

For any of the trails mentioned:

- *Sturdy shoes are recommended; be wary of loose gravel and Marri Tree 'honkey nuts' – both can be treacherous for the unwary.*
- *Be aware of*
 - other trail users (many are multi-use trails),
 - fire weather warnings (current info on Shire website)
 - the need to carry drinking water if doing a long walk.
- *Dieback is prevalent in some areas. Please follow any signs / instructions.*

Further information is available from the Mundaring Visitor Centre or www.trailswa.com.au

Rufous Whistler (male)



1. Mundaring Town:

a. Railway Reserves Heritage Trail:

A 41km loop trail along the old Eastern Railway between Bellevue and Chidlow; easy walking with some gentle inclines. The majority of the trail is accessible to walkers, cyclists and horses but peripheral bushland offers opportunities to see a variety of birds.

As well as Mundaring Community Sculpture Park (the trailhead) at the end of Nichol St, the trail can be accessed at many points Bellevue, Swan Hill, Boya, Darlington, Glen Forrest, Parkerville, Mt Helena, Chidlow, Stoneville and Woorloo. Most have parking, picnic and toilet facilities.

An excellent brochure is available from Mundaring Visitor Centre, 7225 Great Eastern Hwy, or search www.railwayreserves.com.au

Some of the other sites along the trail are covered in more detail elsewhere in this brochure.

Varied Sittella



b. Mundaring Golf Course:

Access via Mundaring Weir Rd, Phillips Rd & Coolgardie St. Parking is available at the Golf Club. Easy walking with a mix of residual native vegetation and open areas. Species may include Scarlet Robin, Common Bronzewing and Yellow-rumped Thornbill – perhaps even Varied Sittella.

Please avoid weekly competitions on Saturday afternoons and respect any golfers at other times.

The Shire of Mundaring, 38km east of Perth, includes 238km² of forests & national parks, mostly Jarrah and Marri, with some Wandoo and Powderbark Wandoo. It offers many walk trails in both natural & historical reserves and the opportunity to see several species not often found on the coastal plain such as Scarlet Robin and Golden Whistler.



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Birdwatching around Perth Hills Mundaring

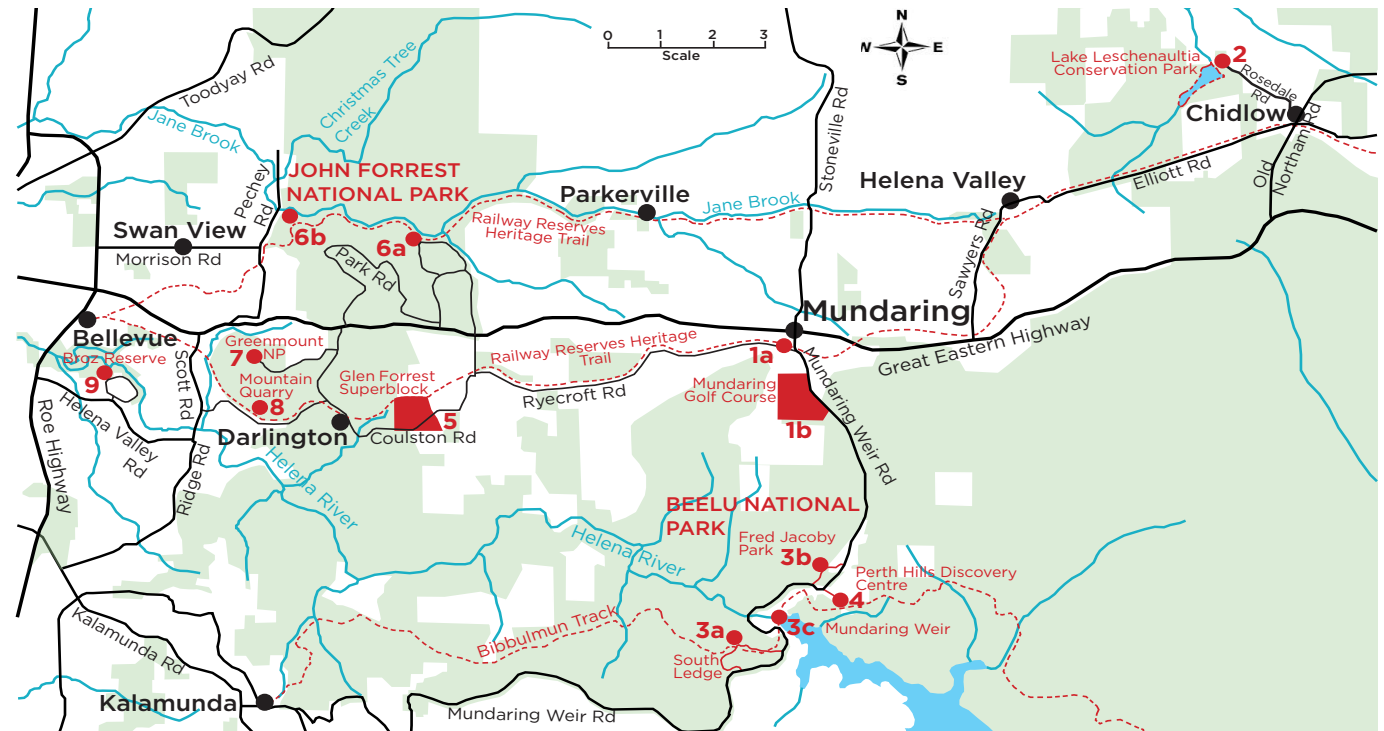
White-browed Scrubwren photograph by John Baas



