast's most memorable ways to start the day with its Breakfast with the Birds. Served from 8.00 am each day, guests can enjoy a full, hot breakfast while overlooking the famous wild lorikeet feeding which put Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary on the map. For almost 60 years, the colourful and noisy Rainbow Lorikeets have flown into the Sanctuary, where guests have the opportunity to hand feed them every morning and afternoon.

Ph: +61 7 5534 1266 or visit [www.currumbin-sanctuary.org.au](http://www.currumbin-sanctuary.org.au)

### **Fresh is best when catching a crab – Catch a Crab - The Tweed**

There's nothing like fresh seafood – and it certainly doesn't come any fresher than on the 'Catch a Crab' tours. Once aboard the 'Catch a Crab' cruise boat, guests can feed pelicans, go 'yabbie' pumping, fishing and trapping for crabs. Run on the tranquil Tweed River at the Gold Coast, this tour includes all the equipment for activities, fishing equipment and bait. Also included is morning tea and guests can choose to enjoy a delicious crab lunch, which is cooked on board by the cruise captain.

Ph: +61 7 5599 9972 or visit [www.catchacrab.com.au](http://www.catchacrab.com.au).

## Swimming with animals

### **Truly beautiful – The Great Barrier Reef**

Come face to face with the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef! Enjoy the majesty of the brightly sculpted coral, while schools of exotic fish swim peacefully by your side. The World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef spans more than 2000km of Queensland's coastline.

Where Else but Queensland would you find the world's largest and most complex reef. Most of the reef's 345,000 sq km is protected through the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

You can access the Great Barrier Reef from numerous regions in Queensland from Bundaberg, the southern gateway to the Great Barrier Reef heading north via Gladstone, Capricorn, the Whitsundays, Mackay, Townsville, Tropical North Queensland. It is possible to see the reef by air from southern tourism regions such as Brisbane and the Gold Coast for those on a tight touring schedule.

Visit:

## Sunshine Coast & Gold Coast

### **Swimming with the sharks – Under Water World - Sunshine Coast Sea World - Gold Coast**

Consider yourself a bit of a thrill seeker? Then perhaps being submerged in a tank with sharks, giant stingrays and tropical fish will satisfy your adrenalin rush! Swim with these incredible creatures with experienced instructors and enjoy the thrill of a lifetime. You can swim with the sharks at two locations in Queensland:

UnderWater World Ph: +61 7 5444 8595 [www.underwaterworld.com.au](http://www.underwaterworld.com.au) and  
Sea World Ph: +61 7 5588 2205 [www.seaworld.com.au](http://www.seaworld.com.au)

### **Get the seal of approval – Under Water World - Sunshine Coast Sea World - Gold Coast**

Get up close and personal with a wet, playful seal as you swim with them in their enclosure. Or perhaps you would enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of their habitat, or even grab a kiss from one these furry animals! You can swim with the seals at two locations in Queensland:

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## Animal spotting

### Tropical North Queensland

#### **Teeming with wildlife – Mareeba Wetlands - Mareeba**

Located an hour's drive from Cairns, the Mareeba Wetlands are a series of 12 inter-connecting lagoons, creeks and channels that weave their way across 5,000 acres. This wetland environment attracts a rich and diverse selection of wildlife, but is best known for freshwater crocodiles and birdlife sanctuary. There are a variety of animal-spotting tours to cater for all ages and interests. With 204 species of birds, over 20 mammal species and a myriad lower vertebrates and arthropods, the reserve is a haven for bird watchers. The Mareeba Wetlands also hosts a fully-guided Whitsunday Crocodile Safari tour on the Proserpine River.

Ph: +61 7 4946 5111 or visit [www.mareebawetlands.com](http://www.mareebawetlands.com).

#### **Tropical Birdlife – Hartley's Crocodile Adventures - Hartley's Lagoon, via Cairns**

The natural environment of Tropical North Queensland's Hartley's Lagoon is a haven to a wide variety of birds. During the year over 140 species of wild birds can be seen at Hartley's Crocodile Adventures. The lagoon is a great place for bird watchers to spot, among others, kingfishers, egrets, herons and lorikeets.

