



BUSH BLITZ SPECIES DISCOVERY PROGRAM

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# What is Bush Blitz?

Bush Blitz is a multi-million dollar partnership between the Australian Government, BHP Billiton and Earthwatch Australia to document plants and animals in selected properties across Australia's National Reserve System.

This innovative partnership harnesses the expertise of many of Australia's top scientists from museums, herbaria, universities, and other institutions and organisations across the country.

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# Summary

A two-week Bush Blitz was conducted in Cane River Conservation Park in the Pilbara region of Western Australia in June 2011. A total of 645 species were identified, 346 of which had not been recorded previously in the park. Added to earlier records, 840 fauna and flora species have now been identified in the park.

In this study, 61 putative species new to science were found. These were all invertebrates and consisted of 32 stygofauna (animals that live entirely aquatic lives within groundwater systems), 28 terrestrial invertebrates and 1 water beetle. Some insect species, notably bees and moths, were under-represented in the specimen collection, probably due to the season of collection. However, the putative new species included 16 true bugs, 2 water mites, 2 pseudoscorpions, 1 scorpion, 1 water beetle and 1 geometrid moth.

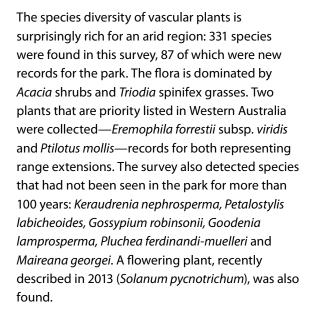
## **Abbreviations**

EPBC Act Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth) NRS National Reserve System

The park also has a rich vertebrate fauna. Reptiles are particularly abundant: 45 species were identified in the survey, and a total of 80 species have been recorded for the park. The Pygmy Desert Monitor (*Varanus eremius*) was especially abundant, with 22 specimens found. No threatened fauna species were found despite targeted trapping for the Northern Quoll (*Dasyurus hallucatus*), which was recorded previously in the park.



Bush Blitz team at Cane River Conservation Park, Mark Cowan © Copyright, Department of Parks and Wildlife



A number of exotic and pest species were noted within the park. Feral cats (*Felis catus*) were common, and domestic cattle (*Bos taurus*) gain access to the park through downed fences. Four pest insects—two true bugs and two thrips were also found, all of which are new records for the park. Thirteen pest plant species were found within the park; however, in general, the native vegetation is extensive and relatively intact. Of particular concern is Buffel Grass (*Cenchrus ciliaris*), which is the most widespread and invasive weed in the park.



A putative new species of true bug, Lasiacantha caneriverensis n. sp. BBPILB11/TING/Msp007, Marina Cheng © Copyright, University of New South Wales



# Introduction

This is a report for the Bush Blitz program, which aims to survey recent additions to the National Reserve System (NRS).<sup>1</sup> Bush Blitz is an initiative of the Australian Government through the Australian Biological Resources Study, in partnership with BHP Billiton and Earthwatch Australia. The Bush Blitz objectives are:

- to promote, publicise and demonstrate the importance of taxonomy through species discovery
- + to undertake a national species discovery program targeted at recently acquired properties of the National Reserve System of Australia
- + to support the science of taxonomy in Australia through training students and early career researchers, and providing grants for species description and resolution of taxonomically problematic, nationally important groups
- + to promote partnerships between scientific institutions, government, industry and non-government organisations
- to inform the National Reserve System, reserve managers and other stakeholders of the results of Bush Blitz projects.

The Cane River Conservation Park survey was undertaken in June 2011, in the Pilbara region of north-west Western Australia. There had been good rainfall and vegetation growth in the months preceding the survey. Fires are common in the area, and significant proportions of the survey area had been burnt in the previous 2–5 years. The timing of the survey meant that insect activity was relatively low, since most species are more abundant and more active in warmer weather. During the survey, the mean maximum temperature was  $28.5^{\circ}$ C (± 1.5), and the mean minimum temperature was  $13.5^{\circ}$ C (± 2.4)— comparatively cool conditions for the Pilbara.

The Australian Biological Resources Study provided logistical coordination and overall leadership for the survey. Experts from the following organisations conducted the field and laboratory work:

- Australian Government Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (now Department of the Environment)
- + Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (now Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry)
- + South Australian Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- + South Australian Museum
- + Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery
- + University of New South Wales
- + Keiran McNamara Conservation Science Centre, Western Australian Herbarium
- + Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation (now Department of Parks and Wildlife)
- + Western Australian Museum
- + Australian National Insect Collection (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation)
- + Phoenix Environmental Science.

The Australian Biological Resources Study wishes to thank the Western Australian Museum and Western Australian Herbarium for hosting this Bush Blitz. The Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation facilitated access to the reserve and provided helpful advice on survey locations.

<sup>1</sup> The NRS is Australia's network of protected areas, covering 17.88% of the country—over 137 million hectares, comprising Commonwealth, state and territory reserves, Indigenous lands and protected areas run by non-profit conservation organisations, through to ecosystems protected by farmers on their private working properties <http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/land/nationalreserve-system>, accessed 25 November 2014.

# Reserve Overview<sup>2</sup>

## Cane River Western Australia

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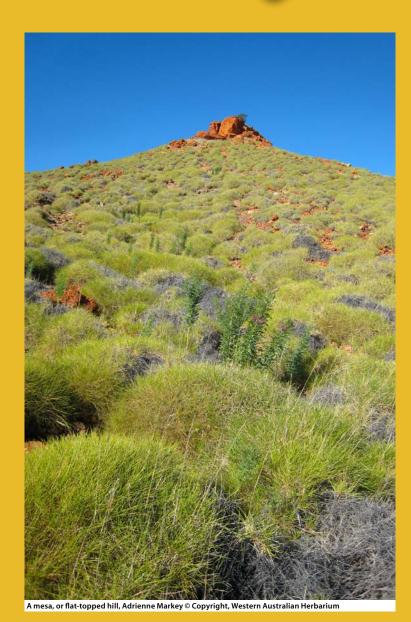
## Cane River Conservation Park

Western Australian Department of Parks and Wildlife (previously the Department of Environment and Conservation)

# Date of purchase 2000

2000

Area 120,000 ha



S. & Pinder, A. M., Introduction to the Pilbara Biodiversity Survey 2002–2007', in: George, A. S., McKenzie, N. L. & Doughty, P. eds 2010, 'A biodiversity survey of the Pilbara region of Western Australia', *Records of the Western Australian Museum* **78**(1):1–311.



### Description

The Pilbara region in the north-west of Western Australia is an arid area of ancient landforms, supporting a diverse range of fauna and flora with a high proportion of endemic species. Cane River Conservation Park covers 120,000 ha in the Pilbara region and lies 75 km south-east of the town of Onslow, in the Western Australian shire of Ashburton. The park was formed by combining three adjoining blocks: the Cane River Station pastoral lease in the central and eastern section, Mount Minnie Station in the north-western corner, and part of Nanutarra Station at the southern end.

The climate in this area is semi-arid to arid, with mild winters and hot summers, and most rain falling between January and June. The area is relatively undisturbed by mining and pastoral activities.

# National Reserve System conservation values

The Pilbara region in Western Australia has some of the world's most ancient natural landscapes, dating back 2 billion years and stretching over 400,000 km<sup>2</sup>. A wide variety of landforms occur in the survey area, including ranges, hills, mesas, creeks and rivers, granite outcrops and domes, gibber plains and sandplains. The Cane River, which flows in a northwesterly direction, bisects the park.

The Pilbara is home to a wide variety of endemic species that are adapted to this harsh environment.

Previous surveys in the area have recorded just over 100 mammal, reptile and frog species. The additions from this survey demonstrate that the park has a remarkably rich vertebrate fauna. Rare and threatened species include the Pebble-mound Mouse (*Pseudomys chapmani*), Ghost Bat (*Macroderma gigas*) and Northern Quoll (*Dasyurus hallucatus*). Five threatened species of birds have also been recorded in the park.

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The invertebrate fauna of the Pilbara, including Cane River Conservation Park, is poorly known but includes a large number of short-range endemic species that have distributions of less than 10,000 km<sup>2</sup>. Such species include trapdoor spiders, millipedes, land snails, pseudoscorpions, slaters and velvet worms; the first four of these groups were targeted in this survey.

The Pilbara region supports one of the world's most diverse assemblages of stygofauna (animals that live entirely within groundwater systems), with species collected from caves, wells and bore holes connected to groundwater systems. Since 1998, more than 80 stygofauna species from 200 Pilbara sites have been recorded. Many of these invertebrates are endemic to the region, with short-range distributions often limited to single aquifers.

The wide range of habitats and geological features within Cane River Conservation Park support a relatively high number of plant species for an arid region. The flora is dominated by *Acacia* shrubs and drought-resistant *Triodia* (spinifex) grasses.





Collection and observation sites were selected based on land classes, supplemented by identification of suitable microhabitat during the field visit. Site selection also depended on access, suitability for trapping and time restrictions. Site locations were recorded using global positioning systems.

A number of taxonomic groups were identified as targets for study. Table 1 lists the groups surveyed and the specialists who undertook the fieldwork.

A standard suite of survey techniques was used:

+ Mammals and reptiles were collected using a drift fence, together with pit, funnel and baited Elliot traps. A camera trap was also used at each trapping site for at least four consecutive nights; an area within the field of view of each camera was baited with universal bait. Some locations were searched by hand; this involved raking spoil piles on road edges, and turning rocks and leaf litter. Information was also collated from all researchers of opportunistic sightings, provided that identifications could be confirmed. A few specimens of frogs were collected opportunistically. A targeted survey was undertaken for the Northern Quoll (Dasyurus hallucatus) using large Elliot traps, and cage and camera traps.

- + Native bees were mostly collected using a hand net, and occasionally by sweep netting.
- + Geometrid moths were collected using light traps deployed almost every night. Bucket traps were also used in a range of plant communities.
- + Butterflies and dragonflies were collected using hand nets.
- + True bugs were collected by beating vegetation, sweeping temporary ponds and puddles, hand collecting, and use of a light trap.
- + Thrips were collected by beating vegetation over a collecting tray.





#### Table 1: Taxonomic groups surveyed and personnel

Group	Common names	Expert	Affiliation
Mammalia and Reptilia	Mammals and Reptiles	Mark Cowan	Western Australian Department of Parks and Wildlife
		David Armstrong	South Australian Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Apidae	Native Bees	Remko Leijs	South Australian Museum
Lepidoptera: Geometridae and Papilionidae	Geometrid Moths and Butterflies	Catherine Byrne, Ross Jongejans (fieldwork assistant)	Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery
Heteroptera	True Bugs	Marina Cheng, Michael Elias, Gerry Cassis	University of New South Wales
Thysanoptera	Thrips	Desley Tree	Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation
		Laurence Mound (assisted with identifications)	Australian National Insect Collection (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation)
Odonata	Dragonflies	Catherine Byrne	Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery
Myriapoda	Centipedes and Millipedes	Cathy Car, Julianne Waldock	Western Australian Museum
Arachnida	Spiders and Scorpions	Cathy Car, Julianne Waldock, Mark Harvey (pseudoscorpion identification)	Western Australian Museum
		Volker Framenau (orb-weaving and trapdoor spider identification), Erich Volschenk (scorpion identification)	Phoenix Environmental Science
Crustacea	Crustaceans– Terrestrial	Rachael King	South Australian Museum
Stygofauna	Groundwater Fauna	Rachael King, Remko Leijs	South Australian Museum
Gastropoda	Snails	Corey Whisson	Western Australian Museum
Vascular Flora	Flowering Plants and Ferns	Adrienne Markey, Neil Gibson	Keiran McNamara Conservation Science Centre
		Steven Dillon	Western Australian Herbarium
		Kate Brown	Western Australian Department of Parks and Wildlife



- Centipedes, millipedes, spiders, scorpions and other terrestrial invertebrates were collected by searching under rocks, logs and bark, and by sifting through leaf litter. Some specimens were collected in traps set to capture reptiles and mammals, and from samples collected while beating and sweeping vegetation for insects. A few specimens were collected at night using head torches.
- Aquatic groundwater invertebrates were collected by sampling bores and wells using a small net, and by digging holes in alluvial sediments at the side of riverbeds and sieving the water that filled the hole.
- + For snails, leaf litter was sampled at various microhabitats within a site.
- + The plant survey involved two phases: rescoring Pilbara Biological Survey plots followed by searching for taxa. Plant specimens were photographed, and material was collected for vouchering, identification and molecular studies. Specimens were either pressed and dried or preserved in 70% ethanol.

