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South-west Endemics

7 day birding tour

Nov-Dec. 2018



The south-west corner of Western Australia is one of the most bird-rich areas in the country. Our 7 day, 7 night fully accommodated tour begins and ends in Perth (WA) and takes in a range of habitats including wetlands, open woodlands, sandy heathlands, the Stirling Ranges and tall karri forest. This is a very pleasant area to be birding in with mild weather, good infrastructure yet a sense of adventure remains. The tour aims to find all 13 of the South West endemics, including the 3 notorious "skulkers" (Noisy Scrub-bird, Western Bristlebird and Western Whipbird). In the karri forests country

we'll look for Western Rosella, White-breasted Robin, Red-capped Parrot, Western Whistler) and Western Corella; while exploring the dry woodlands we should add Malleefowl, Shy Heathwren and Purple-gaped Honeyeater. Long-billed (Baudin's) and Short-billed (Carnaby's) Black Cockatoo, Rufous Treecreeper, Western Yellow Robin, Gilbert's Honeyeater, Red-winged and Blue-breasted Fairy-wren await us on this trip. Coastal birding is not forgotten with seabirds, a visit to a Bridled Tern colony and Rock Parrot, Red-eared Firetail and Western Fieldwren; we expect to see up to 150 species including all 13 endemics.

Tour starts & finishes: Perth, WA

Scheduled departure & return dates:

- 25 Nov- 2 Dec 2018

Price: AU\$3,999 all-inclusive (discounts available).

Leader: Peter Waanders and Peter Taylor

Trip reports and photos of previous tours:

<http://www.bellbirdtours.com/reports>

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- Freecall 1800-BIRDING
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Tour details

Tour starts & finishes: Perth, WA.

Scheduled departure and return dates:

Tour commences with dinner on 25 November 2018. Please arrive on or before 25 November. Tour finishes late afternoon of 2 December 2018. Please depart in the evening of 2 or on 3 December. Itinerary contains further details.

Leader: Peter Waanders, accompanied by WA guide Peter Taylor for some days of the tour.

Difficulty: Low/Medium/~~High/Excellent~~ level of fitness required. The tour has a relaxed pace and walks are on varying surfaces, from paved forest roads to uneven, slippery jungle trails with some short climbs. We generally walk slowly, with lots of stops. You can opt out of any challenging walks.

What to bring: Please travel light. Binoculars, camera, mobile phone, chargers, power adaptors (british style), strong insect repellent, sunscreen, personal medications, travel umbrella, hat, water bottle, hand sanitizer. Sturdy footwear recommended. Scopes, super-telephoto lenses with tripods, and heavy suitcases are discouraged.

Clothing: Lightweight long pants, t-shirt and long-sleeved shirt, over the top of which you can wear layers that can be taken off as necessary, including a jumper / sweater and a wind- and rain-proof jacket.

Group size: Minimum 3, maximum 8 participants.

Cost: AU\$3,999 per person including accommodation and all meals, based on double or twin-share occupancy. Single occupancy surcharge of \$390. Not included: drinks, tips, personal expenses. Earlybird discount of \$99 for bookings received up to 6 months before departure date. Return-client discount may apply.

Bookings: Online at <http://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings> or please complete the booking form in the back of this brochure.

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Day 0. (25 Nov) Arrive in Perth and make your own way to our hotel (room and dinner included in tour price) for dinner and introductions. Overnight hotel in **Perth** (en-suite hotel room; meals included: D).

