

# Information sheet

## Crocodile attacks on humans in Queensland

*This information sheet provides a summary on crocodile attacks on humans in Queensland. The Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (the department) records and investigates all crocodile sighting reports received from the public and will take appropriate action in accordance with the Queensland Crocodile Management Plan. Unfortunately, despite best efforts by the department to ensure the safety of the public, crocodile attacks do occur on humans in Queensland. Thankfully, these events are relatively rare.*

### Crocodile attacks on humans in Queensland - 21 December 1985 to 09 December 2025

Year	Date	Location	Comments
1985	21 December	Barratt Creek, Daintree River	Fatal Attack
1986	11 February	Staaten River, Gulf of Carpentaria	Fatal Attack
1987	04 February	Mulgrave River, Gordonvale	Non-fatal Attack
1987	26 June	Mabuiag Island, Torres Strait	Fatal Attack
1993	29 December	Jardine River Ferry Crossing, Cape York Peninsula	Fatal Attack
1996	23 February	Cape Flattery Jetty, Princess Charlotte Bay, Cape York Peninsula	Non-fatal Attack
1997	28 November	Yorkeys Knob, Cairns	Non-fatal Attack
1998	6 February	Chinamans Creek, Cairns	Non-fatal Attack
1999	18 August	MacArthur Island, Shelburne Bay, Cape York Peninsula	Non-fatal Attack
1999	20 September	Russell River, near Babinda	Non-fatal Attack
2000	21 August	Pine River, Weipa, Cape York Peninsula	Non-fatal Attack

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2001	02 July	Hann Crossing, Rinyirru National Park, Cape York Peninsula	Non-fatal Attack
2001	29 September	Four-Mile Beach, Port Douglas	Non-fatal Attack
2004	05 April	Margaret Bay, Eastern Cape York Peninsula	Non-fatal Attack
2004	11 October	Bathurst Bay, east of Rinyirru National Park, Cape York Peninsula	Non-fatal Attack
2004	10 December	Barron River, Cairns	Non-fatal Attack
2005	16 August	Midway Waterhole, Rinyirru National Park, Cape York Peninsula	Fatal Attack
2006	11 October	Mt Adolphus Island, Torres Strait	Unconfirmed Non-fatal Attack
2006	08 November	Mason's Creek, Cape Tribulation	Non-fatal Attack
2007	08 January	Mt Adolphus Island, Torres Strait	Non-fatal Attack
2007	16 October	Cow Bay, north of Daintree River	Non-fatal Attack
2008	30 September	Endeavour River, Cooktown, Cape York Peninsula	Fatal Attack
2008	18 December	False Pera Heads, Weipa, Cape York Peninsula	Non-fatal Attack
2009	08 February	Daintree River, near Daintree Township	Fatal Attack
2011	05 February	Beening Creek, Weipa, Cape York Peninsula	Non-fatal Attack
2011	09 March	Trunding Creek, Weipa, Cape York Peninsula,	Non-fatal Attack
2011	07 December	Bushy Island, Shelbourne Bay, Cape York Peninsula	Fatal Attack
2015	13 April	Port Douglas Golf Course	Non-fatal Attack
2015	03 December	Lizard Island	Non-fatal Attack
2016	29 May	Thornton Beach, near Cape Tribulation	Fatal Attack
2017	18 March	Palmer Point, north of Innisfail	Fatal Attack

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2017	19 March	Johnstone River, Innisfail	Non-fatal Attack
2017	12 October	Craiglie Creek, Port Douglas	Fatal Attack
2017	27 November	Mason Creek, Cape Tribulation	Non-fatal Attack
2018	15 January	Nagi (Mt Ernest Island), Torres Strait	Non-fatal Attack
2019	10 November	Captain Billy's Landing, Heathlands, Cape York Peninsula	Non-fatal Attack
2020	23 September	Lizard Island	Non-fatal Attack
2020	28 November	Lizard Island	Non-fatal Attack
2021	28 January	Lake Placid, Cairns	Non-fatal Attack
2021	31 January	Vyce's Crossing, Weipa, Cape York Peninsula	Non-fatal Attack
2021	11 February	Hinchinbrook Island	Fatal Attack
2021	6 August	Portland Roads, Cape York Peninsula	Non-fatal Attack
2021	3 November	Mclvor River, near Hopevale, Cape York Peninsula	Non-fatal Attack
2023	22 February	Bloomfield River Boat Ramp, Cape York Peninsula	Non-fatal Attack
2023	08 April	Archer Point, Cape York Peninsula	Non-fatal Attack
2023	29 April	Kennedy River, Rinyirru National Park, Cape York Peninsula	Fatal Attack
2023	27 May	Charles Hardy Islands	Non-fatal Attack
2024	18 April	Saibai Island, Torres Strait	Fatal Attack
2024	3 August	Annan River, near Cooktown	Fatal Attack
2025	30 January	Watson River, near Aurukun	Fatal Attack
2025	25 October	Myall Beach near Cape Tribulation	Non-fatal Attack

## Further information

Crocodile sightings may be reported using the QWildlife app, online or by calling 1300 130 372 (Option 1) (<https://environment.desi.qld.gov.au/wildlife/animals/living-with/crocodiles/report-crocodile>).

For further information about this document please contact the department at [Wildlife.Management@detsi.qld.gov.au](mailto:Wildlife.Management@detsi.qld.gov.au)

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