

## 1. OCEAN BEACH

Access via Ocean Beach Rd.

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

Prawn Rock Channel, opposite Ocean Beach Caravan Park, also provides good opportunities for waders and waterbirds. A walk across the bridge to Prawn Rock island may be worthwhile.



Common Sandpiper

## 2. WILSON INLET

NB A telescope is an advantage for viewing shorebirds. One of the most extensive inlets on the south coast. Boat launching sites are available at **Rivermouth Caravan Park and at Poddyshot (2a)**, off Minsterly Rd, towards the south end of Ocean Beach Rd. Many species of waterbirds can be found throughout the year. Exposed sand/mud flats around the eastern shoreline provide extensive feeding habitat for migratory waders (Oct - April), which are known to be diminishing world-wide, largely due to loss of feeding habitat.

**Morley Beach - Sleeman River mouth (2b)** can be accessed from South Coast Highway by Morley Rd. Red-necked Stint, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, avocets & stilts are regular visitors. Well worth a visit.

**Nenamup Inlet and Youngs Lake (2c)**. South of Morley Beach Nenamup Inlet is good for waterbirds, and waders if water is low enough, but access is difficult - seek local advice (see contacts). For Young's Lake, which has deeper water, park at the school bus turn-around on Eden Rd (at the sharp bend 50m before the floodgates on the drain which connects Nenamup & Youngs). Follow the short track leading off to the north. Look for grebes, cormorants and ducks.



Great Crested Grebe

**West of the Hay River bridge (2d)** on the South Coast Highway a track provides access to the mouth of this river. Summer-autumn access only. Look for Southern Emu-wren as well.

## Birdwatching around Denmark

There is an excellent range of birding habitats in the Denmark area where over 160 species of birds have been recorded. Ten of the fourteen south-west WA endemics can be found locally. This guide lists recommended places to visit.

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Hooded Plover

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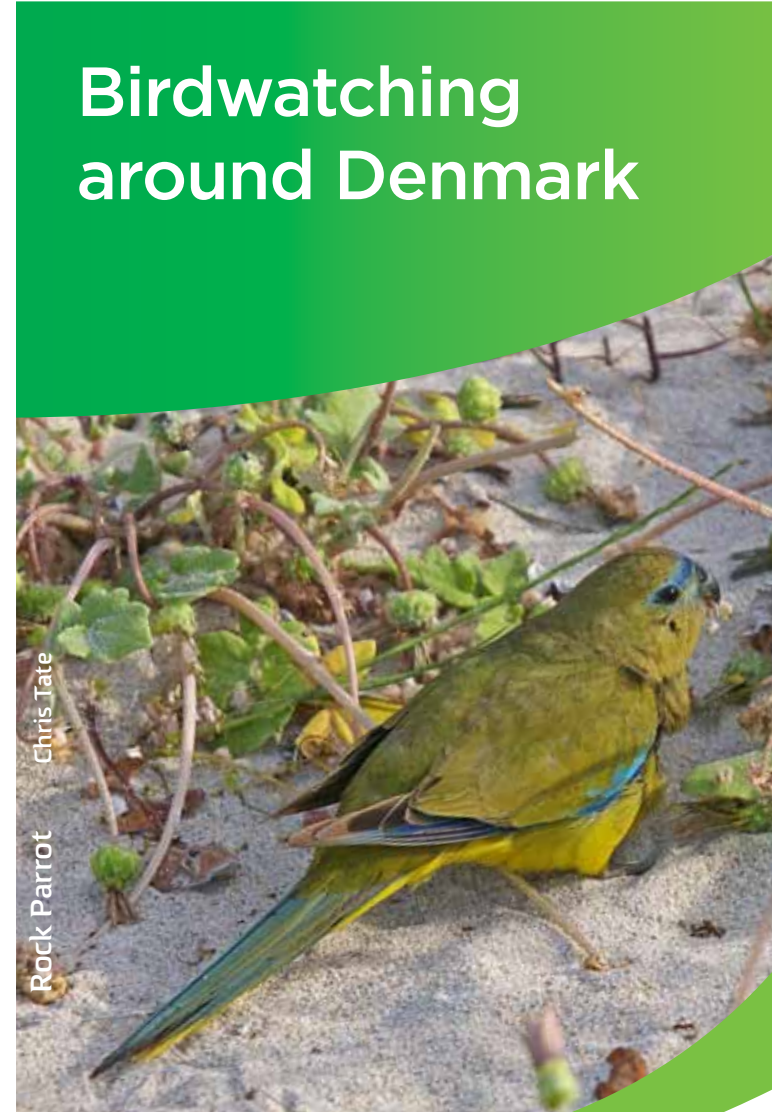
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# Birdwatching around Denmark

