

## 10. PORONGURUPS & STIRLING RANGE

Porongurup National Park with its stands of karri trees is an excellent place to observe Rufous Treecreeper, Western Rosella, and White-breasted Robin. Watch for Peregrine Falcon and Spotted Harrier soaring overhead. Other species resident in the park include Scarlet Robin, Splendid Fairy-wren and Striated Pardalote.

The Stirling Range National Park is home to over 120 species of birds including many honeyeaters such as the Tawny-crowned Honeyeater and Western Spinebill. Blue-breasted and Splendid Fairy-wrens can be found and many parrot species make this national park their home including the Elegant and Regent Parrots.



*Red-capped Parrot*

The Short-billed Black Cockatoo which has only recently been added to the endangered species list, breeds in the park.

Also look for Crested Bellbird and Crested Shrike-tit. Wedge-tailed Eagle are also regularly seen in the park.

## 11. LAKE PLEASANT VIEW RESERVE

Located only a few kilometres east of Manypeaks this reserve has a large freshwater lake with dense reed beds. Australasian Bittern have been recorded in the past. Listen for the Little Grassbird and the Clamorous Reed-Warbler. In the surrounding bushland you can find parrots, fairy-wrens, thornbills and the Varied Sittella.

## 12. CHEYNE BEACH

The coastal heathlands are a good area to look for the Noisy Scrub-bird, Western Bristlebird and Western Whip-bird. Southern Emu-wren, Little Wattlebird and Tawny-crowned Honeyeater are common. Also keep an eye out for Brush Bronzewing and Swamp Harrier. On the shore look for Sooty Oystercatcher, cormorant species and terns.

## 13. PALLINUP RIVER

Approx. 100 km East of Albany lies the Pallinup River where waterbirds abound. Malleefowl have been seen in close vicinity of the bridge. There is a good chance for Wedge-

tailed Eagle sightings. Bush birds are numerous.

## 14. TORBAY

From Lower Denmark Road take Muttonbird Road, then Perkins Beach Road. Red-eared Firetail, Osprey, Crested Shrike-tit, Red-winged Fairy-wren and Southern Emu-wren can be seen here. Lake Powell, although not easily accessible, is still worth visiting for Australasian Bittern, Swamp Harrier and Little Grassbird.

## 15. MORLEY BEACH / WILSON INLET

From South Coast Highway take Morley Road to the inlet. In summer this is an excellent area to watch waders such as Red-necked Avocet, Banded Stilt, Red-necked Stint, Red-capped Plover and Common Greenshank. Black Swan also abound, as do several species of ducks.

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# BIRDWATCHING around ALBANY

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*Western Spinebill*



## BIRDWATCHING IN THE ALBANY AREA

Albany is a great place for birdwatching. With its many different habitats more than 200 species of birds can be found in the region. They range from the extremely rare Western Ground Parrot to migratory waders which visit the area from Siberia during the summer months.

Several rare and endangered species survive in the coastal heathlands east of Albany. Other threatened birds such as the Hooded Plover, the Short-billed and Long-billed Black Cockatoo breed in the area and there have been recent sightings of Malleefowl along the Pallinup River.

Most of the birds endemic to WA can be readily seen in the area. Western Rosella, Red-capped Parrot, Western Spinebill, Red-eared Firetail, Red-winged Fairy-wren and White-breasted Robin are common around Albany.

Offshore islands provide breeding sites for birds such as the Flesh-footed Shearwater, Great-winged Petrel and Little Penguin.

The sites listed in this guide should provide both novice and expert birders with good birdwatching opportunities.

### 1. TORNDIRRUP NATIONAL PARK

Located off Frenchman Bay Road, this national park boasts extensive heathlands overlooking magnificent coastal scenery. Birds to look out for are honeyeaters including Western Spinebill, Tawny-crowned Honeyeater and Little Wattlebird. Also look for Grey Currawong.