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2. Lake Leschenaultia Conservation Park

Access from Rosedale Rd, Chidlow. Entry is free. A heritage-listed water body, built for use by steam trains, it now has extensive picnic / BBQ areas, camping, café, kiosk and toilet facilities. It is also a significant conservation area which provides opportunity to see waterbirds as well as bushbirds such as White-naped Honeyeater, Fan-tailed Cuckoo (seasonal), Golden Whistler and Scarlet Robin. The 3km circuit walk may provide shy species such as Spotted Pardalote and Western Thornbill.

3. Mundaring Weir Road is a scenic drive linking Mundaring and Kalamunda. It provides access to Mundaring Weir and several walk trails and picnic areas. All of these are within Beelu National Park. Look for Common Bronzewing, Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Western Spinebill and Grey Currawong. Along Mundaring Weir Road, the following are a few suggestions: (See <http://www.mundaringtourism.com.au/Pages/Things-to-do.aspx>)

a. South Ledge

A loop road links with Mundaring Weir Rd, a short distance to the south of the weir. Pleasant picnic sites among forest. Walk 300m to Golden View Lookout (quite steep). If it is not too busy, birding is just as good around the picnic area. Look for Spotted and Striated Pardalotes, Splendid Fairy-wren, Golden Whistler and Scarlet Robin.

b. Fred Jacoby Park

Part of a very early farming property (Portagabra) with picnic areas / toilets and a mixture of introduced and native tree species, including an English oak well over 100 years old. Birds you might find are Kookaburra, Weebill, Inland Thornbill and a variety of honeyeaters if shrubs / trees are flowering.

Weebill



c. Mundaring Weir / Lake C Y O'Connor

Picnic and toilet facilities are at north end of the weir wall; parking also at south end with picnic facilities below the weir wall. Not a lot of species use the water body but White-faced Heron and Hardhead (a duck species) have been seen here. Grey Currawong is common at the picnic areas.

4. Perth Hills Discovery Centre

6km from Mundaring on Allen Rd, off Mundaring Weir Rd. Set in forest with a small camping area nearby. If you are set up for camping, this is another option to enjoy the early morning bird activity.

Book online at:

<https://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/park-stay>

Golden Whistler (male)



Two walks are suggested here:

a. Bibbulmun Track: A section of this long track (Kalamunda to Albany), can be accessed from Allen Rd, opposite the Discovery Centre. Look for the yellow triangles with a waugal (snake) image. See <https://www.bibbulmuntrack.org.au/trip-planner/track-sections/the-darling-range#> for more detailed information. The first section to Ball Creek Hut, approx 2.5km one way, is worth wandering along. Birds you may encounter are Spotted and Striated Pardalotes, Rufous and Golden Whistlers.

b. Mundaring Weir View Walk: A 1.5km loop through the forest via a lookout over the weir (some steep inclines). Go to the south end of the central building at the Discovery Centre to find the first small blue triangle markers.

c. Greivillia Mycumbene, C Y O'Connor Trail and the Kep Track also offer opportunities to access forest areas. See <http://www.mundaringtourism.com.au> or <https://trails.wa.com.au/trails/kep-track>.