 Camera trap. Mark Cowan © Copyright. Department of Parks and Wildlife

Collections were identified using available literature and the holdings of museums and herbaria. Vouchers of 40 vertebrate specimens were lodged with the Western Australian Museum; 286 plant collections have been lodged with the Western Australian Herbarium, with duplicates of 10 of these collections lodged at Melbourne University, Te Papa Museum (New Zealand), and the Queensland Herbarium.

Final species lists were compiled by combining the results of this Bush Blitz with data provided by the Australian Natural Heritage Assessment Tool.



Michael Elias searching for true bugs © Copyright, Department of the Environment

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# Results

The locational data of survey sites and collected and observed specimens are available to reserve managers. In total 646 species were found, 345 of which were new records for the park. Sixty-one putative species new to science were discovered; these await assessment. One recently described and two rare plants were recorded, all of which are new records for the park. Six exotic or pest animal species and 13 weed species were also recorded.

## **Species Lists**

Appendix A provides full, updated species lists for the reserve. Names in **bold brown text** are putative new species. Species marked with an asterisk (\*) have not been previously recorded in the park. Those without an asterisk have been recorded previously and were identified again during this survey. Species shown in blue text were not recorded during this survey, but are known from previous studies. Table 2 provides a summary of the number of species, new records and putative new taxa identified in the park.

Some specimens collected during this Bush Blitz have been identified only to family or genus level. This is because a great deal of time is required to examine and identify the many collections. In the majority of cases, microscopic examination is necessary. Additional limitations include the lack of experts working on particular groups, and that the taxonomic literature for some groups is not current. These collections will be subject to further study.

Nomenclature and taxonomic concepts used in this report are consistent with the Australian Faunal Directory, the Australian Plant Name Index and the Australian Plant Census.



Pygmy Spiny-tailed Skink (Egernia depressa), Mark Cowan © Copyright, Department of Parks and Wildlife





A putative new species of true bug, Drymini n. gen. n. sp. BBPILB11/RHYP/Msp041, Marina Cheng © Copyright, University of New South Wales

#### Table 2: Summary of fauna and flora records and putative new species

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Group	Common name	Number of species identified	Species new to reserve	Species new to science
Mammalia	Mammals	13	3	-
Reptilia	Reptiles	45	4	-
Amphibia	Frogs and Toads	2	-	-
Apidae	Native Bees	35	35	-
Lepidoptera: Geometridae	Geometrid Moths	8	8	1
Lepidoptera: Papilionidae	Butterflies	6	6	-
Coleoptera	Water Beetles	1	1	1
Heteroptera	True Bugs	58	57	16
Thysanoptera	Thrips	22	22	-
Odonata	Dragonflies	6	6	-
Diplopoda	Millipedes	1	1	_
Chilopoda	Centipedes	6	6	-
Acari	Mites	4	4	_
Hydracarina	Water Mites	2	2	2
Scorpiones	Scorpions	2	2	1
Pseudoscorpiones	Pseudoscorpions	9	9	2
Araneae	Spiders	44	44	_
Crustacea	Crustaceans — Terrestrial	8	8	8
Crustacea	Crustaceans — Groundwater	27	27	26
Polychaeta	Bristle Worms	1	1	1
Gastropoda	Snails and Slugs	11	10	-
Platyhelminthes	Flatworms	3	3	3
Magnoliophyta	Flowering Plants	326	86	0
Pteridophyta	Ferns	5	1	-
Totals		646	345	61



## **Threatened Species**

Appendix B itemises the species known from the park that are listed under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) and the Western Australian Wildlife Conservation Act 1950. A summary of threatened species identified during the study is provided in Table 3.

#### Table 3: Summary of threatened species identified

Group	Total number of species	Species new to reserve
Fauna	_	-
Flora	2	2

## **Exotic and Pest Species**

Appendix C lists the exotic and pest species known from the park. A summary of exotic and pest species identified during the study is provided in Table 4.

An exotic species is one that occurs outside of its normal range. A pest is a species that has the potential to have a negative environmental, social or economic impact. Native species that are at times pests or are exotic to this region of Australia are included in the numbers in Table 4.

#### Table 4: Summary of exotic and pest species identified

Group	Total number of species	Species new to reserve
Fauna	6	4
Flora	13	7



*Hannafordia quadrivalvis* subsp. *recurva*, Adrienne Markey © Copyright, Western Australian Herbarium



A moth species newly recorded in the park, *Nearcha ophla*, Cathy Byrne © Copyright, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery

# Discussion

## **Putative New Species**

A putative species new to science is one that has been recognised by an expert as never having been named or described in the scientific literature. It is confirmed as a new species once it is named and its description is published. In addition to species that are considered new to science, specimens collected during this Bush Blitz include taxa that are already known from museum and herbarium collections but have not yet been formally described and named. A breakdown of the groups in which putative new species have been recorded is provided in Table 5.

The study found 61 putative new species, all of them invertebrates.

Geometrid moths are normally abundant in most vegetation types in Australia. Although the winter conditions during the survey meant that the biodiversity and abundance of moths was reduced, the survey found three new or undescribed species



A putative new species of geometrid moth, *Nearcha* n. sp. 01, Cathy Byrne © Copyright, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery

of geometrid moths, including one that is most likely to be new to science (*Nearcha* n. sp. 01).

Australia has an extremely rich fauna of true bugs, which currently comprises around 2,500 species. This survey found 16 putative new true bug species. Fourteen of these belong to the family Miridae, including two new species of the genus *Witchelinamiris*, which was described following the 2010 Witchelina Reserve SA Bush Blitz survey. A new water beetle in the family Gyrinidae was also found.

Group	Common name	Putative new species
Geometridae	Geometrid Moths	1
Coleoptera	Water Beetles	1
Heteroptera	True Bugs	16
Hydracarina	Water Mites	2
Scorpiones	Scorpions	1
Pseudoscorpiones	Pseudoscorpions	2
Crustacea	Crustaceans–Terrestrial	8
Crustacea	Crustaceans–Groundwater	26
Polychaeta	Bristle Worms	1
Platyhelminthes	Flatworms	3

#### Table 5: Putative new species by group

A relatively small number of non-insect terrestrial arthropods were collected at Cane River Conservation Park. Of particular interest are a new species of scorpion (genus *Lychas*) and two new species of pseudoscorpion (genus *Synsphyronus*). The latter genus is found throughout Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia, with approximately 30 described and 50 undescribed species. There may be new species among the spider specimens, but these have not been identified to date.

Almost all the terrestrial crustaceans and stygofauna collected are new species; 8 new terrestrial crustaceans and 26 stygofauna species were found. Recent regional molecular work indicates that each aquifer contains a discrete set of stygofaunal species. It is therefore possible that each site sampled may have been connected to a different groundwater system, each of which contained new species. In addition, the survey found two new water mites, one new bristle worm and three new flatworms.

One plant specimen collected was determined to be a recently described species, *Solanum pycnotrichum*. The specimen was initially identified as *S. sturtianum* but proved to differ from it in several key ways.<sup>3</sup> In addition, a specimen of *Corchorus* was collected that does not match taxa known from the Pilbara, and two non-flowering collections of *Abutilon* could not be identified. Further examination of herbarium specimens is required to determine if these are new species, but *Corchorus* and *Abutilon* are taxonomically problematic genera that require revision.



A recently described flowering plant, *Solanum pycnotrichum*, Adrienna Markey © Copyright, Western Australian Herbarium



The Wandering Percher (*Diplacodes bipunctata*), a dragonfly species newly recorded in the park, Cathy Byrne © Copyright, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery

<sup>3</sup> Bean, A. R. 2013, 'A taxonomic review of the Solanum sturtianum subgroup of subgenus Leptostemonum (Solanaceae)', Nuytsia 23: 129–161.





Central Military Dragon (*Ctenophorus isolepis*), Mark Cowan © Copyright, Department of Parks and Wildlife



Narrow-banded Sand-swimmer (*Eremiascincus fasciolatus*), Mark Cowan © Copyright, Department of Parks and Wildlife



Fat-tailed Gecko (*Diplodactylus conspicillatus*), Mark Cowan © Copyright, Department of Parks and Wildlife



Smooth Knob-tailed Gecko (*Nephrurus levis*), Mark Cowan © Copyright, Department of Parks and Wildlife

## **Threatened Species**

Australia is home to around 570,000 species, most of which are yet to be formally described. Approximately 92% of Australian plants, 87% of mammals, 93% of reptiles and 45% of birds are endemic. Changes to the landscape and native habitat resulting from human activity have put many of these unique species at risk. Over the past 200 years, many species have become extinct; many others are threatened.<sup>4</sup>

No vulnerable, threatened or endangered fauna species were recorded during this survey. Previous work has identified the presence of the Pebble-mound Mouse (*Pseudomys chapmani*) and the Ghost Bat (*Macroderma gigas*), which are priority-listed species in Western Australia. The Northern Quoll (*Dasyurus hallucatus*), which is listed under the EPBC Act, was recorded in the park on four occasions in 1999 and once in 2002. Despite targeted trapping at a location it was previously recorded, the Northern Quoll was not detected during this survey. Although this was disappointing, the park has extensive areas of suitable habitat along the Parry Range, and it is likely that there are numerous locations for this species to occur.

Two plant species of conservation significance were found in the study, both of which were new records for the park and priority-listed species in Western Australia. *Eremophila forrestii* subsp. *viridis* is currently known from two widely disjunct locations in Western Australia and four more populations in Central Australia around the Northern Territory–South Australia–Western Australia borders. The nearest known location is 64 km northwest of this new population. There were few plants and all were growing in dry gullies on the scree slopes



Chapman, A. D. 2009, Numbers of Living Species in Australia and the World, 2<sup>nd</sup> edn. Australian Biological Resources Study, Canberra, 80 pp.



of a weathered lateritic mesa. Some specimens appear to be intergrades with Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii: the two subspecies co-occur in the park. Other collections in Western Australia previously identified as E. forrestii subsp. viridis have been re-identified as E. forrestii subsp. forrestii. There may be some issues distinguishing E. forrestii subsp. viridis from the more common subspecies: the status of the subspecies may be worth investigating further. Ptilotus mollis is currently known from nine locations widely placed across the Pilbara, and this new record is more than 200 km west of the nearest population. Less than 50 plants were found on stony scree slopes of a weathered lateritic mesa in the far north-east of the park; it possibly occurs in similar habitats on other mesas along the park's eastern margins.

## **Exotic and Pest Species**

The NRS is designed to conserve and protect Australia's rare and threatened ecosystems and provide refuge for species at risk. Invasive species can have a major impact on already vulnerable species and ecosystems, as well as economic, environmental and social impacts. The inclusion of exotic and pest species records as part of this report is designed to provide land managers with baseline information to assist with further pest management programs.