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Rock Parrot



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### 3. RAILWAY WALK TRAILS

Wilson Inlet Heritage Trail (3a) An 11km trail follows the old railway track along the northern shores of the inlet from the mouth of the Denmark River to Hay River via Rudgyard - Crusoe Beach. There are shelter huts, seats and look-outs along the way. Birds to be seen include Brown Quail, Marsh Harrier, Splendid and Red-winged Fairy-wren and Red-eared Firetail.

Denmark-Nornalup Rail Trail (3b) follows the old railway to the west from the footbridge near Rivermouth Caravan Park. Similar species can be found along this trail.



Brown Quail

### 4. MOKARE WALK

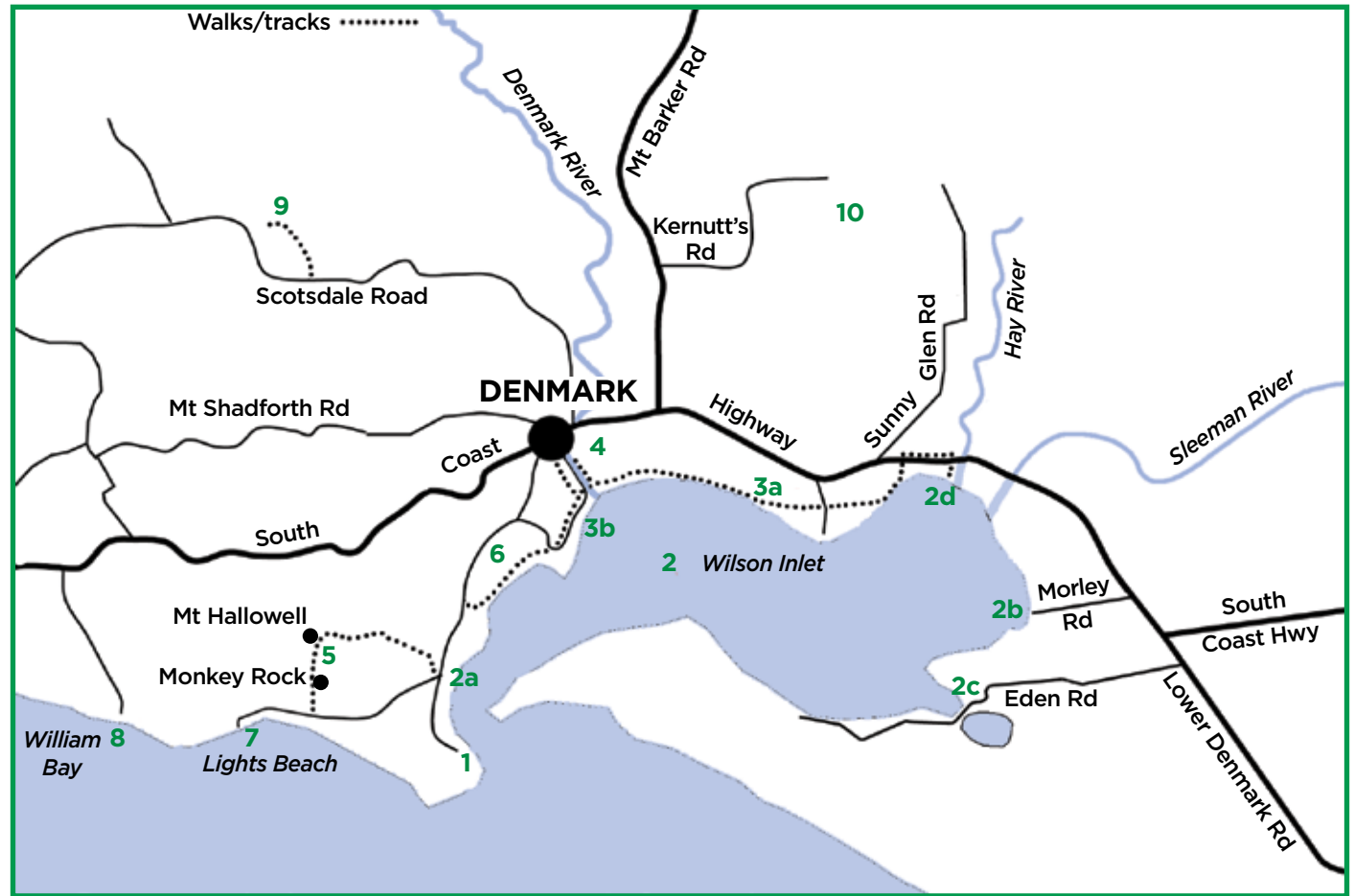
This is a formed walk/cycle trail following the banks either side of the Denmark River between the road bridge on South Coast Highway and the entrance to the Rivermouth Caravan Park. The diverse flora includes overhanging paperbarks, Karri and banksias where many birds can be seen, including Nankeen Night-Heron, White-winged Triller and Red-eared Firetail.



