

Birding Western Australia

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Front cover

Splendid Fairywren, *Malurus splendens*, just so.

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Highlights

- Penguin Island: Great experience to see all breeding terns and gulls, and best of all, after having given up: BS found a lone Little Penguin under a limestone overhang. Only moulting birds stay day-time on the island.
- Scenery at Cape Leeuwin with easy-found Rock Parrots and good seabird movements. Albatrosses and Shearwaters, although mostly at distance.
- First sightings of forest birds and parrots in newly burnt forest along Thompson Rd, Lake Muir. Rufous Treecreeper, Western Corella, Baudin's Black Cockatoo.
- "The Three" at Cheynes Beach: Noisy Scrubbird, Western Bristlebird, Western Whipbird.
- Hooded Dotterel at Bremer Bay.
- Singing Southern Scrub-robins at Quaalup Homestead.
- Extensive wilderness and scenery at Fitzgerald River National Park including skulkers Western Fieldwren and Shy Heathwren.
- The silhouette of Stirling Range and birding around the Retreat compounds with "Western" Shrike-tit, Australian Owlet-Nightjar, Restless Flycatcher, Elegant Parrot and Carnaby's Black Cockatoos.
- Biggest surprise of the trip: One sole Budgerigar at Stirling Range.
- Great birding activity at Dryandra after rain with White-eared Honeyeater, White-browed Babbler, "Western" Shrike-tit, Bush Stone-curlew, Painted Buttonquail and Jacky Winter.
- A calling Eastern Barn Owl showing well night-time at Ochre Walk, Dryandra.
- Copperback Quail-thrush at Mt Gibson Rd.
- Bourke's Parrots drinking at dusk at Jackson Well, Nallan Station.
- Walga Rock, west of Cue, almost as prominent as Ayers Rock. Mulga Parrot and Western Bowerbird.
- A pair of Inland Dotterel!
- After a lot of effort: Two encounters with Western Quail-thrush west of Cue.
- Major Mitchell's Cockatoos at Paynes Find.
- And finally: Fairywrens! Wow!

General birding and strategy

In two weeks there is plenty of time seeing all south-western endemics and specialities. Most of the endemics and targets are widely distributed and shouldn't be a problem. We chose to add Nallan Station and the area around Cue along the Great Northern Highway in the trip to get a taste of the outback and a different set of species. Originally we had planned three nights at Nallan Station, but we did pretty well and wanted to cut the long drive back to Perth by changing to one night in Paynes Find on the return. At planning stage we considered adding Esperance and the Kalgoorlie-area, but that would have been many more miles driving and possibly not seeing so much more: Cape Barren Goose, maybe Gilbert's Whistler, Freckled Duck at Rowles Lagoon, and better chance of Copperback Quail-thrush.

Logistics

Car

Booked at Hertz. Smooth and easy pick up and return at the airport. We had a small SUV (Kia Sportage), suitable for 3 persons with bags and scopes. Besides a strange smell of sulphate during deceleration it worked fine. Throughout the trip we used offline maps from Google Maps, and sometimes/often relied on the smart

phone GPS. We drove around 4000 km(!).

Accommodation

Armadale: Country Heritage Motel. Triple room, booked via agoda.com c. \$140

Augusta: Augusta Hotel/Motel. Booked via agoda.com, c. \$120

Kalgan: Chelsie's Country Cottages, Airb'n'b (www.airbnb.se/rooms/9162241?location=Australia) c. \$110

Cheyne's Beach: Caravan Park (cheynes_cp@westnet.com.au). Cabin, \$100 (+\$30 for blankets and pillows)

Fitzgerald River NP: Quaalup Homestead Wilderness Retreat (richelmann@web.de). Cottage, \$150

Stirling Range: Stirling Range Retreat (info@stirlingrange.com.au). Room (4 beds), \$185

Dryandra: Lions Dryandra Village (ldw@westnet.com.au). Cottage (8! beds), \$100

Dalwallinu: The Old Convent, booked via booking.com. Triple room (incl. breakfast), \$192

Nallan Station: (nallanpastoral@outlook.com) Cottage, \$100 (reduced price)

Paynes Find: Tavern and Roadhouse (didn't book, just showed up, not many guests), \$150

Perth: Indian Ocean Hotel. 10 minutes to Herdsman Lake, c. \$120

Food

For breakfast we usually had some kind of yoghurt and muesli (could be a good idea to bring a small plastic dish and spoon). For lunch usually snacks/fruits/sandwich or we stopped at a diner. On most places we cooked our own dinners (no restaurants at Kalgan, Cheynes Beach, Quaalup, Stirling Range, Dryandra or Nallan Station). We stopped at grocery stores (not always easy to find) every second or third day.

Weather & timing

From a bit chilly early morning at Cape Leeuwin to fiery heat at Nallan Station mid-day. We had rain showers at Cape Leeuwin and heavy showers at Two Peoples Bay, and unstable at Cheynes Beach. Rain all day when driving from Stirling Range to Dryandra, and therefore excellent bird activity when we arrived Dryandra mid-day. A few light showers early morning at Mt Gibson Rd. Very hot from 8 AM at Cue – Nallan Station. Usually quite windy throughout. The best time to visit Western Australia is probably around September. At that time orchids are flowering in the south-west. There was decent song activity around Cheynes Beach at least. Mostly very quiet and seemingly empty in the outback (really tough birding). We saw a lot of breeding activity, both active feeding and small family groups with recently fledged juvenile birds. Seabirds are more plentiful and diverse during July and August. Nevertheless, a good time to escape Sweden...

Literature & Internet

- Birds of Australia, 8th ed, Simpson K, Day N. 2012.
- Finding Australian Birds, Dolby T, Clarke R. 2015. Both precise and inspiring!
- The Australian Bird Guide, Menkhorst P, Roger D, Clarke R et al. 2017. Very good!
- Trip-reports from cloudbirders.com: Beunen 2016, Bowler 2004, Goldbach 2006, Hottola 2006, Merrill 2016, Nielsen 2008, Thomas 2005, Threlfall 2012, Woude 2010. Birdquest 2011, 2013, 2015 & 2017.
- Frank O'Connors homepage (1997-2011) (somewhat out-dated): <http://birdingwa.iinet.net.au/>
- Birdlife Western Australia pamphlets: i.e. Albany, Busselton, Fitzgerald River, Perth: <http://www.birdlife.org.au/locations/birdlife-western-australia/bird-guides-wa>
- Penguin Island: <https://www.penguinisland.com.au/>
- Ebird.org (hotspots and species maps)

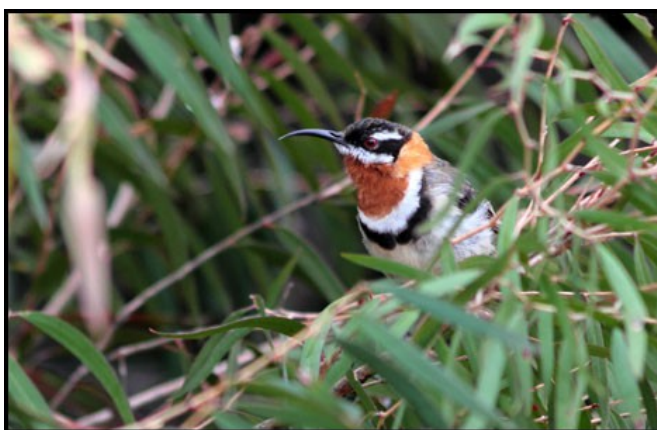
Itinerary

- 26.11 Arrived Perth Airport 13:00. ATM. After car pick-up, lunch at Sandy's, Kelmscott, then drove to **Wungong Dam** south of Perth. Afternoon/evening birding there and at **Bungondore Park** at Admiral Rd. Night at Armadale.
- 27.11 Left Armadale at 05:00. **Forrestdale Lake** 05:30-06:45. **Thomsons Lake** 07:00-08:00. **The Spectacles** 08:10-08:40. Drove to Rockingham. First ferry to **Penguin Island** 09:00. Went back 11:10. After lunch (Domino's) went south of Mandurah via Thompson Rd and Mills Rd to **Lake McLarty** 15:00-16:30. **Busselton** 17:45-18:00. Arrived Augusta 19:30, the kitchen at the hotel closed at 20:00. Night at Augusta.
- 28.11 Left Augusta 05:00. **Cape Leeuwin** 05:20-10:00 (NOTE: The lighthouse and visitor centre doesn't open until 08:45 AM!). Drove via Nannup (lunch at nice Blackwood Café) to Thompson Rd, **Lake Muir** 14:30-16:15. Arrived Kalgan 18:15. Night at Kalgan.

- 29.11 **Cheynes Beach** 06:30-12:30. Via Lower Kalgan Bridge to Albany for lunch. **The Gap** 15:10-17:30. **Rushy Point Bird Hide** 18:00-18:15. Night at Kalgan.
- 30.11 **Little Beach, Two Peoples Bay NR** 05:00-08:00. Drive to Cheynes Beach. Road to **Waychinicup Inlet** 11:30-13:30. **Cheynes Beach** 15:30-18:30. Road to Waychinicup 20:30-21:00. Night at Cheynes Beach.
- 1.12 **Cheynes Beach** 05:30-08:00, **Beaufort Inlet** – Millers Point Rd 09:20-10:00, **Bremer Bay** 10:30-12:00. Lunch at Wellstead Museum Café (Recommendable!). Drove via Devils Creek Rd. **Quaalup Homestead, Fitzgerald River National Park** 15:00-19:00. Night at Quaalup.
- 2.12 **Quaalup Homestead** 05:30-08:00. Fitzgerald River National Park, **Pabelup Dr to Quiss Rd** until afternoon. Late afternoon Jerramungup Caravan Park. Drove to **Stirling Range Retreat**, evening birding. Night at Stirling Range.
- 3.12 Full day at **Stirling Range**. Morning at Mt Trio on to Bluff Knoll Rd. Area around Stirling Range Retreat and parking at start of Bluff Knoll Rd. Lunch at The Bluff Knoll Café. Afternoon at Paper Collar Creek. Evening night walk around Retreat. Night at Stirling Range.
- 4.12 **Stirling Range Retreat** 05:00-06:00. Drive to Wagin. **Wagin Lake** 08:30. Wagin Treatment Plant 09:00. E Tomingley Rd, **Dryandra** 11:00. Midday around Arboretum, Dryandra, W Tomingley Rd, Dryandra Village Dam. Late afternoon Ochre Walk. Night walk around Arboretum. Night at Dryandra.
- 5.12 **Dryandra** 05:45-09:10. Lunch at Northam (Thai). **Reynoldson Flora Reserve** 14:30-16:30. Damboring NR 17:00. Night at Dalwallinu.
- 6.12 The Old Convent 04:50-05:00. **Mt Gibson Rd – Old Sand Quarry** 06:30-09:45. Paynes Find 11:00. Greenstone Belt 11:30. Lunch at Mt Magnet (Swagman Roadhouse). **The Granites** 14:00. N Cue 15:00-15:30. **Nallan Station** 16:00-19:30. Night at Nallan Station.
- 7.12 **Cue-Dalgaranga Rd**, W Cue 06:00-08:00. **Walga Rock** 09:30-11:00. Late afternoon **Nallan Station** Easter bore to Jackson Well. Night at Nallan Station.
- 8.12 Early morning around Cue. **Cue-Dalgaranga Rd** 06:00-10:00. Lake Austen 11:00. Lunch at Mt Magnet (Swagman Roadhouse). Late afternoon **Maranalgo Rd**, SSE Paynes Find. Night at Paynes Find.
- 9.12 **Maranalgo Rd** until km 32 05:45-08:00. **Mt Gibson Rd** 09:30-11:00. Lunch at New Norcia Roadhouse. **Lake Joondelup**, Perth 16:30-17:00. Pinnaroo Point 17:30. Night at Perth.
- 10.12 **Herdsmen Lake** 05:30-07:00. **Lake Monger** 07:30-07:50. Returned car at Hertz at noon. Early afternoon flight to Singapore.