#### Vertebrate Fauna

Feral cats (*Felis catus*) appear to be common across the park—tracks were observed regularly, numerous individuals were seen by the Bush Blitz



team, and remote cameras recorded four cats at two locations. Although no individuals of Wild Dogs or Dingoes (*Canis familiaris* or *C. dingo*) were seen, tracks were regularly observed. Cattle (*Bos taurus*) were observed at various locations in the park, particularly along the northern, eastern and southern boundaries, and along the highway near the Onslow Road turn-off. Fences were found pushed down along the north-eastern and eastern boundaries, allowing the animals access to the park.

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#### **Invertebrate Fauna**

Two true bug pests were identified: Rutherglen Bug (*Nysius vinitor*) and Crusader Bug (*Mictis profana*), both of which are new records for the park. The Rutherglen Bug is a widespread native species that can migrate into crops in very large numbers during favourable seasons. The Crusader Bug is considered a minor pest of citrus and wattles, although it can be a helpful biological control agent of the pest plant *Mimosa pigra*.





Work in the lab continues late into the night © Copyright, Department of the Environment

Two common species of pest thrips were collected during the survey. Plague Thrips (Thrips imaginis) is endemic to Australia and found in large numbers in flowers of native and introduced plants. It causes damage to plants by feeding in flowers, particularly of apples, grapes, strawberries and stone fruit. It was collected widely from various hosts within the park. Tomato Thrips (Frankliniella schultzei) is believed to have originated from South America or Africa and is a pest on cultivated plants, feeding particularly on the flowers and leaves of cotton, lettuce, beans, cucurbits and onions. It is also known to be a vector of tospoviruses, which cause spotting and wilting in a large number of plant families, including food crops such as peanuts, watermelons and tomatoes, and ornamental species such as calla lily, chrysanthemums and iris.

#### **Flowering Plants**

Overall, Cane River Conservation Park has few introduced plant species and extensive cover of relatively intact native vegetation. Thirteen non-native species, most of which are considered environmental weeds, were recorded in the park see Table 6. However, this was not an exhaustive weed survey, and the locality records probably underestimate their distribution.

Buffel Grass (*Cenchrus ciliaris*) is the most widespread and abundant invasive weed in the park. It was most evident along permanent and ephemeral creeklines, in sand dunes, along roadsides and in other disturbed areas. Infested sites included many of the creekbeds in the southern Parry Range, along sections of the Cane River and sand dunes in the north west of the park.





 ${\sf Adrienne}\ {\sf Markey}\ {\sf overlooking}\ {\sf Cane}\ {\sf River}\ {\sf Station}, {\sf Steve}\ {\sf Dillon}\ {}^{\odot}\ {\sf Copyright}, {\sf Western}\ {\sf Australian}\ {\sf Herbarium}$ 

Introduced for grazing and erosion control and sown widely in northern Australia, it has a high ecological impact, invades rapidly and displaces native species, and is increasing in abundance and range. It can create a fire hazard and alter fire regimes, and is a serious environmental weed with low feasibility for eradication.

Mimosa Bush (Vachellia farnesiana) is also widespread in Cane River Conservation Park in shrublands on alluvial plains and in riparian vegetation. This species has a high ecological impact, invades rapidly and has low feasibility for eradication. However, its distribution and abundance appear to be stable.

Kapok Bush (*Aerva javanica*) is widespread in northern Western Australia, particularly in disturbed areas and calcareous soils. It is established in the Pilbara, forms large and dense infestations, has a high ecological impact, rapidly invades and is increasing. In the park it was observed around the Mount Minnie homestead and along the North West Coastal Highway. Prolific seed production means that it has the potential to expand its impact in the park. However, control and eradication are moderately feasible.

Coral Cactus (*Cylindropuntia fulgida*) was thought to have been found (pending species confirmation) at the old Cane River homestead and one plant was removed. A second plant was seen by another team at the Cane River homestead and will require removal. Species of *Cylindropuntia*, including *C. fulgida*, have the potential to become serious weeds because they can spread both vegetatively and by seed. This genus was previously on the alert list for the Pilbara region—that is, it is not currently



#### in the region but could potentially occur there. The Cane River homestead plants confirm the presence of the genus in the Pilbara region.

Ulcardo Melon (*Cucumis melo* subsp. *agrestis*) was collected for the first time in the park from one location, which is a considerable range extension of over 300 kms. It is possible that it was overlooked by previous collectors and may occur in more locations closer to the park.

Spiked Malvastrum (*Malvastrum americanum*) and Whorled Pigeon Grass (*Setaria verticillata*) were identified in two sites. Spiked Malvastrum was located on granite and dolomite outcrops and in the surrounding drainage lines. This species is widespread in northern and central Western Australia in riparian and disturbed vegetation. Whorled Pigeon Grass has the potential to become a major weed on alluvial plains and riparian vegetation in the park. Both species have a high ecological impact, rapid invasiveness, a low feasibility for eradication and are increasing in the region.

Isolated plants of Purpletop Chloris (*Chloris* barbata—high impact), Awnless Barnyard Grass (*Echinochloa colona*—high impact), Common Sowthistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*—low impact) and Black Berry Nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*—low impact) were found. Purslane (*Portulaca oleracea*) and Speedy Weed (*Flaveria trinervia*) occur widely in the state and are established in the Pilbara. Both species appear to invade disturbed areas and do not appear to displace native vegetation in Cane River Conservation Park, and are considered as native species by some.

Mesquite (*Prosopis* spp.) and Parkinsonia (*Parkinsonia aculeata*) are weeds of national significance that occur in the wider Pilbara and Carnarvon regions but were not found during this survey. Vigilance is needed to ensure that these two species do not become established within the park.

High impact weeds restricted in their distribution within the park are a priority for management, being the most feasible to control.



#### Table 6: State listed weeds and Weeds of National Significance<sup>5</sup> recorded in the park

Species	Location observed	Indication of abundance
Buffel Grass (Cenchrus ciliaris)	Roadside on Mt Stuart Road -22.15723028°S 115.54643548°E	Very abundant where present, widespread throughout the park
	Claypan, 27.7 km S of Onslow -21.885212°S 115.142228°E	Heavy infestation around claypan margins
	Base of red sand dunes, 20 km S of Onslow -21.875188°S 115.172216°E	Widespread with heavy infestation on troughs and crests of red sand dunes S of Onslow
	Base and tops of granite outcrop -22.4328105°S 115.28904207°E	Heavy infestation amongst eucalypts in drainage lines and pockets of vegetation on the granite outcrop
	Southern Parry Range -22.434719°S 115.583133°E	Widespread with extensive, dense infestation in creeklines
	Cane River Homestead -22.09274679°S 115.61978392°E	In holding yards and around buildings
	Cane River at eastern boundary of reserve -22.188167°S 115.859523°E	Heavy infestation in grazed riparian vegetation
	Paddy's Pool -22.14504065°S 115.78796312°E	Heavy infestation in grazed riparian vegetation
	North West Coastal Highway -22.180227°S 115.530307°E	Roadside growth following disturbance
Kapok Bush (Aerva javanica)	Mt Minnie homestead -21.971422°S 115.432214°E	Locally abundant in patches
	North West Coastal Highway roadsides	
Ulcardo Melon ( <i>Cucumis melo</i> subsp. <i>agrestis</i> )	Granite outcrop in southwest edge of park -22.4328105°S 115.28904207°E	Isolated plants

5 Weeds of National Significance <http://www.weeds.org.au/WoNS/>, accessed 12 August 2014.

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Species	Location observed	Indication of abundance
Mimosa Bush (Vachellia farnesiana)	Pilbara Biological Survey plot WYW13 -21.99867°S 115.59119°E	Locally abundant in patches, usually near watercourses, and
	Cane River Homestead -22.09274679°S 115.61978392°E	in disturbed and/or grazed areas. Common under <i>Eucalyptus</i>
	Cane River at eastern boundary of park -22.188167°S 115.859523°E	camaldulensis subsp. refulgens
Boxing Glove Cactus (Cylindropuntia sp. (?fulgida))	Cane River Homestead -22.09274679°S 115.61978392°E	Isolated plants around buildings
Spiked Malvastrum (Malvastrum americanum)	Base and tops of granite outcrop -22.4328105°S 115.28904207° E	Isolated plants under eucalypts in drainage line and pockets of vegetation on rocky outcrops
	Southern Parry Range on low rocky hill slope -22.431028°S 115.575686°E	Isolated plants in mesic soil pockets on rock crevices. Located at several spots on southern Parry Range
Whorled Pigeon Grass (Setaria verticillata)	Pilbara Biological Survey plot WYW13 -21.99867°S 115.59119°E	Isolated plants on alluvial plain
	Cane River -22.09274679°S 115.61978392°E	Isolated plants on river banks
Common Sowthistle (Sonchus oleraceus)	Mt Minnie Homestead -21.971422°S 115.432214°E	Isolated plants in watered lawn
Purpletop Chloris (Chloris barbata)	Mt Minnie Homestead -21.971422°S 115.432214°E	Isolated plants in watered lawn
Awnless Barnyard Grass (Echinochloa colona)	Cane River at eastern boundary of park -22.188167°S 115.859523°E	Isolated plants
Black Berry Nightshade (Solanum nigrum)	Pilbara Biological Survey plot WYW13 -21.99867°S 115.59119°E	Isolated plants

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## Other Points of Interest

#### **Vertebrate Fauna**

Mt Minnie and Cane River Blocks have been the focus of a considerable level of vertebrate survey work including systematic sampling at more than 29 locations over a two year period from 1999-2001 by staff from the Department of Environment and Conservations Pilbara Regional Office. The Pilbara Biodiversity Survey from 2002 to 2007 sampled a further seven locations.<sup>6</sup> While this has resulted in the vertebrate fauna being comparatively well known in the northern and central areas of the Park, almost no work has been undertaken in the southern areas of the Nanutarra Block and this is where this survey concentrated.

More than 276 captures and observations were made, representing 10 species of native mammals, 2 frog species and 45 reptile species. Although the level of previous surveys limited the likelihood that new records would be found during this survey,



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seven were still identified. The larger species such as Perentie (Varanus giganteus), Echidna (Tachyglossus aculeatus), Euro (Macropus robustus) and Red Kangaroo (Macropus rufus) have probably been seen in the past but not recorded. Perentie were only detected by a camera trap and a single observation. Woolley's Pseudantechinus (Pseudantechinus woolleyae) is readily captured in rocky habitats with the use of Elliot traps and is guite common through much of the arid zone. Its omission from earlier species lists probably reflects the limited use of Elliot traps in past surveys. The Long-nosed Dragon (Lophognathus longirostris) is also widespread and quite common throughout the arid region of WA; however, it is often not captured in pit traps and in this survey was only observed.

Mammals were not particularly abundant, apart from one site where eight Little Red Antechinus (Dasykaluta rosamondae) were caught. The Common Rock Rat (Zyzomys argurus) was caught on only three occasions, and the first capture was not until the traps had been out for three nights. Similarly, Woolley's Pseudantechinus (Pseudantechinus woolleyae) was not detected until after four nights of trapping. This demonstrates the need for a fairly large number of continuous trapping nights to maximise the likelihood of detecting these mammals. Two other rodents were caught-the Spinifex Hopping Mouse (Notomys alexis) and the Sandy Inland Mouse (Pseudomys hermannsburgensis)—but there were no captures of Planigale or Ningaui species. All of these mammals show considerable variability in both local abundance and activity patterns, so this is not surprising.



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Of the 45 reptile species identified, four were new records for the park, suggesting that further species could be found in the park. The Pygmy Desert Monitor (Varanus eremius) was especially abundant, with 22 individuals caught; it was recorded from all sites comprising sand and spinifex. This number of specimens was only exceeded by the Desert Spadefoot Frog (Notaden nichollsi, 35 specimens) and the North-western Sandslider (Lerista bipes, 28 specimens). The Desert Spadefoot Frog was only found at sand dune sites over a couple of nights and after heavy condensation. The small fossorial North-western Sandslider was captured almost exclusively in the dunes at the edge of the granite at one site, although its tracks and that of other sand-swimming skinks were observed at other sand dunes.

