

GOOD BIRDWATCHING SITES

BUSHBIRDS

1. **Bashford's Nature Reserve** Thirty-six kilometres NE of Lancelin, via Nilgen and Dingo Road. White-breasted Robin here.
2. **K.W. Road** Ten kilometres south of Lancelin. Access to coastal heath.
- 3A. **Moore River National Park**
- 3B. **Regans Ford** 3C. **Cowalla Bridge**
4. **Nilgen Nature Reserve** Twenty kilometres NE via KW Road and Sappers Road.

WATERBIRDS AND WADERS IN WETLANDS

5. **Lake Guraga** 4WD access from the Brand Highway.
6. **Lake Namming** and **Namming Nature Reserve** Via Nammegara Road, from the Brand Highway. 4WD is advisable for the last section. Freckled Duck recorded here.
7. **Karakin Lake** Off KW Road, on private land. *
8. **Doopiter Swamp** Off Cowalla Road, on private land. *



Freckled Duck

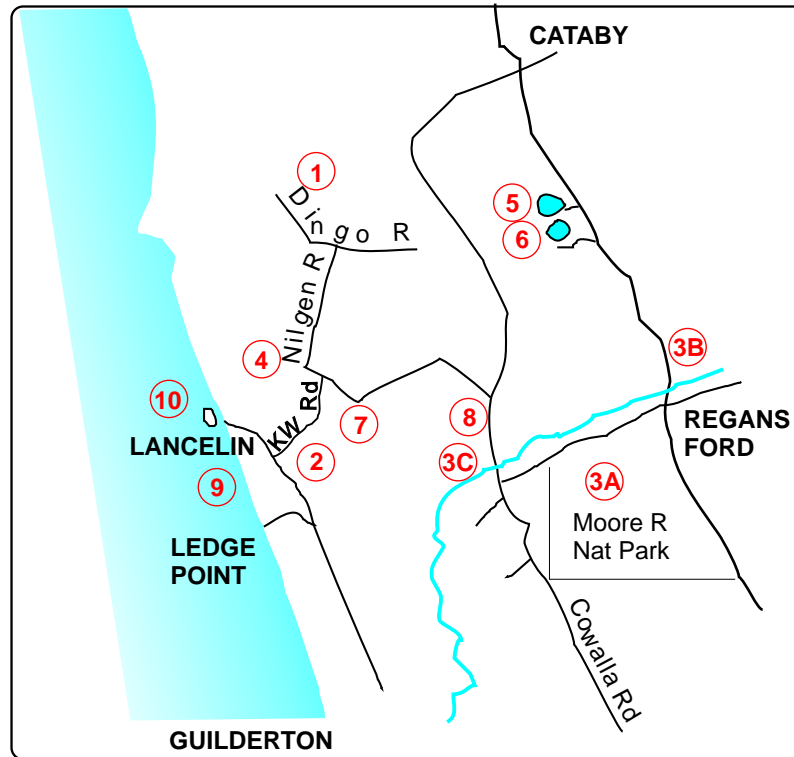
MIGRATORY BIRDS AND SEABIRDS

9. **Beaches** at Lancelin, Ledge Point and Guilderton.
10. **Lancelin and Edwards Island Nature Reserves**

* Group excursions are organised to these lakes on private property. To reduce impact and inconvenience, try to join us on these occasions.



Australian Pied Oystercatcher



SOME BIRDS TO LOOK FOR

In coastal heath on K.W. Road and Nilgen Nature Reserve see Brown, White-cheeked and Tawny-crowned Honeyeater, White-winged Triller, White-backed Swallow, Southern Emu-wren, Rufous Field-wren, Rufous Songlark, Regent Parrot and raptors.

Mistletoebird is commonly seen in boobiallas and acacias in the town area.



Regent Parrot

Please see bird guide 16b 'Birds of the Gingin Shire' for a list of all species recorded.

White-browed Scrubwren



In the beach foredunes see Rock Parrot, White-winged Fairy Wren, White-fronted Chat, White-browed Scrubwren.

On the foreshore opposite Edwards Island see Ruddy Turnstone, Red-necked Stint, Red-capped Plover, Australian Pied Oystercatcher, Bar-tailed Godwit, Sanderling, Fairy, Crested and Caspian Tern and Pacific Gull.



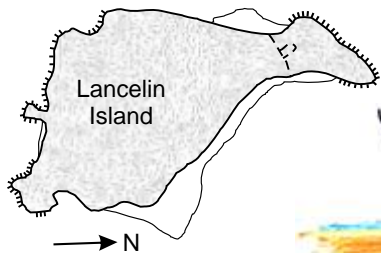
Caspian Tern, the largest of the tern species



Pacific Gull



The small Red-capped Plover nest in the foredunes. The nest is simply a scrape in the sand.



LANCELIN ISLAND
NATURE RESERVE



Fairy Tern

This Reserve 600 metres offshore is managed for the conservation of flora and fauna. The island is an important sanctuary for a variety of breeding seabirds, for several resident land birds and lizards, and for resting sea-lions. About 100,000 birds are estimated to use the island for breeding, therefore almost all of the surface terrain is occupied and is vulnerable to disturbance by human activity.

Visitors are urged to keep to the limited east to west walk trail, especially between July and March. When the birds become agitated, nests could be abandoned or left open to predators. Burrows of shearwaters and petrels could be crushed by carelessness.

Burrow-nesting Seabirds

Wedge-tailed Shearwater (Aug-Mar)
White-faced Storm Petrel (Oct-Nov)

Surface-nesting Seabirds

Silver Gull (Jun-Nov)
Pacific Gull (Oct-Dec)

Caspian Tern (Jul-Dec)
Crested Tern (Oct-Nov)
Bridled Tern (Oct-Jan)
Roseate Tern (Nov-Dec)
Fairy Tern (Nov-Jan)
Common Noddy (Nov-Mar)
Eastern Osprey (Jul-Nov)

Resident Land birds

Rock Parrot
Buff-banded Rail
Singing Honeyeater

Wading Birds

Eastern Reef Egret
Australian Pied Oystercatcher
Whimbrel
Ruddy Turnstone
Bar-tailed Godwit
Red-necked Stint
Red-capped Plover

*Months indicate
approximate
breeding periods*



*Eastern Osprey breed
on offshore islands*

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