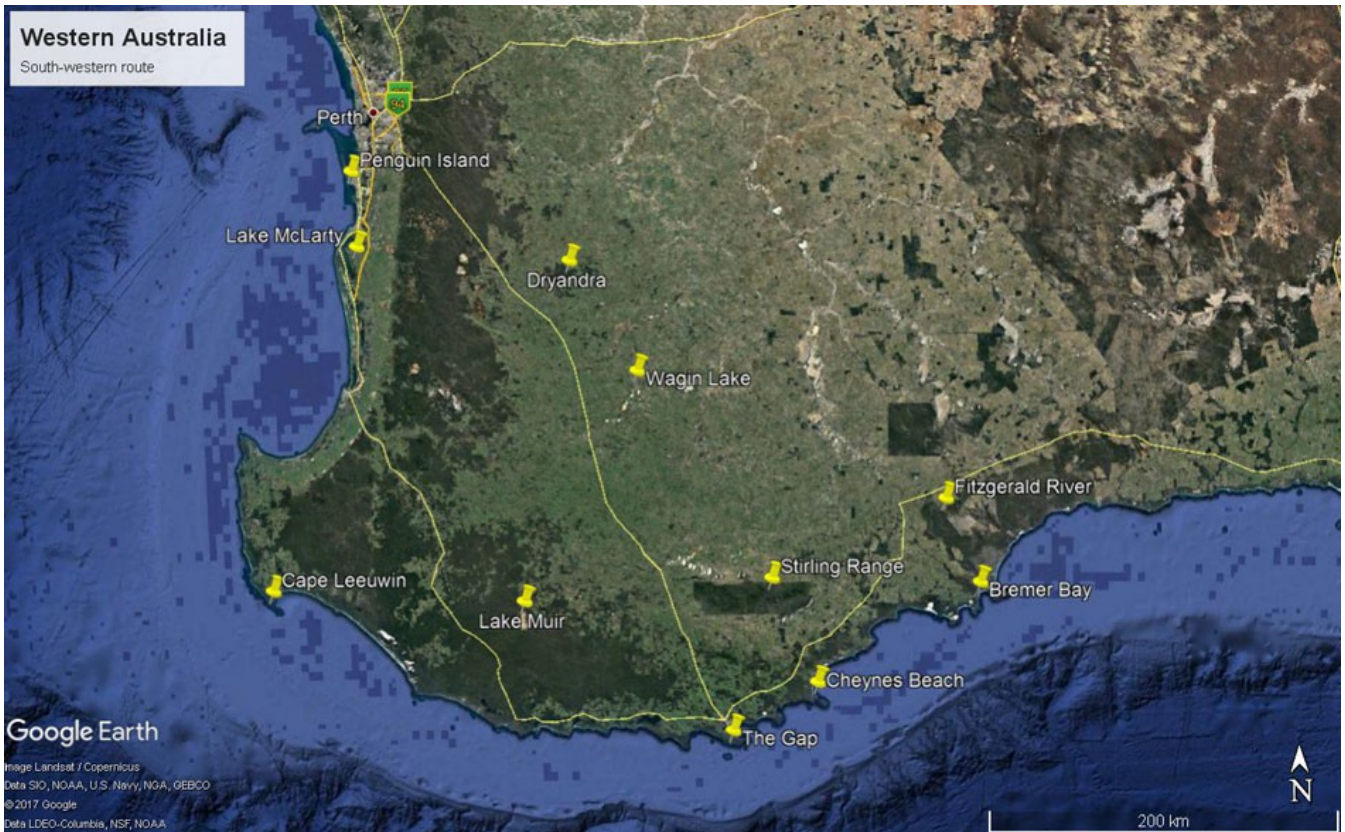


White-browed Babbler, Arboretum, Dryandra 4.12.

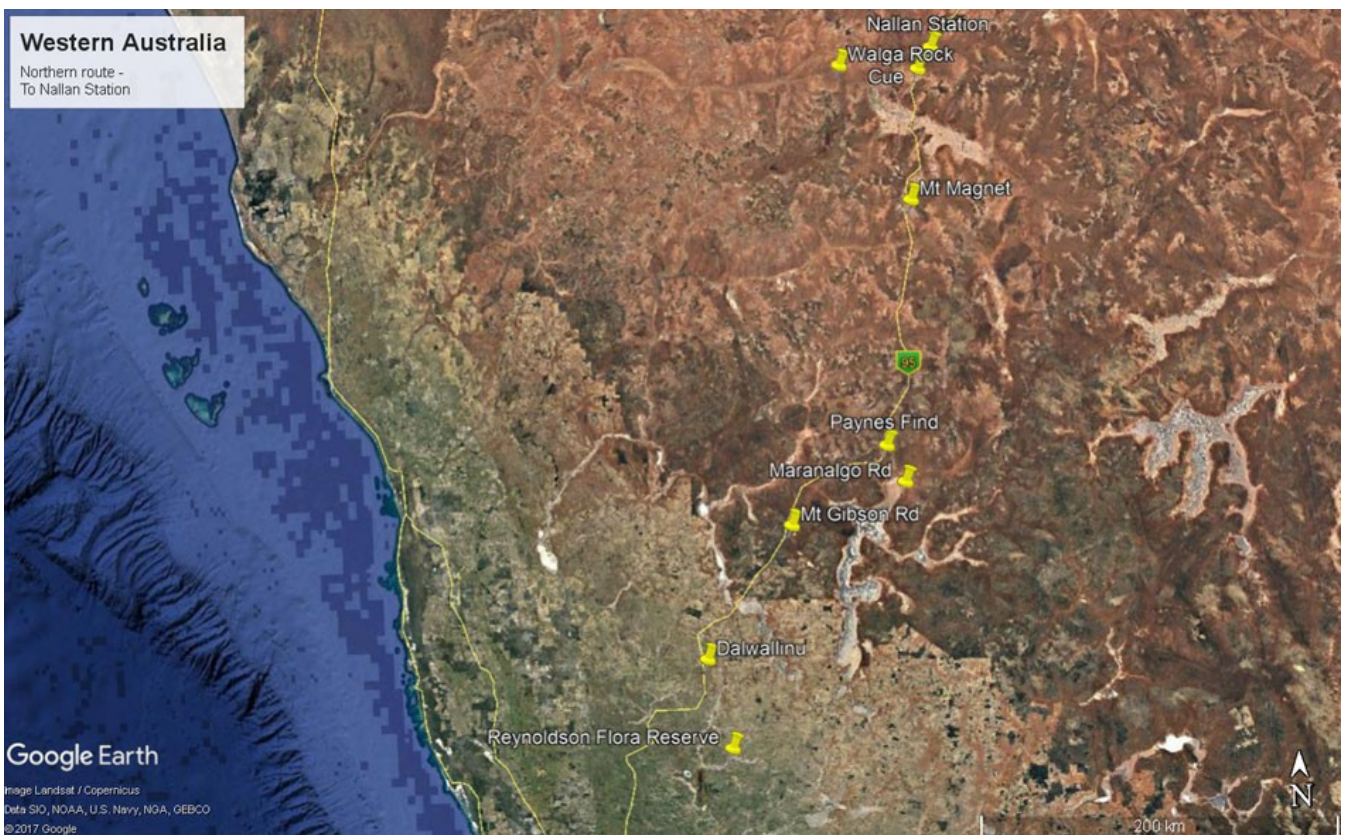


Western Spinebill, Cheynes Beach 29.11.

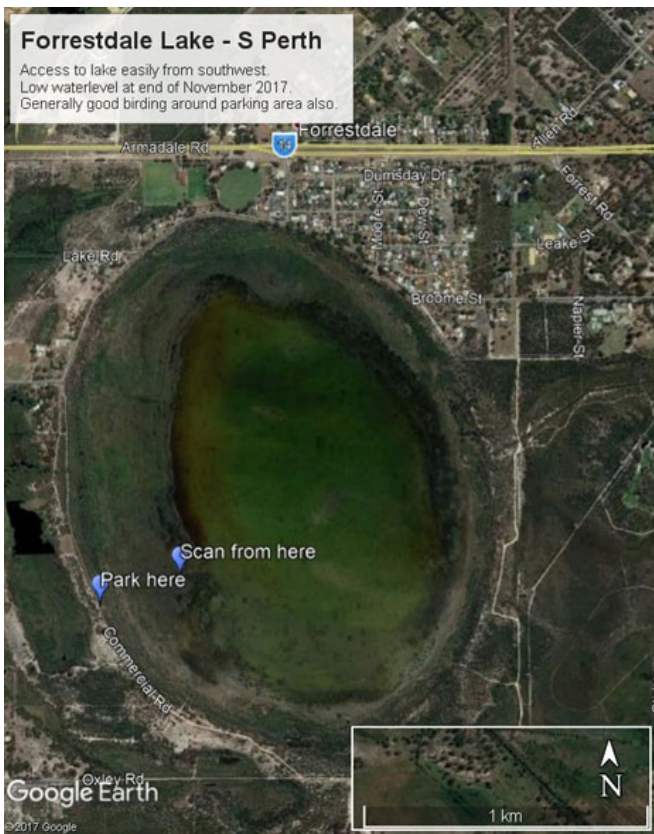
Maps



Map 1. South-western route. Day 1-10.



