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South-west Endemics 7 day birding tour 23-30 Nov 2024

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 14 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 14 endemics!

Tour starts & finishes: Perth, WA

Scheduled departure & return dates:

• 23 - 30 Nov 2024

Price: AU\$4,599 all-inclusive (discounts available).

Leader: TBA

Trip reports and photos of previous tours:

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Tour details

Tour starts & finishes: Perth, WA.

Scheduled departure and return dates:

Tour commences with dinner on 23 November 2024. Please arrive on or before 23 November. Tour finishes late afternoon of 30 November 2024 (or late afternoon of 1 Dec if you're taking the optional Rottnest Island add-on). Please depart in the evening of the final day of the tour or later. Itinerary contains further details, including Rottnest Island add-on option on 1 Dec.

Leader: Our local WA guide Peter Taylor.

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 9 participants.

Cost: AU\$4,599 per person including accommodation and all meals, based on double or twin-share occupancy. Single occupancy surcharge of \$690. Not included: drinks, tips, personal expenses. Earlybird discount of \$99 for bookings received up to 12 months before departure date. Return-client discount may apply. Check our website for discounts T&C's.

Bookings: Online at <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings/> - see the last page of this brochure.

Day 0. (23 Nov '24) 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. (23 Nov '24) An introductory walk around Kings Park, directly adjacent our rooms, before 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. We'll watch the sunset over a waterhole, where birds come in for their last drink of the day, before we head off to spotlight for the above-mentioned mammals and for Bush Stone-curlew and Tawny Frogmouth. Overnight **Narrogin** (en-suite motel room; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 2. (25 Nov '24) We will spend 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. On the way we check a site for the recently-split Western Fieldwren, and may be lucky enough to come across our first Western Whipbird! Overnight **Stirling Ranges retreat** (en-suite cabin; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 3. (26 Nov '24) This morning we explore the beautiful Stirling Ranges where we'll search for Malleefowl, Square-tailed Kite, Purple-gaped and Tawny-crowned Honeyeater 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. We'll have our first attempt at tracking down one or more of the three skulkers that inhabit this area: Noisy Scrub-bird, Western Bristlebird and Black-throated Whipbird. 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. (27 Nov '24) We'll spend the entire day birding the south coast for the notorious and often elusive trio of Noisy Scrub-bird, Western Bristlebird and Black-throated (formerly 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. This is a very scenic and photogenic landscape with moors, buttongrass plains, eucalypt-covered hills and rocky outcrops. Other possible species here are Brush Bronzewing, Southern Emu-wren, Tawny-crowned Honeyeater, Rock parrot, Stubble Quail and Red-eared Firetail. Overnight **Cheynes Beach Caravan Park** (en-suite cabin; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 5. (28 Nov '24) A back-up morning for any species we may still need at Cheynes beach; then we pack up and head west towards the giant Karri forests around Pemberton and Manjimup. 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 Chalets** (private rooms in large cottages of varying sizes, some with 2 rooms, some with 3 rooms) on the edge of the forest with scenic views; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 6. (29 Nov '24) 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 include 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 Chalets** (private rooms in large cottages of varying sizes, some with 2 rooms, some with 3 rooms) on the edge of the forest with scenic views; meals included: B, L, D).

Day 7. (30 Nov '24) 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, Western Corella, Rock Parrot, Western Yellow Robin © P Waanders

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Post-tour option:

Day 8. (1 Dec '24) Why not extend your tour for an extra day to enjoy WA's unique Rottnest Island. Promising targets are Banded stilt, Peafowl, Pheasant, Roseate tern, Quokka, and if it is visiting Perth this year, we will also chase Oriental Honeybuzzard! This optional add-on guided day to Rottnest Island includes overnight accommodation in Perth and dinner the evening of Day 7, breakfast, return ferry Freemantle-Rottnest, lunch and afternoon drop off to the airport or city (1 Dec). **Price is AU\$690pp.** N.B. a minimum of 3 people is required for the Rottnest add-on to go ahead.

