



Red-eared Firetail

LOCATION

Woody Island is a DEC Reserve 15 km from Esperance, set in the Recherche Archipelago, and is accessible by daily ferry from Esperance (Dec 26 - Jan 26). Half-day options are available daily for the remainder of the year.

VEGETATION

The Island is heavily wooded with yates, moorts, tea-trees, sheoaks, boobiallas, acacias, bottlebrushes and an understorey of rhagodia, spyridium, pimeleas, tailflowers and ferns.



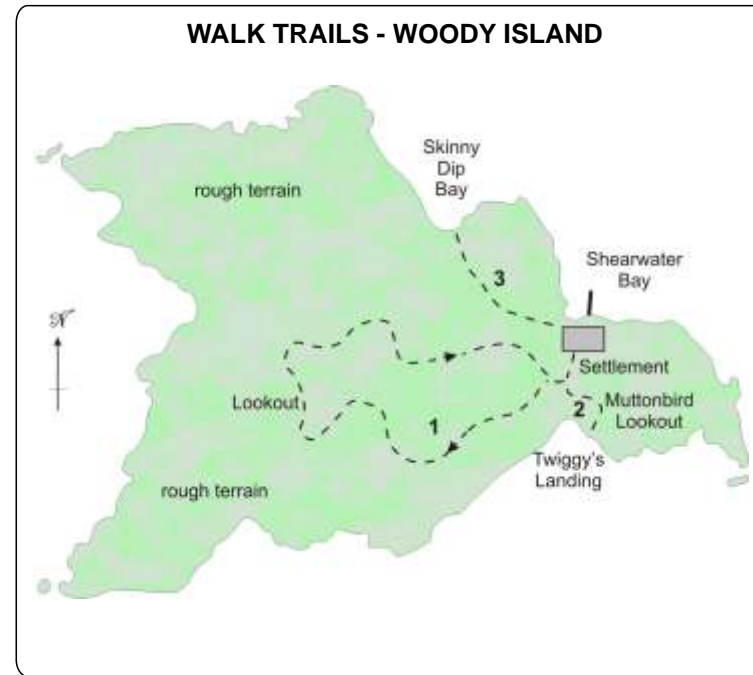
Golden Whistler

SETTLEMENT AREA

Around the campsite Golden Whistler, New Holland Honeyeater, Silvereye and Spotted Pardalote can be seen and heard. The Red-eared Firetail often come in to the birdbath to drink among the many honeyeaters and Silvereye.

WALK TRAILS (1) and (3)

Glimpses of Brown Quail, Brush Bronzewing, Rock Parrot and raptors may be had on the several walk trails.



CAUTION - SEABIRDS NESTING

Please exercise restraint when walking near seabird areas, especially in spring and summer. When birds become agitated, nests could be abandoned or left open to predators. Burrows of penguins or shearwaters (Trail 2) could be crushed by carelessness.

Little Penguin

This is the smallest penguin of the 18 species and the only one to breed in Australia. It returns to the same breeding area each year. It comes ashore at night.



Little Penguin

Black-faced Cormorant

These nest on rocky coasts (see cover illustration).

Flesh-footed Shearwater

These breed in the Recherche Archipelago in late spring and migrate north in winter. There are many rookeries around the island. One nesting area is at Twigg's Landing.



White-bellied Sea Eagle

BUSH, SHOREBIRD, SEABIRDS

- Brown Quail B
- Cape Barren Goose B
- Brush Bronzewing B
- Wilson's Storm-Petrel
- White-faced Storm-Petrel B
- Black-browed Albatross
- Shy Albatross
- Yellow-nosed Albatross
- Antarctic Prion
- Slender-billed Prion
- Fairy Prion
- Flesh-footed Shearwater B
- Short-tailed Shearwater B
- Little Shearwater
- Great-winged Petrel
- Little Penguin B
- Australasian Gannet
- Black-faced Cormorant B
- White-bellied Sea Eagle B
- Brown Goshawk B
- Swamp Harrier
- Nankeen Kestrel
- Sooty Oystercatcher
- Caspian Tern

Crested Tern
 Pacific Gull
 Silver Gull
 Rock Parrot
 Fan-tailed Cuckoo
 Eastern Barn Owl U
 Sacred Kingfisher
 Spotted Pardalote
 Singing Honeyeater B
 New Holland Honeyeater B
 Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
 Golden Whistler
 Australian Raven U
 Silvereye B
 Welcome Swallow B
 Red-eared Firetail B
 Australasian Pipit

B = breed on the island
 U = uncommon



Pacific Gull

GETTING THERE

Cruises depart daily from Esperance to the off-shore islands. Info: (08) 9071-5757. On the way look out for dolphins, sea-lions, fur seals.

Cape Barren Geese may be seen on the granite shore of the eastern bay. May become hostile if nesting.

ACCOMMODATION ON THE ISLAND

Camp sites with facilities are available. Information for visitors on (08) 9071- 5757 or info@woodyisland.com.au
 Accommodation is available Sept to Apr.

LIZARDS

Lizards are conspicuous on Woody Island due to the abundance of granite outcrops.

Barking Gecko	Common on the eastern side
Marbled Gecko	It inhabits the whole island
Four-toed Skink	Under the soil most of the time
Grey's Skink	Often seen on large granite outcrops
Skinks	Are abundant

MAMMALS

Ashy-Grey Mouse	This rodent is native to the island
Ship Rat	Large numbers are seen on the island
Western Grey Kangaroo	An introduced species

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