

Western and South Australia 2008

This report describes our fourth (Annelien, Rienk) / third (Wessel, Imie) visit of Australia. The daylight in the Austral winter is limited to about 12 hours/day. During the day temperatures rise to 15°C (South) to 20°C (North). Most days the weather was fine, blue skies without much wind although upon arrival at Perth the weather was terrible (13°C and very wet). After our visit to Dryandra we stayed in cabins or motels since it was cold at night (frost). The rented car (full-size, Hertz; Toyota Kluger) was a 2WD and had a high clearance, making it ideally suited for a holiday like this. All in all we have driven about 8,000 km. Wessel and Imie were allowed to practice their driving skills on unsealed roads, which they both enjoyed. We had one flat tyre during the trip at Windy Harbour, which was very efficiently fixed by locals!

We enjoyed Shark Bay, the campground at Hamelin Pool and its surroundings. The weather was fine and the area was literally loaded with birds and flowers (a combination of seasonal activity, migration, extensive rain immediately before our visit). Kalbarri NP was partially burned and seemed to have suffered from drought. At Dryandra we enjoyed the walks, although the weather was cold and we had some drizzle. The visits of Cape Naturaliste and Cape Leeuwin were fun. In fact, the weather was too good for sea birds. The "Circular Drive" near Walpole was spectacular. Unfortunately, our visit of Two People's Bay was spoiled by rain. We all enjoyed the Stirling Range, its rather sportive walks and the beautifully situated camp ground of Stirling Range Retreat. The drive across the Nullabor plain was rather long but the scenery was very spectacular. The Arid Land Botanical Garden near Port Augusta had excellent coffee, pie and birds. Wilpena Pound (Flinders Range) was much less spectacular than advertised, but the nearby gorges were spectacular. The walk at the Aroona Sanctuary was, despite the strong wind and some refreshing rain showers, beautiful. The visit of Lyndhurst, the (first 25 km of the) Strzelecki Track and the "Chestnut-breasted Whiteface" side were stunning. Dutchmans Stern was an unexpected bonus as was the walk at Alligator Gorge. Gluepot had suffered badly from fire and drought, and the Black-eared Miners remained a no show. Still, we ended up with several localised and nomadic birds, and had a great day (the children as well since they did all the driving).

The trip was a family holiday, not merely a bird watching trip. Still, we ended up with all South Western endemics (most seen), and lots of good birds like Malleefowl, Freckled Duck, a very unexpected Wilson's Storm Petrel, close views of Spotted Harrier and stunning views of Australian Hobby, Little Buttonquails (another very unexpected bonus), Scarlet-chested Parrot –definitely one of the rarest birds seen during the tour, flocks of hundreds of Budgerigars, Black-eared Cuckoo, stunning views of Splendid Fairywrens and Thick-billed Grasswrens, all three species of Whiteface – including the very rare and range-restricted Chestnut-breasted Whiteface, lots of Orange and Crimson Chats, brief views of a Gibberbird, two species of Quail-thrush, great views of Crested Shrike-tit, Gilbert's Whistler and Red-lored Whistler, etc. With regards to animals, we ended up with a rather strange array of species, ranging from Short-beaked Echidna to Dugong, Sea-Krait, Loggerhead Turtle, Northern Bluefin Tuna's, Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphins, Whales, a Numbat and (fighting) Yellow-footed Rock Wallabies.

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ITINERARY

- July 29 Departure from Wageningen (taxi Kleijer) to Schiphol International Airport at 07.30. Departure as scheduled at 11.59 (flight SQ 323 Singapore Airlines) to Changi International Airport (Singapore). After three hours, departure to Perth (flight SQ 223). Upon arrival in late afternoon, the weather was cold (13 °C) and very wet. After having solved an expensive mistake made by our travel agency, we finally left the airport in a full-size wagon (Hertz; Toyota Kluger). Overnight stay in the Flag Motor Inn (near Perth).
- Jul 30 Left at 08.15. First visited Lake Monger (Perth) from 10.30-12.00, where we had good views of the first Black Swans, Australian Shell-Duck, Blue-billed Duck, three species of Grebes, Rainbow Lorikeet (established in and around Perth), etc. Western Corella's, however, were absent. We left Perth via Hwy 3 (Raid Hwy) to Hwy 1 (Great Northern Hwy). The weather was still cumbersome. Along Hwy 1 we encountered our first flock of Short-billed Black Cockatoos. South of Dongorra we saw a flock of white Cockatoos feeding on small melons. Unfortunately, the birds rapidly flew off and could not be properly identified. Overnight stay in Geraldton (Abrolhos Reef Lodge).
- Jul 31 Substantial rain at night. We left the motel at 06.45 to continue our way North to Shark Bay. During a road side stop, we saw Western Ringnecks and Mulga Parrots. The weather improved and became sunny (15-20 °C). Upon arrival at the Hamelin Pool Campground, we first walked to the famous stromatolites.



Surprisingly, the campground contained a nesting Spotted Harrier and breeding Australian Hobby's. A local birdwatcher told us to visit the 2nd windmill (5 km back to the major road, left, about 21 km; see also Frank O'Conner web site). Around the wind mill the birds were extremely plentiful, probably because considerable rain had set all plants flowering. Both Budgerigars and Masked Woodswallows were abundant, Cockatiels, Crimson Chats, White-winged Trillers, White-fronted Chats and Diamond Doves were simply all around. In the evening, our gasoline stove (MSR) failed, but an Australian family solved this problem by borrowing us their (gas) stove.



Aug 1 Left the campground at about 06.00 (after a cold night) to drive –via Denham- to Monkey Mia. The nature reserve at Monkey Mia is one of the largest sea grass areas in the world and prime habitat for Dugong. The weather was beautiful (20 °C) without wind. After some coffee and watching the famous dolphin feeding, we joined a cruise on the 'Shotover' –once the fastest catamaran of the Southern hemisphere- searching for Dugongs (10.00 – 12.30). We did not see any Dugongs, but instead had great views of Bottlenose Dolphins and Loggerhead Turtles. Since we dipped on the dugong, we took another (free) cruise (13.00-16.00). I saw a rather distant dugong, but we all enjoyed seeing a seasnake (Sea-crait), Bottlenose Dolphins and Turtles. The Thick-billed Grasswrens became active in the late afternoon and we all had great views! Camped at the Hamelin Pool Campground.



