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An Avifaunal Survey of Littoral Habitats near Ballina, New South Wales

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A systematic account is given of birds recorded during censuses of the coastline (littoral habitats) near Ballina, northern New South Wales, from 1977 to 1979. Eighteen species occurred regularly and an additional 40 species intermittently. Three habitat types were distinguished; beaches, rock platforms and nearshore waters. These were used primarily for feeding and roosting. Number of species and local abundance were influenced by the proximity of the Richmond River estuary.