Red Eared Firetail



Eastern Osprey



### 5. MT HALLOWELL & MONKEY ROCK

**Please use boot-cleaning stations to reduce risk of dieback infestation.**

The Sheila Hill Memorial Trail (part of the Bibbulmun Track) links Ocean Beach and Lights Roads through Mt Hallowell and Monkey Rock. Park at either end - on Lights Beach Rd near Monkey Rock or on Ocean Beach Rd near Heather Rd. This trail accesses Marri, Jarrah, banksia and sheoak forest for Grey Fantail, Golden Whistler and White-browed Scrubwren. A short steep climb on the south side of Mt. Hallowell provides access to Monkey Rock, a large granite outcrop with superb views over the surrounding Karri trees, the south coast and Wilson Inlet. Watch out for Eastern Osprey, Square-tailed Kite, Painted Button-quail and Grey Currawong.

### 6. LITTLE RIVER WALK TRAIL

From the corner of Campbell Rd (off Ocean Beach Rd) and Inlet Drive, a walk/cycle trail winds through Karri trees at the foot of Weedon Hill and on to the subdivision of Little River. Look for Brown Quail, Red-winged Fairy-wren and Red-eared Firetail.



Red-winged Fairy-wren

## 7. LIGHTS BEACH

Approximately 11km from town via Ocean Beach Rd and Lights Rd. Look for Rock Parrot, oyster-catchers, Southern Emu-wren & honeyeaters in heath, and seabirds in winter.



Southern Emu-wren

## 8. WILLIAM BAY NATIONAL PARK

Approximately 24km west of Denmark, via South Coast Highway & William Bay Rd. One of Western Australia's first national Parks, this includes 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.