- Aug 2 After buying a new stove in Denham, we drove to Monkey Mia. Imie and Wessel joined an organized camel tour. Thereafter, Annelien and Wessel walked a trail, and Imie and I walked along the beach with sometimes a Bottlenose Dolphin at just a few meters watching us! Since three of us had still not seen a dugong, we again joined a (free) afternoon cruise. Finally, we saw two Dugongs and – surprise- North Western Blue-finned Tuna's (Bonito's). After having seen a few waders, we drove to Denham. We walked to Little Lagoon, a local mangrove reserved. We dipped on all mangrove species, but saw the only Striated Heron of the tour. The weather was again beautiful. Camped at the Hamelin Pool Campground.



- Aug 3 From about 08.00 to 10.00, Annelien and I walked through the salt brush plain immediately next to the Hamelin Camp Ground. After a coffee break, we walked to the stromatolites. Wessel and I took a stroll and had good views of Crimson Chat (12.00 to 13.00). In the afternoon, we re-visited the windmill. Birds were again abundant and we saw our first Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo and –a nice surprise- two (very small!) Little Buttonquails. At the end of the day we enjoyed the sunset near the stromatolites.
- Aug 4 Annelien and I walked re-visited the salt bush plain, where we enjoyed good views of Orange and White-fronted Chats, and a single Slender-billed Thornbill. While leaving the Hamelin Camp Ground, we saw our first Emu of the trip. Via Hwy 1 we drove to Kalbarri NP, which obviously had suffered from extensive bush fires and/or persistent drought. After having seen an Echidna crossing the road, a (despite the dedicated road sign) Malleefowl crossed the road! Drive to Kalbarri, where we rented a cabin at the Anchorage Caravan Park. At the end of the day (16.00-17.30) we walked from Rainbow Valley to Mushroom Rock. We saw our first (distant and unidentified) whale of the trip. Stunning rocks with petrified worm tunnels. Fortunately, the weather remained fine (sunny, 20 °C).



Aug 5 Left at 07.15 to drive (including 25 km of not very well maintained dirt road) to Kalbarri NP to walk the Loop Trail (8 km).



Again beautiful weather, but bird activity was relatively low as were the flowers. Birds seen were our first Wedge-tailed Eagle, Gray Fantail (common), Red-capped Robins, Brown Honey Eater and a stunning (single) male Splendid Fairy Wren. Returned to Kalbarri to eat a pizza. Brief visit of a local (estuary) nature reserve. Overnight stay at the Old Mill Motel (Dongarra). BBQ.



Aug 6 Re-visited the local nature reserve (07.45 - 09.00). Drive via Hwy 1 (Great Southern Hwy) to Dryandra. Encountered a small flock of Western Corella's along the '120', about 20 km North of Brookton. Overnight stay at the rather uninspiring Congelin Camp Ground at Dryandra. Cold night.

Aug 7 A cold night. Camp fire during breakfast.



The weather remained chilly (10-15 °C) with some occasional drizzle. Walked (08.30 – 12.00) the Woylie Walk (5.5 km), which produced Tawny-crowned Honey Eater, Elegant Parrot, a stunning Red-capped Parrot, Purple-crowned Lorikeet, etc. We briefly visited Marri Rd, where we saw our first (females) Blue-breasted Fairy Wrens. In the afternoon we walked the Ochre Trail and drove the Kawana Rd (Scarlet Robin).



Aug 8 Frost at night. Again a camp fire. Drove to Old Mills Dam, and walked the 'short' trail (about 3 km). The weather improved (15 °C, sunny) and a crisp blue sky. Briefly stopped at the arboretum, where (only) Annelien enjoyed great views of a Numbat during a sanitary stop! Afternoon drive to Dunsborough, overnight stay at a Best Western Motel. Enjoyed a delicious BBQ.

Aug 9 After a good night sleep left (07.30) for Cape Naturaliste. Beautiful walk to the Whale Look-out. No Whales (off- season), but we saw three species of Albatrosses and small flocks of Little Shearwaters. After a brief visit to Sugarloaf Rock (no birds whatsoever), we drove to Augusta. Overnight stay at the Westbay Camp Ground. Great views of Western Rosella's and Common Bronzewing. Nice weather, 15 °C.



Aug 10 Arrival at Cape Leeuwin at 08.00. Due to the still nice weather (no wind), sea-birds were virtually absent. Still, we enjoyed great views of Rock Parrots. Around noon, we drove to Beedelup NP passing several Karri Forests. Walked to the waterfalls (400 m) and I stayed about one hour at the parking lot. Beautiful views of Red-winged Fairy Wrens, White-naped Honey Eater etc. Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo's were heard. While driving to Windy Harbour, we passed a male Emu taking care of four chicks. The soil of the campground at Windy Harbour was rather swampy due to the rain, but fortunately there was a shed with several camp tables where we could cook. Upon arrival, one of our tyres was punctured, but several locals efficiently fixed the problem!



Aug 11 Again a cold start of the day. Annelien and I walked along the beach (dead Little Shearwater). Drive to D'Entrecasteaux. Due to the weather (15 °C, no wind), sea birds remained again a no show. Still, the presence of several Humpback Whales were a nice compensation. The punctured tyre was fixed at a garage in Northcliff. Drive to Warpole and overnight stay in a cabin at the Coalmine Beach Resort Caravan Park. Brief walk after arrival.

Aug 12 After a wet night, we drove the 'Circular Drive' near Walpole. Two brief walks, one to a small lake partially covered with foam due to plant degradation (saponin) and the other trail to several giant Wattle Trees. During the latter I had a brief view of a Red-eared Firetail. In the afternoon we walked the spectacular 'Tree Top Walk' (up to 40 m high). Good weather, 15°C. Afternoon drive to Albany. Some rain, overnight stay in a cabin at the Albany Happy Days Caravan Park at Kings Bridge.



Aug 13 Left early for Two People's Bay, arrival at 08.15. Unfortunately, the weather was not cooperative and persistent rain and rain showers spoiled the fun somewhat. Nevertheless, I heard a Noisy Scrub Bird (at close range), a single Western Whip Bird, Southern Emu-wren and one Western Bristlebird. In addition, I saw my only Western Spinebill of the tour. Great views of a swimming whale close to shore. We left at 11.00 and drove back to the Caravan Park. Briefly stopped at Kings River (two species of Oystercatcher, Emu, Hobby, etc). Rented canoes at the Caravan Park. Afternoon drive to the Stirling Range. Lots of parrots (Ringneck, Red-capped, Elegant) along the road due to grain spill from passing roadtrains. Arrival at 14.30 at Stirling Range Retreat, a nicely situated camp ground, where we again rented a cabin for two nights. We walked part of the trail to the top of Mt. Toobruunup. While driving back to the camp ground, we saw a large mixed flock of Black Cockatoos (at least 50+ birds) and had stunning views of both Short-billed and Long-billed Black Cockatoos.