<sup>6</sup> Mckenzie, N. L., Van Leeuwen, S. & Pinder, A. M. 2009, 'Introduction to the Pilbara Biodiversity survey, 2002–2007', *Records of the Western Australian Museum*, Supplement **78**: 3–89.

#### **Invertebrate Fauna**

#### Bees

Thirty-five species of native bees from four families were collected, at least half of which are expected to be undescribed. Particularly well represented, with 12 species, were the Megachilidae—the leafcutter and resin bees. Flowering plants that were particularly attractive to native bees were species of *Indigofera*, *Tephrosia* and *Grevillea*. The majority of the bee species were found at single sites, suggesting that the 35 species recorded is an underestimate of the true number of native bee species occurring in the park. Named species newly recorded for the park include *Amegilla murrayensis* and *Hylaeus maiellus*. *Amegilla chlorocyanea*, a blue-banded bee species that is common in the southern half of Australia, was found foraging on *Solanum* and *Stemodia* throughout the park.

#### Moths, Butterflies and Dragonflies

A total of 23 butterfly, 30 dragonfly and 34 geometrid moth specimens were collected during the survey. These represented 20 species, six each of butterflies and dragonflies, and eight of geometrid moths. Although the number of species collected was low, collections of these groups are usually sparse in the arid Pilbara region.



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Because there have been no previous surveys of invertebrates in this area, these are all new records and will therefore be useful for comparison with further surveys.

Three new or undescribed species of geometrid moths were collected, including one that is most likely new to science. All butterfly and dragonfly species collected are common and widely distributed.

#### **True Bugs**

This survey found 58 species of true bugs belonging to 16 families. Of these species, 16 are considered putative new species, nine were identified as described species, and 33 were identified to family level or lower. All of the species found, except for the Water Strider (*Limnogonus fossarum*), are new records for the park.

#### Thrips

Thrips are better known as pollen feeders and leaf feeders; however, nearly half the 6,000 species feed on fungi and belong to the family Phlaeothripidae. As the generic and tribal classification within this family remains poorly known, Phlaeothripidae were targeted for collection during this survey.

Thrips have not been collected from this area previously. Seventy-seven specimens, representing 22 species, were collected. Nearly all species are known to be pollen feeders or leaf feeders, with only one fungal-feeding species collected from dead branches. The lack of fungal-feeding thrips collected was presumably a result of the lack of their food source. Very few dead branches or leaves in a suitable state of decay were found in the park. One undescribed genus, near *Odontothripiella*, was collected from the flowers of *Cleome viscosa* as well as unidentified flowers. Four undescribed species were also collected: *Teuchothrips* sp. and *Jacotia* sp. from *Eremophila cuneifolia* flowers, *Scirtothrips* sp. from *Senna glutinosa* flowers and *Gynaikothrips* sp. from leaf galls of *Ficus brachypoda*.

Generally the abundance and diversity of thrips collected in the survey was low, presumably a result of the cool overnight temperatures and dry conditions. Thrips are known to pupate over winter or during unfavourable conditions and larger numbers are normally observed during spring and summer.

## Millipedes, Centipedes, Mites, Scorpions, Pseudoscorpions and Spiders

A relatively small number of non-insect terrestrial arthropods were collected in the park. Many of the arachnids, particularly the spiders, were unidentifiable, either because specimens were juveniles (adults are needed for positive species identification) or because little is known about their taxonomy. The survey did, however, provide the first records of the families Linyphiidae and Uloboridae from the Pilbara region. Few trapdoor spiders (Mygalomorphae) or wolf spiders (Lycosidae) were collected, and centipedes and millipedes were poorly represented in this survey.

#### Stygofauna and Terrestrial Crustaceans

At least 33 subterranean aquatic species, all of which represent undescribed species, were collected at 17 sites within and around Cane River Conservation Park. Amphipod crustaceans dominated the stygofauna; other taxa collected included copepods, ostracods, parabathynellids,



flatworms and isopods. Terrestrial isopods were collected at several localities around the Parry Range and may include up to eight new species.

#### **Snails**

The 11 species of non-marine molluscs collected during this survey belong to the families Camaenidae, Pupillidae and Succineidae. Ten species were new records for the park. An undescribed camaenid (Quistrachia n. sp. 'Parry Range'), was previously recorded by the Naturalists Club in 1999.

#### Vascular Flora

This survey provided an opportunity to confirm and clarify previous records and to cover a part of Cane River Conservation Park not previously surveyed for flora (Mount Minnie Station). A total of 331 taxa from 52 families were recorded; 87 of these were new records for the park, which is a moderate increase in the number of recorded taxa. Access to the north-west sandplains and granite outcrops, and surveying after recent fires may have contributed to this increase.



Marsh Stemodia (Stemodia grossa), Adrienne Markey © Copyright, Western Australian Herbarium



The most common families were the Fabaceae (59 taxa), Malvaceae (38 taxa), Poaceae (37 taxa), Amaranthaceae (25 taxa) and Chenopodiaceae (15 taxa). The most species-rich genera were Acacia (21 taxa), Ptilotus (17 taxa), Solanum (7 taxa), Sida (8 taxa), Tephrosia (9 taxa), Senna (7 taxa), Eremophila (8 taxa), Heliotropium (6 taxa), Euphorbia (6 taxa) and Abutilon (6 taxa).

This representation of families and genera is characteristic of the wider Pilbara region, although the number of taxa in the Asteraceae is relatively low. No taxa recorded were endemic to the survey area or could be considered regional endemics with a restricted range.

Of the 87 new records for the park, 17 are notable range extensions (more than 100 km)-see Table 7. Two of these—a heliotrope (Heliotropium diversifolium) and Native Milkwort (Polygala *linariifolia*)—are significant range extensions (more





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than 350 km). Nineteen of the new records fill gaps in species distribution, most of which (13) were more than 100 km from their nearest previously known populations. Two species (*Dipteracanthus australasicus* subsp. *australasicus* and *Polygala isingii*) were more than 200 km from their nearest previously known populations. Six species were identified that have not been collected in the survey area for more than 100 years (*Goodenia lamprosperma*, *Gossypium robinsonii, Keraudrenia nephrosperma, Maireana georgei, Petalostylis labicheoides* and *Pluchea ferdinandi-muelleri*). It would be beneficial to describe and assess the vegetation communities in the park systematically and in greater detail. This would identify unusual and restricted communities, their habitats and threats (e.g. weeds, feral animals, fire regimes, climate change and development).



Table 7: Named vascular flora newly recorded from Cane River Conservation Park that represent significant range extensions or infill gaps in distribution of more than 100 km

Taxon	Nearest Previous Record	Native/ Introduced
Abutilon fraseri	Fill gap in distribution, nearest population c. 100 km S	Native
Abutilon otocarpum	Fill gap in distribution, nearest population c. 140 km E	Native
Acacia acradenia	Range extension c. 150 km NNW	Native
Acacia wiseana	Range extension c. 120 km SW	Native
Alyogyne pinoniana var. pinoniana	Range extension c. 100 km SW	Native
Ammannia multiflora	Range extension c. 120 km SW	Native
Bergia pedicellaris	Range extension c. 250 km ENE	Native
Cassytha capillaris	Fill gap in distribution c. 200 km W	Native
Cheilanthes brownii	Range extension c. 150 km SE	Native
Chloris barbata	Range extension, nearest population c. 150 km NW	Introduced
Commelina ensifolia	Fill gap in distribution, nearest population c. 110 km	Native
Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis	Range extension, nearest population c. 200 km NE	Introduced
Cylindropuntia sp. (?fulgida)	Fill gap in distribution, nearest population c. 150 km	Introduced
Dipteracanthus australasicus subsp. australasicus	Fill gap in distribution, nearest population c. 200 km	Native
Echinochloa colona	Fill gap in distribution, nearest population c. 100 km W	Introduced
Enteropogon ramosus	Nearest population c. 100 km SW	Native
Heliotropium diversifolium	Range extension, nearest population c. 450 km SW. New record for western Pilbara	Native
Heliotropium glanduliferum	Fill gap in distribution, nearest population c. 90 km SW	Native



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Taxon	Nearest Previous Record	Native/ Introduced
Ipomoea coptica	Range extension, nearest population c. 150 km NE	Native
Jasminum didymum subsp. lineare	Fill gap in distribution, nearest population c. 100 km S	Native
<i>Keraudrenia</i> sp. North West (J.Z.Weber 6475) C.F.Wilkins	Fill gap in distribution, nearest population c. 140 km SW	Native
Lawrencia densiflora	Range extension, nearest population c. 105 km S	Native
Leptochloa fusca subsp. muelleri	Range extension, nearest population c. 100 km SW	Native
Polygala isingii	Fill gap in distribution, nearest population c. 210 km W	Native
Polygala linariifolia	Range extension, nearest population c. 340 km E	Native
Polygala glaucifolia	Fill gap in distribution, nearest population c. 105 km W	Native
Portulaca cyclophylla	Fill gap in distribution, nearest population c. 140 km SW	Native
Ptilotus gomphrenoides	Nearest population c. 105 km SE	Native
Ptilotus mollis	Range extension, nearest population c. 250 km E	Native
Santalum lanceolatum	Fill gap in distribution, nearest population c. 150 km SE	Native
Solanum ashbyae	Range extension, nearest population c. 120 km N	Native
Solanum nigrum	Range extension, nearest population c. 180 km W	Introduced
Stackhousia muricata	Fill gap in distribution, nearest population c. 160 km S	Native
Streptoglossa bubakii	Fill gap in distribution, nearest population c. 140 km NE	Native
Vittadinia obovata	Range extension, nearest population c. 130 km N	Native
Zornia albiflora	Range extension, nearest population c. 240 km NE	Native



# Notes



Ptilotus mollis, a priority-listed species in Western Australia. A range extension of 250 km was recorded during this survey, Adrienne Markey © Copyright, Western Australian Herbarium



# Appendix A: Species Lists

Nomenclature and taxonomy used in this appendix are consistent with that from the Australian Faunal Directory (AFD), the Australian Plant Name Index (APNI) and the Australian Plant Census (APC).