Day 1. (26 Nov) While leaving Perth we visit some magnificent wetlands where we can see Blue-billed and Musk Duck along with many other waterbirds and several raptors. Further afield, the Wungong Gorge is a good spot for Western Australian endemic such as Western Rosella, Red-capped Parrot and Red-winged Fairy-wren. The Dryandra Woodlands are our final destination today and we'll look for Short-billed Black (Carnaby's) Cockatoo, Blue-breasted Fairy-wren, Western Thornbill, Elegant Parrot and Purple-crowned Lorikeet. This is also a good area to observe native animals such as Numbat, Brush-tailed Bettong and Echidna. Spotlighting for these and for Bush Stone-curlew and Tawny Frogmouth is an option for those keen to get out again in the evening. Overnight **Narrogin** (en-suite motel room; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 2. (27 Nov) We a large part of the day exploring the Dryandra woodlands, in addition to the species listed above we also expect to see the western race of Regent Parrot, which is quite different from the eastern sub-species; Western Gerygone, Rufous Treecreeper, Blue-breasted Fairy-wren, Painted Buttonquail, Western Yellow Robin, the western race of Varied Sittella and other good species. Later in day we drive to the beautiful Stirling Ranges. Overnight **Stirling Ranges retreat** (en-suite cabin; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 3. (28 Nov) This morning we explore the beautiful Stirling Ranges where we'll search for Malleefowl, Square-tailed Kite, Purple-gaped and Tawny-crowned Honeyeaters and Southern Scrub-robin. Late afternoon brings us to the South Coast ready for an early start tomorrow morning. We'll head to Cheynes Beach to look for Brush Bronzewing and Western Wattlebird. Overnight **Cheynes Beach Caravan Park** en-suite cabin; meals included: B, L, D).



Malleefowl, Noisy Scrub-bird,
Short-billed Black Cockatoo, Rufous
Treecreeper © P Waanders

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Day 4. (29 Nov) We'll spend the entire day birding the south coast for the notorious and often elusive trio of Noisy Scrub-bird, Western Bristle-bird and Western Whipbird. Noisy scrub-bird, one of our rarest and elusive species was only re-discovered in 1961. We should hear each of these species multiple times as we attempt to get views of them. Other possible species here are Southern Emu-wren, Tawny-crowned Honeyeater, Rock parrot, Stubble Quailand Red-eared Fire-tail. Overnight **Cheynes Beach Caravan Park** (en-suite cabin; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 5. (30 Nov) Today we head west towards the giant Karri forests around Pemberton and Manjimup but en-route, we'll stop to look at Lake Muir, a Ramsar listed wetland, where we'll find the geographically limited population of the Western Corella. In Pemberton itself we'll visit the tall Gloucester Tree, where we'll find Western Rosella, White-breasted Robin, Red-winged Fairy-wren and Common Bronzewing presenting good camera opportunities. Overnight **Augusta** (en-suite motel room; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 6. (1 Dec) Our last full day and after picking up any species we still need in the Karri forests we bird around Augusta on Cape Leeuwin where species we hope to find birds including Hooded Plover, Rock Parrot and Brush Bronzewing. Seawatching off the headland may produce Yellow-nosed, Black-browed or Shy Albatross and Great-winged Petrel. Overnight **Augusta** (en-suite motel room; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 7. (2 Dec) Our final day and another visit to the headland again this morning and/or we may pull in at the Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse to pick up any other species we require. En-route to Perth we'll visit the harbour at Mandurah to check for terns and we'll finish the day with a visit to Penguin Island (with its Little Penguins and Bridled Tern colony) while checking for any missing birds on our list, to arrive back in Perth in the afternoon. You will be dropped off at a hotel of your choice in the city centre, or at the airport (not before 4pm) (Meals included: B, L).



Blue-breasted Fairy-wren, Rock Parrot, Western Yellow Robin © P Waanders

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Post-tour options:

If you wish to arrive in Perth one or more days before the tour starts, and stay in the same hotel that we'll be using for the first night, we can book this for you and add the cost to your tour price – just let us know.

Price inclusions and exclusions:

Included: All meals commencing with Dinner on Day 0 and finishing with Lunch on Day 7, morning tea/coffee, some snacks, some fruit, some drinks, unlimited drinking water refills. Accommodation in private en-suite rooms, although on some nights only basic rooms with shared facilities are available. Transport using comfortable and reliable vehicle, expert guiding, any entry fees, taxes.