Tawny-crowned Honeyeater

Emu.....	U
Stubble Quail .....	M 10
Brown Quail .....	C 3 6 9 10
Musk Duck.....	M 2
Black Swan.....	C 2
Australian Shelduck .....	C 12 10
Australian Wood Duck .....	C 12 3 4 10
Pink-eared Duck .....	U 2
Australasian Shoveler .....	U 2
Grey Teal.....	C 12 3
Chestnut Teal .....	U 2
Pacific Black Duck .....	C 12 3
Hardhead .....	U
Blue-billed Duck .....	U 2
Australasian Grebe .....	C 2 10
Hoary-headed Grebe .....	C 2
Great Crested Grebe .....	M 2
Common Bronzewing .....	C
Brush Bronzewing .....	C
Crested Pigeon .....	U 10
Tawny Frogmouth .....	C
Australian Owlet-nightjar .....	U
Black-browed Albatross .....	U T
Shy Albatross .....	U T
Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross .....	M T
Flesh-footed Shearwater .....	C 17 8 IA
Great-winged Petrel .....	M
Little Penguin .....	M
Australasian Gannet .....	M
Australasian Darter .....	U
Little Pied Cormorant .....	C
Great Cormorant .....	C
Little Black Cormorant .....	C
Pied Cormorant .....	C
Australian Pelican .....	C
Australasian Bittern .....	R
White-necked Heron .....	U
Eastern Great Egret .....	C IA
Cattle Egret .....	R IA
White-faced Heron .....	C
Little Egret .....	U 2
Eastern Reef Egret (grey morph) .....	M 12 8



Australasian Shoveler



Common Bronzewing



Little Pied Cormorant

Curlew Sandpiper .....	C 12 IA
Broad-billed Sandpiper .....	R 2 IA
Painted Button-quail .....	U 5
Fairy Tern .....	U 12 8 T
Caspian Tern .....	M 12 8 IA
Crested Tern .....	C 12 8
Pacific Gull .....	C 12 7 8
Silver Gull .....	C 12 3 4 8
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo .....	M T
<b>Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo</b> .....	U T
<b>Baudin's Black-Cockatoo</b> .....	C T
Galah .....	U
Purple-crowned Lorikeet .....	C
Regent Parrot .....	U
<b>Western Rosella</b> .....	C
Australian Ringneck .....	C
<b>Red-capped Parrot</b> .....	C
Elegant Parrot .....	C
Rock Parrot .....	C 17 8
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo .....	C
Pallid Cuckoo .....	R
Fan-tailed Cuckoo .....	C 4 5 8 9
Southern Boobook .....	C
Eastern Barn Owl .....	C
Laughing Kookaburra .....	C
Sacred Kingfisher .....	M
Rainbow Bee-eater .....	U IA
Rufous Treecreeper .....	C 5 10
Splendid Fairy-wren .....	C
<b>Red-winged Fairy-wren</b> .....	C 3 5 6 8 9
Southern Emu-wren .....	M 7 8
White-browed Scrubwren .....	C
Shy Heathwren .....	U
Western Gerygone .....	C
Yellow-rumped Thornbill .....	C
<b>Western Thornbill</b> .....	M
Inland Thornbill .....	C
Spotted Pardalote .....	C
Striated Pardalote .....	U
<b>Western Spinebill</b> .....	C
Western Wattlebird .....	M
Red Wattlebird .....	C
White-fronted Chat .....	C



Western Rosella



Sacred Kingfisher



Western Spinebill

## 9. HAREWOOD STATE FOREST

About 6.5 km from Denmark along the Scotsdale Rd a short walk takes the visitor through tall Karri forest. There are picnic tables at each end of the trail. Among the birds to be seen are Fan-tailed Cuckoo, White-breasted Robin, Red-eared Firetail, Rufous Treecreeper and White-browed Babbler.



Rufous Treecreeper

## 10. KERNUTTS & SUNNY GLEN ROADS

These roads lead through cleared agricultural land and Jarrah/Marri forest located to the north-east, between the Denmark-Mt. Barker Road and the South Coast Highway, approximately 6km to 10km from Denmark. Look out for Crested Pigeon, Western Yellow Robin, Varied Sittella, Grey Currawong and Rufous Songlark.