Aug 14 Annelien and I made a pre-breakfast stroll on the camp ground. Lots of (females and immature males) Splendid Fairlywrens. Stunning views of Crested Shrike Tits (Western race). Western Yellow Robins common. We walked to the top of 'Bluff Knoll' (11.00-15.00). Stunning scenery and vegetation. Wessel saw the second Malleefowl of the tour. After driving

back to the camp ground, Annelien and I made a walk near the ranger home. Sunny weather, 15 °C.



Aug 15 Again an early morning walk with Annelien on the rather extensive camp ground and (near) the ranger station. Lots of parrots and close views of a Little Eagle. Very nice (scope) views of a sleeping Owlet-Nightjar. Left at 10.45, heading for Esperance (300 km). Just for Esperance saw our only White-bellied Sea-eagle of the tour. Brief visit of the jetty in downtown Esp., where we had some good views of Pacific Gull and Crested Tern.

Aug 16 Again a sunny day of 15-18 °C. Drive via Norseman (nice rolls) to Caicuna. This drive included the longest straight stretch of Hwy in Australia (90 miles; 146 km).

Aug 17 A long drive (> 800 km) through the Nullabor plain and along the Australian Bight to Ceduna (South Australia), passing 2 time zones of each 45 minutes. Best birds were two Major Mitchell's (Pink) Cockatoos in the Nullabor. Overnight stay in a cabin of the Foreshaw Caravan Park.



Aug 18 Brief visit of the beach. Bought rolls. Left at 09.15 and arrived about 14.30 (about 500 km, Eyre Peninsula) in Port Augusta, where we first visited the Arid Lands Botanical Garden (many Honeyeaters, including Pied HE and nice views of Chirruping Wedgebill). We calculated that in total we have driven about 2000 km in the last three days! Again about 15 °C, some clouds. Overnight stay (cabin) in the Shoreline Caravan Park.

Aug 19 During a brief pre-breakfast tour, I saw the only single Black Falcon of the tour. After breakfast, we again visited the Arid Land Botanical Garden, where we enjoyed some good coffee. Unexpectedly, we met Peter Waanders, who told us a stake out for a Redthroat. Subsequently, we briefly visited Birdlake (Port Augusta) where a single Banded Stilt was present. Drive to Wilpena Pound. Overnight stay in the rather expensive 'backpackers' accommodation' of the Wilpena Pound Resort.

Aug 20 After breakfast, we walked to the Wangara Lookout (7 km return). During the afternoon, we walked the more inspiring Bunyeroo Gorge trail (7.8 km return). This walk was partially in a dry river bed. Again sunny weather, 15-17 °C, a few clouds and some wind. Thereafter, we drove through the Brachina Gorge, where we had good (scope) views of (fighting) Yellow-footed Rock-wallabies. Briefly visited the Stokes Lookout, but due to the very cold and strong wind Short-tailed Grass-Wrens remained in the spinifex.



Aug 21 In the morning, the wind was still strong and very cold. Therefore we decided to drive -via Brachina Gorge- to Leigh Creek. We passed a dead Emu, a car victim, which was consumed by at least 6 Wedge-tailed Eagles and some Ravens. We also had close views of a Brown Falcon (light morph). Near Leigh Creek we walked a (5.5 km) trail in the Aroona Sanctuary. Despite the weather (rain, wind), we enjoyed the scenic walk (including Paperbark Trees). Wessel found a scorpion, and good views of four male Musk Ducks at the lake. Overnight stay (cabin) in the Leigh Creek Caravan Park.



Aug 22 Left about 08.00 to drive to Lyndhurst. After Lyndhurst, we drove the first 26 km of the famous Strzelecki Track (no services for 475 km) to the Chestnut-breasted Whiteface site.



To my great pleasure, we found a single CBW in the rather barren landscape, undoubtedly one of the best birds of the trip. Moreover, we also enjoyed good views of two Cinnamon Quail-thrush. At the 'parking lot' we met the wife of Phil Mahler. Thereafter, we took a stroll in a dry river bed, lined with gums, which produced a (female) Mistletoebird, Eastern Ringnecks, Mulga Parrots and White-browed Babblers. After having enjoyed the home-made fries of the Lyndhurst Hotel, we drove back to Lyndhurst. Brief views of a single Gibberbird crossing the road in front of the car. After having some initial trouble in finding a cabin (i.e. driving twice the Parachilna Gorge), we slept in the Hawker Caravan Park (Hawker) where we arrived at 19.30.





Aug 23 Between Hawker and Quorn, we drove a dirt road (signposted as Proby's Grave). The first 4-5 km of this road was loaded with birds: Orange and White-fronted Chats, Southern Whiteface (common), a single Banded Whiteface, White-winged Fairy Wren, Chirruping Wedgebill, etc. Around noon we arrived in Quorn. We found a place to sleep (Flinders Range Motel; surprisingly, quite some birds near the Motel: Apostlebirds, Peaceful Dove, Little Wattlebird) and then went to the entrance road of the Dutchman Sterns Conservation Park. Annelien and I took a stroll, Wessel and Imie testing their frisbee and boomerang.

Aug 24 After breakfast, we walked the Dutchman Sterns Walk (10.5 km). An unexpectedly nice walk with quite some birds, including Redthroats, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Peregrine Falcon, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Jacky Winter, etc. The best bird was a single Black-eared Cuckoo. Left the park at 13.00 and drove to Port Augusta, where we visited the Outback Information Center. We bought rolls at the 'Subway', which we consumed at Birdlake. The weather was still nice. Again, an overnight stay in a cabin (Foreshore Caravan Park).



Aug 25 After breakfast, we drove –via Wilmington– to Mt Remarkable NP. Walked the Alligator Gorge Trail. In the afternoon, we drove to Waikiri and booked for two nights a (large) cabin in the Kirriemuir Motel. Brief walk (with Annelien) to the overlook of the Murray River, where we saw our only Red-backed Parrots and Darters of the tour. Many Yellow Rosella's.