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# Fauna

## Vertebrates

Mammals				
Family	Species	Common name		
Bovidae	Bos taurus	European Cattle		
Canidae	Canis familiaris/dingo	Wild Dog or Dingo		
Dasyuridae	Dasykaluta rosamondae	Little Red Antechinus, Little Red Kaluta		
	Dasyurus hallucatus <b>#</b> ~	Northern Quoll, Digul		
	Ningaui timealeyi	Pilbara Ningaui		
	Planigale "k"	-		
	Planigale "t"	-		
	Pseudantechinus woolleyae *	Woolley's Pseudantechinus		
	Sminthopsis macroura	Stripe-faced Dunnart		
	Sminthopsis youngsoni	Lesser Hairy-footed Dunnart		
Emballonuridae	Saccolaimus flaviventris	Yellow-bellied Sheathtail-bat		
Felidae	Felis catus ^	Cat		
Macropodidae	Macropus robustus	Common Wallaroo		
	Macropus rufus	Red Kangaroo		
Megadermatidae	Macroderma gigas ~	Ghost Bat		



Red Kangaroo (*Macropus rufus*), Mark Cowan © Copyright, Department of Parks and Wildlife

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Mammals			
Family	Species	Common name	
Molossidae	Chaerephon jobensis	Northern Freetail-bat, Northern Mastiff Bat	
	Mormopterus beccarii	Beccari's Freetail-bat, Beccari's Mastiff Bat	
	Tadarida australis *	White-striped Freetail-bat	
Muridae	Mus musculus ^	House Mouse	
	Notomys alexis	Spinifex Hopping-mouse	
	Pseudomys chapmani ~	Pebble-mound Mouse	
	Pseudomys delicatulus	Delicate Mouse	
	Pseudomys hermannsburgensis	Sandy Inland Mouse	
	Zyzomys argurus	Common Rock-rat	
Tachyglossidae	Tachyglossus aculeatus *	Short-beaked Echidna	
Vespertilionidae	Chalinolobus gouldii	Gould's Wattled Bat	
	Nyctophilus geoffroyi	Lesser Long-eared Bat	
	Scotorepens greyii	Little Broad-nosed Bat	
	Vespadelus finlaysoni	Finlayson's Cave Bat	

Birds			
Family	Species	Common name	
Acanthizidae	Smicrornis brevirostris	Weebill	
Accipitridae	Accipiter cirrocephalus	Collared Sparrowhawk	
	Aquila audax	Wedge-tailed Eagle	
	Circus assimilis	Spotted Harrier	
	Haliaeetus leucogaster ~	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	
	Haliastur sphenurus	Whistling Kite	
	Hieraaetus morphnoides	Little Eagle	
	Milvus migrans	Black Kite	
Aegothelidae	Aegotheles cristatus	Australian Owlet-nightjar	
Alcedinidae	Dacelo leachii	Blue-winged Kookaburra	
	Todiramphus pyrrhopygius	Red-backed Kingfisher	
	Todiramphus sanctus	Sacred Kingfisher	
Anatidae	Anas superciliosa	Pacific Black Duck	
Ardeidae	Ardea modesta ~	Eastern Great Egret	
	Ardea pacifica	White-necked Heron	
	Egretta novaehollandiae	White-faced Heron	
	Egretta sacra ~	Eastern Reef Egret	
Artamidae	Artamus cinereus	Black-faced Woodswallow	
	Cracticus nigrogularis	Pied Butcherbird	
	Cracticus tibicen	Australian Magpie	
	Cracticus torquatus	Grey Butcherbird	



Birds		
Family	Species	Common name
Burhinidae	Burhinus grallarius	Bush Stone-curlew
Cacatuidae	Cacatua sanguinea	Little Corella
	Eolophus roseicapillus	Galah
	Nymphicus hollandicus	Cockatiel
Campephagidae	Coracina novaehollandiae	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
	Lalage sueurii	White-winged Triller
Caprimulgidae	Eurostopodus argus	Spotted Nightjar
Casuariidae	Dromaius novaehollandiae	Emu
Centropodidae	Centropus phasianinus	Pheasant Coucal
Charadriidae	Elseyornis melanops	Black-fronted Dotterel
Climacteridae	Climacteris melanura	Black-tailed Treecreeper
Columbidae	Geopelia cuneata	Diamond Dove
	Geopelia striata	Peaceful Dove
	Geophaps plumifera	Spinifex Pigeon
	Ocyphaps lophotes	Crested Pigeon
	Phaps chalcoptera	Common Bronzewing
Corvidae	Corvus bennetti	Little Crow
	Corvus orru	Torresian Crow
Cuculidae	Cacomantis pallidus	Pallid Cuckoo
	Chalcites basalis	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo
Estrildidae	Emblema pictum	Painted Finch
	Taeniopygia guttata	Zebra Finch
Falconidae	Falco berigora	Brown Falcon
	Falco cenchroides	Nankeen Kestrel
	Falco hypoleucos ~	Grey Falcon
Hirundinidae	Hirundo neoxena	Welcome Swallow
	Petrochelidon ariel	Fairy Martin
	Petrochelidon nigricans	Tree Martin
Laridae	Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae novaehollandiae	Silver Gull
Maluridae	Malurus lamberti	Variegated Fairy-wren
	Malurus leucopterus	White-winged Fairy-wren
Megaluridae	Cincloramphus cruralis	Brown Songlark
	Eremiornis carteri	Spinifexbird

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Birds			
Family	Species	Common name	
Meliphagidae	Certhionyx variegatus	Pied Honeyeater	
	Epthianura tricolor	Crimson Chat	
	Gavicalis virescens	Singing Honeyeater	
	Lichmera indistincta	Brown Honeyeater	
	Manorina flavigula	Yellow-throated Miner	
	Ptilotula keartlandi	Grey-headed Honeyeater	
	Ptilotula penicillatus	White-plumed Honeyeater	
	Sugomel niger	Black Honeyeater	
Meropidae	Merops ornatus ~	Rainbow Bee-eater	
Monarchidae	Grallina cyanoleuca	Magpie-lark	
Motacillidae	Anthus novaeseelandiae	Australasian Pipit, Australian Pipit	
Otididae	Ardeotis australis	Australian Bustard	
Pachycephalidae	Colluricincla harmonica	Grey Shrike-thrush	
	Oreoica gutturalis	Crested Bellbird	
	Pachycephala rufiventris	Rufous Whistler	
Pardalotidae	Pardalotus rubricatus	Red-browed Pardalote	
Pelecanidae	Pelecanus conspicillatus	Australian Pelican	
Phalacrocoracidae	Microcarbo melanoleucos	Little Pied Cormorant	
	Phalacrocorax carbo	Great Cormorant	
Phasianidae	Coturnix ypsilophora	Brown Quail	
Pomatostomidae	Pomatostomus temporalis	Grey-crowned Babbler	
Psittacidae	Barnardius zonarius	Australian Ringneck	
	Melopsittacus undulatus	Budgerigar	



Australian Bustard (Ardeotis australis), Steve Dillon © Copyright, Western Australian Herbarium



Birds		
Family Species Common name		
Rhipiduridae	Rhipidura leucophrys	Willie Wagtail
Strigidae	Ninox novaeseelandiae	Southern Boobook
Turnicidae	Turnix velox	Little Button-quail



Black-headed Python (*Aspidites melanocephalus*), Steve Dillon © Copyright, Western Australian Herbarium

Orange-naped Snake (*Furina ornata*), Mark Cowan © Copyright, Department of Parks and Wildlife

Reptiles		
Family	Species	Common name
Agamidae	Ctenophorus caudicinctus	Ring-tailed Dragon
	Ctenophorus femoralis	Long-tailed Sand-dragon
	Ctenophorus isolepis	Central Military Dragon
	Ctenophorus nuchalis	Central Netted Dragon
	Ctenophorus reticulatus	Western Netted Dragon
	Ctenophorus rubens	Reddening Sand-dragon
	Diporiphora winneckei	Blue-lined Dragon, Canegrass Dragon
	Lophognathus longirostris *	Long-nosed Dragon
	Pogona minor	Dwarf Bearded Dragon
Boidae	Antaresia perthensis	Pygmy Python
	Antaresia stimsoni	Stimson's Python
	Aspidites melanocephalus	Black-headed Python

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Leopard Ctenotus (Ctenotus pantherinus), Mark Cowan © Copyright, Department of Parks and Wildlife

	Reptile	25
Family	Species	Common name
Carphodactylidae	Nephrurus levis	Smooth Knob-tailed Gecko, Three-lined Knob-tail
	Nephrurus wheeleri	Banded Knob-tail
Diplodactylidae	Diplodactylus conspicillatus	Fat-tailed Diplodactylus, Fat-tailed Gecko
	Lucasium stenodactylum	Crowned Gecko, Sand-plain Gecko
	Lucasium wombeyi	Pilbara Ground Gecko
	Rhynchoedura ornata	Western Beaked Gecko
	Strophurus elderi	Jewelled Gecko
	Strophurus strophurus	Western Spiny-tailed Gecko
Elapidae	Acanthophis pyrrhus	Desert Death Adder
	Acanthophis wellsei	Pilbara Death Adder
	Brachyurophis fasciolatus	Narrow-banded Shovel-nosed Snake, Narrow-banded Snake
	Brachyurophis semifasciatus	Southern Shovel-nosed Snake
	Demansia psammophis	Yellow-faced Whip Snake
	Demansia rufescens	Rufous Whipsnake
	Furina ornata	Moon Snake, Orange-naped Snake
	Pseudechis australis	King Brown Snake, Mulga Snake
	Pseudonaja modesta	Ringed Brown Snake
	Pseudonaja nuchalis	Northern Brown Snake
	Simoselaps anomalus *	Desert Banded Snake
	Suta fasciata	Rosen's Snake
	Suta punctata	Little Spotted Snake
Gekkonidae	Gehyra pilbara	Pilbara Dtella
	Gehyra punctata	Spotted Dtella
	Gehyra variegata	Tree Dtella
	Heteronotia binoei	Bynoe's Gecko



Reptiles			
Family	Species	Common name	
Pygopodidae	Delma nasuta	Sharp-snouted Delma	
	Delma pax	Peace Delma	
	Delma tincta	Excitable Delma	
	Lialis burtonis	Burton's Snake-lizard	
Scincidae	Carlia munda	Shaded-litter Rainbow-skink	
	Ctenotus calurus *	Blue-tailed Ctenotus, Blue-tailed Finesnout Ctenotus	
	Ctenotus duricola	Pilbara Ctenotus	
	Ctenotus grandis	Grand Ctenotus	
	Ctenotus hanloni	Nimble Ctenotus	
	Ctenotus helenae	Clay-soil Ctenotus, Helen's Ctenotus	
	Ctenotus iapetus	North West Cape Ctenotus	
	Ctenotus maryani	Maryan's Ctenotus	
	Ctenotus pantherinus	Leopard Ctenotus	
	Ctenotus rufescens	Rufous Finesnout Ctenotus	
	Ctenotus saxatilis	Rock Ctenotus, Stony-soil Ctenotus	
	Ctenotus schomburgkii	Barred Wedgesnout Ctenotus, Schomburgk's Ctenotus	
	Ctenotus serventyi	North-western Sandy-loam Ctenotus	
	Cyclodomorphus melanops	Spinifex Slender Blue-tongue	
	Egernia depressa	Pygmy Spiny-tailed Skink	
	Eremiascincus fasciolatus	Narrow-banded Sand-swimmer	
	Eremiascincus richardsonii	Broad-banded Sand-swimmer	
	Lerista bipes	North-western Sandslider, Two-toed Lerista	
	Lerista clara	Sharp-blazed Three-toed Slider	
	Lerista muelleri	Wood Mulch-slider	
	Lerista onsloviana	Onslow Broad-blazed Slider	
	Lerista rolfei	Rolfe's Slider	
	Lerista verhmens	Powerful Lerista	
	Menetia greyii	Common Dwarf Skink, Grey's Menetia	
	Morethia ruficauda	Lined Firetail Skink	
	Notoscincus ornatus	Ornate Soil-crevice Skink	
	Proablepharus reginae	Spinifex Snake-eyed Skink, Western Soil-crevice Skink	
	Tiliqua multifasciata	Centralian Blue-tongue	

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Reptiles		
Family	Species	Common name
Typhlopidae	Ramphotyphlops ammodytes	Sand-diving Blind Snake
	Ramphotyphlops diversus	Northern Blind Snake
	Ramphotyphlops grypus	Beaked Blind Snake, Long-beaked Blind Snake
	Ramphotyphlops leptosoma	Murchison Blind Snake
Varanidae	Varanus acanthurus	Ridge-tailed Monitor, Spiny-tailed Monitor
	Varanus brevicauda	Short-tailed Pygmy Monitor
	Varanus caudolineatus	Stripe-tailed Monitor
	Varanus eremius	Pygmy Desert Monitor
	Varanus giganteus *	Perentie
	Varanus gouldii	Gould's Goanna
	Varanus panoptes	Yellow-spotted Monitor

