

1. Ocean Beach and Wilson Head

The shallows at the mouth of the Wilson Inlet provide valuable habitat for many shorebirds. A bird protection sanctuary has been approved and is being developed on the northern area of Prawn Rock Island and associated mud flats to provide protection for both breeding birds (Red-capped Plover, Australian Pied Oystercatcher) and migratory shorebirds such as the critically endangered Bar-tailed Godwit, Great Knot and Curlew Sandpiper. Park in the northern car park and cross the pontoon bridge to the eastern side of the island for the best views of the birds.

See <https://denmarkbirdgroup.org> for more details.

Please check the signage for the dog prohibited areas and the dog exercise areas.

Wilson Head is an excellent vantage point from which to view seabirds in winter, especially following a south-westerly gale.

Carry on past the turn-off to the Surf Club on to the dirt road; turn left to McGeary's Rock or Black Holes. *Be careful on wet slippery rocks in strong winds* (safest to stay in the carpark). Look out for albatrosses, gannets, petrels, skuas, shearwaters and whales!

2. Wilson Inlet

Wilson and Broke Inlets are the largest inlets on the south coast, each covering an area of 48sq km.

A telescope is an advantage for viewing shorebirds and waterbirds.

2a Morley Beach

East of Denmark, turn-off South Coast Hwy on to Morley Rd, drive slowly past the farm to inlet. Park near the access point to the "beach" and walk taking care to help protect the vegetation and shoreline in this proposed conservation reserve.

Birds: Migratory and Australian shorebirds notably Red-necked Stint, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Red-capped Plover and Red-necked Avocet. Waterbirds: Black Swan and Grey Teal. Others: White-fronted Chat, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Swamp Harrier.



Common Sandpiper



Caspian Tern



Red-necked Stint

Birdwatching around Denmark

There is a wide range of birding habitats in this area. These are just a few options for places to visit. Over 180 different species have been recorded. 13 of these are endemic to southwest WA.

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This provides more about local birds, coming events and outings.



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Birdwatching around Denmark

Red-eared Firetail John Anderson



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2b Youngs Lake and Nenamup Inlet

Youngs Lake: From Denmark, east along the South Coast Hwy, turn-off along Lower Denmark Rd, then immediately right along Eden Rd. Park just before the channel linking Youngs Lake with Nenamup. Follow the track west to Youngs Lake.

Birds: Hoary-headed Grebe, Musk Duck, Yellow-billed Spoonbill, egrets.

Nenamup: Easiest viewed by following the Lower Denmark Rd through Youngs Siding and turn right down Lake Saide Rd. Park just before the drainage channel at Shapland Rd and take the path on the eastern side of the channel down to Nenamup.

Birds: Stilts, Red-necked Stint, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, Australian Shelduck, Australasian Shoveler.



Pied Stilt

2c Mokare Heritage Trail and Denmark Rivermouth

Follow Hollings Rd to the Rivermouth Caravan Park turn-off, park just before the turn-off and cross the bridge to the Mokare walk, which heads back towards the town. For the Rivermouth turn left, pass the caravan park and park at the end of the road.

Birds: **Mokare Walk:** Fairy-wrens, whistlers, Silvereye, Red-eared Firetail, White-browed Scrubwren, Western Rosella, Australian Ringneck, ibis, herons, egrets. Look out for Osprey hunting in the river and also nesting.