Aug 26 Rose at 04.15. Peter Waanders arrived on schedule and we left for Gluepot at 05.30. Stayed at Gluepot until 15.30. The bird activity was rather low, which may be due in part to the season (winter), but also the persistent drought and the fact that part of the reserve was burnt two years ago. Since this part of the reserve was the best part for the Black-eared Miner, its population declined > 60%. As a consequence, we dipped on the BE-Miner, Also the Striated Grasswren was not very cooperative and remained a (very close!) 'heard only'. On the good side, we had stunning views of both Gilbert's Whistler and –even better- a male Red-lored Whistler! By far the best bird of the day, however, was a very unexpected bonus: a Scarlet-chested Parrot! This inland species is highly nomadic and well adapted to extreme conditions: the birds survive without drinking, they extract fluid from eating leaf buds. When leaving Gluepot, we briefly stopped for a Bearded Dragon. In addition, we briefly visited the Stockyard Plain Disposal Basin Reserve, which was loaded with ducks including Freckled Ducks and Pink-eared Ducks. Weather still being fine, about 20-22 °C with little wind.



Aug 27 After a brief pre-breakfast tour near the Murray River (Yellow Rosella, Pallid Cuckoo), we visited Eremophila Park. Apparently, our timing was not optimal and the Malleefowl did not turn up. Drive to Adelaide and overnight stay in the Adelaide Shores Caravan Resort (cabin). Again nice weather, 15 °C.

Aug 28 Flight home.



BIRDS

DROMAIIDAE

Emu *Dromaius novaehollandiae* - Common, seen on 13 days during the tour.



MEGAPODIIDAE

Malleefowl *Leipoa ocellata* - A single bird crossing the road at Kalbarri NP (Aug 4). Wessel saw a second bird at Aug 14.

ANATIDAE

Australian Wood Duck *Chenonetta jubata* - Common, seen on most days of the tour.

Freckled Duck *Stictonetta naevosa* - Two birds at the Stockyard Plain Disposal Basin Reserve (Waikiri, Aug 26).

Blue-billed Duck *Oxyura australis* - Seen at Monger Lake (Perth, July 30) and at the Stockyard Plain Disposal Basin Reserve (Waikiri, Aug 26).

Musk Duck *Biziura lobata* - Seen on 3 days, most common (20+ birds) at the Stockyard Plain Disposal Basin Reserve (Waikiri, Aug 26).

Black Swan *Cygnus atratus* - Seen on 6 days, common.

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor* (l) - Two birds on Aug 7.

Australian Shelduck *Tadorna tadornoides* - Common, seen on 14 days during the tour. Picutre below, left; Black Swan: below, right.



Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa* - As previous species.

Australian Shoveler *Anas rhynchos* - Only seen (50+) at the swamp near Hamelin Camp Ground (Aug 3).

Grey Teal *Anas gracilis* - Seen on 4 days.

Pink-eared Duck *Malacorhynchus membranaceus* - Seen only at the Stockyard Plain Disposal Basin Reserve (Waikiri, Aug 26).

Hardhead *Aythya australis* - Seen at Lake Monger (July 30) and Aroona Sanctuary (Aug 21).

PODICIPEDIDAE

Australasian Grebe *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae* - Common at Lake Monger (July 30).

Hoary-headed Grebe *Poliiocephalus poliocephalus* - As previous species.

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus* - Two birds at Lake Monger (July 30).

PROCELLARIIDAE

Little Shearwater *Puffinus assimilis* - Common (at least 100+ birds) in several small flocks passing Cape Naturaliste (Aug 9). A dead bird in the dunes at Windy Harbour (Aug 11).

DIOMEDEIDAE

Black-browed Albatross *Thalassarche melanophris* - At least two birds at Cape Naturaliste (Aug 9) and four swimming birds at the Australian Bight (Aug 17).

Shy Albatross *Thalassarche cauta* - Three birds at Cape Naturaliste (Aug 9). Also seen at Cape Leeuwin.

(Atlantic) Yellow-nosed Albatross *Thalassarche chlororhynchos* - Common (50+) birds at Cape Naturaliste (Aug 9). Also seen at Cape Leeuwin.

HYDROBATIDAE

Wilson's Storm-Petrel *Oceanitis oceanitis* - A unexpected bonus! Good views of a single bird on Aug 4 (near Kalbarri).

SULIDAE

Australian Gannet *Morus serrator* - Common, seen at 5 or 6 days.

ANHINGIDAE

Australian Darter *Anhinga novaehollandiae* - Seen along the Murray River (Waikiri, Aug 25).

PHALACROCORACIDAE

Little Pied Cormorant *Phalacrocorax melanoleucos* - Common, seen on 11 days.

Pied Cormorant *Phalacrocorax varius* - Also common, seen on 7 days.

Little Black Cormorant *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris* - Seen on 7 days.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* - Uncommon, seen in low numbers (1-4 birds/day) on 4 days.

PELECANIDAE

Australian Pelican *Pelecanus conspicillatus* - Common, seen on 14 days during the tour, up to 20+ birds/day.



ARDEIDAE

White-faced Heron *Egretta novaehollandiae* - The most common heron seen (1-10 birds/day).

Great Egret *Ardea alba* - Low numbers (1-2 birds/day) from Aug 4-8.

White-necked Heron *Ardea pacifica* - Three birds at Hamelin Pool (Aug 3) and a single bird at Stirling Range Retreat (Aug 14).

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* - Seen on 3 days in low numbers (1-2 birds/day).

Striated Heron *Butorides striata* - A single bird when walking to Little Lagoon (near Denham) on Aug 2.

THRESKIORNITHIDAE

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* - A single bird at Hamelin Pool (Aug 3).

Australian White Ibis *Threskiornis molucca* - Common, seen on 10 days.

Straw-necked Ibis *Threskiornis spinicollis* - As previous species. Highest count of 500+ birds while driving to Dunsborough (Aug 8).

Yellow-billed Spoonbill *Platalea flavipes* - Singles at Hamelin Pool (Aug 3) and Aug 12.

ACCIPITRIDAE

Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus axillaris* - Seen on 7 days, 1-2 birds/day.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans* - Rather common in the Northern Flinders Range.

Whistling Kite *Haliastur sphenurus* - One of the commonest raptors seen during the tour.

White-bellied Fish-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster* - A juvenile near Esperance (Aug 15).

Swamp Harrier *Circus approximans* - A single bird near Walpole (Aug 12).

Spotted Harrier *Circus assimilis* - Common between Hamelin Pool and Lyndhurst. Great views of an adult bird at Hamelin Pool, e.g. while digging up a previously buried prey.



Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatus* - Common in the SW and more East, absent inland.