5. Glen Forrest Superblock:

Access from Ryecroft Rd, Glen Forrest. Heading east, park in the cleared area on the left, approx 400m past Hubert St and just past Nelson Rd. No facilities but a dense stand of *Banksia sessilis* close by has some flowers for much of the year, a useful food source for small birds such as Western Spinebill and Western Thornbill. Easy walking around the upper level through open forest. Other tracks (steeper and more uneven) drop down to lower levels along Nyaania Creek (seasonal). Other species you may see are Grey Butcherbird, Galah, New Holland Honeyeater and Fan-tailed Cuckoo.

6. John Forrest National Park & Rocky Pool

a. John Forrest National Park, Hovea

Access via Great Eastern Hwy at Greenmount or Hovea; three entrances, all well sign-posted. Best times to visit for birdwatching are winter and spring, perhaps on week days when it is quieter.

A significant area of open woodland on the edge of the Darling Scarp.

Excellent facilities, including disabled access, and several marked walk trails.

Nine honeyeater species are found here, along with thirteen parrot/cockatoo species, including Red-tailed and Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos, both listed as endangered. Dusky Woodswallow is also possible.

For smaller birds such as White-browed Scrubwren and Western Thornbill, try the quieter trails: from the main picnic area, Glen Brook Dam Trail or the start of the Eagle View Trail, which runs alongside Jane Brook.

Careful listening may help to locate the elusive Red-eared Firetail along well-vegetated creeklines.

For more information see <https://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au>

NB. 1. Entry Fees may apply for John Forest 

2. Scenic Drive gates on Park Road are locked (around 4pm) daily.

Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo (female)



b. Swan View Station & Rocky Pool

Another access for the Railway Reserves Heritage Trail, on the western edge of John Forrest National Park.

Access from Morrison Rd, Swan View. There are two good sized car-parks: one just north of the roundabout at the junction of Pechey and Swan Rds; the other just south of the roundabout. The latter has grassed areas and picnic tables (no toilets). Both are popular with walkers and cyclists so be sure to arrive early. Easy walking on a wide firm trail. There are other tracks in the area; one closer to Jane Brook may offer better birding and less people. Look for Common Bronzewing feeding in sheltered areas close by.

Species List

DUCKS, GEESE & SWANS

Black Swan	R
Australian Shelduck	R
Hardhead	R
Pacific Black Duck	U
Grey Teal	R
Musk Duck	R
Australian Wood Duck	M
Domestic Duck	R

GREBES

Australasian Grebe	R
Hoary-headed Grebe	R

PIGEONS & DOVES

Rock Dove	U
Spotted Dove	R
Laughing Dove	U
Common Bronzewing	C
Brush Bronzewing	R
Crested Pigeon	R

CUCKOOS

Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	R Mi Wi,Sp
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	U Mi Wi,Sp
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	U Mi Wi,Sp
Pallid Cuckoo	R Mi Au,Wi,Sp

FROGMOUTHS

Tawny Frogmouth	R
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OWLET-NIGHTJARS

Australian Owlet-nightjar	R
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SWIFTS & SWIFTLETS

Fork-tailed swift	R IA
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CRAKES, RAILS & SWAMPHENS

Buff-banded Rail	R
Purple Swamphen	R
Dusky Moorhen	R
Eurasian Coot	R

BUTTON-QUAIL

Painted Button-quail	R
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PELICAN

Australian Pelican	R
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HERONS, EGRETS & BITTERNS

Great Egret	R IA
White-faced Heron	U

IBIS & SPOONBILLS

Australian White Ibis	R
Straw-necked Ibis	R

CORMORANTS & SHAGS

Little Pied Cormorant	R
Great Cormorant	R
Little Black Cormorant	R

Species List

EAGLES, KITES & GOSHAWKS

Black-shouldered Kite	R
Square-tailed Kite	R
Wedge-tailed Eagle	R
Little Eagle	R
Brown Goshawk	R
Collared Sparrowhawk	R
Whistling Kite	R
Black Kite	R

MASKED OWLS

Barn Owl	R
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HAWK -OWLS

Southern Boobook	U
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BEE-EATERS

Rainbow Bee-eater	R IA Sp, Su
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Rainbow Bee-eater



KINGFISHERS

Sacred Kingfisher	R Mi Sp, Su
Laughing Kookaburra *	C

FALCONS

Nankeen Kestrel	R
Australian Hobby	R
Brown Falcon	R
Peregrine Falcon	R OSP

COCKATOOS & CORELLAS

Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	M T
(WA's endemic sub-species Forest Red-tail)	
Baudin's Black-Cockatoo	R T
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	U T
Galah	C
Long-billed Corella	R
Western Corella	R
Little Corella	R