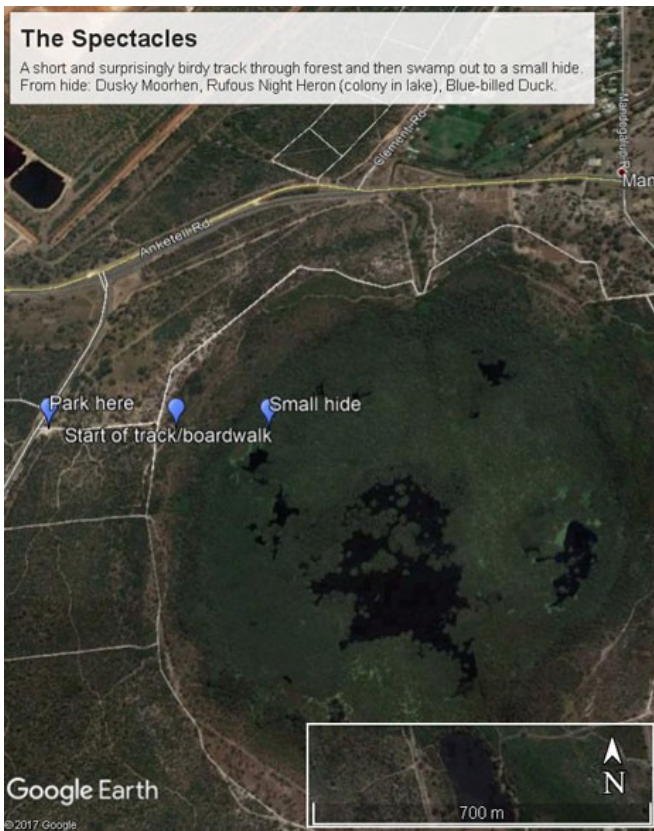
Map 2. Northern route. Day 10-14.



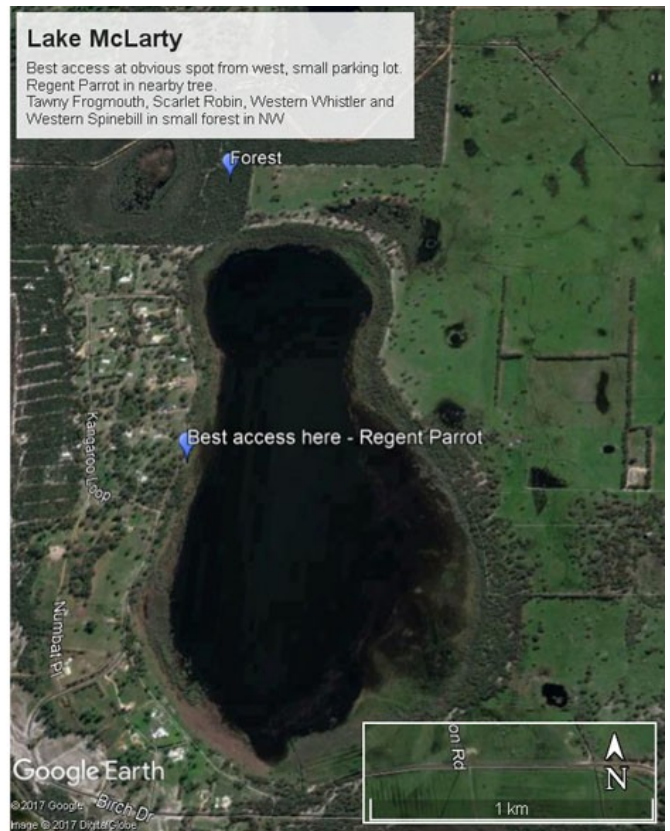
Map 3. Forrestdale Lake. S of Perth.



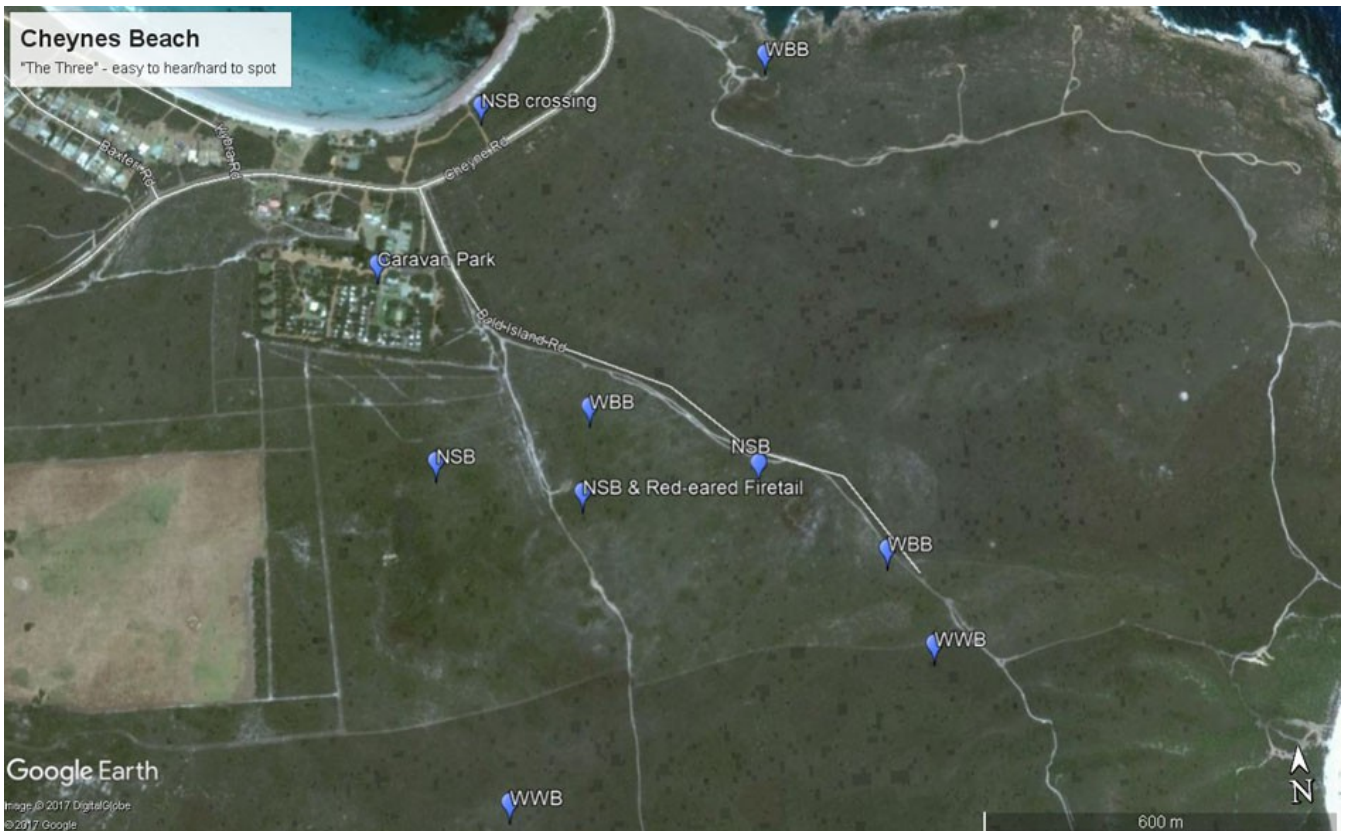
Map 4. Thomsons Lake. S of Perth.



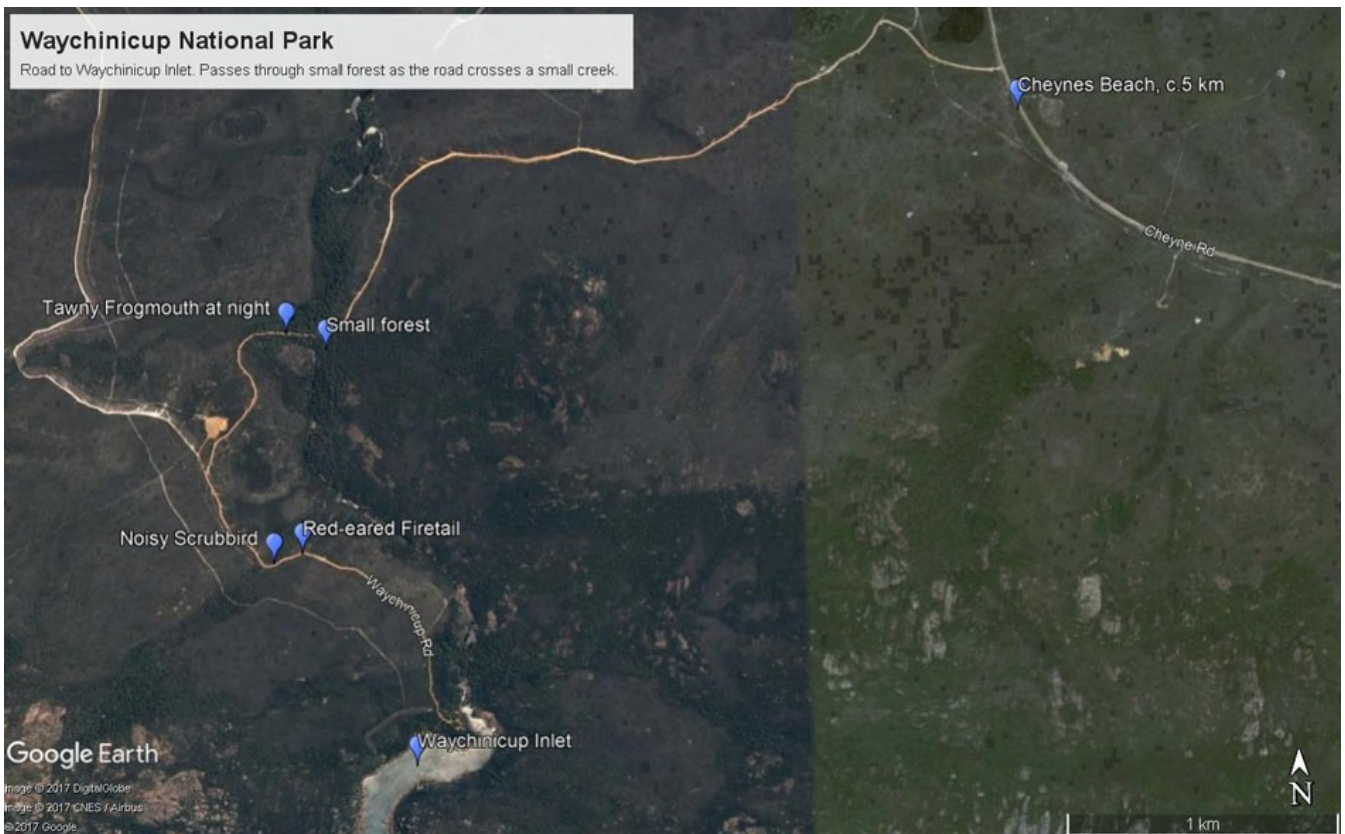
Map 5. The Spectacles. S of Perth.