Collared Sparrowhawk *Accipiter cirrocephalus* - Singles on Aug 8 and 11.

Wedge-tailed Eagle *Aquila audax* - Common throughout the tour, absent in the SW. Up to 8+ birds/day.

Little Eagle *Hieraaetus morphnoides* - Seen on 5 days (1-5 birds/day).

FALCONIDAE

Australian (Nankeen) Kestrel *Falco cenchroides* - The commonest raptor seen during the tour, up to 10+ birds/day.



Australian Hobby *Falco longipennis* - Seen on 6 days, most common (stunning views) near Hamelin Pool (up to 3 birds/day).



Brown Falcon *Falco berigora* - Common throughout the tour.

Black Falcon *Falco subniger* - A single bird near Shorelines Caravan Park (Port Augusta) on Aug 19. During the Australian winter, Black Falcons make seasonal movements to the coast.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* - A single adult bird seen at Dutchmans Stern (Aug 20).

RALLIDAE

Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio* - Two birds seen at Lake Monger (Perth, July 30), 3 birds d at the Stockyard Plain Disposal Basin Reserve near Waikirie (Aug 26) and 5 birds in Adelaide (Aug 27).



Dusky Moorhen *Gallinula tenebrosa* - Seen at Lake Monger (Perth, July 30).

Common (Eurasian) Coot *Fulica atra* - Common, seen on 5 days in high numbers (up to 500+ birds/day).

TURNICIDAE

Little Buttonquail *Turnix velox* - A surprise! Singles flew up while walking near the water mill at Hamelin Pool (Aug 3).

SCOLOPACIDAE

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa* - Seen (10+) at Monkey Mia (Aug 2).

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* - Also seen (5 birds) at Monkey Mia (Aug 2).

Grey-tailed Tattler *Heteroscelus brevipes* - Three birds at Monkey Mia (Aug 2).

HAEMATOPODIDAE

Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris* - Seen on 5 days, common.

Sooty Oystercatcher *Haematopus fuliginosus* - Only one bird seen, together with Pied Oystercatcher, at Kings Bridge (Aug 13).

RECURVIROSTRIDAE

Banded Stilt *Chlororhynchus leucocephalus* - A single bird seen, somewhat resembling a Phalarope (swimming), at Birdlake (Port Augusta, Aug 19). Likely the same bird was still present on Aug 24.

CHARADRIIDAE

Red-capped Plover *Charadrius ruficapillus* - Seen at Monkey Mia (Aug 2, 3 birds) and a single bird on Aug 6.

Lesser Sand Plover *Charadrius mongolus* - Two birds at Monkey Mia (Aug 2).

Black-fronted Dotterel *Eseyornis melanops* - A single bird flying over the river gorge at Kalbarri ("The Loop" trail, Aug 5).

Masked Lapwing *Vanellus miles* - Seen from Aug 18 onwards, almost daily, in low numbers (1-2 birds/day).

LARIDAE

Pacific Gull *Larus pacificus* - Seen on 4 days, most common (8 birds) at the jetty of Esperance (Aug 15).



Silver Gull *Larus novaehollandiae* - Common, seen on most days, up to 50+ birds/day.

Great (Antarctic) Skua *Catharacta skua* - A single bird at Two People's Bay (Aug 13).

Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia* - Common, seen at 7 days.

Great Crested-Tern *Sterna bergii* - As previous species, but higher counts on most days.

Little Tern *Sterna albifrons* - Two birds at Monkey Mia (Aug 1 and 2).

COLUMBIDAE

Common Bronzewing *Phaps chalcoptera* - Common, seen in low numbers throughout the tour.

Brush Bronzewing *Phas elegans* - One bird briefly seen on Aug 18 (Eyre Peninsula, Lake Ginnes Conservation Park).



Crested Pigeon *Geophaps lophotes* - Common, seen on most days.

Diamond Dove *Geopelia cuneata* - Beautiful views of at least 5 birds near the wind mill (Hamelin Pool), July 31. Also seen on Aug 3 (6 birds) and Aug 4 (10+).



Peaceful Dove *Geopelia placida* - Seen on 3 days.

Spotted Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia chinensis* (I) - Only seen in Adelaide on Aug 27.

Laughing Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia senegalensis* (I) - This introduced species also seen on 3 days.

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* (l) - Seen on 4 days in good numbers.

CACATUIDAE

Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo *Calyptorhynchus banksii* - A flock of about 10 birds flew across the road on Aug 9. Heard at the car park of Beedelup NP (Aug 10).

Short-billed (white-tailed) Black-Cockatoo *Calyptorhynchus latirostris* - Seen on 4 days, about 30 birds on July 30 (just North of Perth), 25 birds on Aug 13, and about 50 birds on both Aug 15 and 16.



Long-billed Black (Baudin's) Cockatoo *Calyptorhynchus baudinii* - At least 5 birds could be identified in the mixed flock together with previous species seen on Aug 13 (Stirling Range).

Galah *Eolophus roseicapilla* - Common, seen on most days of the tour.

Pink (Major Mitchell's) Cockatoo *Cacatua leadbeateri* - Two birds seen while travelling through the Nullabor (Aug 17).

Little Corella *Cacatua sanguinea* - Possibly seen (15 birds) on July 30. Common from Aug 19-22 (Flinders Range).

Western Corella *Cacatua pastinator* - A feeding flock of 8 birds of this uncommon Cockatoo on Aug 6 (Hwy 120, 20 km North of Brookton, at Ludgate Road).



Cockatiel *Nymphicus hollandicus* - Common in and near Hamelin Pool, e.g. at least 30 birds (small flocks) on July 31. Picture below, *left*; Red-capped Parrot: below, *right*.



PSITTACIDAE

Rainbow Lorikeet *Trichoglossus haematodus* - Seen in Perth (July 29-30) and 4 birds in Adelaide (Aug 27). The population in Perth is introduced.

Purple-crowned Lorikeet *Glossopsitta porphyrocephala* - Common in both the Stirling Range (Aug 7-8) and on Aug 12-15.

Regent Parrot *Polytelis anthopeplus* - At least 10 birds in the Stirling Range (Aug 15) and a single bird of the Eastern population (Mt Remarkable NP, Aug 25).

Yellow Rosella *Platycercus elegans flaveolus* - Common in Waikirie along the Murray River, and in Adelaide (Aug 25-27).

Adelaide Rosella *Platycercus elegans adalaidae* - Seen on Aug 23-25 (Dutchmans Stern Conservation Park and Mt. Remarkable NP).