Ph: +61 7 4055 3576 or visit [www.crocodileadventures.com](http://www.crocodileadventures.com)

### **Beguiling butterflies – Butterfly Sanctuary - Kuranda**

The Australian Butterfly Sanctuary hosts guided tours through their aviary, on demand, during the day. View over 1500 magnificent tropical butterflies as you wander through the 3666 cubic metre aviary. You can know also take a behind-the-scenes look at the breeding laboratory which houses 3000-4000 caterpillars. Butterflies are attracted to bright colours, so wear something colourful and you might make some new friends.

Ph: +61 7 4093 7575 or visit [www.australianbutterflies.com](http://www.australianbutterflies.com)

## **Mackay**

### **Platypus central - Mackay**

Mackay's Eungella National Park is platypus country and Broken River is the capital. Nowhere else in the world are you as likely to see these furry, little duck-billed critters as here. Visitors can take a guided walk through this bird-watchers paradise and enjoy the unspoilt nature buzzing with wildlife.

Ph: +61 7 4958 4552 or visit [www.epa.qld.gov.au/projects/park/index.cgi?parkid=95](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/projects/park/index.cgi?parkid=95)

## **Fraser Coast**

### **Whales at play – Hervey Bay**

Hervey Bay is known as Australia's whale watching capital. Every year in late July, humpback whales migrate to the warm Hervey Bay waters and remain until November when they return to the southern ocean. Visitors can choose an aerial tour or take one of the many day-long or half day whale watch cruises, which depart from Urangan Boat harbour daily, during the season. Hervey Bay also offers convenient access to World Heritage-listed Fraser Island - the largest sand island in the world, and Lady Elliot Island - the southern-most coral cay on the Great Barrier Reef.

Visit [www.whalesherveybay.com.au](http://www.whalesherveybay.com.au)

### **Dingos, turtles, dolphins, dugongs and whales - Fraser Island**

Stretching over 120km, Fraser Island is the world's largest sand island and a place of incredible natural beauty. Home to Australia's native dog, the dingo, there are many wildlife tours available where you can spot these creatures along with many other animals, including dolphins, whales (in season) and dugongs in their natural habitat. Enjoy the serenity of the rainforest walks and spectacular beach drives in this unique natural environment of Fraser Island.

Visit [www.frasercoastholidays.info](http://www.frasercoastholidays.info)

## **Sunshine Coast**

### **Surfing dolphins and cuddly koalas - Noosa**

Spot Koalas in their natural habitat or watch as dolphins ride the waves amongst surfers at the Noosa National Park. Over one million visitors per year tread the network of peaceful walking tracks in Australia's most visited national park. Park rangers and volunteers are available to educate guests on the native wildlife as they try and spot one of the 130 koalas living in the area.

Ph: +61 7 5447 3243 or visit [www.epa.qld.gov.au/projects/park/index.cgi?parkid=53](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/projects/park/index.cgi?parkid=53)

## Brisbane

### **Animals aplenty – Dolphin Spotting Whale Watching - North Stradbroke Island**

North Stradbroke Island (more commonly known as 'Straddie') is located off the South East Queensland coast amongst the Moreton Bay islands. With accommodation ranging from luxurious resorts to beachside camping grounds, there are a wide variety of attractions which appeal to people of all ages and interests. The walking track at Point Lookout has excellent vantage points for dolphin spotting and whale watching during the winter months, whereas the island bush trails are also well known by birdwatchers.

Ph: +61 7 3409 9555 or visit [www.stradbrocketourism.com](http://www.stradbrocketourism.com)

## Gold Coast

### **Birdwatchers' paradise – O'Reilly's Rainforest Guesthouse - Gold Coast Hinterland**

Located in the Gold Coast Hinterland, O'Reilly's Rainforest Guesthouse is world famous for their sanctuary of tropical birds. Each November O'Reilly's hosts a Bird Week, which attracts birdwatchers from all around the world. They also host regular morning bird walks where guests can meet the hundreds of birds that visit each morning to feed at the guesthouse. O'Reilly's also hosts a variety of other activities including night spotlight tours and glow worm walks.