Excluded: Travel to & from departure and finish points, Pre- & post trip accommodation, any meals before the first dinner, Dinner on Day 7, drinks except where provided, personal expenses, tips, insurance.

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Emu	Whistling Kite	Australian Ringneck
Stubble Quail	Brown Goshawk	Red-capped Parrot
Brown Quail	Collared Sparrowhawk	Elegant Parrot
Musk Duck	Spotted Harrier	Rock Parrot
Freckled Duck	Swamp Harrier	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo
Black Swan	Wedge-tailed Eagle	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo
Australian Shelduck	Little Eagle	Southern Boobook
Australian Wood Duck	Nankeen Kestrel	Eastern Barn Owl
Pink-eared Duck	Brown Falcon	Laughing Kookaburra
Australasian Shoveler	Australian Hobby	Sacred Kingfisher
Grey Teal	Purple Swamphen	Rainbow Bee-eater
Pacific Black Duck	Australian Spotted Crake	Noisy Scrub-bird
Blue-billed Duck	Black-tailed Native-hen	Rufous Treecreeper
Australasian Grebe	Dusky Moorhen	Splendid Fairy-wren
Hoary-headed Grebe	Eurasian Coot	Blue-breasted Fairy-wren
Great Crested Grebe	Bush Stone-curlew	Red-winged Fairy-wren
Rock Dove	Australian Pied	Southern Emu-wren
Laughing Dove	Oystercatcher	Western Bristlebird
Spotted Dove	Sooty Oystercatcher	White-browed Scrubwren
Common Bronzewing	Black-winged Stilt	Western (Rufous) Fieldwren
Brush Bronzewing	Red-necked Avocet	Weebill
Crested Pigeon	Banded Stilt	Western Gerygone
Tawny Frogmouth	Red-capped Plover	Yellow-rumped Thornbill
Yellow-nosed Albatross	Hooded Plover	Western Thornbill
Wedge-tailed Shearwater	Common Sandpiper	Inland Thornbill
Flesh-footed Shearwater	Common Greenshank	Spotted Pardalote
Australasian Gannet	Red-necked Stint	Striated Pardalote
Australasian Darter	Marsh Sandpiper	Western Spinebill
Little Pied Cormorant	Red-necked Stint	Singing Honeyeater
Great Cormorant	Painted Button-quail	Purple-gaped Honeyeater
Little Black Cormorant	Arctic Jaeger	Yellow-plumed
Pied Cormorant	Fairy Tern	Honeyeater
Australian Pelican	Caspian Tern	Yellow-throated Miner
White-necked Heron	Crested Tern	Western Wattlebird
Great Egret	Pacific Gull	Red Wattlebird
Intermediate Egret	Silver Gull	White-fronted Chat
White-faced Heron	Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Tawny-crowned Honeyeater
Little Egret	Short-billed Black-Cockatoo	Brown Honeyeater
Nankeen Night-Heron	Long-billed Black-Cockatoo	New Holland Honeyeater
Australian White Ibis	Galah	White-cheeked Honeyeater
Straw-necked Ibis	Little Corella	Brown-headed Honeyeater
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Western Corella	Swan River Honeyeater
Eastern Osprey	Rainbow Lorikeet	Western Whipbird
Black-shouldered Kite	Purple-crowned Lorikeet	
Square-tailed Kite	Regent Parrot (western)	
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Western Rosella	

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Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
White-winged Triller
Crested Shrike-tit (Western)
Golden Whistler
Rufous Whistler
Grey Shrike-thrush
Black-faced Woodswallow
Dusky Woodswallow
Grey Butcherbird
Australian Magpie

Grey Currawong
Grey Fantail
Willie Wagtail
Australian Raven
Restless Flycatcher
Magpie-lark
Jacky Winter
Scarlet Robin
Red-capped Robin
Hooded Robin

Western Yellow Robin
White-breasted Robin
Rufous Songlark
Silvereye
White-backed Swallow
Welcome Swallow
Tree Martin
Mistletoebird
Red-eared Firetail
Australasian Pipit



Noisy Scrub-bird, Western Rosella, Short-billed Black Cockatoo,
Western Whipbird, Western Yellow Robin



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Tour Booking Form

This form contains 3 pages. Please print out and complete each page, and sign where indicated. Scan and email, or send by postal mail, with payment (see last page) to the address above.