Western Rosella *Platycercus icterotis* - Seen daily from Aug 9 (Augusta) to Aug 15, 1-5 birds/day.

Red-capped Parrot *Purpureicephalus spurius* - Two of these colourful parrots at Dryandra State Forest (Aug 6). Also seen on Aug 13 (2 birds) and Aug 15 (1 bird).

Eastern (Mallee) Ringneck *Barnardius barnardi* - Seen daily from Aug 19-26 (1-10+ birds/day).

Western Ringneck *Barnardius zonarius* - Seen daily from July 29 to Aug 18. First seen on the airport in Perth (July 29).



Red-rumped Parrot *Psephotus haematonotus* - Two birds at the Murray River (Waikirie, Aug 25).

Mulga Parrot *Psephotus varius* - Seen on 4 days, usually pairs.

Rock Parrot *Neophema petrophila* - When we arrived at Cape Naturaliste (early morning of Aug 9)), a flock of about 30 birds flew in. The birds breed at little island and feed on the mainland.



Elegant Parrot *Neophema elegans* - Surprisingly common. Seen on 5 days, 3-5 birds/day. First seen (3 birds) at Dryandra State Forest (Aug 7).

Scarlet-chested Parrot *Neophema splendida* - One of the rarest birds seen during the tour! This small and brilliantly green (upperparts) parrot was seen flying in Gluepot (Aug 26).

Budgerigar *Melopsittacus undulatus* - In our previous 3 visits to Australia, we only once encountered Budgerigars. In and around Hamelin Pool, large flocks of Budgerigars were present. At least 300+ birds near the wind mill on July 31. Picture below, *left*; Ringneck: below, *right*.



CUCULIDAE

Pallid Cuckoo *Cuculus pallidus* - This very vocal Cuckoo seen on 5 days (1-2 birds/day).

Black-eared Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx osculans* - A single bird seen well at Dutchmans Stern Conservation Park (Aug 24).

Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx basalis* - This very small Cuckoo (about the size of a House Sparrow) seen on 3 days. First seen near the wind mill (Hamelin Pool, Aug 3).

Fan-tailed Cuckoo *Cacomantis flabelliformis* - Single birds on Aug 7 and 8 (Dryandra State Forest). Picture below, *left*; Australian Owlet-Nightjar: below, *right*.



STRIGIDAE

Southern Boobook *Ninox boobook* - Heard in Dryandra State Forest (Aug 6-7).

AEGOTHELIDAE

Australian Owlet-Nightjar *Aegotheles cristatus* - Beautiful views of a sleeping bird in the Stirling Range (Aug 15).

ALCEDINIDAE

Laughing Kookaburra *Dacelo novaeguineae* - Common, seen or heard on most days of the tour.

ATRICHORNITHIDAE

Noisy Scrub-bird *Atrichornis clamosus* - Despite the poor weather, one bird heard very well at close range (for details of the site, see the website of n Frank O'Connors) at Two Peoples Bay (Aug 13).

CLIMACTERIDAE

Rufous Treecreeper *Climacteris rufa* - Common at Dryandra State Forest (Aug 7-8).

MALURIDAE

Splendid Fairywren *Malurus splendens* - Beautiful views of a male and female along 'The Loop' trail in Kalbarri NP (Aug 5). Also seen at the Stirling Range Retreat (Aug 14-15), all females and immature males.

Blue-breasted Fairywren *Malurus pulcherrimus* - Only females seen at Dryandra State Forest (Aug 7-8).

Red-winged Fairywren *Malurus elegans* - Seen on Aug 10-12. Best views of at least 3 males in Beedelup NP (Aug 10).

White-winged Fairywren *Malurus leucopterus* - Common, seen on 8 days, up to 20+ birds/day.

Variegated Fairywren *Malurus lamberti* - A single bird on Aug 2 (near Denham) and at least 5 birds on Aug 19.

Southern Emu-wren *Stipiturus malachurus* - Despite considerable efforts, heard only (at very close range!) at Two People's Bay (Aug 13).

Striated Grasswren *Amytornis striatus* - A single bird heard at very close range in a single clump of Spinifex (Gluepot, Aug 26).

Thick-billed Grasswren *Amytornis textilis* - One of the best birds of the tour. Apparently only active at dusk, common (at least 6 birds) and seen very well at the famous car park of Monkey Mia (Aug 1).



PARDALOTIDAE

Striated Pardalote *Pardalotus striatus* - The only Pardalote seen during this tour, seen on 3 days.

ACANTHIZIDAE

Western Bristlebird *Dasyornis longirostris* - A single bird heard at Two People's Bay (Aug 13).

White-browed Scrubwren *Sericornis frontalis* - Common, seen on 5 days (1-4 birds/day).

Redthroat *Pyrrholaemus brunneus* - Beautiful views of 2 birds near the Arid Land Botanical Garden of Port Augusta (Aug 19). Another 2 birds seen (and even more heard) at Dutchmans Stern Conservation Park (Aug 24).



Shy Heathwren (Hylacola) *Hylacola cauta* - Seen on 9 days of the tour, 1-4 birds/day.

Western Gerygone *Gerygone fusca* - Good views of 3 birds at 'The Loop' trail in Kalbarri NP (Aug 5).

Inland Thornbill *Acanthiza apicalis* - Seen on 7 days, common.

Western Thornbill *Acanthiza inornata* - Seen on 3 days, e.g. 2 birds on Aug 7 (Dryandra State Forest).

Slender-billed Thornbill *Acanthiza iredalei* - This bird is typical of salt bush, a single bird seen together with Orange Chats at Hamelin Pool (Aug 4).

Yellow-rumped Thornbill *Acanthiza chrysorrhoa* - Seen on 4 days, 1-2 birds/day.

Chestnut-rumped Thornbill *Acanthiza uropygialis* - Singles at Waikirie on Aug 25 and 26.

Weebill *Smicrornis brevirostris* - Seen on 8 days (up to 10+ birds per day). Resemble Goldcrests in their feeding behaviour.

Southern Whiteface *Aphelocephala leucopsis* - At least 30 birds along the road to Proby's Grave (between Hawker and Quorn, Aug 23). Also seen (about 8 birds) on Aug 24.



Banded Whiteface *Aphelocephala nigricincta* - An unexpected bonus, a single individual in a 'mixed flock' together with previous species on Aug 23.