Ph: +61 7 5502 4911 or visit [www.oreillys.com.au](http://www.oreillys.com.au)

### **Flora and fauna aplenty – Binna Burra Lodge - Lamington National Park**

Situated in Lamington National Park, the Binna Burra lodge is a prime location for birdwatchers. With over 160km of walking tracks amongst the diverse flora and fauna, there are bushwalking circuits to suit people of all ages and interests. Beautiful birds like the tiny white browed scrub wren, the bee-eater, king parrot, kookabuura, rainbow lorikeet, crimson rosella, and many more will surprise and delight!

Ph: +61 7 5533 3622 or visit [www.binnaburrallodge.com.au](http://www.binnaburrallodge.com.au)

## Unique experiences

### Tropical North Queensland

#### **Close encounters of the dwarf minke-whale kind – Port Douglas**

You will be the one satisfying the curiosity of the inquisitive dwarf minke whales! If you are lucky enough to spot them while swimming off the coast of Port Douglas, Tropical North Queensland, the whales will often come right up to those in the water. Poseidon Cruises and Undersea Explorer take you to the whales and are as sensitive as possible to these beautiful marine mammals. No scuba gear and no motors are used during any interactions with minkes and tours depart daily. Guests swim with them while holding onto a float line and group sizes for this wondrous experience are kept to 10 people maximum. Although encounters are never guaranteed, they are frequent during the winter months.

Poseidon Cruises Ph: + 61 7 4099 4772 or visit [www.poseidon-cruises.com.au](http://www.poseidon-cruises.com.au).

Undersea Explorer Ph: + 61 7 4099 5911 or visit [www.undersea.com.au](http://www.undersea.com.au)

## Sunshine Coast

### **Crikey! – Australia Zoo - Sunshine Coast**

See what world famous Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin accomplished before his death at Australia Zoo located on the Sunshine Coast. The Animal Planet Crocoseum at the zoo has daily shows which allow visitors to get up-close and personal with some of their most amazing wildlife. Touch snakes as they slither right past your seat, duck as kookaburras, wedge-tailed eagles, owls, and an American macaw swoop and soar right over your head, watch in awe as man-eating crocodiles hunt for food, or watch the tigers feed and play. Australia Zoo also has special up-close interactions with many of Australia's native wildlife including: Tasmanian devils, wombats, echidnas, tortoises, dingos, possums, turtles, cheetahs and tigers. The zoo also hosts educational tours around their animal hospital throughout the day.

Ph: +61 7 5436 2000 or visit [www.crocodilehunter.com/australia\\_zoo/](http://www.crocodilehunter.com/australia_zoo/)

## Gold Coast

### **Aussie Polar Bears – Sea World - Gold Coast**

Visit Australia's only polar bears in their home at Sea World's Polar Bear Shores. Visitors can observe the world's largest land carnivore up close through large underwater viewing windows at one of the most technologically advanced exhibits for polar bears in the world.

Ph: +61 7 5588 2205 or visit [www.seaworld.com.au](http://www.seaworld.com.au)

### **Oceanic learning for the kids – Sea World - Gold Coast**

The Rock Pool Adventure is designed to provide an interactive and educational program for children at Sea World's Shark Bay Inter-tidal Pool, which replicates a natural tropical environment. Children are given an educational talk and are able to walk in the shallow water tidal pool amongst inhabitants including clown fish, anemones, rays and sea stars. The program duration is approximately 20 minutes and designed for children aged up to nine years and a minimum height of 110cm.

Ph: +61 7 5588 2205 or visit [www.seaworld.com.au](http://www.seaworld.com.au)

### **Touch the tigers – Dreamworld - Gold Coast**

Visitors to Dreamworld are able to take an early morning stroll with a fully grown tiger. As visitors wander through the theme park, they can pat the tigers, chat with the tiger handlers and learn more about the cats with several stops for photo opportunities.