Frogs and Toads		
Family	Species	Common name
Hylidae	Cyclorana maini	Main's Frog
	Litoria rubella	Desert Tree Frog, Red Tree Frog
Myobatrachidae	Neobatrachus aquilonius	Northern Burrowing Frog
	Notaden nichollsi	Desert Spadefoot Toad
	Platyplectrum spenceri	Spencer's Burrowing Frog, Spencer's Frog



### Invertebrates

	Bees		Bees
Family	Species	Family	Species
Apidae	Amegilla chlorocyanea *	Megachilidae	Megachile sp. 01 *
	Amegilla murrayensis *		Megachile sp. 02 *
	Thyreus sp. 01 *		Megachile sp. 03 *
Colletidae	Euhesma sp. 01 *		Megachile sp. 04 *
	Euhesma sp. 02 *		<i>Megachile</i> sp. 05 *
	Euhesma sp. 03 *		<i>Megachile</i> sp. 06 *
	Hylaeus maiellus *		<i>Megachile</i> sp. 07 *
	Leioproctus sp. 01 blue *		Megachile sp. 08 *
	Leioproctus sp. 02 *		Megachile sp. 09 *
	Leioproctus sp. 03 *		<i>Megachile</i> sp. 10 *
	Leioproctus sp. 04 bighead *		<i>Megachile</i> sp. 11 *
	Leioproctus sp. 05 *		<i>Megachile</i> sp. 12 *
	Leioproctus sp. 06 *		
	Trichocolletes sp. 01 *		
Halictidae	Homalictus sp. 01 *		
	Homalictus sp. 02 *		
	Homalictus sp. 03 *		
	Lasioglossum (Chilalictus) sp. 01 *		
	Lasioglossum (Chilalictus) sp. 02 *		
	Lasioglossum (Chilalictus) sp. 03 *		
	Lasioglossum (Chilalictus) sp. 04 *		
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Moths			Butterflies	
Family	Species	Family	Species	
Geometridae	Cleora displicata *	Lycaenidae	Nacaduba biocellata *	
	Lissomma minuta *		Theclinesthes miskini *	
	Nearcha caronia *	Nymphalidae	Acraea andromacha *	
	Nearcha n. sp. 01 *		Vanessa kershawi *	
	Nearcha n. sp. 02 *	Pieridae	Catopsilia pomona *	
	Nearcha ophla *		Eurema smilax *	
	<i>Oenochroma</i> n. sp. *		·	
	"Prasinocyma" ocyptera *			







Australian Painted Lady (*Vanessa kershawi*), Cathy Byrne © Copyright, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery

Water Beetles			True Bugs	
Family	Species	Family	Species	
Dytiscidae	Copelatus nigrolineatus Eretes australis	Anthocoridae	Anthocoridae sp. BBPILB11/ANTH/Msp021 *	
	Hydroglyphus basalis	Belostomatidae	Lethocerus distinctifemur *	
	Hydroglyphus grammopterus	Coreidae	Mictis profana * ^	
	Hyphydrus lyratus	Cydnidae	Cydnidae sp. BBPILB11/CYDN/Msp019 *	
	Laccophilus sharpi Rhantaticus congestus	_	Cydnidae sp. BBPILB11/CYDN/Msp020 *	
	Tiporus tambreyi	Geocoridae	Germalus sp. 01	
Gyrinidae	<i>Gyrinidae</i> n. sp. *		BBPILB11/GEOC/Msp001 *	
			Germalus sp. 02 BBPILB11/GEOC/Msp002 *	
			Germalus sp. 03 BBPILB11/GERM/Msp040 *	





A putative new species of True Bug, Dicyphini n. gen. n. sp. BBPILB11/BRYO/Msp032, Marina Cheng  $\odot$  Copyright, University of New South Wales

	True Bugs		
Family	Species		
Gerridae	Limnogonus fossarum		
	Rhagadotarsus anomalus *		
Heterogastridae	Dinomachus sp. BBPILB11/HETE/Msp039 *		
Lygaeidae	Ischnorhynchinae sp. BBPILB11/LYGA/Msp033 *		
	Nysius vinitor * ^		
Miridae	Campylomma sp. BBPILB11/PHYL/Msp026 *		
	Creontiades sp. BBPILB11/MIRI/Msp027 *		
	Dicyphini n. gen. n. sp. BBPILB11/BRYO/Msp032 *		
	Orthotylinae n. gen. 03 n. sp. 01 BBPILB11/ORTH/Msp044 *		
	Orthotylinae n. gen. 03 n. sp. 02 BBPILB11/ORTH/Msp045 *		

	True Bugs
Family	Species
Miridae	Orthotylini n. gen. 01 n. sp. 01 BBPILB11/ORTH/Msp037 *
	Orthotylini n. gen. 01 n. sp. 02 BBPILB11/ORTH/Msp036 *
	Orthotylini n. gen. 02 n. sp. 01 BBPILB11/ORTH/Msp038 *
	Orthotylus n. sp. 01 BBPILB11/ORTH/Msp028 *
	Orthotylus n. sp. 02 BBPILB11/ ORTH/Msp029 *
	Phylinae sp. 01 BBPILB11/PENT/Msp023 *
	Phylinae sp. 02 BBPILB11/PENT/Msp024 *
	Phylinae sp. 03 BBPILB11/PENT/Msp025 *
	Phylini sp. 01 BBPILB11/PHYL/Msp047 *
	Phylini sp. 02 BBPILB11/PHYL/Msp048 *
	Phylini sp. 03 BBPILB11/PHYL/Msp049 *
	Phylini sp. 04 BBPILB11/PHYL/Msp050 *
	Singhalesia n. sp. 01 BBPILB11/BRYO/Msp046 *
	Singhalesia sp. 01 BBPILB11/BRYO/Msp030 *
	Singhalesia sp. 02 BBPILB11/BRYO/Msp031 *
	Witchelinamiris n. sp. 01 BBPILB11/ORTH/Msp034 *
	Witchelinamiris n. sp. 02 BBPILB11/ORTH/Msp035 *
	Zanchiini n. gen. 01 n. sp. 01 BBPILB11/ORTH/Msp043 *
	Zanchiini n. gen. 01 n. sp. 02 BBPILB11/ORTH/Msp042 *
	Zanchiini n. gen. 02 n. sp. 03 BBPII B11/ORTH/Msp054 *

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Family	Species
Nabidae	Nabis sp. BBPILB11/NABI/Msp022 *
Notonectidae	Anisopinae sp. BBPILB11/NOTO/Msp051 *
Pachygronthidae	Stenophyella macreta *
Pentatomidae	Cephaloplatus bellus *
	Ocirrhoe sp. 01 BBPILB11/PENT/Msp056 *
	Ocirrhoe sp. 02 BBPILB11/PENT/Msp057 *
	Piezodorus sp. BBPILB11/PENT/Msp058 *
	Poecilometis longicornis *
Reduviidae	Peirates sepulchralis *
	Reduviidae sp. BBPILB11/REDU/Msp012 *
	Reduviidae sp. BBPILB11/REDU/Msp013 *
	Stenopodainae sp. BBPILB11/REDU/Msp011 *
Rhyparochromidae	Dieuches sp. BBPILB11/RHYP/Msp017 *
	Drymini n. gen. n. sp. BBPILB11/RHYP/Msp041 *
	Myodochini sp. BBPILB11/RHYP/Msp016 *
	Plinthisus sp. BBPILB11/RHYP/Msp018 *
Tingidae	Lasiacantha caneriverensis n. sp BBPILB11/TING/Msp007 *
	Oncophysa sp. BBPILB11/TING/Msp005 *
	Paracopium sp. BBPILB11/TING/Msp006 *
	Ulonemia sp. BBPILB11/TING/Msp004 *
Veliidae	Microvelia herberti



Silky Browntop (*Eulalia aurea*) was found to host a newly described species of grass hrips, *Aliceathrips australiensis*, Desley Tree © Copyright, Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation

Thrips		
Family	Species	
Aeolothripidae	Desmothrips mendozai *	
	Desmothrips propinquus *	
Velanthripidae	Cranothrips lauriei/ravidus *	
	Cranothrips vesper *	
Phlaeothripidae	Gynaikothrips sp. *	
	Haplothrips froggatti *	
	Haplothrips gomphrenae *	
	Jacotia sp. *	
	Katothrips nodus *	
	Kladothrips xiphius *	
	Pelinothrips ornatus *	
	Teuchothrips sp. *	
	Warithrips aridum *	
Thripidae	Aliceathrips australiensis *	
	Frankliniella schultzei * ^	
	Gen. nr Odontothripiella *	
	Neohydatothrips haydni *	
	Neohydatothrips katherinae *	
	Scirtothrips eremicus *	
	Scirtothrips nr pilbara *	
	Scirtothrips sp. *	
	Thrips imaginis * ^	



	Termites		Mites
Family	Species	Family	Species
Termitidae	Tumulitermes pastinator	[Subclass Acari]	Acari sp. *
		Caeculidae	Neocaeculus sp. *
		Ixodidae	Amblyomma sp. *

Trombidiidae

	Dragonflies
Family	Species
Aeshnidae	Anax papuensis *
Libellulidae	Diplacodes bipunctata *
	Diplacodes haematodes *
	Orthetrum caledonicum *
	Pantala flavescens *
	Tramea loewii *

	Water Mites
Family	Species
[Clade	Hydracarina n. sp. 01 *
Hydracarina]	Hydracarina n. sp. 02 *

Trombidiidae sp. \*

Millipedes		
Family	Species	
Paradoxosomatidae	Antichiropus sp. *	

	Centipedes
Family	Species
Cryptopidae	Cryptops sp. *
Geophilidae	Geophilidae sp. *
Scolopendridae	Ethmostigmus curtipes *
	Scolopendra laeta *
	Scolopendra morsitans *
Scutigeridae	Scutigeridae sp. *



Scorpions		
Family	Species	
Buthidae	Lychas n. sp. CR1 *	
Urodacidae	Urodacus sp. *	

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Pseudoscorpions		
Family	Species	
Chernetidae	Haplochernes sp. *	
Chthoniidae	Tyrannochthonius aridus *	
Garypidae	Synsphyronus n. sp. CR1 *	
	Synsphyronus n. sp. CR2 *	
	Synsphyronus sp. 8/1 Pilbara *	
Olpiidae	Austrohorus sp. *	
	Beierolpium sp. 8/4 *	
	Indolpium sp. *	
Sternophoridae	Afrosternophorus sp. *	



A new lynx spider species recorded for the park (Oxyopidae sp.), Adrienne Markey © Copyright, Western Australian Herbarium

	Spiders		Spiders
Family	Species	Family	Species
Araneidae	Backobourkia collina *	Oxyopidae	Oxyopidae sp. *
	Dolophones sp. *	_	Oxyopidae sp. *
Barychelidae	Idiommata MYG110 *		Oxyopidae sp. *
Clubionidae	Cheiracanthium sp. *	Pholcidae	Artema atlanta *
	Clubiona sp. *	_	Trichocyclus sp. *
Corinnidae	Supunna funerea *	Prodidomidae	Wydundra kennedy *
Desidae	Desidae sp. *	Salticidae	Holoplatys planissima *
	Phryganoporus poss. candidus *		Holoplatys poss. planissima *
Gnaphosidae	Gnaphosidae sp. *		Lycidas sp. *
Lamponidae	Asadipus phaleratus *		Menemerus 'bracteatus' group *
	Asadipus yundamindra *		Rhombonotus sp. *
	Lampona ampeinna *		Salticidae sp. *
	Lamponina scutata *	Selenopidae	Karaops sp. *
	Notsodipus barlee *	Tetragnathidae	Tetragnatha sp. *
Linyphiidae	Laperousea prob. blattifera *	Theridiidae	<i>Euryopis</i> sp. *
Lycosidae	Alopecosa leonhardii *		Latrodectus hasseltii *
	Hogna sp. *		Steatoda sp. *
	Hogna sp. *	Thomisidae	<i>Tharpyna</i> sp. *
Nemesiidae	Aname sp. *	Uloboridae	poss. Philoponella sp. *
Nephilidae	Nephila edulis *		Uloborus sp. *
Oonopidae	<i>Opopaea</i> sp. *	Zodariidae	Cavasteron tenuicalcar *
			Neostorena sp. *
		Zoridae	Argoctenus sp. *



