

## **THE RAPTORS OF THE BLACKALL — CONONDALE RANGES AND ADJOINING LOWLANDS, SOUTH-EASTERN QUEENSLAND**

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Twenty-eight species of raptor have been recorded from eight major vegetation types represented in the Blackall-Conondale Ranges and adjacent lowlands. Included within these twenty-eight species are nineteen residents.

These raptors may be grouped according to broad vegetation preferences. Three species favour dense forests, six species open forests, six species open (largely disturbed) habitats, one species freshwater and three are independent of major habitat types. A feature of the raptor fauna is the use by many species of ecotones and corridors to enter largely unsuitable habitats.