Ph: +61 7 5588 1111 or visit [www.dreamworld.com.au](http://www.dreamworld.com.au)

## Naturally Australian

### **Cuddle a Koala**

A visit to Australia would simply not be complete without a cuddle from our most famous native animal - the koala. And although koala cuddling is now banned in New South Wales, there are still many places in Queensland where you can pat and hold our cute, furry friends:

- Rainforest Habitat, Tropical North Queensland Ph: +61 7 4099 3235  
[www.rainforesthabitat.com.au](http://www.rainforesthabitat.com.au)
- Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, Brisbane Ph: +61 7 3378 1366 [www.koala.net/index.htm](http://www.koala.net/index.htm)
- The Australian Woolshed, Brisbane Ph: +61 7 3872 1100 [www.auswoolshed.com.au](http://www.auswoolshed.com.au)

- Alma Park Zoo, Brisbane Ph: +61 7 3204 6566 [www.almaparkzoo.com.au](http://www.almaparkzoo.com.au)
- Currumbin Sanctuary, Gold Coast Ph: +61 7 5534 1266 [www.currumbin-sanctuary.org.au](http://www.currumbin-sanctuary.org.au)
- Paradise Country, Gold Coast Ph: +61 7 5573 8270 [www.paradisecountry.com.au](http://www.paradisecountry.com.au)
- Dreamworld, Gold Coast Ph: +61 7 5588 1111 [www.dreamworld.com.au](http://www.dreamworld.com.au)

### **Outback on the coast – Paradise Country - Gold Coast**

Paradise Country takes visitors on a whirlwind Outback Australian experience at their Gold Coast location. They'll have billy tea and damper around a camp fire, milk a cow, watch sheep dog mustering and a stock horse round-up, see whip cracking and boomerang throwing demonstrations, sheep shearing, a kangaroo and emu sanctuary and of course, an Australian visit would not be complete without a cuddle from a koala.

Ph: +61 7 5573 8270 or visit [www.paradisecountry.com.au](http://www.paradisecountry.com.au)

### **Live and work on the land – Queensland wide**

If you want to experience life on the land, you can do just that, at one of the many farmstays across this beautiful state. Help with muster cattle on horseback, learn to ride a motorbike and help feed the baby animals. At night sit back and soak up the serenity, taking full advantage of the laid-back lifestyle so often associated with Australia.

Visit [www.queenslandholidays.com.au](http://www.queenslandholidays.com.au)

## **Research and environmental**

### **Tropical North Queensland**

#### **Saving the turtles – Tropical North Queensland**

Located 85km north of Weipa on the Western Cape York Peninsula, the small Aboriginal town of Mapoon has developed turtle conservation camps which allow tourists to work alongside local Aboriginal rangers to study and protect turtles. Visitors assist by measuring and tagging turtles, building protection for turtle nests, removing ghost nets and recording data for Queensland's Marine Turtle Conservation Project.

Ph: +61 7 4069 7266 or visit [www.seaturtlescapeyork.com](http://www.seaturtlescapeyork.com)

#### **Ever wanted to tag a shark? – Under Sea Explorer - Tropical North Queensland**

Shark diving has been taken to new, unusual and exciting levels through Undersea Explorer's researchers capturing sharks underwater during a shark attraction dive (with guests observing). The sharks are brought to the surface for measurement and tagging. This creates a non-frenzied "grey ballet", with great close-up photo opportunities. Up to 25 sharks can be observed while diving, without being inside a cage. The experience is taken to the next level, by the on-deck research after the dive. Undersea Explorer believe they are the only tourism boat in the world doing this.

Ph: +61 7 4099 5911 or visit [www.undersea.com.au](http://www.undersea.com.au)

#### **Little marine miracles – Bundaberg and Gladstone**

From November to April, thousands of turtles come ashore the Queensland beaches on their annual pilgrimage to nest. Six to eight weeks later the baby 'hatchlings' emerge from their sandy nests and scurry down to the waters edge. Guided tours operate nightly during the season to allow close up experiences with these ancient mariners. The two best places for turtle watching are: Mon Repos Conservation Park (near Bundaberg) and Heron Island (off the coast at Gladstone) visit [www.bundabergregion.info](http://www.bundabergregion.info) or [www.gladstoneregion.com](http://www.gladstoneregion.com)

