

BIRDWATCHING AROUND DENMARK

There is an excellent range of birding habitats in the Denmark area where over 160 species of birds have been recorded. Eight of the eleven endemic species of the south-west of Western Australia can be found here.

The following are recommended places to visit.

A WILSON INLET

This is one of the most extensive inlets on the south coast and is best explored by boat. Launching sites are available at Rivermouth Caravan Park and Poddyshot, off Minsterly Road. Many species of waterbirds can be found here throughout the year. In autumn after a dry summer exposed sand/mud flats around the northern and western shoreline provide extensive feeding habitats for multitudes of migratory waders. West of the Hay River bridge on the South Coast Highway there is a track which provides access to the mouth of this river.

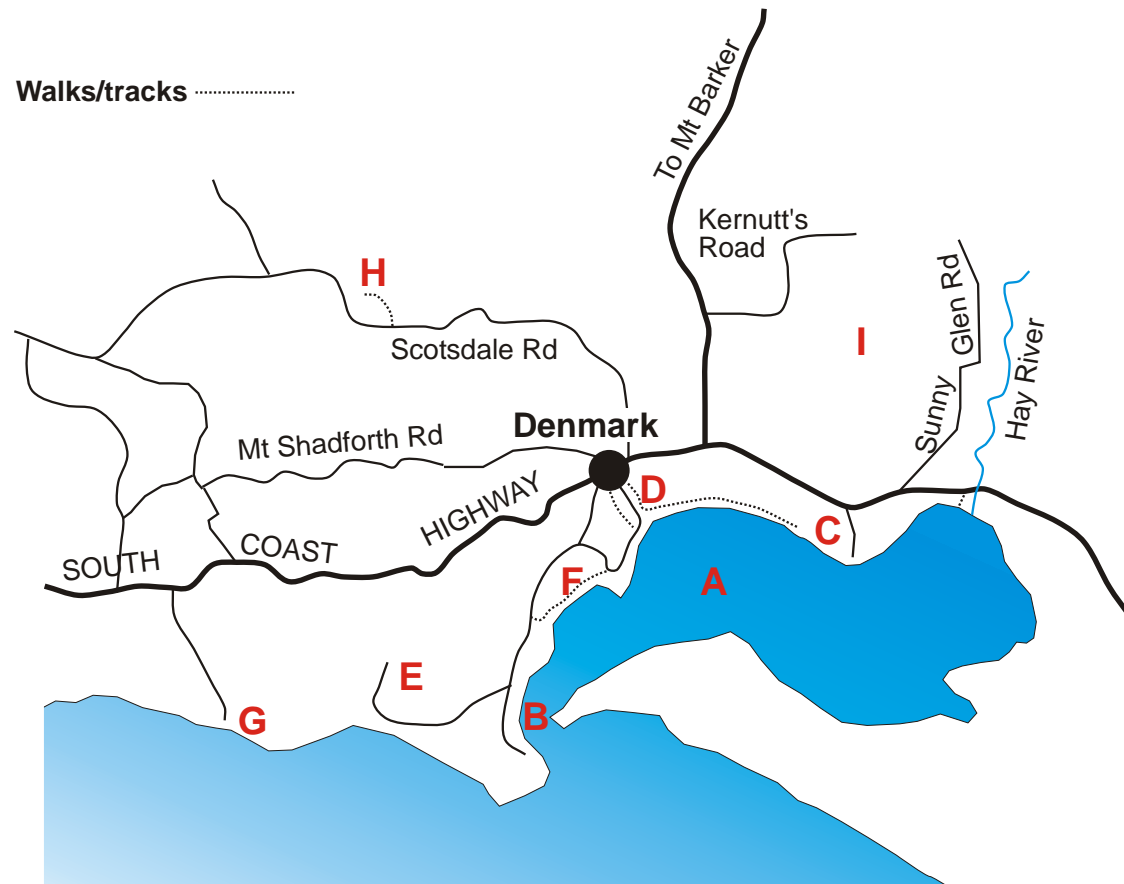
B OCEAN BEACH

A sand bar at the entrance to Wilson Inlet extends the beach area and provides a roosting site for numerous seabirds and some waders, including the resident Red-capped Plover. Look for the Hooded Plover and Rock Parrot.

C RUDGYARD-CRUSOE BEACH

On the northern shores of Wilson Inlet and accessible from the South Coast Highway. There are good picnic spots and a holiday resort is located at Rudgyard. From here a 7 km heritage trail links with the mouth of the Denmark River

The trail follows the old railway track and there are shelter huts, seats and look-outs along the trail. Many birds can be seen including Brown Quail,



Marsh Harrier, Splendid and Red-winged Fairy Wren and Red-eared Firetail.

D MOKARE WALK

Take a stroll along a formed walk/cycle trail following the banks either side of the Denmark River between the road bridge and the entrance to the Rivermouth Caravan Park. The diverse flora includes overhanging paperbarks, karri and banksias where many birds can be seen, including Nankeen Night-heron, White-winged Triller and Red-eared Firetail.

E MONKEY ROCK

A steep climb up a short walk on the south side of Mt. Hallowell leads to a large granite outcrop which has superb views over the surrounding karri trees, the south coast and Wilson Inlet. Watch out for Osprey, Square-tailed Kite, and Painted Button-quail.

F CAMPBELL ROAD/LITTLE RIVER

From the corner of Inlet Drive and Campbell Road a walk/cycle trail winds through karri trees at the foot of Weedon Hill, past the Wilson Inlet Holiday Park and on to the sub-division of Little River.

Look for Brown Quail, Red-winged Fairy-wren and Red-eared Firetail.

G WILLIAM BAY NATIONAL PARK

This is one of Western Australia's first national parks which includes an interesting area of heath-covered coastal dunes overlooking a beautiful coastline. Safe, sheltered swimming can be enjoyed at Green's Pool. Look for Rock Parrot, Southern Emu-wren, Tawny-crowned Honeyeater, Grey Butcherbird and Grey Currawong.

H HAREWOOD STATE FOREST

About 6.5 km from Denmark along the Scotsdale Road a short walk may be found taking the visitor through tall karri forest. There are picnic tables at each end of the trail. Among the birds to be seen here are Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Rufous Treecreeper and White-browed Babbler.

I KERNUTTS/SUNNY GLEN ROADS

These roads lead through cleared agricultural land and Jarrah/Marri forest located between the Mt. Barker Road and the South Coast Highway. Look out for Crested Pigeon, Western Yellow Robin, Varied Sittella, Grey Currawong and Rufous Songlark.

NOTES

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