Chestnut-breasted Whiteface *Aphelocephala pectoralis* - Yes! One of the best birds of the tour. Seen, together with Cinnamon Quail-thrush, about 26 km along the Strzelecki Track (near Lyndhurst) in a rather desolate scenery. A solitary bird seen, first perched in a small bush where it could be seen well (including its broad chestnut band), then flying to another bush, and then we lost track.

MELIPHAGIDAE

Little Wattlebird *Anthochaera chrysoptera* - Seen on 3 days, first seen (4 birds) near and in Esperance (Aug 15).

Red Wattlebird *Anthochaera carunculata* - Common, seen on almost all days.

Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater *Acanthagenys rufogularis* - Common, seen on 7 days.

Yellow-throated Miner *Manorina flavigula* - Seen from Aug 16 onwards, also several hybrids (with Black-eared Miner) seen in Gluepot (Aug 26).

Singing Honeyeater *Lichenostomus virescens* - Seen on 11 days, common.

White-eared Honeyeater *Lichenostomus leucotis* - Seen on Aug 6 (6 birds along Great Northern Hwy to Dryandra State Forest) and a single bird on Aug 9.

Grey-fronted Honeyeater *Lichenostomus plumulus* - At least two birds at the Bunuyeroo Gorge Trail (Flinders Range) on Aug 20.

Yellow-plumed Honeyeater *Lichenostomus ornatus* - Seen on 9 days, common in e.g. Stirling Range.

Brown-headed Honeyeater *Melithreptus brevirostris* - Three birds on Aug 8 (Dryandra State Forest) and 10+ birds on Aug 26 (Gluepot).

White-naped Honeyeater *Melithreptus lunatus* - Seen on 3 days (2 birds per day).

New Holland Honeyeater *Phylidonyris novaehollandiae* - Very common (up to 100+ birds/day) from Aug 9-16. Also common in Adelaide (Aug 27).

White-cheeked Honeyeater *Phylidonyris niger* - A single bird at Cape Naturaliste (Aug 9).

White-fronted Honeyeater *Phylidonyris albifrons* - A single bird near Hamelin Pool (Aug 3).

Tawny-crowned Honeyeater *Phylidonyris melanops* - A single bird near Old Mill Dam (Dryandra State Forest, Aug 7) and 2 birds on Aug 14 (Stirling Range).

Pied Honeyeater *Certhionyx variegates* - Seen on 4 days. A flock of about 20 birds of this nomadic species was shown in the Arid Land Botanical Garden near Port Augusta (Aug 19).

Brown Honeyeater *Lichmera indistincta* - Low numbers (1-2 birds) on 3 days.

Yellow-faced Honeyeater *Lichenostomus chrysops* - Seen on Aug 24-26.

White-plumed Honeyeater *Lichenostomus penicillatus* - Seen on 10 days of the tour, common.

Western Spinebill *Acanthorhynchus superciliosus* - A female seen at the site of the Noisy Scrubbird in Two People's Bay (Aug 13).

Striped Honeyeater *Plectorhyncha lanceolata* - A single bird in Gluepot (Aug 26).

EPHIANURIDAE

Orange Chat *Epthianura aurifrons* - About 30 birds (Hamelin Pool, Aug 4) and at least 20 birds on Aug 23.

White-fronted Chat *Epthianura albifrons* - Seen in mixed flocks with previous species, albeit in lower numbers.

Crimson Chat *Epthianura tricolour* - Common in and near Hamelin Pool, e.g. at least 100 birds on July 31 (wind mill).



Gibberbird *Ashbyia lovensis* - Brief views of a single bird crossing the road near Lyndhurst (Aug 22).

PETROICIDAE

Jacky-winter *Microeca fascinans* - Seen on 4 days, up to 10 birds in Gluepot (Aug 26).

Pacific (Scarlet) Robin *Petroica multicolor* - Seen on 3 days, e.g. 6 birds at Dutchmans Stern Conservation Park (Aug 24).

Red-capped Robin *Petroica goodenovii* - This more inland species seen on 9 days, up to 4 birds/day.

Hooded Robin *Melanodryas cucullata* - Only seen at Hamelin Pool (Aug 3-4).

Western Yellow Robin *Eopsaltria griseogularis* - Common at Stirling Range Retreat (Aug 14-15).

White-breasted Robin *Eopsaltria georgiana* - A single bird seen at Cape Naturaliste (Aug 9). Also seen on Aug 10 (3 birds) and Aug 12 (4 birds).

Southern Scrub-Robin *Drymodes brunneopygia* - Beautiful views of 3 birds at Gluepot (Aug 26). Also a single bird briefly seen on Aug 4.

POMATOSTOMIDAE

White-browed Babbler *Pomatostomus superciliosus* - Seen on 9 days, common.

Chestnut-crowned Babbler *Pomatostomus ruficeps* - At least 5 birds at Gluepot (Aug 26).

CINCLOSOMATIDAE

Western Whipbird *Psophodes nigrogularis* - A single bird heard at Two People's Bay (Aug 13).

Chirruping Wedgebill *Psophodes cristatus* - Seen on 3 days, quite common in the Arid Land Botanical Garden (Port Augusta) on Aug 18-19, and along the road to Proby's Grave (Aug 23).

Chiming Wedgebill *Psophodes occidentalis* - Seen and heard near Hamelin Pool (July 30).

Chestnut Quail-thrush *Cinclosoma castanotum* - A single bird briefly seen along the roadside on Aug 18 (Lake Ginnes Conservation Park). Good views of 2 birds in Gluepot (Aug 26).

Cinnamon Quail-thrush *Cinclosoma cinnamomeum* - Splendid views of two birds at the site of the Chestnut-breasted Quail-thrush (Aug 22).

NEOSITTIDAE

Varied Sittella *Daphoenositta chrysoptera* - A small flock of 3 birds at Stirling Range Retreat and singles on Aug 26 (Gluepot) and Aug 27.

PACHYCEPHALIDAE

Crested Bellbird *Oreoica gutturalis* - Heard at Hamelin Pool (July 31', a female seen at Dryandra State Forest (Aug 7).

Crested Shrike-tit *Falcunculus frontatus (leucogaster)* - Yes! This species had been promised me twice by Australian birdwatchers, and both times they failed. We (Annelien en I) had splendid views of two birds at Stirling Range Retreat (Aug 14).

Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis* - Singles seen on Aug 8, 9 Aug 14.

Rufous Whistler *Pachycephala rufiventris* - Two birds at Dutchmans Stern Conservation Park (Aug 24). Females at Gluepot (Aug 26) and at Alligator Gorge (Aug 27).