Tour details:

Name of tour _____

Starting and Ending dates _____

Your details:

Name and address of the registrant(s) (only one form is needed for people residing at the same address)

Name(s) _____

Date of birth _____

Address _____

Identification document and number (passport for international visitors) _____

Telephone (Home) _____

(Work) _____ (Mobile) _____

Email _____

tick if you do not want to receive future updates, news and special offers from Bellbird Tours by email

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Emergency Contact Name, relationship and telephone number (*required field*)

Accommodation requirements (please circle):

Single Room (surcharge applies) / Double Room (2 people, 1 bed) / Twin Share (2 people, 2 beds) (If you are a solo traveller and want to share a room: we will try to team you up with another solo traveller, however this cannot be guaranteed. A single surcharge applies for single occupancy)

Medical conditions and dietary requirements:

Do you have any medical conditions (eg. disabilities, illnesses or allergies) that might restrict your full involvement in any aspect of the tour?

No / Yes

If Yes, please provide details: _____

If you have other special requirements (eg dietary requirements), please advise. While we cannot guarantee to accommodate them, we will make every attempt to do so.

Optional extras:

Please indicate if you would like us to arrange any of the following (we'll contact you to discuss):

- Domestic flights
- International flights
- Travel insurance
- Pre and/or post tour hotel bookings

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Terms and Conditions:

Please read the [terms and conditions](#) and the [release of liability waiver](#) (both can be found on <http://www.bellbirdtours.com/terms-and-conditions>), then sign below.

I/we agree to book this tour. I/we have read and understood, and accept the terms and conditions. I/we accept the release and waiver from liability.

Signature 1: _____ Signature 2: _____

Print Name 1: _____ Name 2: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

To secure a seat, a deposit of 20% of the tour price is required at the time of booking. Full payment is due 60 days prior to the departure date. Until full payment has been received, Bellbird Tours reserves the right to change the tour price (eg due to changing fuel prices).

Please tick which of the following payment options you will be using to pay the deposit:

Domestic electronic funds transfer: please send funds to the following bank account:

- bank: Australia & New Zealand Bank (ANZ), 112 Rundle Mall, Adelaide SA 5000
- account name: Bellbird Tours Pty Ltd
- Branch No. (BSB) 015-140 Account No. 206136528
 - Please use your *surname* as the booking reference.

Visa, Mastercard & American Express: through Pin Payments (an easy, secure online payment system). They charge us a fee of 2.95%, which unfortunately we have to pass on to you. Please contact us if you want to use this option, and we'll email you a link to a secure payment page.

PayPal & other credit cards through PayPal: They charge us a fee of between 2.6-3.6% to receive your money, which unfortunately we have to pass on to you. Please contact us if you want to use this option, and we'll email you a secure PayPal invoice.

International electronic funds transfer: please send funds in Australian Dollars (+ bank charges or AU\$20 bank transaction fee, see notes below) to the following bank account:

- international swift code: anzbau3m (no IBAN codes are used in Australia)
- bank: Australia & New Zealand Bank (ANZ), 112 Rundle Mall, Adelaide SA 5000
- account name: Bellbird Tours Pty Ltd
- Branch No. (BSB) 015-140 Account No. 206136528
 - If possible, please use your *surname* as the booking reference.
 - If you are required to provide our physical address, this is: 101 Chilton Road, Berri, SA 5343, Australia.
 - Please specify AU\$ as the recipient's currency, and the correct amount. Select the option for you to incur any charges at *both* ends; if no such option exists, please add AU\$20 to cover the bank fee at the recipient's end. Any discrepancy between the amount payable and amount received will be added to the final balance, or payable in cash at the start of the tour. Prices and fees are not negotiable.