

Local wildlife



A family of Curlews nest near the house. They are regular visitors on the verandah at Shearwater, so don't be surprised to see one looking in the window at you as you sit in the lounge.

Loggerhead turtles can be seen laying their eggs up the beach at various times of year. They are most likely seen closer to Sandy Cape, but this one was snapped making her way up the beach to nest about 200m north of Happy Valley.



Humpback whales travel up the East Coast of Australia each year, breeding in various safe locations like Hervey Bay. They can be seen from Fraser Islands eastern beach from May to October each year.

The dingoes on Fraser Island roam all over the island. The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) has installed dingo-deterrent fencing around most townships, including Happy Valley.

Generally, dingoes go about their lives and stay clear of people. Unhabituated dingoes have a natural fear of people and shy away. From time to time, dingoes may come close and some encounters can turn to tragedy. Stay alert and stay calm.

If you feel threatened

- Stand still at your full height and fold your arms across your chest.
 - Face the dingo, then calmly back away.
 - If you are with another person, stand back to back.
 - Confidently call for help.
 - Wait until the dingo or dingoes are gone before you continue on your way.
 - Do not run or wave your arms.
- As soon as you can, report any negative incidents to a QPWS ranger.

