

## South West Western Australia Endemic Birds Tour

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### Upcoming Tours

This tour will operate at any time, subject to availability, with minimum of 2 passengers – and will operate with one passenger at additional cost.

This 8 day (7 night) fully accommodated tour begins and ends in Perth, Western Australia, and takes in a range of habitats including urban wetlands, open wandoo woodland, sandy heathlands, the Stirling Ranges and tall karri forest. We hope to see over 130 species of birds including all 13 endemics. This tour passes through four dominant tree species – jarrah, karri, tingle and tuart – all unique to Western Australia.

#### Day 1

Guests are collected from the airport and taken to our hotel in the city centre where we will have dinner. Those arriving early will have the opportunity to visit Perth's beautiful King's Park where they can get a headstart on their Western Australian bird list! Many cockatoos, parrots and honeyeaters have been recorded here.

#### Day 2

The tour proper begins with a quick visit to one of Perth's magnificent wetlands where we can see Blue-billed and Musk Ducks along with many other waterbirds and several raptors. From there it's up into the Darling Ranges where we will stop along the way to look for endemics such as Long-billed Black (Baudin's) Cockatoo, Red-capped Parrot, Western Rosella, Western Spinebill and White-breasted Robin.

The famous Dryandra Woodlands are our destination today and it is here that we will look for Short-billed Black (Carnaby's) Cockatoo, Blue-breasted Fairy-wren, Western Thornbill, Elegant Parrot and Purple-crowned Lorikeet. If we're lucky we may also spot native animals such as the Numbat and the Echidna. Overnight, we stay in Narrogin but along the way we'll look out for flocks of Regent Parrots. Spotlighting for Bush Stone-curlew and Tawny Frogmouth is an option for those keen to get out again in the evening.

#### Day 3

We explore the Dryandra woodland further expecting to see Western Gerygone, Rufous Treecreeper, Scarlet Robin, Varied Sittella and Restless Flycatcher and maybe head out east for a chance of Redthroat. Overnight Narrogin again.

#### Day 4

Heading south we pass through the beautiful Stirling Ranges where we'll stop for lunch and search for Square-tailed Kite, Purple-gaped and Tawny-crowned Honeyeaters and Southern Scrub-robin.

Late afternoon brings us to the South Coast where we will begin our search for the notorious and often elusive trio of Noisy Scrub-bird, Western Bristle-bird and Western Whipbird.

Overnight Ensuite cabins at Cheynes Beach Caravan Park where we'll find Brush Bronzewing and Western Wattlebird.

#### Day 5

Staying on the south coast we continue our search for the elusive trio and hope to also add Southern Emu-wren, Red-winged Fairy-wren and Red-eared Firetail to our tally.

Overnight Ensuite cabins at Cheynes Beach Caravan Park

#### Day 6

Today we head westwards towards the tall forest country around Pemberton and Manjimup but enroute, we'll stop to look at Lake Muir, a Ramsar listed wetland, where we'll find the geographically limited population of the Western Corella (known as Muir's Corella).

In Pemberton itself we'll visit one of the fire look-out trees, the Gloucester Tree, where we'll find Western Rosella, White-breasted Robin, Red-winged Fairy-wren and Common Bronzewing are all fairly tame and not at all camera-shy!

Overnight Pemberton.

#### Day 7

Our last full day and today we have the opportunity to join local operators, Pemberton Discovery Tours, on a trip across the Yeagarup dunes to the mouth of the Warren River mouth, a known breeding site for Fairy Terns and Hooded Plover. There's also a good chance we'll see Rock Parrot, White-bellied Sea-eagle and Osprey.

Overnight Pemberton again.

#### Day 8

Our final day and a longish drive back to Perth but not without a few important birding stops along the way! Lake McLarty, the Peel Estuary and Penguin Island are all enroute and well worth a look for those few missing birds on our list.