

Golden Whistler
 Found in a variety of habitats. Female is grey brown. Distinctive call ends with a whip-like crack 'wi-wi-wi-you wit'.



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Grey Shrikethrush
 Singly or in pairs, they forage on branches or on the ground. The call is melodious and distinctive, a single loud note or several syllables rising strongly at the end.



Rufous Treecreeper
 Seen on tree trunks and often feeding on the ground.



Grey Currawong
 Furtive large grey bird with a robust bill. Voice is a ringing 'chling-chling'. Forages on the ground and in foliage.



Rufous Whistler

Many of the species referred to in this brochure can be observed in the township of Norseman. To gain a greater appreciation of the magnificence of the birdlife in the district, we urge visitors to visit the areas recommended within this publication.



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Splendid Fairy-wren
 In family groups they are found in low vegetation. Only the breeding male has this spectacular blue plumage.



Brown Honeyeater
 Often heard before it is seen. Several loud calls. Note the long curved bill.



Grey Fantail
 Very inquisitive bird and will often come close to intruders. Restless and active.



Shining Bronze-Cuckoo
 Common in scrublands and adjoining open country during winter. Its call is a series of high-pitched whistles with an upward inflection.



Lake Cowan and Environs

There are several tracks on either side of the road as you drive north on the Esperance-Coolgardie Highway. Mallee and Salmon Gums are in abundance and the wild flowers in early spring are a magnet for the many species of birds found in and around the town of Norseman. Purple-crowned Lorikeet are in abundance, and can be found in the many trees in the streets of Norseman. Several species of raptors are also evident. Black-shouldered Kite, Brown Falcon and Wedge-tailed Eagle can be seen regularly throughout the Norseman area and the Shire of Dundas.



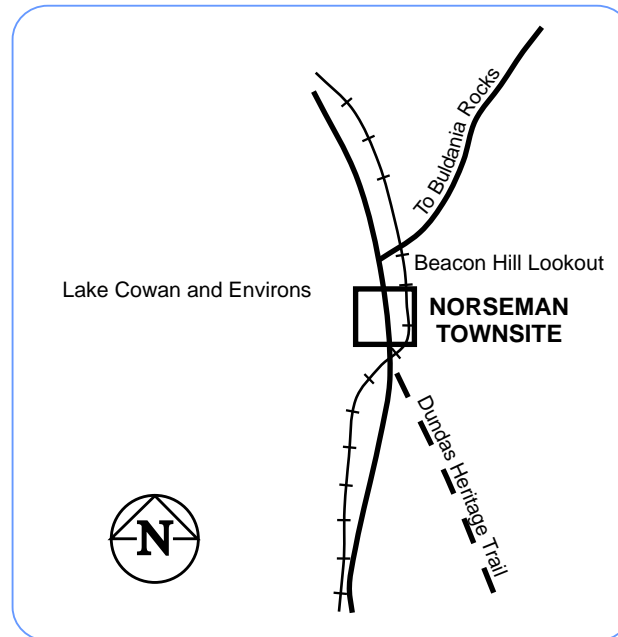
Lake Cowan, Norseman

The Dundas Heritage Trail

The Heritage Trail has a historical significance to the Norseman district. This track was the original bullock trail which was used to haul supplies to the miners in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Several 'stop off' spots are worth viewing with specific interest in early mining. There are several species of honeyeaters, as well as Purple-crowned Lorikeet, whistlers and fairy-wrens as you travel along this picturesque and informative track. Dundas Rocks is an ideal picnic area and worth the time to wander about and admire the natural beauty that is Norseman and the Shire of Dundas.

Purple-crowned Lorikeet

These small colourful birds are common in the mallee. They have brush-tipped tongues for collecting pollen and nectar.

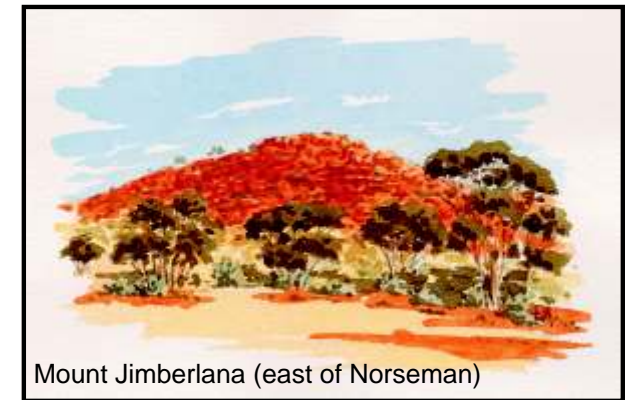


Yellow-rumped Thornbill

Usually found in open woodlands, paddocks and roadsides, in pairs or small flocks. Often feeds on the ground.

Buldania Rocks

Located just 20 km east of Norseman on the Eyre Highway, Buldania Rocks is found by a white metal sign indicating 'water' to the left of the road (travelling east). It is a magnificent oasis with a tremendous variety of birdlife. Several granite outcrops add to the natural beauty of this picturesque and untouched vista. Within the confines of the low undergrowth are several species including wrens, whistlers, honeyeaters and parrots - the perfect place for a picnic lunch. Further afield are tall eucalypts and open scrubland, adding to the diversity of this picturesque area.



Mount Jimberlana (east of Norseman)

Beacon Hill Lookout Walk Trail

This recently-developed walk trail has been specifically designed for the ardent birdwatcher to observe and admire some of Norseman's spectacular birdlife. The Purple-gaped, White-eared and Yellow-plumed Honeyeater can be seen on this magnificent walk, as well as many other species. White-winged, Splendid and Blue-breasted Fairy-wren can be seen on the eastern side of the walk as well as whistlers and fantails.

Taken at a leisurely pace, this 800 metre walk will take approximately 30 minutes.