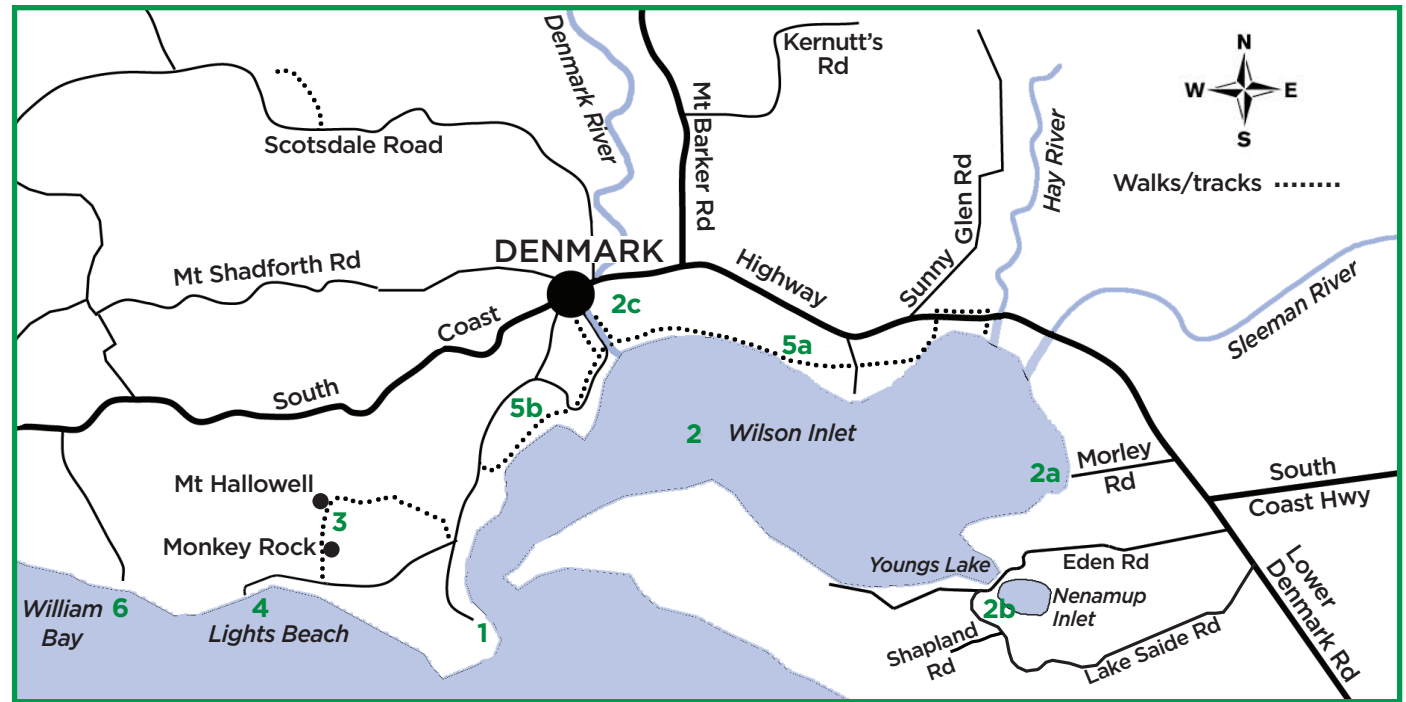
Rivermouth: Cormorants nesting in the paperbarks; Australian Pelican, Australasian Darter; stilts, Red-necked Avocet, Yellow-billed Spoonbill and oystercatchers when the water level is low enough to expose the mud flats.



White-breasted Robin



Shining Bronze-Cuckoo



3. Mount Hallowell

From Denmark, turn down Ocean Beach Rd, park on the right, just before the turn-off to Heather Rd. Follow the Sheila Hill Trail / Bibbulmun Track. Birds: The Karri forest provides habitat for many birds, but unfortunately they can be difficult to spot and identify. Look out for or listen for White-browed Babbler, Western Rosella, Australian Ringneck and Red-capped Parrot, all of the black cockatoos, Purple-crowned Lorikeet (when the Karri is in flower - late summer).

Smaller birds: White-breasted Robin, White-browed Scrubwren, Red-winged Fairy-wren, Red-eared Firetail, honeyeaters (mainly New Holland and Gilbert's), Western Whistler, Grey Shrike-thrush, Grey Fantail, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, and Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Western Shrike-tit, Dusky Woodswallow, Spotted and Striated Pardalotes. Larger birds: Brown Goshawk, Collared Sparrowhawk, Square-tailed Kite, Osprey, Tawny Frogmouth, Southern Boobook.



Western Rosella

4. Lights Beach

From Denmark, turn down Ocean Beach Rd, then right into Lights Rd. Follow the road to the Lights Beach turn-off and on to the car park. Birds: The area to the west of the carpark is better as the eastern beach is a dog exercise area, but you could still find Elegant Parrot, Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo, Western Rosella and Australian Ringneck in the dunes at the top of the beach.