## Wait, there's more ...

### Tropical North Queensland

#### **Coast, hinterland and rainforest riding – Tropical North Queensland and Gold Coast**

Imagine riding through a rainforest and coming out onto a secluded golden beach with crystal clear blue water. Horse riding in Tropical North Queensland and on the Gold Coast are certainly experiences to be had. Two of the best horse riding tracks departing from Port Douglas are the Wonga Beach Trail and the Mowbray Valley Trail. Ph: +61 7 4031 7676 or visit [www.tnq.org.au](http://www.tnq.org.au) There are also many amazing trails through the Gold Coast Hinterland and coastal areas.

Ph: +61 7 5592 2699 or visit [www.goldcoasttourism.com.au](http://www.goldcoasttourism.com.au) for more information.

#### **Trek the bush with a Donkey – Mareeba Wetlands Foundation -Tropical North Queensland**

Visitors to the Mareeba Wetlands can explore the reserve using specially-trained pack-donkeys. The donkeys take the baggage and carry the necessary refreshments and bush cuisine, so trekkers are able to discover terrain unsuitable for wheeled vehicles. For the more adventurous, there are also overnight donkey trek camps on two or three day safaris.

Ph: +61 7 4093 2514 [www.mareebawetlands.com](http://www.mareebawetlands.com)

### Mackay

#### **Sun loving wallabies – Mackay**

Just north of Mackay, Cape Hillsborough is most famous for the agile wallabies that sit on the beach at dawn. The wallabies appear to make their way down to the water at dawn for no other reason than to see what has washed up with the morning tide.

Visit [www.capehillsboroughresort.com.au](http://www.capehillsboroughresort.com.au)

### Central Queensland

#### **Bat caves – Central Queensland**

Mt Etna is one of the few places in Queensland where you can go caving and walk amongst the limestone home of thousands of bats. Guided night tours of Bat Cleft on Mt Etna operate every summer where visitors can see the spectacular emergence of thousands of bent-wing bats searching for food.

Ph: +61 7 4936 0511 or visit

[www.epa.qld.gov.au/projects/park/index.cgi?noback=1&parkid=68](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/projects/park/index.cgi?noback=1&parkid=68) or

[www.capricorntourism.com.au](http://www.capricorntourism.com.au)

### Sunshine Coast

#### **Temple of the tigers – Australia Zoo - Sunshine Coast**

The Tiger Temple at Australia Zoo is home to five majestic tigers (three Sumatrans and two Bengals), and four cheetah cubs. Every day guests can see the tigers swimming in the only underwater tiger viewing enclosure in the Southern Hemisphere.

Ph: +61 7 5436 2000 or visit [www.crocodilehunter.com/australia\\_zoo](http://www.crocodilehunter.com/australia_zoo)

#### **Get in touch with nature – Under Water World – Mooloolaba Sunshine Coast**

Located on the Sunshine Coast, Underwater World is Queensland's largest Oceanarium and Aquarium. Home to more than 25 000 weird and wonderful creatures of the sea, Underwater World has created touch tanks where guests are able to touch the shallow water inhabitants including clown fish, anemones, rays and sea stars.  
Visit [www.underwaterworld.com.au](http://www.underwaterworld.com.au)

### **Coastal camels – Camel Company - Sunshine Coast**

Feeling the need for an Arabian experience with an Australian twist? Then why not take a Camel ride along the beautiful beaches of Noosa? Chose from a 1 or 2 hour trip, or perhaps a 6 day safari would satisfy your cultural thirst. Departing daily, the camel rides travel through bushland and beach surroundings on a relaxing adventure with a difference.  
Ph: +61 7 5442 4402 or visit [www.camelcompany.com.au](http://www.camelcompany.com.au)

### **Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No it's - SuperBee – Sunshine Coast**

Located on the Sunshine Coast, SuperBee is a working honey factory which exports to over 25 countries around the world. Visitors to the SuperBee can see the entire process of honey production from the beehive (at the live Beekeeping show) to the bottle. Admission is free, and taste testing of the 30 different flavours of honey is also complimentary!  
Ph: +61 7 5598 4548 or visit [www.superbee.com.au](http://www.superbee.com.au)

## **Gold Coast**

### **Worms Alight – Gold Coast**

The cool, dark environment of Natural Arch Cave at Lamington National Park on the Gold Coast is home to millions of glow worms. These tiny creatures, invisible to the eye during daylight, create a spectacular display at night. Visitors can go on a short walk with an experienced guide through the rainforests of Springbrook Plateau before heading into the Natural Arch.