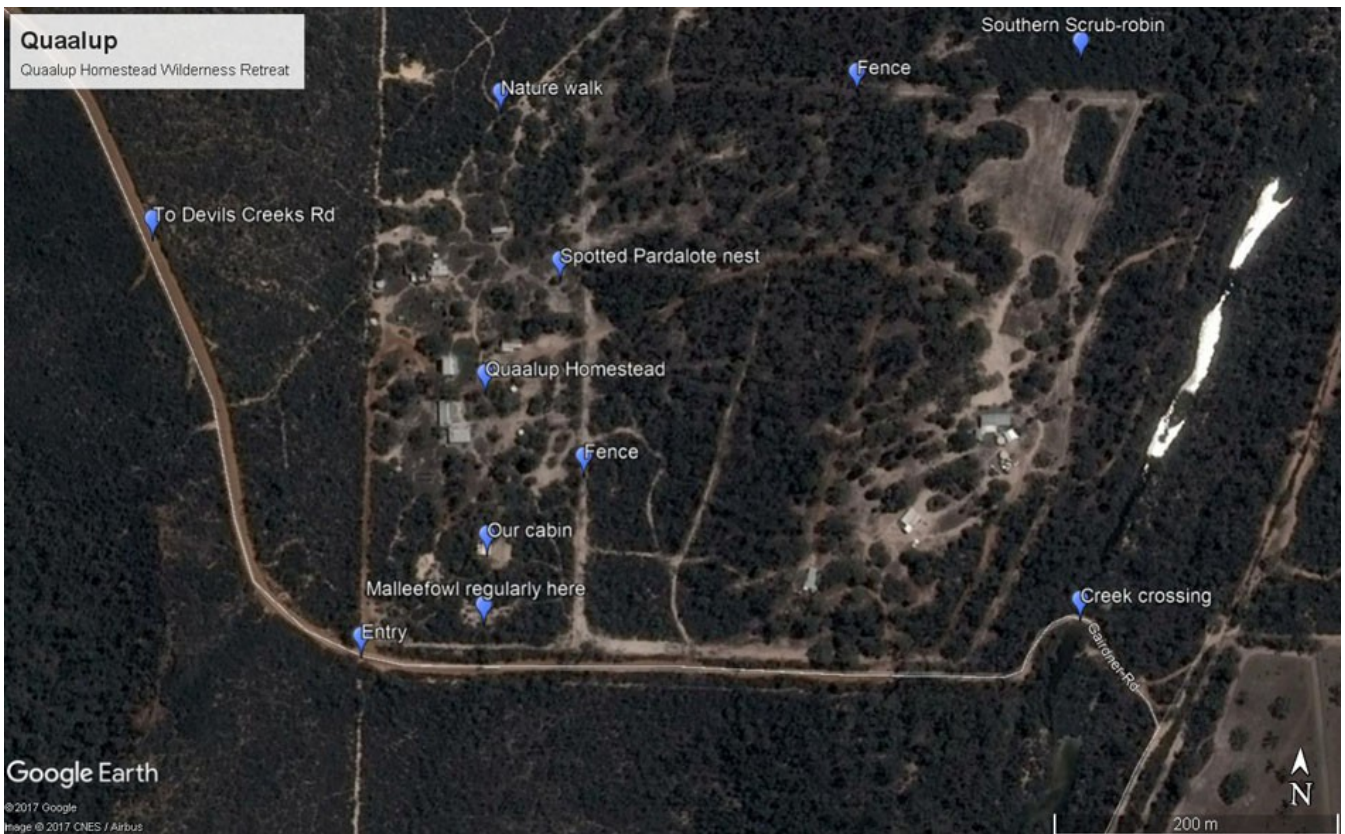
Map 6. Lake McLarty. S of Mandurah.



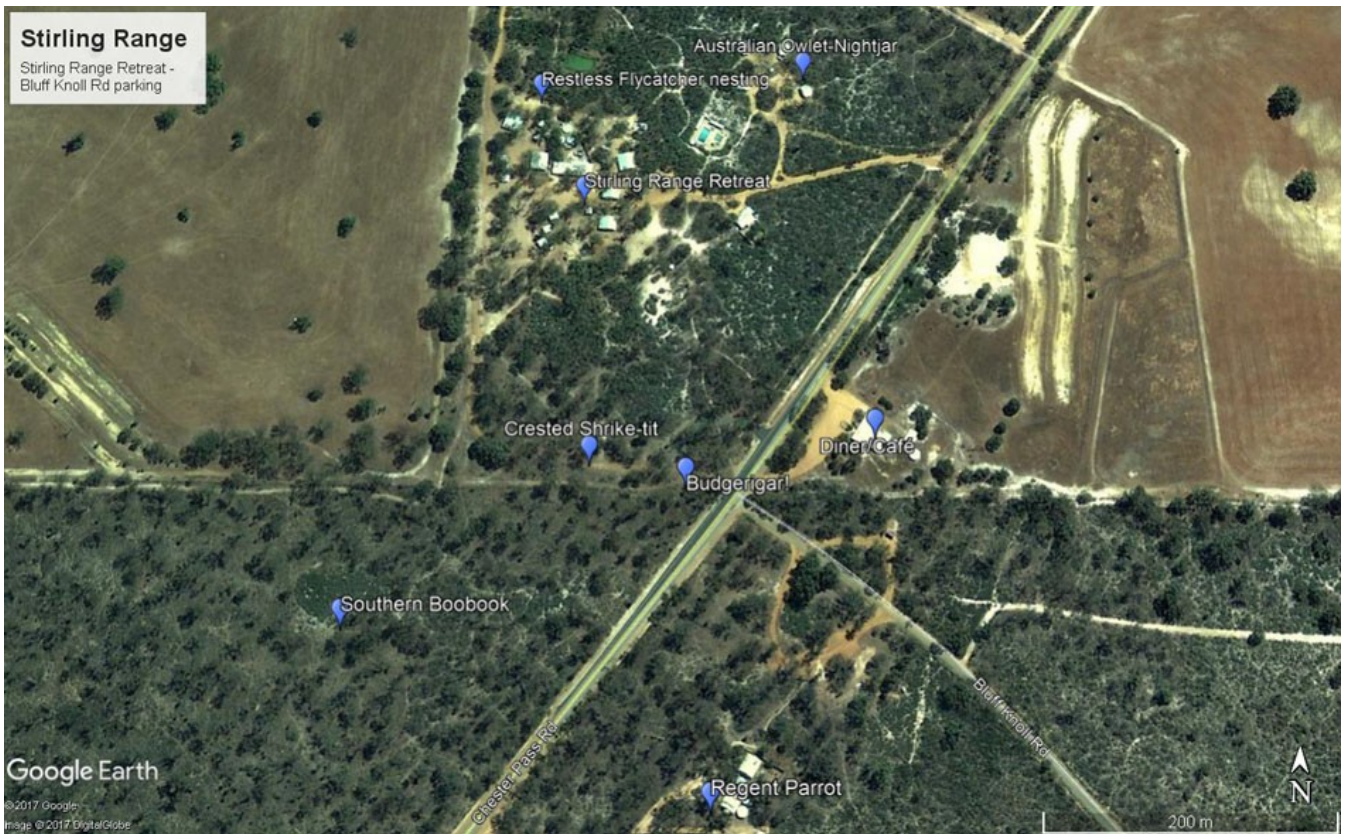
Map 7. Cheynes Beach. Some spots where we had any of "The Three".



Map 8. Waychinicup National Park.



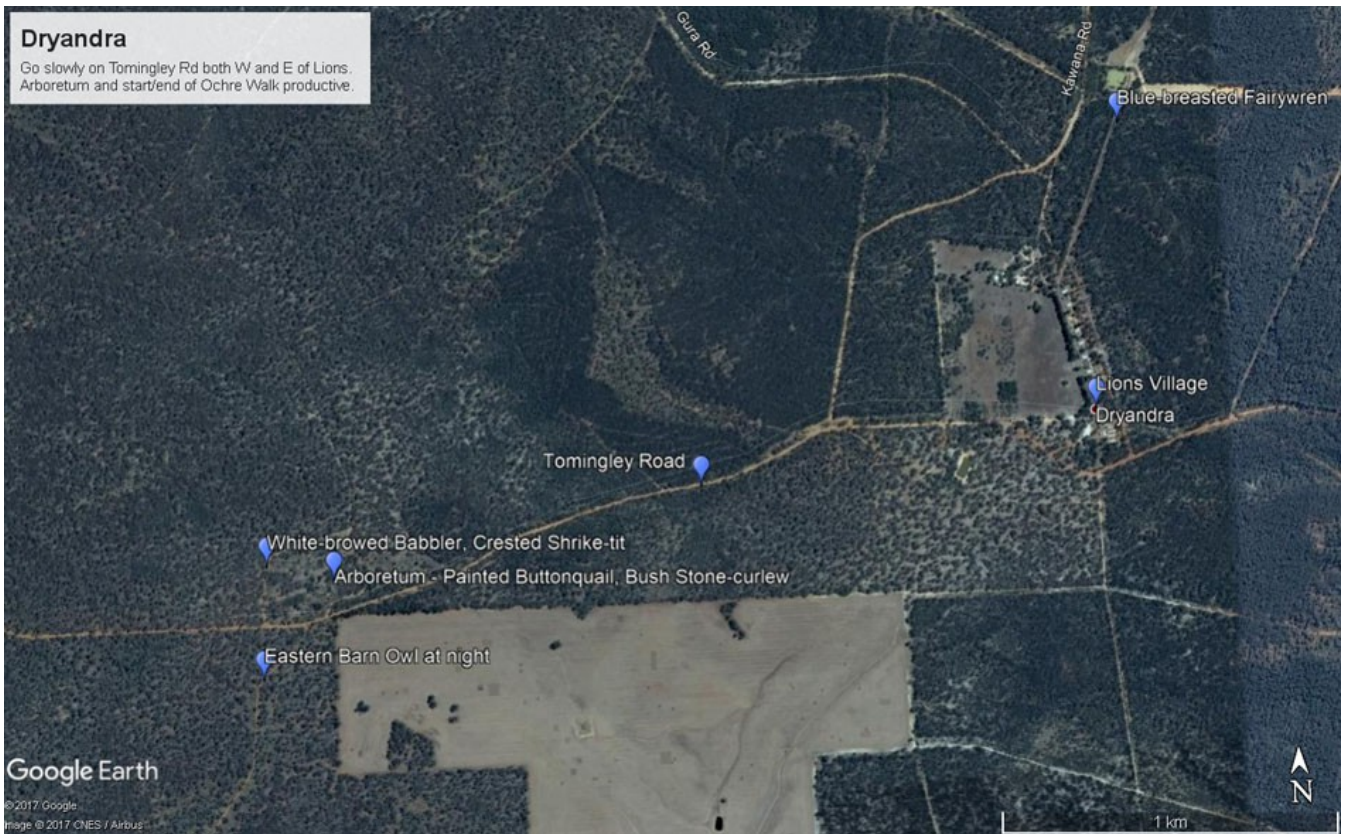
Map 9. Quaalup Homestead, Fitzgerald River National Park.



Map 10. Stirling Range Retreat, Amelup.