The western beach may have Hooded and Red-capped Plovers, and Sooty Oystercatcher as well as Australian Pipit. Look out for Nankeen Kestrel hunting on the updraft from the dunes / sand cliffs. Parrots and cockatoos can be found, often feeding on pelargonium (pink flowered weed). Fairy-wrens, White-browed Scrubwren, Southern Emu-wren, cuckoos and firetails can be found in the heathland and sometimes Osprey and White-bellied Sea Eagle patrol the coastline along with the Pacific Gulls.

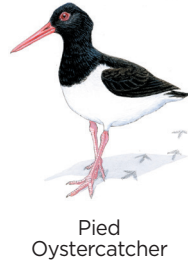


Red-winged Fairy-wren

5 Wilson Inlet Walk Trails

5a Wilson Inlet Heritage Trail

The Heritage Trail runs from the Hay River all the way to Nornalup. It is the hard base of the Albany to Nornalup Railway, which was abandoned in 1957. The section next to the Wilson Inlet commences at the Denmark River and goes all the way to the Hay River. Birds: Fairy-wrens, Red-eared Firetail, White-browed Scrubwren, thornbills, robins, honeyeaters, parrots, cockatoos, Western Whistler, kites, Collared Sparrowhawk, Brown Goshawk. On the inlet: Australian Pelican, cormorants, egrets, ibis, spoonbill, oystercatchers, ducks, swans and White-bellied Sea-Eagle.



Pied Oystercatcher

5b Inlet Drive to Little River Walk Trail

From Denmark, turn down Ocean Beach Road Rd and then left at Campbell Rd. Follow road down to the Inlet, park at corner of Inlet Drive and Campbell Rd or approach from Inlet Drive. Walk south towards Little River through Karri forest.

Birds: Red-winged Fairy-wren, Red-eared Firetail, scrubwrens, thornbills, White-breasted Robin, White-browed Babbler, Sacred Kingfisher, Varied Sittella, Common Bronzewing. On the inlet: Australian Pelican, cormorants, egrets, ibis, Yellow-billed Spoonbill, Great-crested Tern, oystercatchers, ducks and swans.

6. William Bay National Park

William Bay is one of Western Australia's first and most picturesque national parks with its heath-covered coastal dunes and rugged coastline. It is approximately 18km from Denmark to Greens Pool, via the South Coast Hwy and William Bay Rd.

Birds: In summer, stop at **Lake Byleveld**, 700m after the William Bay turnoff for Australasian Shoveler, Hardhead, Black-fronted Dotterel, Sacred Kingfisher and Fan-tailed Cuckoo. Rock Parrot occurs in dunes behind Greens Pool.



Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo

Elephant Rocks to Waterfall Beach:

Nankeen Kestrel, Brown Falcon, Swamp Harrier, Pied and Sooty Oystercatchers, Australasian Gannet, Pacific and Silver Gulls, Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo, fairy-wrens, Southern Emu-wren, Red-eared Firetail, honeyeaters, Grey Butcherbird and Osprey.