Pre-tour options:

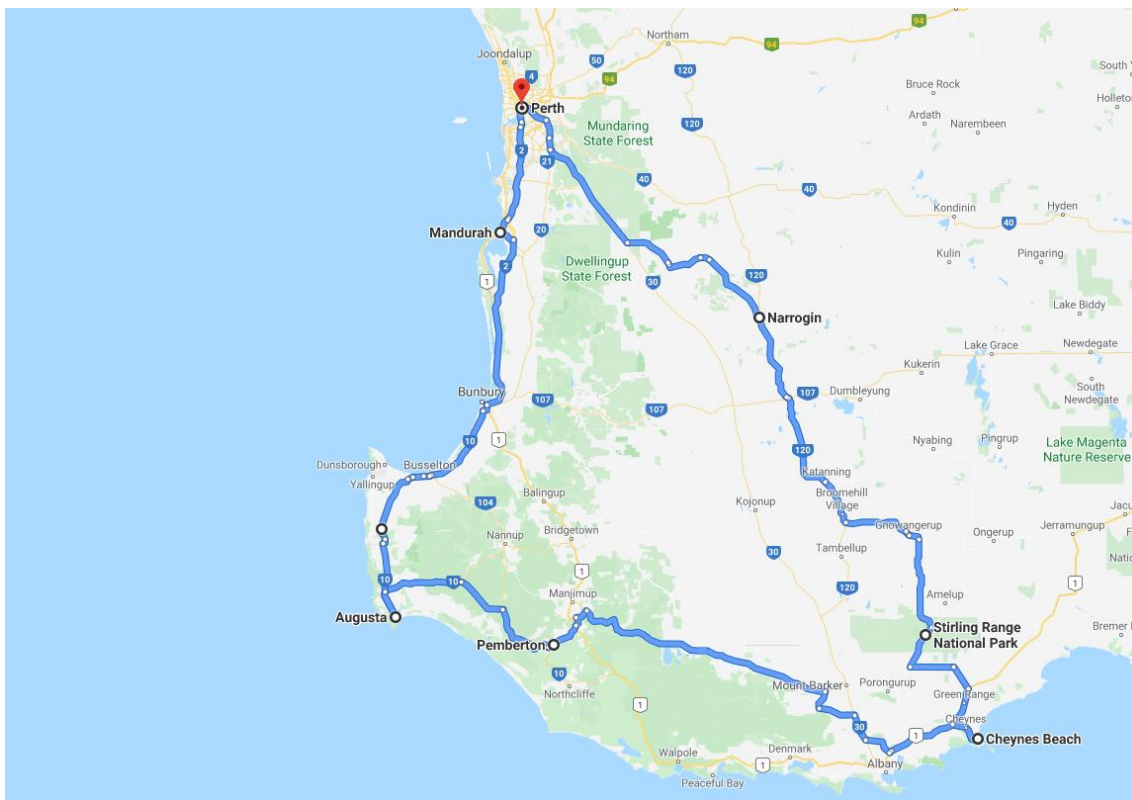
If you wish to arrive in Perth one or more days before the tour starts, and stay in the same hotel that we'll be using for the first night, we can book this for you and add the cost to your tour price – just let us know.

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.

Bookings: Please book online: <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings/> - see the last page of this brochure.



Possible species list

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

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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

Disclaimers: (1) itinerary may be modified slightly due to factors such as availability of accommodation, updated information on the state of accommodation, roads, or birding sites, the discretion of the guides and other factors; (2) until we've received your final payment, tour price may be subject to adjustment in the event of significant cost increases in ground arrangements. See the terms and conditions posted on our website.

Steps to book this tour:

Step 1: Essential reading

- Download, save and read the itinerary (this document)
- Read our [terms and conditions](https://www.bellbirdtours.com/terms-and-conditions) and the [release of liability waiver](https://www.bellbirdtours.com/terms-and-conditions) (both can be found on <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/terms-and-conditions>).
- Read our [health & safety information](https://www.bellbirdtours.com/health-and-safety/) page (<https://www.bellbirdtours.com/health-and-safety/>)

Step 2: Online booking

Head over to our secure online booking page: <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings>.
(Should you prefer a paper booking form, this can be downloaded from there).

Step 3: Pay the deposit

To secure your 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). Payment options:

- ☐ *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 & Google Pay:* through Pin Payments (an easy, secure online payment system). They charge us a fee of ~3%, which we pass on to you. Please contact us to use this option, and we'll email you a secure payment link.
- ☐ *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 asked 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.

Step 4: You're done!

Sit back and wait for your booking confirmation to arrive (24-48 hrs). Meanwhile, should you have any questions, please contact us via: <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/about-us/>.