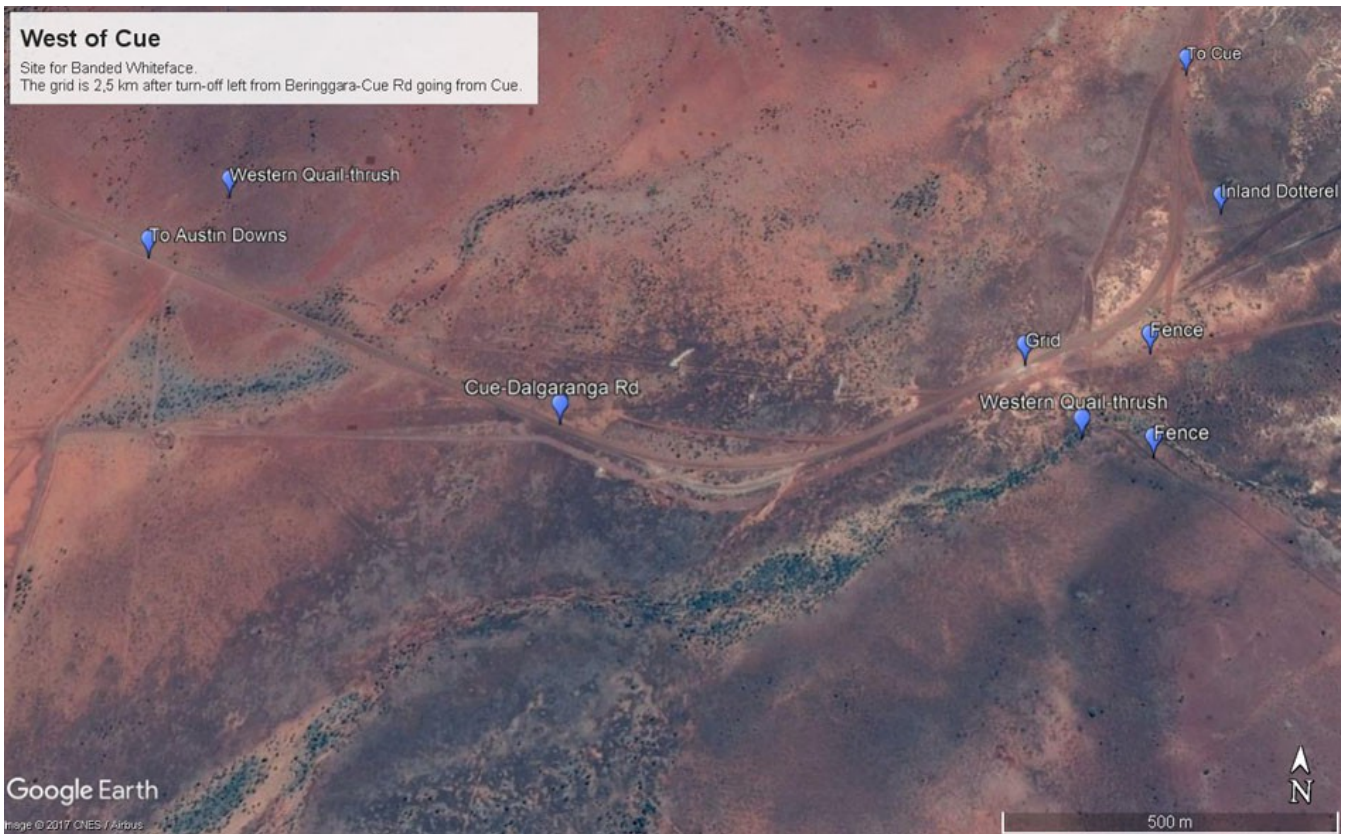
Map 11. Wagin.



Map 12. Dryandra.



Map 13. Old Sand Quarry, Mt Gibson Rd.



Map 14. Cue-Dalgaranga Rd, West of Cue.

List of birds: Western Australia, November 26th - December 10th 2017

Following IOC World Bird List 7.3 (July 2017) (www.worldbirdnames.org). In total: 206 species (all seen!), 10 species on The IUCN Red List for Threatened Species (2014.3). Subspecies notations are foremost literature-based.

- 1 **Emu** *Dromaius n. novaehollandiae*
1 Quiss Rd, Fitzgerald River (2/12), 1 Bluff Knoll Rd, Stirling Range (4/12), 2 Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (7/12). A few more roadside observation of birds in fenced areas among cattle probably non-wild, especially when driving from Augusta to Albany (28/11).
- 2 **Black Swan** *Cygnus atratus*
Seen on 8 days. Many hundreds in Perth lakes, most at Thomson Lake and Lake Joondelup, also 200+ at Bremer Bay (1/12).
- 3 **Mute Swan** *Cygnus olor* **Introduced**
10+ Northam Weir (5/12). According to Dolby & Clarke the only place in Australia that holds an arguably wild population of Mute Swan.
- 4 **Australian Shelduck** *Tadorna tadornoides*
Seen on 8 days. 100+ on 3 days. Found in most lakes.
- 5 **Pink-eared Duck** *Malacorhynchus membranaceus*
2 ad + 4 pull Busselton (27/11), 2 Wagin Lake (4/12), 2 Lake Monger (10/12).
- 6 **Maned Duck** *Chenonetta jubata*
Seen on 7 days. Max 100+ Wagin Treatment Plant (4/12).
- 7 **Pacific Black Duck** *Anas superciliosa superciliosa*
Seen on 7 days.
- 8 **Australasian Shoveler** *Anas rhynchotis rhynchotis*
4 Herdsman Lake (10/12), 5 Lake Monger (10/12).
- 9 **Grey Teal** *Anas gracilis gracilis*
Seen on 8 days.
- 10 **Chestnut Teal** *Anas castanea*
8 Bremer Bay (1/12).
- 11 **Hardhead** *Aythya australis australis*
30 Wagin Lake (4/12), 100+ Lake Joondelup (9/12), 20+ Herdsman Lake (10/12), 20+ Lake Monger (10/12).
- 12 **Blue-billed Duck** *Oxyura australis*
1 The Spectacles (27/11), 5 Wagin Lake (4/12), 7 Lake Joondelup (9/12), 5 Herdsman Lake (10/12), 8 Lake Monger (10/12).
- 13 **Musk Duck** *Biziura lobata lobata*
2 Thomsons Lake (27/11), 4 Wagin Lake (4/12), 30+ Lake Joondelup (9/12), 5+ Herdsman Lake (10/12), 2 Lake Monger (10/12).
- 14 **Little Penguin** *Eudyptula minor novaehollandiae*
1 Penguin Island (27/11).
- 15 **Black-browed Albatross** *Thalassarche melanophris*
1 imm Cape Leeuwin (28/11), 2 The Gap (29/11).
- 16 **Shy Albatross** *Thalassarche cauta* **NT**
5 Cape Leeuwin (28/11).
- 17 **Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross** **EN** *Thalassarche carteri*
2 The Gap (29/11).
Albatross sp. *Thalassarche sp.*
30+ Cape Leeuwin (28/11), 3 The Gap (29/11).
- 18 **Flesh-footed Shearwater** **NT** *Ardenna carneiceps*
30+ Cape Leeuwin (28/11), 400+ The Gap (29/11).
- 19 **Hutton's Shearwater** **EN** *Puffinus huttoni*
20+ Cape Leeuwin (28/11).
- 20 **Australasian Grebe** *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*
2 Busselton (27/11), 1 Lake Joondelup (9/12), 10+ Herdsman Lake (10/12).
- 21 **Hoary-headed Grebe** *Poliiocephalus poliocephalus*
580 Wagin Lake (4/12), 100+ Lake Joondelup (9/12), 20+ Herdsman Lake (10/12).
- 22 **Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus australis*
3 Lake Joondelup (9/12), 10+ Herdsman Lake (10/12).
- 23 **Australian White Ibis** *Threskiornis molucca molucca*

- Seen on 5 days, mainly around Perth lakes.
- 24 Straw-necked Ibis** *Threkiornis spinicollis*
Seen on 6 days, mainly around Perth lakes.
- 25 Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus*
>100 Forrestdale Lake (27/11)
- 26 Yellow-billed Spoonbill** *Platalea flavipes*
5 Lake McLarty (27/11), 3 Busselton (27/11).
- 27 Nankeen Night Heron** *Nycticorax caledonicus australasiae*
3 The Spectacles (27/11), 1 Thompson Rd, Lake McLarty (27/11), 2 Herdsman Lake (10/12).
- 28 White-necked Heron** *Ardea pacifica*
>40 Perth lakes and Lake McLarty (27/11), 2 Millers Point Rd (1/12).
- 29 Great Egret** *Ardea alba modesta*
3 Thomsons Lake (27/11), 1 Lake McLarty (27/11), 1 Bremer Bay (1/12), 10 Herdsman Lake (10/12).
- 30 White-faced Heron** *Egretta novaehollandiae*
Seen on 10 days. Most around Perth lakes.
- 31 Australian Pelican** *Pelecanus conspicillatus*
>200 (27/11), 8 Augusta (28/11), 30 Rusty Point, Albany (29/11), >20 Bremer Bay (1/12), 1 Lake Joondelup (9/12), many Herdmans Lake (10/12).
- 32 Australasian Gannet** *Morus serrator*
10 Cape Leeuwin (28/11), 4 The Gap (29/11), 6 Two People's Bay (30/11), 2 Perth (9/12).
- 33 Little Pied Cormorant** *Microcarbo melanoleucos melanoleucos*
Seen on 8 days.
- 34 Little Black Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*
2 e.r. Wungong Dam (26/11), 1 Busselton (27/11), 1 Lake Muir (28/11), 1 Lake Joondelup (9/10), a few Herdsman Lake (10/12).
- 35 Australian Pied Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax varius hypoleucos*
100 Penguin Island (27/11), 1 Cape Leeuwin (28/11).
- 36 Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo novaehollandiae*
5 Albany (29/11), 1 Beaufort Inlet (1/12).
- 37 Australasian Darter** *Anhinga novaehollandiae novaehollandiae*
15 Lake McLarty (27/11), 2 Kalgan (28/11), 2 Beaufort Inlet (1/12).
- 38 Eastern Osprey** *Pandion cristatus*
1 Penguin Is (27/11), 1 Lake McLarty (27/11), 1 Kalgan (28/11), 4 Albany-Kalgan (29/11), 1 Bremer Bay (1/12).
- 39 Square-tailed Kite** *Lophoictinia isura*
1 SW Mount Barker (28/11), 1 Millers Point Rd (1/12), 1 Bremer Bay (1/12).
- 40 Black-breasted Buzzard** *Hamirostra melanosternon*
1 Nallan Station (6/12).
- 41 Little Eagle** *Hieraetus morphnoides*
1 light phase Penguin Is (27/11), 1 dark phase Lake McLarty (27/11), 1 light phase Stirling Range (3/12).
- 42 Wedge-tailed Eagle** *Aquila audax audax*
Seen on 10 days, in total 23 birds, mostly roadside.
- 43 Brown Goshawk** *Accipiter fasciatus fasciatus*
1 ad attacking Red-tailed Black Cockatoos at Wungong Dam (26/11). MG only.
- 44 Collared Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter cirrocephalus cirrocephalus*
1 W Kalgan (28/11), 1 Quaalup Homestead (1/12), 1 E Jerramungup (2/12), 1 Arboretum, Dryandra (4/12), 1 Nallan Station (7/12).
- 45 Swamp Harrier** *Circus approximans*
1 Forrestdale Lake (27/11), 2 Thomsons Lake (27/11), 1 Lake McLarty (27/11), 1 Quiss Rd (2/12).
- 46 Whistling Kite** *Haliaeetus sphenurus*
Seen on 7 days, mostly around Perth Lakes and e.r. Nallan Station.
- 47 White-bellied Sea Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucogaster*
1 ad Kalgan (29/11), 1 Waychinicup Inlet (30/11), 2 Cheynes Beach (30/11).
- 48 Buff-banded Rail** *Gallirallus philippensis mellori*
1 Penguin Is (27/11).
- 49 Australasian Swamphen** *Porphyrio melanotus bellus*
6 Forrestdale Lake (27/11), 2 Lake Joondelup (9/12), 50+ Herdsman Lake (10/12).
- 50 Dusky Moorhen** *Gallinula tenebrosa tenebrosa*
6 The Spectacles (27/11), 20+ Herdsman Lake (10/12).