EMUS & CASSOWARIES

Emu M

PHEASANTS & QUAIL

Stubble Quail U 5

Brown Quail U 5

DUCKS, GEESE & SWANS

Blue-billed Duck U O 2

Musk Duck M 2,6

Pink-eared Duck U 2

Black Swan C 1,2,5,6

Australian Shelduck C 1, 2

Australian Wood Duck C 1

Hardhead U 1,6

Australasian Shoveler U 2,6

Pacific Black Duck C 1,2

Grey Teal C 1,2

Chestnut Teal U 1,2

GREBES

Australasian Grebe M 1,2

Hoary-headed Grebe C 1,2

Great Crested Grebe M 2

PIGEONS & DOVES

Common Bronzewing C all

Brush Bronzewing U

Crested Pigeon U 2

FROGMOUTHS

Tawny Frogmouth U 3

OWLET-NIGHTJAR

Australian Owlet-nightjar R 3

CUCKOOS

Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo U Mi 1,6

Shining Bronze -Cuckoo M Mi all

Fan-tailed Cuckoo M Mi all

Pallid Cuckoo R Mi 3,6

CRAKES, RAILS & SWAMPHENS

Buff-banded Rail M 1

Spotless Crane U

Purple Swamphen M

Dusky Moorhen M 2

Eurasian Coot M 1,2

PENGUINS

Southern Rockhopper Penguin R T 1,4,6

Little Penguin R 1,4,6

ALBATROSSES

Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross M Mi T IA 1,4,6

Black-browed Albatross M Mi T IA 1,4,6

Shy Albatross R Mi T IA 1,4,6

PETRELS & SHEARWATERS

Great-winged Petrel R 1,4,6

Flesh-footed Shearwater M Mi T IA 1,4,6



Blue-billed Duck



Common Bronzewing



Buff-banded Rail

IBIS & SPOONBILLS

Yellow-billed Spoonbill M 1,2

Straw-necked Ibis C 1,2

Australian White Ibis C 1,2

Glossy Ibis R IA 2

HERONS, EGRETS & BITTERNS

Australasian Bittern R T

Black Bittern R O 2

Nankeen Night-Heron U 2

Cattle Egret U

White-necked Heron U 2

Great Egret C IA 2

White-faced Heron C 1,2

Little Egret U 1,2

Eastern Reef Egret U 1

PELICAN

Australian Pelican C 1,2,5

GANNETS & BOOBIES

Australasian Gannet C 1,4,6

CORMORANTS & SHAGS

Little Pied Cormorant C 1,2,5

Great Cormorant M 2,5

Little Black Cormorant C 1,2,5

Great Pied Cormorant (prev Pied) C

DARTER

Australasian Darter M 1,2

OYSTERCATCHERS

Australian Pied Oystercatcher C 1,2,4,6

Sooty Oystercatcher C 1,4,6

STILTS & AVOCETS

Banded Stilt M 1,2

Red-necked Avocet M 1,2

Pied Stilt (prev Black-winged) C 1,2

PLOVERS, DOTTEREL & LAPWINGS

Grey Plover U Mi IA 1,2

Pacific Golden Plover U Mi IA 2

Red-capped Plover C 1,2

Double-banded Plover R Mi IA 2

Lesser Sand Plover R Mi T IA 1,2

Greater Sand Plover R Mi T IA 1,2

Hooded Plover U O 1,4

Black-fronted Dotterel U 1,2,6

Masked Lapwing R 1,2

Red-kneed Dotterel R 2

SNIPE, SANDPIPERS, GODWITS, CURLEW, STINTS & PHALAROPES

Eastern Curlew R Mi T IA 2

Bar-tailed Godwit U Mi O IA 1,2

Black-tailed Godwit U Mi IA 2

Ruddy Turnstone U Mi IA 1,2

Great Knot U Mi T IA 1,2

Red Knot U Mi T IA 1,2

Broad-billed Sandpiper R Mi IA 2

SNIPE, SANDPIPERS, GODWITS, CURLEW, STINTS & PHALAROPEs continued

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	M	Mi	IA	1,2
Curlew Sandpiper	U	Mi	T IA	1,2
Long-toed Stint	U	Mi	IA	2
Red-necked Stint	C	Mi	IA	1,2
Sanderling	U	Mi	IA	1
Pectoral Sandpiper	R	Mi	IA	1,2
Common Sandpiper	C	Mi	IA	1,2,4
Common Greenshank	C	Mi	IA	1,2
Wood Sandpiper	U	Mi	IA	1
Marsh Sandpiper	R	Mi	IA	2

BUTTON-QUAIL

Painted Button-quail	R			5
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PRATINCOLES

Oriental Pratincole	R	Mi	IA	2
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GULLS, TERNS & NODDIES

Silver Gull	C			1,2,5,6
Pacific Gull	C			1,5,6
Fairy Tern	C		T	1,2
Australian Gull-billed Tern	R	Mi		
Caspian Tern	C		IA	1
Whiskered Tern	U	Mi		1,2
Greater Crested Tern	C	Mi		1,5

SKUAS & JAEGERs

Brown Skua	R		O	1
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MASKED OWLS

Barn Owl	U		Southern Boobook	
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HAWK OWLS

Southern Boobook	U			3
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OSPREY

Osprey	M		IA	1,2,3,6
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EAGLES, KITES & GOSHAWKS

Black-shouldered Kite	M			1
Square-tailed Kite	U			1,3
Wedge-tailed Eagle	U			3
Little Eagle	U			3
Swamp Harrier	M			1,2
Brown Goshawk	M			2,3
Collared-Sparrowhawk	M			1,3
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	U			1,2,5
Whistling Kite	M			1,2,3