Red-lored Whistler *Pachycephala rufogularis* - Splendid views of a singing male at Gluepot (Aug 26).

Gilbert's Whistler *Pachycephala inornata* - Beautiful views of a pair at Gluepot (Aug 26).

Grey Shrike-thrush *Colluricincla harmonica* - Rather common, seen on 7 days (1-2 birds/day).

MONARCHIDAE

Restless Flycatcher *Myiagra inquieta* - Single males at Stirling Range Retreat (Aug 14 and 15).

RHIPIDURIDAE

Willie Wagtail *Rhipidura leucophrys* - Common, seen on almost all days of the tour.

Grey Fantail *Rhipidura fuliginosa* - Common, seen on 8 days.

CAMPEPHAGIDAE

Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike *Coracina novaehollandiae* - Common, seen on most days.

White-winged Triller *Lalage tricolour* - Common near Hamelin Pool, e.g. 10+ birds at July 31 (at the wind mill site).

ARTAMIDAE

Masked Woodswallow *Artamus personatus* - Very common (300+ birds) near Hamelin Pool (July 31, wind mill site).

Dusky Woodswallow *Artamus cyanopterus* - Seen almost daily in low numbers from Aug 7 onwards.

CRATICIDAE

Grey Butcherbird *Cracticus torquatus* - Seen on 4 days from Aug 18 onwards.

Pied Butcherbird *Cracticus nigrogularis* - Seen on 6 days until Aug 17.

Australian Magpie *Gymnorhina tibicen* - Seen on most days of the tour, very common.

Grey Currawong *Strepera versicolor* - Seen on 8 days, common.

GRALLINIDAE

Magpie-lark *Grallina cyanoleuca* - Very common throughout the tour.

CORVIDAE

Australian Raven *Corvus coronoides* - Very common throughout the tour.

Little Raven *Corvus mellori* - Seen almost daily from Aug 21 onwards.

CORCORACIDAE

White-winged Chough *Corcorax melanorhamphos* - Seen on 3 days, most common in Gluepot (Aug 26).

Apostlebird *Struthidea cinerea* - As previous species.

MOTACILLIDAE

Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi* - Common, seen on 10 days.

PASSERIDAE

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* (I) - This introduced species was seen from Aug 18 onwards.

TURDIDAE

Eurasian Blackbird *Turdus merula* (I) - Two birds in Adelaide (Aug 27).

STURNIDAE

Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* (I) - Seen on 5 days from Aug 17 onwards.

HIRUNDIDAE

White-backed Swallow *Cheramoeca leucosterna* - This beautiful inland swallow was seen on 7 days.

Welcome Swallow *Hirundo neoxena* - Common, seen on most days in good numbers.

Tree Martin *Hirundo nigricans* - As previous species.

ZOSTEROPIDAE

Silvereye *Zosterops lateralis* - Seen from Aug 6 to Aug 11.

SYLVIIDAE

Brown Songlark *Cincloramphus cruralis* - Common near Hamelin Pool (July 31).

Rufous Songlark *Cincloramphus mathewsi* - As previous species, but recorded only on Aug 3 and 4.

DICAEIDAE

Mistletoebird *Dicaeum hirundinaceum* - A female seen on Aug 22 (near Lyndhurst) and good views of a male at Dutchmans Stern Conservation Park (Aug 24).

ESTRILDIDAE

Red-eared Firetail *Neochmia oculata* - Poor views of a single bird while walking near Walpole (Aug 12).

Zebra Finch *Taeniopygia guttata* - Common near Hamelin Pool, e.g. 20+ birds at July 31.

FRINGILLIDAE

European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis* (l) - Three birds seen in Adelaide (Aug 27).

MAMMALS

TACHYGLOSSIDAE

Short-beaked Echidna *Tachyglossus aculeatus* - One Echidna crossing the road In Kalbarri NP (Aug 4). Stunning views of a second Echidna at Dryandra (Aug 7).



MYRMECOBIIDAE

Numbat *Myrmecobius fasciatus* - A single Numbat seen by Annelien on Aug 8 (Dryandra).

PHALANGERIDAE

Common Brushtail Possum *Trichosurus vulpecula* - A single animal visiting our camp site at Dryandra (Aug 7).

MACROPODIDAE

Western Grey Kangaroo *Macropus fuliginosus* - Seen on various days, e.g. at Flinders Range. Often difficult to identify Kangaroo species.



Eastern Grey Kangaroo *Macropus giganteus* - Seen on various days.

Euro (Wallaroo) *Macropus robustus* - The most common Kangaroo seen during the tour.

Red Kangaroo *Macropus rufus* - Seen at Flinders Range (Aug 20).

Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby *Petrogale Xanthopus* - Beautiful views of 4-6 Yellow-footed Rock Wallabies at Brachina Gorge (Aug 20).



DUGONGIDAE

Dugong *Dugong dugon* - Distant views of single Dugong at Shark Bay (afternoon of Aug 1). Beautiful views of 2 Dugongs on Aug 2.



CANIDAE

Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes* (1) - A single seen between Hawker and Quorn (Aug 23).

FELIDAE

House Cat *Felix catus* (1) - A single seen near Denham (Aug 1).

LEPORIDAE

European Rabbit *Oryctolagus cuniculus* (1) - Seen on various days.

DELPHINIDAE

Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphin *Tursiops aduncus* - Common at Shark Bay (Aug 1-2).



Humpback Whale *Megoptera novaeangliae* - A single seen at D'Entrecasteaux (Aug 11).

Southern Right Whale *Eubalaena australis* - Distant "blows" of this species seen at various days.

Minke Whale *Balaenoptera acutorostrata* - A single Whale with a characteristic dorsal fin, most likely this species, at Two People's Bay (Aug 13).

MISCELLANEOUS

Bearded Dragon (Jew Lizard) *Pogona barbata* - A rather slow Dragon at the entrance road to Gluepot (Aug 26).



Shingle Back-Lizard *Trachydosaurus rugosus* - Close views of a single animal at Dutchmans Stern (Aug 24).



Loggerhead Turtle *Caretta caretta* - Relatively common, at least 4 seen at Shark Bay (Aug 1) and several seen on Aug 2.

Green Turtle *Chelonia mydas* - At least seen one during the tour on Aug 1.

Northern Bluefin Tuna *Thunnus tonggol* - Several Tuna's (Bonito's) seen during at Shark Bay (Aug2).

Sea Krait *Laticauda colubrine* - A single seen swimming during the Shark Bay cruise on Aug 1.