- 51 Eurasian Coot** *Fulica atra australis*
Seen on 5 days. Max 1000+ Lake Joondelup (9/12).
- 52 Painted Buttonquail** *Turnix varius varius*
1 flushed Ochre Walk, Dryandra (4/12), 1 calling and briefly seen on ground Arboretum, Dryandra (5/12).
- 53 Bush Stone-curlew** *Burhinus grallarius*
2 Arboretum, Dryandra (4/12), 1 Lions Dryandra Village seen at night (4/12).
- 54 Pied Oystercatcher** *Haematopus longirostris*
3 Penguin Is (27/11), 15 Augusta (28/11), 3 Rusty Point, Albany (29/11), 2 Bremer Bay (1/12).
- 55 Sooty Oystercatcher** *Haematopus fuliginosus fuliginosus*
5 Cape Leeuwin (28/11).
- 56 White-headed Stilt** *Himantopus leucocephalus*
250 Forrestdale Lake (27/11), 250 Lake McLarty (27/11), 4 Bremer Bay (1/12), 2 W Cue (7/12), 7 Lake Joondelup (9/12).
- 57 Red-necked Avocet** *Recurvirostra novaehollandiae*
7 Bremer Bay (1/12).
- 58 Inland Dotterel** *Peltodytes australis*
1 pair Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (8/12). See Map 10.
- 59 Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola squatarola*
15 Rusty Point, Albany (29/11).
- 60 Red-capped Plover** *Charadrius ruficapillus*
4 Busselton (27/11), 16 Bremer Bay (1/12), 1 e.r. (4/12), 11 Reynoldson Flora Reserve (5/12).
- 61 Hooded Plover** *Thinornis cucullatus* **VU**
1 pair (incubating) Bremer Bay, on sand bank at mouth of Wellstead Estuary (1/12). There should be a site also somewhere along Salt River Rd, NW Stirling Range.
- 62 Black-fronted Dotterel** *Euseyornis melanops*
1 pair Devils Creek Rd at Gairdner River, e.r. Quaalup Homestead (1/12), 1 W Cue (7/12).
- 63 Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica*
2 Rusty Point, Albany (29/11), 2 Bremer Bay (1/12).
- 64 Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*
20 Lower Kalgan Bridge (29/11), 1 Devils Creek Rd (1/12).
- 65 Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*
2 Wagin Treatment Plant (4/12).
- 66 Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres interpres*
3 Cape Leeuwin (28/11), 1 Rusty Point, Albany (29/11).
- 67 Red Knot** *Calidris canutus*
8 Rusty Point, Albany (29/11), 2 Beaufort Inlet (1/12).
- 68 Red-necked Stint** *Calidris ruficollis*
30 Rusty Point, Albany (29/11), 40+ Bremer Bay (1/12).
- 69 Silver Gull** *Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae novaehollandiae*
Seen on 8 days.
- 70 Pacific Gull** *Larus pacificus georgii*
Seen in small numbers on 6 days. Max 6 Cape Leeuwin (28/11).
- 71 Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogone caspia*
4 Penguin Is (27/11), 1 Busselton (27/11), 3 Cape Leeuwin (28/11), 2 Albany (29/11), 1 Bremer Bay (1/12).
- 72 Greater Crested Tern** *Thalasseus bergii cristatus*
500+ Penguin Is (27/11), 15 Cape Leeuwin (28/11), 20 The Gap (29/11), 2 Two Peoples Bay (30/11), 20 Bremer Bay (1/12).
- 73 Fairy Tern** *Sternula nereis nereis* **VU**
6 Cape Leeuwin (28/11), 4 Bremer Bay (1/12).
- 74 Bridled Tern** *Onychoprion anaethetus anaethetus*
300+ Penguin Is (27/11).
- 75 Pomarine Jaeger** *Stercorarius pomarinus*
1 Cape Leeuwin (28/11). BS only.
- 76 Rock Dove** *Columba livia*
Seen on 6 days.
- 77 Laughing Dove** *Spilopelia senegalensis* **Introduced**
Seen on 7 days.
- 78 Common Bronzewing** *Phaps chalcoptera*
Seen in small numbers daily.

- 79 Brush Bronzewing** *Phaps elegans occidentalis*
2 Cheynes Beach (29/11), 4 singles seen on the road e.r. Waychinicup Inlet (30/11).
- 80 Crested Pigeon** *Ocyphaps lophotes lophotes*
Seen almost daily, max 25.
- 81 Diamond Dove** *Geopelia cuneata*
1 Jackson Well, Nallan Station (6/12). MG only.
- 82 Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx basalis*
1 The Spectacles (27/11), 1 Quiss Rd (2/12).
- 83 Shining Bronze Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx lucidus plagosus*
2 Arboretum, Dryandra (4/12).
- 84 Pallid Cuckoo** *Cacomantis pallidus*
1 SW Boyagin NR, N Dryandra (5/12).
- 85 Fan-tailed Cuckoo** *Cacomantis flabelliformis flabelliformis*
2 ad + 1 juv The Spectacles (27/11), 1 juv Cheynes Beach Caravan Park (30/11), 1 Cheynes Beach (1/12).
- 86 Eastern Barn Owl** *Tyto javanica delicatula*
1 at night Ochre Walk, Dryandra (4/12).
- 87 Southern Boobook** *Ninox boobook ocellata*
3 heard Quaalup Homestead (1/12), 1 ad + 1 juv at night 500 m SSW of Stirling Range Retreat (3/12).
- 88 Tawny Frogmouth** *Podargus strigoides brachypterus*
1 flushed at Lake McLarty (27/11), 1 at night Waychinicup, in forest c. 1,5 km N of parking at Waychinicup Inlet Campsite (30/11), 1 flushed at The Granites, N Mt Magnet (6/12).
- 89 Australian Owlet-Nightjar** *Aegotheles cristatus cristatus*
1 in hole in tree close to cabin 21, seen from cabin 22, Stirling Range Retreat (3/12).
- 90 Laughing Kookaburra** *Dacelo novaeguineae novaeguineae*
Seen on 12 days.
- 91 Sacred Kingfisher** *Todiramphus sanctus sanctus*
1 Thomsons Lake (27/11), 1 Quaalup Homestead (2/12), 3 Stirling Range Retreat (3/12).
- 92 Red-backed Kingfisher** *Todiramphus pyrrhopygius*
1 Old Sand Quarry, Mt Gibson Rd (6 & 9/12), 1 Cue (6/12), 1 Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (8/12).
- 93 Rainbow Bee-eater** *Merops ornatus*
Seen in low numbers on 12 days.
- 94 Nankeen Kestrel** *Falco cenchroides cenchroides*
Seen in low numbers on 12 days.
- 95 Australian Hobby** *Falco longipennis longipennis*
1 Thomsons Lake (27/11), 1 Augusta (28/11), 2 Quaalup Homestead (2/12), 1 Quiss Rd (2/12), 1 Stirling Range (3/12).
- 96 Brown Falcon** *Falco berigora berigora*
A few seen roadside on 9 days. Based on jizz a more proper name would be Brown Kestrel.
- 97 Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus macropus*
1 Cheynes Beach (29/11).
- 98 Red-tailed Black Cockatoo** *Calyptorhynchus banksii naso*
5+10 Wungong Dam – Bungondore Park (26/11), 2 Thompson Rd, Lake Muir (28/11).
- 99 Baudin's Black Cockatoo** *Calyptorhynchus baudinii* EN Endemic to Western Australia
8 Thompson Rd, Lake Muir (28/11).
- 100 Carnaby's Black Cockatoo** *Calyptorhynchus latirostris* EN Endemic to Western Australia
20+ Stirling Range (3/12), 2 Stirling Range (4/12). Black Cockatoos were seen on another 5 days most of them probably Carnaby's. You need close views to determine the length of the upper mandible, so take your chances as soon as you have close birds until you have both. Baudin's is harder to get (Lake Muir-area is a good site) and more confined to forest, while Carnaby's is more widespread.
- 101 Galah** *Eolophus roseicapilla roseicapilla*
Seen daily in good numbers. One of the most charming birds in Australia!
- 102 Major Mitchell's Cockatoo** *Laphochroa leadbeateri mollis*
2 Mt Gibson Rd (6/12), 1+1+2 Maranalgo Rd, SSE Paynes Find (8/12) and 12+1+1 (9/12).
- 103 Long-billed Corella** *Cacatua tenuirostris* Introduced
8 Rockingham (27/11).
- 104 Western Corella** *Cacatua pastinator* Endemic to Western Australia
Ssp *pastinator*: 50+ Thompson Rd, Lake Muir (28/11).
Ssp *derbyi*: 80+ New Norcia (9/12).
- 105 Little Corella** *Cacatua sanguinea westralensis*