KINGFISHERS

Sacred Kingfisher	M	Mi		all
Laughing Kookaburra	C			all

FALCONS

Nankeen Kestrel	U			1,2,4,6
Australian Hobby	U			1,2,3
Brown Falcon	R			6
Peregrine Falcon	U	OSP		1,2,3

COCKATOOS & COREELLAS

Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo				
WA sub-species Forest Red-tail	U	T		3
Baudin's Black-Cockatoo	U	T		all
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	U	T		all
Galah	C			all

PARROTS, LORIKEETS & ROSELLAS

Red-capped Parrot	M			1,3,5
Western Rosella	C			all
Australian Ringneck	C			all
Elegant Parrot	M			1,4
Rock Parrot	U			4,6
Purple-crowned Lorikeet	M			all
Regent Parrot	R			



Purple-crowned Lorikeet

TREECEEPERS

Rufous Treecreeper	R			
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FAIRY-WRENS, EMU-WRENS & GRASSWRENS

Red-winged Fairy-wren	M			all
Splendid Fairy-wren	M			1,4,5,6
Southern Emu-wren	U			1,4

HONEYEATERS & CHATS

White-cheeked Honeyeater	R			
New Holland Honeyeater	C			all
Brown Honeyeater	U			3,5,6



Gilbert's Honeyeater

Gilbert's Honeyeater

(prev White-naped)	M			3,5,6
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Western Spinebill

Tawny-crowned Honeyeater	U			5,6
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White-fronted Chat

White-fronted Chat	U			2
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Western Wattlebird

Red Wattlebird	M			1,5
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Singing Honeyeater

Singing Honeyeater	R			
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PARDALOTES

Spotted Pardalote	M			2,3,5
Striated Pardalote	U			2,3,5

THORNBILLS & GERYGONES

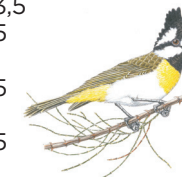
Western Gerygone	M			3,5
Weebill	U			2,3
White-browed Scrubwren	C			all
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	M			3,5
Inland Thornbill	C			2,3,5
Western Thornbill	U			3,5

AUSTRALIAN BABBLERS

White-browed Babbler	M			3,5
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SITTELLAS

Varied Sittella	M			3,5
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Western Shrike-tit

SHRIKE-TITS

Western Shrike-tit (prev Crested)	U			3,5,6
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WHISTLERS, SHRIKE-THRUSHES & ALLIES

Rufous Whistler	R			
Western Whistler (prev Golden)	C			all

CUCKOO-SHRIKES & TRILLERS

Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	M			3,5,6
White-winged Triller	R	Mi		

WOODSWALLOWS, CURRAWONGS, BUTCHERBIRDS, MAGPIE

Grey Currawong	M			1,6
Australian Magpie	C			all
Grey Butcherbird	M			1,5,6
Dusky Woodswallow	M			3,6
Black-faced Woodswallow	R			



Grey Fantail

FANTAILS

Willie Wagtail	M			
Grey Fantail	C			all

MONARCH & FLYCATCHERS

Restless Flycatcher	R			
Magpie-lark	M			

CROWS & RAVENS

Australian Raven	C			all
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AUSTRALIAN ROBINS

Scarlet Robin	U			2
Western Yellow Robin	U			

White-breasted Robin

White-breasted Robin	C			all
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REED-WARBLERS

Australian Reed-Warbler	M			2
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GRASSBIRDS

Rufous Songlark	R			
Little Grassbird	M			1



Tree Martin

SWALLOWS & MARTINS

Tree Martin	C			all
Welcome Swallow	C			all

WHITE-EYES

Silvereye	C			all
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WEAVER FINCHES

Red-eared Firetail	M			all
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PIPITS & WAGTAILS

Australasian Pipit	M			1,4,6
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BIRD LIST CODES

Abundance		Status	
C	common	*	Introduced
M	mod. common	Mi	migratory
U	uncommon	T	threatened
R	rare	IA	Protected by International Agreement
Other Codes		O	Of conservation concern
Number/s after status codes refers to the site locations where the species has been found		OSP	Other specially protected
WA endemics in bold			

Current Birdlife Australia names and taxonomic order applied