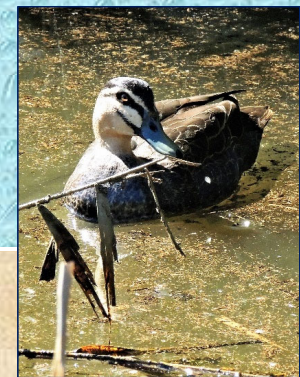
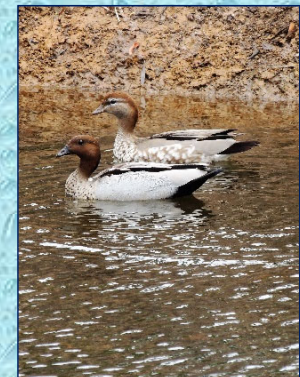
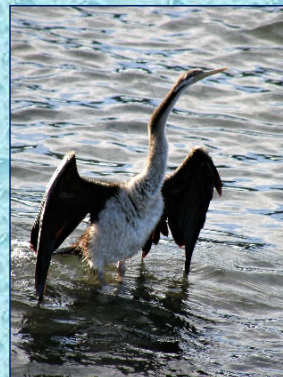


Hays Inlet: Birds of the waterways



The waterways within Hays Inlet are comprised of lagoons, creeks and man-made drainage channels. They provide habitat for fish, aquatic insects and other freshwater insects. Along with aquatic vegetation the waterways provide food for many birds including ducks, herons and rails. Kingfishers including the remarkably beautiful Azure Kingfisher can often be seen perching on overhanging vegetation waiting to pounce on the bounty of fish life.

The vegetation associated with these channels not only provides shelter for many species of birds but also helps to stabilise the creek banks and preventing erosion. This helps to lower sediment loads, which in turn improves water clarity within Moreton Bay. Clear, clean water is required for the development of seagrass, another important component of the Moreton Bay ecosystem.