PARROTS, LORIKEETS & ROSELLAS

Regent Parrot	R
Red-capped Parrot	C
Western Rosella	R O
Australian Ringneck	C
Elegant Parrot	R
Purple-crowned Lorikeet	R
Rainbow Lorikeet *	M

7. Greenmount National Park:

Access via Darlington, Oxley and Padbury Rds, along the spine of Greenmount Hill. Vehicle access is restricted by a barrier gate; no picnic facilities but a 700m walk along a bitumen road leads to a tower and views over the coastal plain. Other tracks allow further exploration. Vegetation includes stands of *Banksia sessilis* which should be good for honeyeaters when flowering. Look for Grey Fantail, Scarlet Robin, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike and Western Gerygone.



Western Gerygone

8. Mountain Quarry & John Herington Memorial Picnic Area:

Access via Coulston Rd. An old quarry in the southern section of Greenmount NP, now popular for rock-climbing and abseiling. Another access point for the Railway Reserves Heritage Trail (Boya entry on rail trail map). There is a small parking area with picnic tables beside Darlington Brook (seasonal) and toilets along the road to the quarry. Off the road to the quarry, a steep track to the left overlooks dense shrubs among granite outcrops, a good spot for Splendid Fairy-wren, White-browed Scrubwren and other small birds. Rufous Whistler, Red-capped Parrot, Grey Fantail and raptors may also be present.



Red-capped Parrot (male)

9. Broz Reserve, Helena Valley:

Access from Lakeside Drive; then turn north into Lakeview Gardens to a small car park. A man-made lake close to the Helena River. Several duck species are possible: Pacific Black Duck, Australian Wood Duck which often graze on grassed areas, Pink-eared Duck and Australian Shelduck - *but please don't feed them*. Other waterbirds you may see are Australasian Grebe and Eurasian Coot. Bushbirds include Grey Fantail, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, parrots and honeyeaters.



Yellow-rumped Thornbill

Species List

TREECREEPERS

Rufous Treecreeper R

FAIRY-WRENS, EMU-WRENS & GRASSWRENS

Red-winged Fairy-wren R

Splendid Fairy-wren M

HONEYEATERS & CHATS

Brown Honeyeater C

New Holland Honeyeater C

White-cheeked Honeyeater U

Brown-headed Honeyeater R

White-naped Honeyeater R

Tawny-crowned Honeyeater U

Western Spinebill M

Western Wattlebird M

Red Wattlebird M

Singing Honeyeater M

Yellow-plumed Honeyeater U

New Holland Honeyeater



PARDALOTES

Spotted Pardalote U

Striated Pardalote M

THORNBILLS & GERYGONES

Western Gerygone M

Weebill M

White-browed Scrubwren U

Yellow-rumped Thornbill U

Inland Thornbill M

Western Thornbill U

SITTELLAS

Varied Sittella U

CUCKOO-SHRIKES & TRILLERS

Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike M

White-winged Triller R

WHISTLERS, SHRIKE-THRUSHES & ALLIES

Rufous Whistler M

Golden Whistler U

Grey Shrike-thrush R

SHRIKETITS

Crested Shrike-tit R

Species List

WOODSWALLOWS, CURRAWONGS, BUTCHERBIRDS, MAGPIE

Grey Currawong M

Australian Magpie C

Pied Butcherbird R

Grey Butcherbird M

Masked Woodswallow R

Dusky Woodswallow R

Black-faced Woodswallow R

FANTAILS

Willie Wagtail U

Grey Fantail C

CROWS & RAVENS

Australian Raven C

MONARCH & FLYCATCHERS

Restless Flycatcher R

Magpie-lark M

AUSTRALIAN ROBINS

Scarlet Robin U

Red-capped Robin R

Jacky Winter R

Western Yellow Robin R

White-breasted Robin R

FLOWERPECKERS

Mistletoebird U

WEAVER FINCHES

Red-eared Firetail R

REED-WARBLERS

Australian Reed-Warbler R

SWALLOWS & MARTINS

Tree Martin U

Welcome Swallow R

WHITE-EYES

Silvereye C

BIRD LIST CODES

Abundance		Season	
C	common	Su	Summer
M	mod. common	Au	Autumn
U	uncommon	Wi	Winter
R	rare	Sp	Spring
Status			
*	Introduced	IA	Protected by International Agreement
Mi	migratory		
N	nomadic		
T	threatened	O	Of conservation concern
WA endemics in bold		OSP	Other specially protected