Crustaceans—Terrestrial		Crustaceans—Groundwater	
Family	Species	Family	Species
Armadillidae	Buddelundia n. sp. 01 *	[Class Ostracoda]	Ostracoda n. sp. 01 *
	Buddelundia n. sp. 02 *		Ostracoda n. sp. 02 *
	Buddelundia n. sp. 03 *		Ostracoda n. sp. 03 *
	Buddelundia n. sp. 04 *		Ostracoda n. sp. 04 *
	Buddelundia n. sp. 05 *		Ostracoda n. sp. 05 *
	Buddelundia n. sp. 06 *	[Subclass Copepoda]	Copepoda n. sp. 01 *
	Buddelundia n. sp. 07 *	—	Copepoda n. sp. 02 *
	Buddelundia n. sp. 08 *		Copepoda n. sp. 03 *
			Copepoda n. sp. 04 *



A putative new species of stygofauna*, Buddelundia* sp., Rachael King © Copyright, Western Australian Museum

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[Subclass Copepoda]	Copepoda n. sp. 01 *	
	Copepoda n. sp. 02 *	
	Copepoda n. sp. 03 *	
	Copepoda n. sp. 04 *	
	Copepoda n. sp. 05 *	
Armadillidae	Armadillidae n. sp. (troglobitic blind) *	
Melitidae	Melitidae n. gen n. sp. *	
	Nedsia n. sp. 01 *	
	Nedsia n. sp. 02 *	
	Nedsia n. sp. 03 *	
	Nedsia n. sp. 04 *	
Parabathynellidae	Billibathynella n. sp. 01 *	
	Billibathynella n. sp. 02 *	
	Billibathynella n. sp. 03 *	
Paramelitidae	Chydaekata n. sp. 01 *	
	Chydaekata n. sp. 02 *	
	Chydaekata n. sp. 03 *	
	Chydaekata n. sp. 04 *	
	Kruptus n. sp. *	
	<i>Molina</i> n. sp. *	
	Paramelitidae sp. *	
Scyphacidae	Haloniscus n. sp. *	

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	Bristle Worms	
Family	Species	1
[Class Polychaeta]	Polychaeta n. sp. *	[
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Flatworms (Platyhelminthes)		
Family Species		
[Class Turbellaria] <b>Turbellaria n. sp.</b> *		
[Order Macrostomida] Macrostomida n. sp. *		
Rhynchodemidae Rhynchodeminae n. sp. *		

Slugs and Snails		
Family	Species	
[Class Gastropoda]	Gastropoda sp. *	
Camaenidae	<i>Quistrachia</i> n. sp. 'Parry Range' *	
	Rhagada convicta	
Planorbidae	Gyraulus sp. *	
	Planorbidae sp. 01 *	
Pupillidae	Gastrocopta larapinta *	
	Gastrocopta mussoni *	
	Pupoides beltianus *	
	Pupoides cf. beltianus *	
	Pupoides cf. ischnus *	
Succineidae	Succinea sp. *	



The land snail  $\it Rhagada\, convicta\, \odot\, Copyright, Department of the Environment$ 



# Flora

	Flowering Plants		Flowering Plants
Family	Species	Family	Species
Acanthaceae	Dipteracanthus australasicus	Amaranthaceae	Ptilotus obovatus
	subsp. australasicus *	_	Ptilotus polystachyus
Aizoaceae	Trianthema oxycalyptra var.		Ptilotus villosiflorus
	oxycalyptra	Apocynaceae	Sarcostemma viminale subsp.
	Trianthema pilosa		australe
	Trianthema triquetra	Araliaceae	Trachymene oleracea subsp.
A	Trianthema turgidifolia *	_	oleracea
Amaranthaceae	Achyranthes aspera	_	Trachymene pilbarensis
	Aerva javanica ^	Asteraceae	Calocephalus francisii
	Alternanthera nana	-	Calocephalus knappii
	Alternanthera nodiflora *	-	Calotis plumulifera
	Amaranthus cuspidifolius	_	Centipeda minima
	Amaranthus undulatus *	_	Centipeda minima subsp.
	Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis *		<i>macrocephala</i> Decazesia hecatocephala
	Gomphrena cunninghamii	_	Flaveria trinervia * ^
	Ptilotus aervoides	_	Helichrysum oligochaetum
	Ptilotus appendiculatus var. appendiculatus *		Olearia fluvialis
	Ptilotus arthrolasius	-	Pluchea dentex
	Ptilotus astrolasius	-	Pluchea dunlopii
	Ptilotus auriculifolius	-	Pluchea ferdinandi-muelleri *
		-	Pluchea rubelliflora
	Ptilotus axillaris	-	Pterocaulon sp. indet.
	Ptilotus calostachyus	_	Pterocaulon sphacelatum
	Ptilotus clementii	_	Rhodanthe margarethae
	Ptilotus fusiformis	-	Rhodanthe psammophila
	Ptilotus gomphrenoides *	-	Sonchus oleraceus ^
	Ptilotus helipteroides	-	Streptoglossa bubakii *
	Ptilotus incanus	_	Streptoglossa cylindriceps
	Ptilotus latifolius	_	Streptoglossa decurrens
	Ptilotus mollis * ~	_	Streptoglossa liatroides
	Ptilotus nobilis subsp. nobilis		

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Family	Species	Family	Species
Asteraceae	Streptoglossa macrocephala	Caryophyllaceae	Polycarpaea corymbosa
	Streptoglossa odora		Polycarpaea holtzei
	Vittadinia obovata *		Polycarpaea longiflora *
	Vittadinia virgata	Celastraceae	Stackhousia muricata *
Boraginaceae	Heliotropium chrysocarpum *	Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex codonocarpa
	Heliotropium crispatum		Dissocarpus paradoxus *
	Heliotropium diversifolium *		Dysphania kalpari
	Heliotropium glanduliferum *		Dysphania melanocarpa *
	Heliotropium heteranthum		Dysphania rhadinostachya
	Heliotropium pachyphyllum		Dysphania rhadinostachya subs
	Lepidium pholidogynum		rhadinostachya
	Lepidium platypetalum		Dysphania sphaerosperma
	Trichodesma zeylanicum		Enchylaena tomentosa
Cactaceae	Cylindropuntia sp. (?fulgida) * ^		Enchylaena tomentosa var.
Campanulaceae	Lobelia heterophylla subsp.		tomentosa Mairagna goorgai
	pilbarensis		Maireana georgei
	Wahlenbergia tumidifructa		Maireana melanocoma
Capparaceae	Capparis spinosa var. nummularia *		Maireana planifolia
			Rhagodia eremaea *



Pussy Bluebush (Mareana melanocoma),
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F	lowering Plants	
Family	Species	
Caryophyllaceae	Polycarpaea corymbosa	
	Polycarpaea holtzei	
	Polycarpaea longiflora *	
Celastraceae	Stackhousia muricata *	
Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex codonocarpa	
	Dissocarpus paradoxus *	
	Dysphania kalpari	
	Dysphania melanocarpa *	
	Dysphania rhadinostachya	
	Dysphania rhadinostachya subsp. rhadinostachya	
	Dysphania sphaerosperma	
	Enchylaena tomentosa	
	Enchylaena tomentosa var. tomentosa	
	Maireana georgei	
	Maireana melanocoma	
	Maireana planifolia	
	Rhagodia eremaea *	
	Salsola australis	
	Sclerolaena costata	
	Sclerolaena densiflora	
	Sclerolaena eriacantha	
	Tecticornia indica subsp. leiostachya *	
Cleomaceae	Cleome uncifera subsp. uncifera	
	Cleome viscosa	
Commelinaceae	Commelina ensifolia *	
Convolvulaceae	Bonamia alatisemina	
	Bonamia linearis	
	Bonamia media var. villosa	
	Bonamia rosea	
	Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx	
	Ipomoea coptica *	
	Ipomoea muelleri	
	Polymeria ambigua	
	Polymeria calycina *	
	Polymeria lanata	
Cucurbitaceae	Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis * ^	
	Cucumis variabilis	



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Family	Species	Family	Species
Cyperaceae	Bulbostylis barbata	Fabaceae	Acacia sphaerostachya
	Cyperus cunninghamii		Acacia stellaticeps
	Cyperus cunninghamii subsp.		Acacia synchronicia
	cunninghamii		Acacia tetragonophylla
	Cyperus dactylotes		Acacia trachycarpa
	Cyperus rigidellus		Acacia tumida
	Cyperus vaginatus *		Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis
Elatinaceae	Bergia pedicellaris *		Acacia wanyu
	Bergia perennis *		Acacia wiseana *
Euphorbiaceae	Adriana tomentosa var. tomentosa		Acacia x bivenosa hybrid?
	Euphorbia australis		Acacia xiphophylla
	Euphorbia boophthona		Aenictophyton reconditum
	Euphorbia drummondii		Cajanus cinereus
	Euphorbia mitchelliana		Crotalaria cunninghamii subsp.
	Euphorbia myrtoides		sturtii *
	Euphorbia tannensis subsp. eremophila		Crotalaria medicaginea
	Euphorbia trigonosperma		Crotalaria medicaginea var. neglecta
	Euphorbia vaccaria		Crotalaria ramosissima
	Notoleptopus decaisnei		Cullen ?leucanthum seedling
Fabaceae	Acacia acradenia *		Cullen leucanthum
	Acacia ancistrocarpa		Cullen leucochaites
	Acacia aneura		Cullen martinii
	Acacia arida		Glycine canescens
	Acacia atkinsiana		Indigofera boviperda
	Acacia bivenosa		Indigofera colutea *
	Acacia citrinoviridis		Indigofera georgei
	Acacia coriacea subsp. coriacea		Indigofera linifolia *
	Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens		Indigofera monophylla
	Acacia inaequilatera		Indigofera petraea *
	Acacia murrayana *		Isotropis atropurpurea
	Acacia pyrifolia var. pyrifolia		Petalostylis cassioides
	Acacia sclerosperma subsp.		
	sclerosperma *		Rhynchosia australis
	Acacia sericophylla		Rhynchosia minima
			Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla

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Fabaceae	Senna ferraria	A DEC THE REAL	1000
	Senna glutinosa		- Andrews
	Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa		
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	Senna glutinosa subsp. x luerssenii		
	Senna notabilis		AT TAKEN
	Senna venusta		
	Sesbania cannabina *		
	Swainsona complanata		
	Swainsona formosa		Sal Maria
	Swainsona forrestii		
	Tephrosia clementii		AL CONTRACTOR
	Tephrosia rosea		1
	Tephrosia rosea var. ?		
	Tephrosia rosea var. clementii		
	<i>Tephrosia</i> sp. B Kimberley Flora (C.A.Gardner 7300)		
	<i>Tephrosia</i> sp. Fortescue (A.A.Mitchell 606)	Tephrosia supina, Adrienne Mark	æy © Copyright, Western Aus
	Tephrosia sp. NW Eremaean	E	owering Plants
	<i>Tephrosia</i> sp. Onslow (K.R.Newbey 10571)	Family	Species
	Tephrosia supina *	Haloragaceae	Haloragis gossei
	Tephrosia uniovulata	Hemerocallidaceae	Corynotheca pung
	Vachellia farnesiana ^	Lamiaceae	Clerodendrum floi
	Vigna lanceolata var. lanceolata *	-	angustifolium
	Zornia albiflora *		Dicrastylis cordifo
Goodeniaceae	Dampiera candicans		Pityrodia loxocarp
	Goodenia forrestii	-	Pityrodia panicula
	Goodenia lamprosperma	Lauraceae	Cassytha capillari
	Goodenia microptera	Lythraceae	Ammannia multif
	Goodenia stobbsiana *	Malvaceae	Abutilon sp. aff. P
	Goodenia tenuiloba	-	(S. van Leeuwe
	Scaevola parvifolia	-	Abutilon fraseri *
	, Scaevola parvifolia subsp. pilbarae		Abutilon lepidum
	Scaevola pulchella		Abutilon otocarpu
	Scaevola sericophylla		Abutilon sp. Dioic (A.A.Mitchell Pl
	Scaevola spinescens		Abutilon sp. Pritze
Gyrostemonace			(S. van Leeuwe
	Gyrostemon ramulosus	-	Alyogyne pinoniar