- 1 Bungondore Park (26/11), 50+ Dalwallinu (5-6/12).
- 106 Regent Parrot** *Polyelis anthoepus anthoepus*
1 pair along Birch Dr west of Lake McLarty (27/11), 4 at parking area at start of Bluff Knoll Rd, Stirling Range (3/12).
- 107 Mulga Parrot** *Psephotellus varius*
3 Nallan Station (6/12), 15 Walga Rock (7/12), 3 Jackson Well, Nallan Station (7/12), 9 SSE Paynes Find (8/12), 5 SSE Paynes Find (9/12).
- 108 Red-capped Parrot** *Purpureicephalus spurius* Endemic to Western Australia
Seen in good numbers on 9 days in the southwest.
- 109 Western Rosella** *Platycercus icterotis* Endemic to Western Australia
Seen in low numbers on 7 days. Most observations roadside birds.
- 110 Australian Ringneck** *Barnardius zonarius*
Seen in good numbers on 13 days both ssp *semitorquatus* and *zonarius*.
- 111 Bourke's Parrot** *Neopsephotus bourkii*
Seen after sunset drinking at Jackson Well, Nallan Station 10-25+ (6-7/12). 20+ Maranalgo Rd, SSE Paynes Find (8/12).
- 112 Elegant Parrot** *Neophema elegans carteri*
1 Quiss Rd (2/12), 8 Stirling Range (3/12), 1 Stirling Range (4/12), 5 Arboretum, Dryandra (4/12).
- 113 Rock Parrot** *Neophema petrophila*
6 Cape Leeuwin (28/11). Easy on the lawn at the information center all morning.
- 114 Purple-crowned Lorikeet** *Parvipsitta porphyrocephala*
1 Busselton (27/11), 15+ Quaalup Homestead (1/12), 50 Quiss Rd (2/12), 15+ Stirling Range (3-4/12), 1 Arboretum, Dryandra (5/12).
- 115 Rainbow Lorikeet** *Trichoglossus moluccanus* Introduced
30+ Forrestdale Lake and Thomsons Lake (27/11), 2 Perth (9/12).
- 116 Budgerigar** *Melopsittacus undulatus*
1 ad 500 m SE Stirling Range Retreat at Bluff Knoll Rd take-off (3/12). A good find!
- 117 Noisy Scrubbird** *Atrichornis clamosus* EN Endemic to Western Australia
2 seen + 6 heard only Cheynes Beach (29/11), 1 seen + 6 heard only Cheynes Beach (30/11), 1 seen + 4 heard only on road to Waychinicup Inlet (30/11), 3 heard only Cheynes Beach (1/12).
- 118 Western Bowerbird** *Chlamydera guttata guttata*
1 N Cue (6/12), 1 Nallan Station (6/12), 1 Walga Rock (7/12), 6 Nallan Station (7/12).
- 119 Rufous Treecreeper** *Climacteris rufus*
5 Thompson Rd, Lake Muir (28/11), 12 Dryandra (4/12), 8 Dryandra (5/12).
- 120 Variegated Fairywren** *Malurus lamberti assimilis*
1 pair Lake Austin, east side of Great Northern Highway as it reaches the (former) lake from south, before "The Island" (8/12).
- 121 Blue-breasted Fairywren** *Malurus pulcherrimus*
8 Quiss Rd (2/12), 6 Stirling Range (3/12), 4 Dryandra Village Dam (4/12).
- 122 Red-winged Fairywren** *Malurus elegans* Endemic to Western Australia
1 pair Cheynes Beach (29/11), 1 f Kalgan (29/11), 4 Waychinicup Inlet road (30/11), 4 Cheynes Beach (30/11).
- 123 Splendid Fairywren** *Malurus splendens splendens*
Seen on 11 days.
- 124 White-winged Fairywren** *Malurus leucopterus leuconotus*
15 Reynoldson Flora Reserve (5/12), 5 Damboring NR (5/12), 3 Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (8/12), 5 Maranalgo Rd, SSE Paynes Find (8/12). Mostly found in (former) saltmarsh habitat.
- 125 Southern Emu-wren** *Stipiturus malachurus westernensis*
6 Cape Leeuwin (28/11), 7 Cheynes Beach (29/11), 3 Little Beach, Two Peoples Bay (30/11), 3 Cheynes Beach (30/11), 2 Cheynes Beach (1/12), 1 Quaalup Homestead (2/12), 2 Stirling Range (3/12). Easy to find in heath habitat.
- 126 Tawny-crowned Honeyeater** *Gliciphila melanops melanops*
4 Cheynes Beach (29/11), 2 Waychinicup Inlet road (30/11), 4 Cheynes Beach (30/11), 7 Cheynes Beach (1/12), 100+ Pabelup Dr, Fitzgerald River (2/12), 2 Stirling Range (3/12), 1 Stirling Range (4/12). Mostly found in heath with few trees/scrub.
- 127 Western Spinebill** *Acanthorhynchus superciliosus* Endemic to Western Australia
1 f Lake McLarty (27/11), 5 Cheynes Beach (29/11), 5 Waychinicup Inlet (30/11), 3 Cheynes Beach (30/11), 2 Cheynes Beach (1/12), 1 f Quaalup Homestead (2/12), 1 Stirling Range (3/12), 1 pair Ochre Walk, Dryandra (4/12).

- 128 Brown Honeyeater** *Lichmera indistincta indistincta*
Seen on 13 days.
- 129 New Holland Honeyeater** *Phylidonyris novaehollandiae longirostris*
One of the most abundant birds in the southwest, seen on 10 days.
- 130 White-cheeked Honeyeater** *Phylidonyris niger*
Seen on 7 days. Less numerous than New Holland.
- 131 Brown-headed Honeyeater** *Melithreptus brevirostris leucogenys*
1 Quiss Rd (2/12), 5 Jerramungup Caravan Park (2/12), 1 Stirling Range (2/12), 1 Stirling Range (3/12), 5 Dryandra (4/12).
- 132 Gilbert's Honeyeater** *Melithreptus chloropsis* **Endemic to Western Australia**
3 Lake Muir (28/11), 5 Kalgan (28/11), 5 Waychincup Inlet (30/11), 6 Quaalup Homestead (1/12), 2 Quaalup Homestead (2/12), 5 Stirling Range (3/12).
- 133 White-eared Honeyeater** *Nesoptilotis leucotis novaenorciae*
3 at the eastern end of Tomingley Rd, Dryandra (4/12), 1 western part of Tomingley Rd, Dryandra (4/12).
- 134 Crimson Chat** *Epthianura tricolor*
2 Greenstone Belt, S Mt Magnet (6/12), 2 Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (7/12), 3 Walga Rock (7/12), 15 Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (8/12), 3 SSE Paynes Find (8/12). Always loosely associated with Black-faced Woodswallows.
- 135 White-fronted Chat** *Epthianura albifrons*
9 (in one group) western margins of Reynoldson Flora Reserve (5/12).
- 136 Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater** *Acanthagenys rufogularis*
Seen on 5 days in the north. Max 15 (6/12).
- 137 Western Wattlebird** *Anthochaera lunulata* **Endemic to Western Australia**
1 Forrestdale Lake (27/11), 5 Cheynes Beach (29/11), 6 Quiss Rd (2/12), 1 Arboretum, Dryandra (4/12). Surprisingly scarce.
- 138 Red Wattlebird** *Anthochaera carunculata woodwardi*
Seen commonly on 11 days.
- 139 Purple-gaped Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus cratitius*
1 Quiss Rd (2/12), 3 Jerramungup Caravan Park (2/12).
- 140 Yellow-throated Miner** *Manorina flavigula*
1 Thomson Rd, Lake McLarty (27/11). Easily seen on 7 days in the inland/outback.
- 141 White-fronted Honeyeater** *Purnella albifrons*
2-3 seen in scrub opposite The Old Convent in Dalwallinu (6 & 9/12).
- 142 Singing Honeyeater** *Gavicalis virescens virescens*
Seen on 8 days in various inland habitat, also on Penguin Is.
- 143 Yellow-plumed Honeyeater** *Ptilotula ornata*
20+ seen daily in Stirling Range and Dryandra.
- 144 White-plumed Honeyeater** *Ptilotula penicillata carteri*
Easily seen around Mt Magnet, Cue and Nallan Station on 3 days.
- 145 Western Bristlebird** *Dasyornis longirostris* **NT Endemic to Western Australia**
2 seen + 1 heard Cheynes Beach (29/11), 5 heard Little Beach, Two Peoples Bay (30/11), 1 heard Cheynes Beach (30/11), 1 seen + 3 heard Cheynes Beach (1/12).
- 146 Spotted Pardalote** *Pardalotus punctatus xanthopyge*
1 pair Quaalup Homestead (1/12), 1 m Quaalup Homestead (2/12).
- 147 Striated Pardalote** *Pardalotus striatus substriatus*
5 Forrestdale Lake (27/11), 1 Quiss Rd (2/12), 7 Stirling Range (3/12), 8 Dryandra (4/12), 5 Dryandra (5/12).
- 148 Shy Heathwren** *Calamanthus cautus whitlocki*
1 at random stop, Quiss Rd close to where it meets Pabelup Dr (2/12).
- 149 Western Fieldwren** *Calamanthus montanellus* **Endemic to Western Australia**
1 pair at random stop, Pabelup Dr, Fitzgerald River (2/12). Merrill (2016) mentions a site at southern parts of Stirling Range.
- 150 Redthroat** *Pyrrholaemus brunneus*
12 Mt Gibson Rd (6/12), 4 Paynes Find (6/12), 6 Nallan Station (7/12), 2 Walga Rock (7/12), 5 Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (8/12), 2 Paynes Find (9/12).
- 151 White-browed Scrubwren** *Sericornis frontalis*
Probably both ssp *mellori* and *maculatus* seen. Seen on 7 days in the southwest.
- 152 Weebill** *Smicronis brevirostris*
Seen on 8 days.
- 153 Western Gerygone** *Gerygone fusca fusca*

Seen on 8 days.

154 Inland Thornbill *Acanthiza apicalis*

Seen on 10 days.

155 Chestnut-rumped Thornbill *Acanthiza uropygialis*

Seen up to 10 on 4 days in the outback. Most around Paynes Find and Mt Gibson Rd.

156 Western Thornbill *Acanthiza inornata* **Endemic to Western Australia**

4 Wungong Dam (26/11), 3 Stirling Range (3/12), 2 Dryandra (4/12).

157 Yellow-rumped Thornbill *Acanthiza chrysorrhoa chrysorrhoa*

Seen on 10 days.

158 Slaty-backed Thornbill *Acanthiza robustirostris*

2 between Jackson Well and Easter bore, Nallan Station (7/12).

159 Southern Whiteface *Aphelocephala leucopsis castaneiventris*

4 Mt Gibson Rd (6/12), 3 Paynes Find (6/12), 2 Greenstone Belt, S Mt Magnet (6/12), 3 Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (7/12), 3 Jackson Well, Nallan Station (7/12), 5 SSE Paynes Find (9/12).

160 Grey-crowned Babbler *Pomatostomus temporalis rubeculus*

3 Nallan Station (6/12), 3 Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (7/12), 2 S Jacksons Well, Nallan Station (7/12), 13 (in three flocks) Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (8/12).

161 White-browed Babbler *Pomatostomus superciliosus*

Probably both ssp *superciliosus* and *ashbyi* seen. 25 Arboretum, Dryandra in a few groups (4/12), 4 Reynoldson Flora Reserve (5/12), 4 Damboring NR (5/12), 2 SSE Paynes Find (9/12).

162 Western Whipbird *Psophodes nigrogularis*

Ssp *nigrogularis*: 1 seen + 1 heard Little Beach, Two Peoples Bay (30/11), 3 heard Cheynes Beach (30/11), 2 seen Cheynes Beach (1/12).