Western Yellow Robin

### CODES

C Common  
M Moderately common  
U Uncommon  
R Rare

Numbers after codes refer to locations.

Mi  
T Threatened  
IA Protected by international agreement  
**WA** Endemics are shown in **bold**

Nankeen Night-Heron	.....M	4
Australian White Ibis	.....C	12 3 4
Straw-necked Ibis	.....C	12 3 4
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	.....M	12
Eastern Osprey	.....C	2 5
Black-shouldered Kite	.....M	
Square-tailed Kite	.....U	5 8
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	.....C	2 5 IA
Whistling Kite	.....U	7
Brown Goshawk	.....M	
Collared Sparrowhawk	.....C	
Swamp Harrier	.....C	12 3 8 10
Wedge-tailed Eagle	.....C	
Little Eagle	.....U	
Nankeen Kestrel	.....C	
Brown Falcon	.....U	
Australian Hobby	.....U	
Peregrine Falcon	.....U	
Purple Swamphen	.....U	
Buff-banded Rail	.....U	
Spotless Crake	.....U	2
Dusky Moorhen	.....M	
Eurasian Coot	.....C	12 3 4
Australian Pied Oystercatcher	C	12
Sooty Oystercatcher	.....C	12 8
Black-winged Stilt	.....C	12
Banded Stilt	.....M	2
Red-necked Avocet	.....M	2
Pacific Golden Plover	.....U	IA
Grey Plover	.....C	12 IA
Red-capped Plover	.....C	12
Greater Sand Plover	.....U	12 T IA
Black-fronted Dotterel	.....C	12
Hooded Plover	.....U	12
Red-kneed Dotterel	.....U	2
Black-tailed Godwit	.....U	IA
Bar-tailed Godwit	.....M	2 T IA
Whimbrel	.....R	IA
Eastern Curlew	.....R	IA
Common Sandpiper	.....U	2 IA
Common Greenshank	.....C	12 IA
Marsh Sandpiper	.....U	2
Wood Sandpiper	.....U	2
Ruddy Turnstone	.....U	2 IA
Great Knot	.....M	2 Mi T IA
Red Knot	.....U	2 T IA
Sanderling	.....U	1 IA
Red-necked Stint	.....C	12 IA
Long-toed Stint	.....U	2 IA
Pectoral Sandpiper	.....R	IA
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	.....C	2 IA



Nankeen Kestrel



Red-necked Avocet



Black-fronted Dotterel

Tawny-crowned Honeyeater	.....C	7 8
Brown Honeyeater	.....C	
New Holland Honeyeater	.....C	
<b>Swan River (White-naped) Honeyeater</b>	.....C	
White-browed Babbler	.....C	5 9
Varied Sittella	.....C	10
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	.....C	
White-winged Triller	.....M	4 10
Crested Shrike-tit	.....R	5
Golden Whistler	.....C	
Rufous Whistler	.....U	
Grey Shrike-thrush	.....C	
Dusky Woodswallow	.....C	
Grey Butcherbird	.....C	8 10
Australian Magpie	.....C	
Grey Currawong	.....C	3 8 10
Grey Fantail	.....C	
Willie Wagtail	.....C	10
Australian Raven	.....C	
Restless Flycatcher	.....U	
Magpie-lark	.....C	
Jacky Winter	.....U	
Scarlet Robin	.....C	10
Western Yellow Robin	.....U	10
<b>White-breasted Robin</b>	.....C	
Australian Reed-Warbler	.....M	
Little Grassbird	.....M	
Rufous Songlark	.....M	10
Silvereeye	.....C	
Welcome Swallow	.....C	
Tree Martin	.....C	
<b>Red-eared Firetail</b>	.....C	3 4 5 6 8 9
Australasian Pipit	.....M	10



Grey Fantail



White-browed Babbler



Tree Martin