

## “What’s in a Name”

“Lake Alford” was named after Frank “Tiny” Alford, who lived on Geordie Road opposite the “Duck Ponds”. He took an interest in the development of the park there. He was custodian of the ducks which frequented the area, and mowed the area on the southern side of the lake. Frank Alford was called “Tiny” because he was so big, the biggest of the Alford’s.”

**(Courtesy of Local Historian Dr Elaine Brown & Beth Wilson, Local History Officer, Gympie Regional Libraries)**

While you are at Lake Alford, catch up on some local history by visiting the “Gympie Gold Mining & Historical Museum”

<http://www.gympiegoldmuseum.com.au/>

Explore the great range of recreational activities and places to see in Cooloola by visiting The “Gympie Cooloola Tourism Visitor Information Centre” [www.queenslandholidays.com.au/travel-info/visitor-information-centres/gympie-cooloola-tourism-visitor-information-centre-lake-alford/index.cfm](http://www.queenslandholidays.com.au/travel-info/visitor-information-centres/gympie-cooloola-tourism-visitor-information-centre-lake-alford/index.cfm)

**These facilities are situated conveniently adjacent to Lake Alford Recreation Reserve.**

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\*For more information on “Bird Trails of Cooloola” visit [www.birdingcooloola.org.au](http://www.birdingcooloola.org.au)

## About “Lake Alford”

Lake Alford is situated close to the Gympie CBD, and bounded by the Bruce Highway and Tin Can Bay Road, Monkland.

Well tended grounds, pathways, barbecues, shelter sheds and up to date playground equipment mark Lake Alford Recreation Reserve as an ideal spot for a family gathering, or for travellers wishing to rest from their journeying.

*Lake Alford is also the central point of departure for those wishing to take the “Bird Trails of Cooloola”\**

Stroll at your leisure through the well tended grounds & along the pathways of the “Lake Alford Recreation Reserve”, observing the many Waterbird & numerous Bushbird species.

Bring a picnic lunch, have a barbecue, or enjoy lunch provided by the friendly Staff of the “Gympie Gold Mining & Historical Museum” on their verandah whilst overlooking “Lake Alford”.

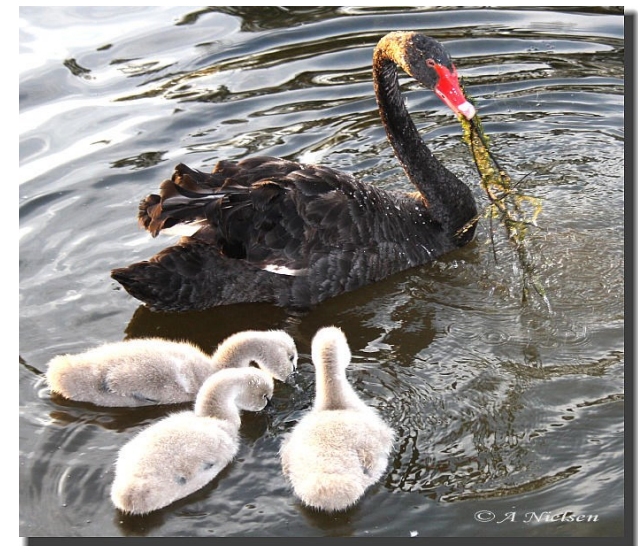


*Acknowledgement to Google Maps*

***Bird species listed compiled from records of  
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Field Naturalists’ Club***



## BIRDS OF LAKE ALFORD Along the “Bird Trails of Cooloola”



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