Ssp *obreron*: 4 heard Quiss Rd – Pabelup Dr (2/12), 1 seen + 2 heard Stirling Range, Formby Rd S, close to take-off to Mt Trio (3/12).

163 Chiming Wedgebill *Psophodes occidentalis*

2 N Cue (6/12), 1 Nallan Station (6/12), 1 heard Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (7/12).

164 Copperback Quail-thrush *Cinclosoma clarum clarum*

1 seen + 1 heard Mt Gibson Rd (6/12) and 1 heard Mt Gibson Rd (9/12).

165 Western Quail-thrush *Cinclosoma marginatum*

3 Cue-Dalgaranga Rd, 1200 m after the grid at the Banded Whiteface-site on the north side of the road (8/12), 1 at the Banded Whiteface-site on the south side of the Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (8/12).

166 Masked Woodswallow *Artamus personatus*

12 in a smart flock Maranalgo Rd, SSE Paynes Find (8/12).

167 Black-faced Woodswallow *Artamus cinereus*

Seen on 7 days, most in small flocks roadside in open areas along Great Northern Highway.

168 Dusky Woodswallow *Artamus cyanopterus perthi*

Arboreal. Max 4 Stirling Range (2-3/12), max 4 Dryandra (4-5/12).

169 Little Woodswallow *Artamus minor*

6 Walga Rock (7/12), 1 Cue (8/12), 1 W Cue (8/12), 1 Paynes Find (8/12).

170 Australian Magpie *Gymnorhina tibicen*

Seen daily. Great vocalization.

171 Grey Butcherbird *Cracticus torquatus*

Seen on 10 days.

172 Pied Butcherbird *Cracticus nigrogularis*

Seen on 4 days along Great Northern Highway.

173 Grey Currawong *Strepera versicolor plumbea*

Seen on 6 days along the south coast, Stirling Range and Dryandra.

174 Black-faced Cuckooshrike *Coracina novaehollandiae*

Seen on 13 days.

175 White-winged Triller *Lalage tricolor*

3 Arboretum, Dryandra (4/12), 1 Arboretum, Dryandra (5/12).

176 Varied Sitella *Daphoenositta chrysoptera pileata*

2 Forrestdale Lake (27/11), 4 Lake Muir (28/11), 2 Greenstone Belt, S Mt Magnet (6/12), 2 Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (7/12), 3 Maranalgo Rd, SSE Paynes Find (9/12).

177 Crested Bellbird *Oreoica gutturalis*

2 Mt Gibson Rd (6/12), 2 Jackson Well, Nallan Station (6/12), 1 Nallan Station (6/12), 1 Jackson Well, Nallan Station (7/12), 2 Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (7/12), 1 Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (8/12), 4 SSE Paynes Find (9/12), 3 Mt Gibson Rd (9/12).

- 178 Crested Shrike-tit** *Falcunulus frontatus leucogaster*
1 f Stirling Range (3/12), 1 m Arboretum, Dryandra (4/12).
- 179 Western Whistler** *Pachycephala occidentalis* Endemic to Western Australia
1 m Wungong Dam (26/11), 2 m Lake McLarty (27/11), 2 m Cheynes Beach (29/11), 4 E Tomingley Rd, Dryandra (4/12), 2 Dryandra (5/12).
- 180 Rufous Whistler** *Pachycephala rufiventris*
Seen on 9 days.
- 181 Grey Shrike-thrush** *Colluricincla harmonica*
Seen on 8 days.
- 182 Willie Wagtail** *Rhipidura leucophrys*
Seen daily in good numbers.
- 183 Grey Fantail** *Rhipidura albiscapa*
Seen on 10 days.
- 184 Magpie-lark** *Grallina cyanoleuca*
Seen on 11 days.
- 185 Restless Flycatcher** *Myiagra inquieta*
2 Stirling Range Retreat (2-4/12), 3 Arboretum, Dryandra (4/12).
- 186 Little Crow** *Corvus bennetti*
Easily seen along the Great Northern Highway.
- 187 Australian Raven** *Corvus coronoides perplexus*
Seen on 12 days.
- 188 Western Yellow Robin** *Eopsaltria griseogularis griseogularis*
1 Thompson Rd, Lake Muir (28/11), 3 Stirling Range (3/12), 5 Arboretum, Dryandra (4/12), 2 Mt Gibson Rd (6 & 9/12).
- 189 White-breasted Robin** *Eopsaltria georgiana* Endemic to Western Australia
3 Cape Leeuwin (28/11), max 4 Cheynes Beach (29/11-1/12).
- 190 Hooded Robin** *Melanodryas cucullata*
6 Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (7/12), 2 m Jackson Well, Nallan Station (7/12), 6 Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (8/12).
- 191 Jacky Winter** *Microeca fascinans*
1 E Tomingley Rd, Dryandra (4/12), 1 W Tomingley Rd, Dryandra (4/12).
- 192 Scarlet Robin** *Petroica boodang campelli*
1 f N Lake McLarty (27/11), 2 m Tomingley Rd, Dryandra (4/12).
- 193 Red-capped Robin** *Petroica goodenovii*
1 m Quaalup (2/12), 1 m W Tomingley Rd, Dryandra (4/12), 1 m Reynoldson Flora Reserve (5/12), seen daily in the outback with max 5 (6-9/12).
- 194 Southern Scrub Robin** *Drymodes brunneopygia*
1 seen + 1 heard Quaalup Homestead (2/12), 2 heard Quiss Rd (2/12), 1 Stirling Range Retreat (3/12), 3-4 Mt Gibson Rd (9/12).
- 195 White-backed Swallow** *Cheramoeca leucosterna*
Great bird! 4 Reynoldson Flora Reserve (5/12), 2 Mt Gibson Rd (6/12), 3 Paynes Find (6/12), 1 W Cue (8/12), 2 Mt Gibson Rd (9/12).
- 196 Welcome Swallow** *Hirundo neoxena*
Seen daily.
- 197 Fairy Martin** *Petrochelidon ariel*
1 seen on a fence among Tree Martins at Wagin Treatment Plant (4/12).
- 198 Tree Martin** *Petrochelidon nigricans neglecta*
Commonly seen on 12 days.
- 199 Australian Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus australis gouldi*
2 Lake Joondelup (9/12), 15+ Herdsman Lake (10/12).
- 200 Rufous Songlark** *Megalurus mathewsi*
3 Stirling Range Retreat (3-4/12).
- 201 Little Grassbird** *Megalurus gramineus thomasi*
1 seen + 3-4 heard Herdsman Lake (10/12).
- 202 Silveryeye** *Zosterops lateralis chloronotis*
High numbers seen on 9 days.
- 203 Mistletoebird** *Dicaeum hirundinaceum hirundinaceum*
1 ad Ochre Walk, Dryandra (4/12), 1 ad Nallan Station (7/12).
- 204 Red-eared Firetail** *Stagonopleura oculata* Endemic to Western Australia
1 pair + 2 juv Cheynes Beach (29/11), 1 ad + 2 juv Waychinicup Inlet road (30/11), 1 ad Cheynes Beach

(1/12), 2 juv Devils Creek Rd at Gairdner River, e.r. Quaalup (1/12).

205 Zebra Finch *Taeniopygia guttata castanotis*

1 m Dalwallinu (6/12), 4 Nallan Station (6/12), 16 Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (7/12), 5 Nallan Station (7/12), 165 Cue-Dalgaranga Rd (8/12).

206 Australian Pipit *Anthus australis*

Seen on 8 days.

Comments on some other birds NOT seen

Freckled Duck
Malleefowl

Some years at Perth lakes (Herdsman Lake). Biggest dip. According to owners regular at Quaalup Homestead. Should be looked for at Quiss Rd and Mt Gibson Rd (where we found fresh suspicious tracks). Apparently present at Corackerup NR.

Spotted Harrier
Australian Bustard
Crakes

Resident.
No reliable sites on this itinerary.
A bit unlucky with crakes. Perth lakes can be productive with them, pending water level.

Banded Lapwing
Spotted Nightjar
Western Grasswren
Pied & Black Honeyeater
Grey Honeyeater
Banded Whiteface
Ground Cuckooshrike
Gilbert's Whistler

Surprisingly difficult.
There are sightings along the road to Cheynes Beach and at Nallan Station. Only at Monkey Mia, Shark Bay.
Nomadic. Irregular from Paynes Find to Nallan Station.
Tried one evening and one morning at site 32 km SSE Paynes Find.
Known site west of Cue, we tried on two mornings without any results.
Possible around Cue – Nallan Station.
Need to go further east (N of Esperance).

Additional record shots



Little Penguin, Penguin Island, hiding well under cliffs.



Western Bristlebird, Cheynes Beach.



Red-winged Fairywren, Cheynes Beach.



Hooded Plover, Bremer Bay.



Tawny Frogmouth, showing incredibly well. Waychinicup NP.



Spotted Pardalote, male, Quaalup Homestead.



Western Fieldwren apparently nesting, Pabelup Dr, Fitzgerald River National Park.



Budgerigar, Stirling Range.



Crested Shrike-tit, female, sometimes treated as separate: Western Shrike-tit. Stirling Range.



Australian Owlet-Nightjar looking out from its day-hide. Stirling Range Retreat.



Southern Boobook, Stirling Range.



Eastern Barn Owl, Ochre Walk, Dryandra.



Bush Stone-curlew, Arboretum, Dryandra.



Blue-breasted Fairywren, Dryandra Village Dam.



White-winged Fairywren, Damboring Nature Reserve.



Chestnut-rumped Thornbill, Mt Gibson Rd.



Bourke's Parrot, crepuscular drinking habits, Jackson Well, Nallan Station.



Black-breasted Buzzard, entrance road, Nallan Station.



Inland Dotterel, arid plains west of Cue.



Western Quail-thrush, west of Cue.



Major Mitchell's Cockatoo, showing variable amounts of yellow in crest, Maranalgo Rd, Paynes Find.



Southern Scrub-robin, Mt Gibson Rd.

Additional trip shots



Penguin Island, here a large colony of Great Crested Tern.



Cape Leeuwin, Southern Emu-wren present in scrubs.



Thompson Rd, west of Lake Muir, good for 'pastinator' Western Corella and Baudin's Black Cockatoo. Newly burnt undergrowth.



Little Beach, Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve. Many Bristlebirds and Whipbirds calling early morning.



Recording highly localized 'nigrogularis' Western Whipbird above Cheynes Beach Caravan Park.



Qualup Homestead Wilderness Retreat, cosy and spacious cabins. Lots of honeyeaters drinking at water baths.



Vast wild undisturbed heath and scrub. Fitzgerald River National Park.



The prominent silhouette of Stirling Range.



Ochre Walk, Dryandra.



Nallan Station scenery.



Walga Rock, fascinating aboriginal paintings, Mulga Parrots, Western Bowerbird, Little Woodswallows and Crimson Chats.



Site where we finally found Western Quail-thrush, west of Cue.