### 2. THE GAP & NATURAL BRIDGE VANTAGE POINT

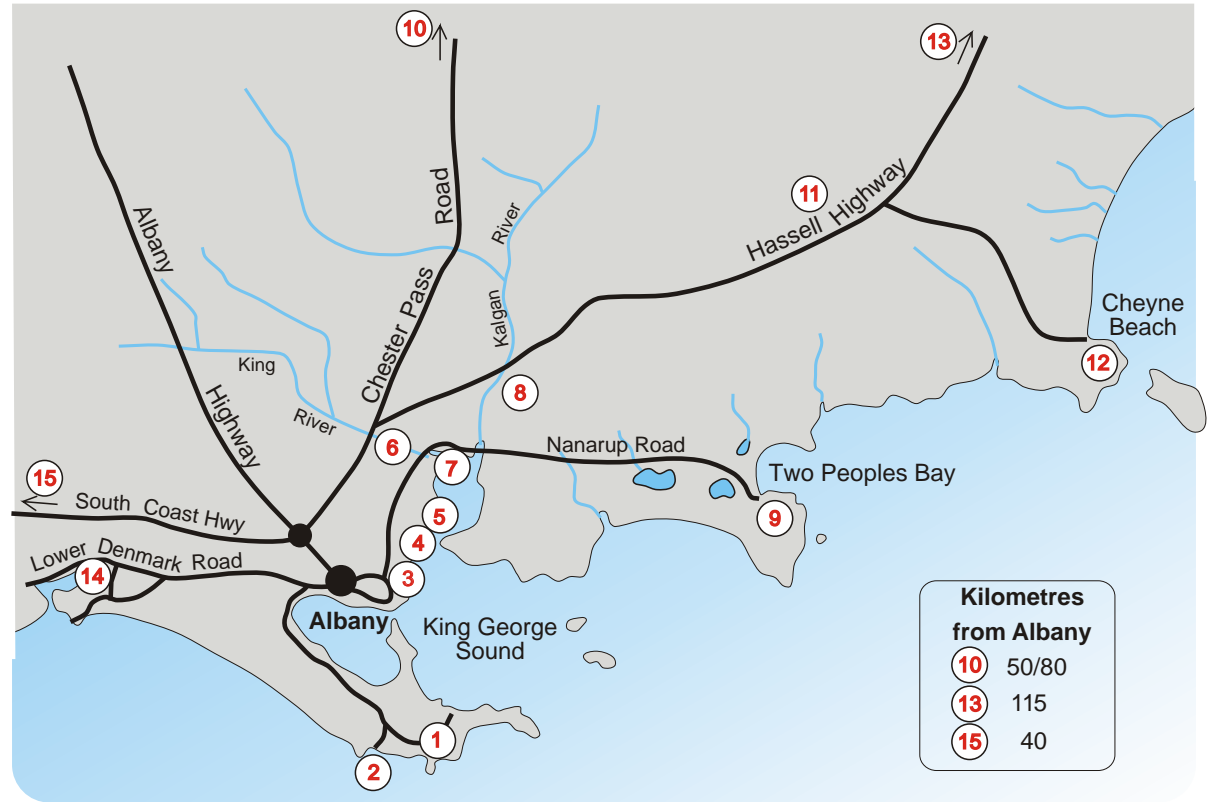
During winter this is an excellent place to look for sea-birds. Australasian Gannet, albatross species and shearwater species can be observed offshore.

### 3. ELLEN COVE BOARD WALK

This wheelchair accessible walk begins at Middleton Beach and winds through coastal heathlands, at the same time offering great views of King George Sound. Look for Southern Emu-wren and Red-winged Fairy-wren in the low heath. Red-eared Firetail and White-breasted Robin are often found further along the track.

### 4. LAKE SEPPINGS

Located off Golf Links Road this wetland provides a home for many waterbirds such as Blue-billed Duck, Musk Duck, Hoary-headed Grebe and cormorant species. The Clamorous Reed-Warbler is often heard and Red-winged Fairy-wren, Golden Whistler and White-breasted Robin are amongst the reserve's regular residents.



### 5. EMU POINT

During summer this is a good place to watch migratory waders foraging on the extensive mudflats in Oyster Harbour. Year-round you can find terns, oystercatchers, and pelicans.

### 6. KING RIVER RESERVE

This small reserve by the river is a good spot to look for Red-capped Parrot, Western Rosella, Scarlet Robin and both Splendid and Red-winged Fairy-wren.

### 7. LOWER KING RIVER BRIDGE

This small park off Nanarup Road is a good spot in summer to look for migratory waders such as Grey Plover and Red-necked Stint. Cormorants are regularly seen and there is a good chance of spotting an Osprey.



Red-winged Fairy-wren

### 8. KALGAN RIVER EAST BANK WALK

This river walk starts at the end of East Bank Road and offers opportunities to watch waterbirds such as ducks and cormorants. Bush birds common in this area include thornbills, both Splendid and Red-winged Fairy-wren, Striated Pardalote, Grey Currawong, and perhaps even the Western Yellow Robin will make an appearance.

### 9. TWO PEOPLES BAY

Home of endangered species such as the Noisy Scrub-bird, Western Whipbird and Western Bristlebird this reserve is also a haven for many honeyeaters, Southern Emu-wren and Red-eared Firetail. The rare species are more likely to be heard than seen. Also look for the Rock Parrot near the beach.



Red-eared Firetail