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Hemerocallidaceae	Corynotheca pungens	
Lamiaceae	Clerodendrum floribundum var. angustifolium	
	Dicrastylis cordifolia *	
	Pityrodia loxocarpa	
	Pityrodia paniculata	
Lauraceae	Cassytha capillaris *	
Lythraceae	Ammannia multiflora *	
Malvaceae	Abutilon sp. aff. Pritzelianum (S. van Leeuwen 5095)	
	Abutilon fraseri *	
	Abutilon lepidum	
	Abutilon otocarpum *	
	Abutilon sp. Dioicum (A.A.Mitchell PRP 1618) *	
	Abutilon sp. Pritzelianum (S. van Leeuwen 5095)	
	Alyogyne pinoniana var. pinoniana *	
	Corchorus crozophorifolius	





Clerodendrum floribundum var. angustifolium, Adrienne Markey © Copyright, Western Australian Herbarium

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Family	Species	Family	Species
Malvaceae	Corchorus laniflorus	Malvaceae	Sida cardiophylla *
	Corchorus parviflorus	_	Sida echinocarpa
	Corchorus sidoides subsp.	_	Sida fibulifera
	vermicularis	-	Sida platycalyx
	Corchorus tectus *	_	Sida rohlenae subsp. rohlenae
	Gossypium australe	_	<i>Sida</i> sp. Pilbara
	Gossypium robinsonii	_	(A.A.Mitchell PRP 1543)
	Hannafordia quadrivalvis subsp. recurva *		Sida sp. verrucose glands (F.H.Mollemans 2423)
	Hibiscus brachychlaenus	_	Triumfetta chaetocarpa
	Hibiscus coatesii	_	Triumfetta clementii
	Hibiscus goldsworthii	_	Triumfetta johnstonii
	Hibiscus sturtii	_	Triumfetta maconochieana
	Keraudrenia nephrosperma	_	Triumfetta ramosa
	Keraudrenia sp. North West		Waltheria indica
	(J.Z.Weber 6475) C.F.Wilkins *	_	Waltheria virgata
	Lawrencia densiflora *	Molluginaceae	Mollugo molluginea
	Malvastrum americanum ^	Moraceae	Ficus brachypoda
	Sida arsiniata		

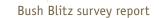
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Family	Species	Family	Species
Myrtaceae	Corymbia aspera	Poaceae	Cymbopogon obtectus
	Corymbia candida		Dactyloctenium radulans *
	Corymbia deserticola		Dichanthium sericeum
	Corymbia hamersleyana		Echinochloa colona * ^
	<i>Corymbia</i> sp. indet.		Enneapogon caerulescens
	Corymbia terminalis		Enteropogon ramosus *
	Corymbia zygophylla		Eragrostis cumingii
	Eucalyptus camaldulensis subsp. refulgens		Eragrostis dielsii Eragrostis eriopoda
	Eucalyptus victrix		Eragrostis leptocarpa
	Eucalyptus xerothermica		Eriachne aristidea
	Melaleuca argentea		Eriachne benthamii
	Melaleuca glomerata *		
	Verticordia forrestii		Eriachne mucronata
Nyctaginaceae	Boerhavia burbidgeana		Eriachne pulchella
i) etaginaceae	Boerhavia coccinea		Eriachne pulchella subsp. dominii
	Boerhavia gardneri		Eulalia aurea *
	Boerhavia schomburgkiana		Iseilema dolichotrichum *
Oleaceae	Jasminum didymum subsp. lineare *		Leptochloa fusca subsp. muelleri *
Orobanchaceae	Striga curviflora		Paraneurachne muelleri
oroburienaceae	Striga squamigera *		Paspalidium clementii
Phrymaceae	Mimulus gracilis *		Perotis rara *
in ymaecae	Peplidium aithocheilum		Setaria dielsii *
	Peplidium sp.		Setaria verticillata * ^
	C Evol. Fl. Fauna Arid Aust.		Sporobolus australasicus
	(N.T.Burbidge & A.Kanis 8158)		Themeda triandra
Phyllanthaceae	Phyllanthus erwinii		Tragus australianus
	Phyllanthus maderaspatensis		Triodia basedowii
Plantaginaceae	Stemodia grossa		Triodia epactia
	Stemodia sp. Onslow		Triodia lanigera
	(A.A.Mitchell 76/148)		Triodia longiceps
Poaceae	Aristida contorta		Triodia pungens
	Aristida holathera var. holathera		Triodia schinzii
	Aristida pruinosa		Triodia wiseana
	Brachyachne prostrata		Yakirra australiensis
	Cenchrus ciliaris ^		Yakirra australiensis var. australiensis
	Chloris barbata * ^	Delveelsesse	
	Chloris pectinata *	Polygalaceae	Polygala isingii *
	Chrysopogon fallax		Polygala linariifolia *
	Cymbopogon ambiguus		Polygala glaucifolia *



F	lowering Plants
Family	Species
Portulacaceae	Calandrinia polyandra
	Portulaca cyclophylla *
	Portulaca oleracea ^
Proteaceae	Grevillea eriostachya
	Grevillea stenobotrya
	Grevillea wickhamii
	Grevillea wickhamii subsp. macrodonta
	Hakea lorea
	Hakea stenophylla subsp. stenophylla *
Rubiaceae	Oldenlandia crouchiana
	Psydrax latifolia *
	Synaptantha tillaeacea var. tillaeacea
Santalaceae	Santalum lanceolatum *
Sapindaceae	Dodonaea coriacea *
	Dodonaea petiolaris *
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila cuneifolia
	Eremophila forrestii
	Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii
	Eremophila forrestii subsp. viridis * ~
	Eremophila fraseri
	Eremophila fraseri subsp. fraseri
	Eremophila latrobei subsp. latrobei
	Eremophila longifolia
Solanaceae	Nicotiana benthamiana
	Solanum ashbyae *
	Solanum cleistogamum
	Solanum diversiflorum
	Solanum elatius *
	Solanum horridum
	Solanum lasiophyllum
	Solanum nigrum * ^
	Solanum pycnotrichum *
Surianaceae	Stylobasium spathulatum *
Thymelaeaceae	Pimelea ammocharis *



Pimelea ammocharis, Adrienne Markey © Copyright, Western Australian Herbarium

Flowering Plants		
Family	Species	
Violaceae	Hybanthus aurantiacus	
Zygophyllaceae	Tribulus astrocarpus	
	Tribulus hirsutus	
	Tribulus macrocarpus	
	Tribulus occidentalis	
	Tribulus suberosus	

Ferns		
Family	Species	
Marsileaceae	Marsilea hirsuta	
	Marsilea sp. indet.	
Pteridaceae	Cheilanthes brownii *	
	Cheilanthes contigua	
	Cheilanthes sieberi subsp. sieberi	

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## **Appendix B: Threatened Species**

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# Fauna

### Vertebrates

Mammals			
Family	Species	Common name	Status
Dasyuridae	Dasyurus hallucatus	Northern Quoll, Digul	EPBC—Endangered; WCA—Endangered
Megadermatidae	Macroderma gigas	Ghost Bat	P4
Muridae	Pseudomys chapmani	Pebble-mound Mouse	P4



The Northern Quoll (*Dasyurus hallucatus*) was recorded in the park in 1999 and 2002, but was not found during this survey despite targeted trapping © Copyright Frank Woerle/ AUSCAPE All rights reserved





Birds			
Family	Species	Common name	Status
Accipitridae	Haliaeetus leucogaster	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	WCA—Migratory bird protected under an international agreement
Ardeidae	Ardea modesta	Eastern Great Egret	WCA—Migratory bird protected under an international agreement
	Egretta sacra	Eastern Reef Egret	WCA—Migratory bird protected under an international agreement
Falconidae	Falco hypoleucos	Grey Falcon	WCA—Rare or likely to become extinct
Meropidae	Merops ornatus	Rainbow Bee-eater	WCA—Migratory bird protected under an international agreement

- P1-P4 = Are priority taxa within WA.
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  - P3 = Poorly-known taxa
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Flowering Plants			
Family	Species	Common name	
Amaranthaceae	Ptilotus mollis *	P4	
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila forrestii subsp. viridis *	Р3	



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## Fauna

### Vertebrates

Mammals			
Family	Species	Common name	
Bovidae	Bos taurus	European Cattle	
Felidae	Felis catus	Cat	
Muridae	Mus musculus	House Mouse	



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## Invertebrates

True Bugs			
Family	Species	Common name	
Coreidae	Mictis profana *	Crusader Bug	
Lygaeidae	Nysius vinitor *	Rutherglen Bug	

Thrips		
Family	Species	Common name
Thripidae	Frankliniella schultzei *	Tomato Thrips
	Thrips imaginis *	Plague Thrips





# Flora

Flowering Plants			
Family	Species	Common name	
Amaranthaceae	Aerva javanica	Kapok Bush, Pillow Weed	
Asteraceae	Flaveria trinervia *	Speedy Weed	
	Sonchus oleraceus	Common Sowthistle	
Cactaceae	Cylindropuntia sp. (?fulgida) *	Boxing Glove Cactus	
Cucurbitaceae	Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis *	Ulcardo Melon	
Fabaceae	Vachellia farnesiana	Spiky Wattle, Sweet Minosa, Mimosa Bush	
Malvaceae	Malvastrum americanum	Spiked Malvastrum	
Poaceae	Cenchrus ciliaris	Buffel Grass	
	Chloris barbata *	Purpletop Chloris	
	Echinochloa colona *	Awnless Barnyard Grass	
	Setaria verticillata *	Whorled Pigeon Grass	
Portulacaceae	Portulaca oleracea	Pigweed, Purslane	
Solanaceae	Solanum nigrum *	Black Berry Nightshade	



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## Glossary



### G

### Gibber

A desert surface covered with closely packed, interlocking rock fragments.

### L

### Lateritic mesa

A mesa consisting of a red soil formed by the leaching of silica and enrichment with aluminium and iron oxides (lateritic).

### Μ

### Mesa

An isolated flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata.

### P

### Putative new species

A species that has been recognised by an expert as never having been named or described in the scientific literature. Note that specimens may already be in museum or herbarium collections.

### R

### Range extension

Increase in the known distribution or area of occurrence of a species.

### S

Scree Loose rock debris covering a slope.

### Stygofauna

Animals that live in underground water, including crustaceans, worms, snails, insects, other invertebrate groups, and in Australia a blind fish and a newt.

### T

### Taxon (plural taxa)

A member of any particular taxonomic group, e.g. a species, genus, family.

### Taxonomy

The categorisation and naming of species. The science of identifying and naming species, as well as grouping them based on their relatedness.

### U

### Undescribed taxon

A taxon (usually a species) that has not yet been formally described or named.



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