Ph: +61 7 5533 3584 or visit [www.epa.qld.gov.au/projects/park/index.cgi?parkid=97](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/projects/park/index.cgi?parkid=97)

## **Feed the animals**

### **Tropical North Queensland**

#### **Adventures of the crocodile kind – Hartley's Crocodile Adventures – Hartley's Ck**

Help a keeper feed turtles, fish and waterbirds, whilst learning about the significance of wetland ecosystems on a Wetland Wildlife Feeding tour at Hartley's Crocodile Adventures (between Port Douglas and Palm Cove). Hartley's is also famous for their exciting and educational wildlife presentations including crocodile shows, snake shows, cassowary feeding, koala feeding and more.

Ph: +61 7 4055 3576 or visit [www.crocodileadventures.com](http://www.crocodileadventures.com)

## **Brisbane**

### **Dolphins in the wild – Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort – Tangalooma Island**

Each evening the shallow coastal waters at Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort (75 minutes cruise from Brisbane across Moreton Bay) become a sanctuary for wild dolphins. Resort guests and Dolphin Care Staff are given the rare opportunity to hand feed these playful creatures and mingle amongst them in the well lit beach waters. In the morning, guests can also head down to the beach to hand feed the resident pelicans and cormorants a bucket or two of fish. Tangalooma Island is also home to dugongs and a migration point for whales

from July to November. The island offers whale watching cruises throughout the season to see these majestic mammals up close.

Ph: +61 7 3268 6333 or visit [www.tangalooma.com](http://www.tangalooma.com)

### **A sanctuary for Koalas – Lone Pine Sanctuary - Brisbane**

For all things truly Australian, the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary in Brisbane offers interactive experiences where guests can get up close and personal with some of Australia's most famous native wildlife. Hug a koala, pat a dingo, hold a snake, feed a catfish, kangaroo or lorikeet. Or perhaps guests would prefer to simply wander through the enclosures of Tasmanian devils, emus, echidnas, bats and kookaburras.

Ph: +61 7 3378 1366 or visit [www.koala.net/index.htm](http://www.koala.net/index.htm)

### **Animals galore at Alma Park Zoo - Brisbane**

Located in Brisbane, Alma Park Zoo has created interactive experiences where guests can mingle amongst the wildlife of the zoo. Purchase a small bag of animal food to feed kangaroos, deer, calves, goats, sheep, piglets, chickens, guinea pigs and rabbits within their enclosure.

Ph: +61 7 3204 6566 or visit [www.almaparkzoo.com.au](http://www.almaparkzoo.com.au)

## **Gold Coast**

### **Feed feathered and furry friends – Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary - Currumbin**

Feeding feathered and furry friends is something everyone can enjoy at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. Currumbin's original attraction, feeding the wild Rainbow Lorikeets has been happening for 60 years. They still arrive twice-a-day at 8-9.30am and 4-5.30pm and are always spectacular. Or if you would like something a little more landbased head to the Kangaroo Paddock at 8.30am or 3.15pm for your chance to help with feeding them.

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## **Queensland Zoos and Wildlife Sanctuaries at a glance...**

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Rainforest Dome Ph: +61 7 4031 7250 [www.cairnsrainforest.com.au](http://www.cairnsrainforest.com.au)

Butterfly Sanctuary Ph: +61 7 4093 7575 [www.australianbutterflies.com](http://www.australianbutterflies.com)

Mareeba Wetlands Ph: +61 7 4093 2514 [www.mareebawetlands.com](http://www.mareebawetlands.com)

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