

Desktop assessment and targeted survey for SRE and Conservation Significant Invertebrate Fauna for the CBH Miling Expansion Project, Western Australia.



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Executive Summary

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- A mygalomorph spider – *Idiosoma nigrum* - BC Act Endangered / EPBC Act Vulnerable

The Desktop Study Area contains a single Likely SRE species from WAM records:

- A millipede – *Antichiropus sp. 'hamatus'*

The remaining species identified from desktop resources were found to be widespread and neither of the species identified within the Desktop Study area were found to be present within the Project Area.

Whilst 21 conservation listed invertebrate species occur within the entire Wheatbelt region, within the Miling area only two of these species have any potential habitat or distributions in the local region, with the remaining species found several hundreds of kilometres away in the broader Wheatbelt region:

- A fairy shrimp - *Branchinella simplex* – DBCA Priority 1
- A fairy shrimp - *Branchinella denticulata*– DBCA Priority 3

Of these two conservation significant species none are known to be present within the Project Area.

The targeted SRE and conservation significant invertebrate survey undertaken on the entire Project Area on 22nd July 2021 recorded no SRE or conservation significant invertebrates. The Project Area was found to be disturbed from minor earthworks in most areas, and further disturbed by vehicle tracks that have degraded the potential habitat for SRE and conservation significant invertebrate species.

No SRE or conservation significant invertebrates were found to occur within the Project Area and no further surveys are required to be undertaken to meet Technical Guidance – Sampling of short range endemic invertebrate fauna (EPA 2016).

1. Introduction

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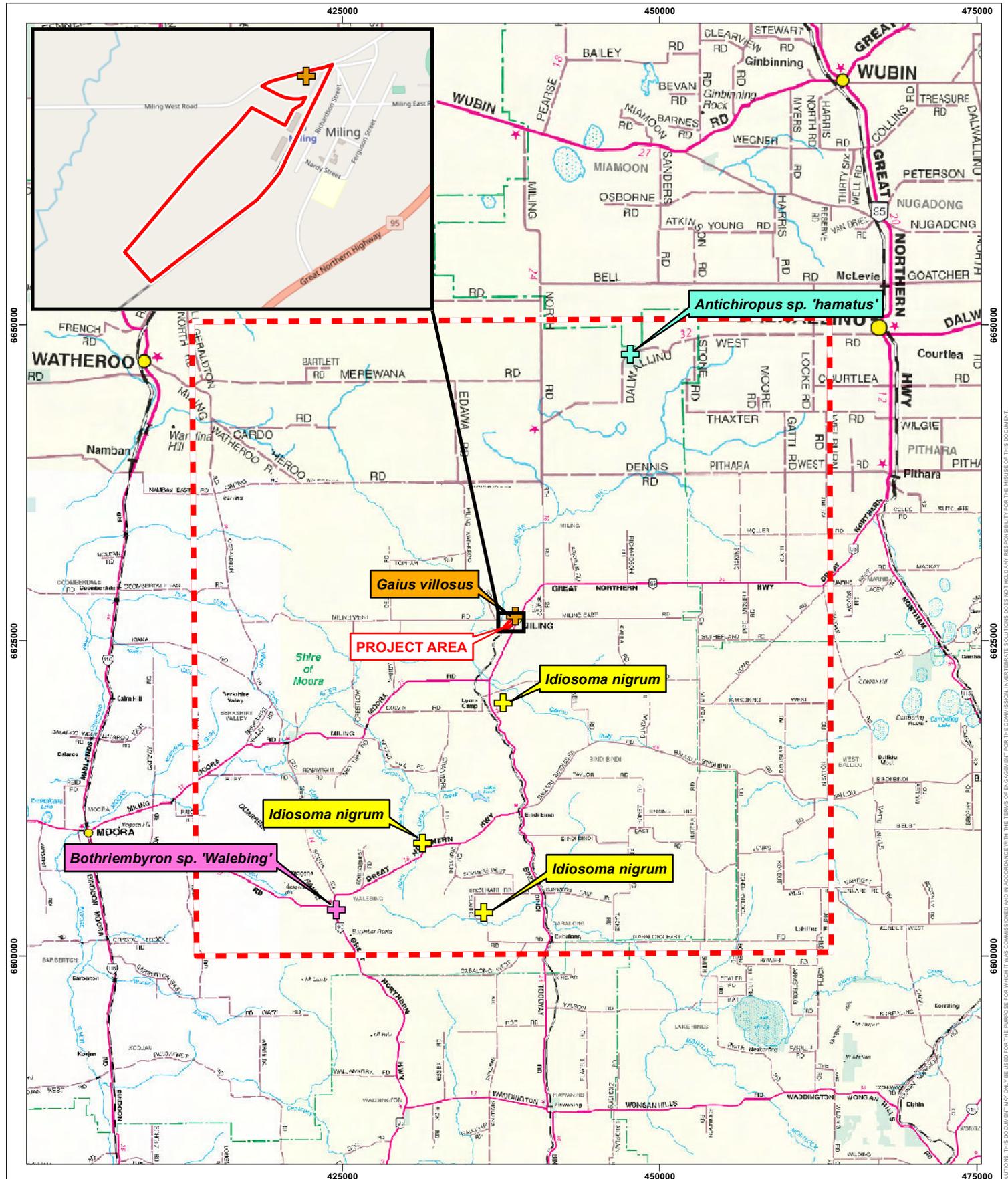
1.1 Purpose of this report

Eco Logical Australia has requested Invertebrate Solutions to undertake the following scope of works for the Project Area, Western Australia:

- Carry out a desktop review to inform the survey planning and report preparation, including identification of all SRE species likely to occur within the Project Area;
- Undertake a targeted SRE invertebrate survey to identify significant species in accordance with Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Technical Guidance Sampling of short range endemic invertebrate fauna (EPA 2016);
- Identify to the lowest practical taxonomic unit all specimens recorded during the field survey;
- Provide recommendations and any suggested requirements for further work to comply with relevant legislation; and
- Provide a written report containing the above items.

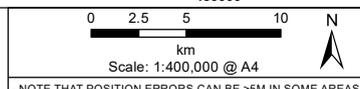
1.2 Project Area

The Project is located to the west of Miling townsite, in the Wheatbelt region of Western Australia and is shown in Figure 1. The Desktop Study Area comprised a rectangle of approximately 250,000 Ha bounded by the north west corner (30.276112°S, 116.096764°E) and the south east corner (30.729840°S, 116.619365°E) centred on the Project.



Legend

- Desktop Study Area
- Project Area
- Idiopidae: *Idiosoma nigrum*
- Idiopidae: *Gaius villosus*
- Paradoxosomatidae: *Antichiropus sp. 'hamatus'*
- Bothriembyronitidae: *Bothriembyron sp. 'Walebing'*



NOTE THAT POSITION ERRORS CAN BE >5M IN SOME AREAS

LOCALITY MAP



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PROJECT ID	DATE
Miling Grain Receive Site Expansion	6/10/2021
HORIZONTAL DATUM AND PROJECTION	
GDA 1994 MGA Zone 50	

CREATED	CHECKED	APPROVED	REVISION
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Figure 1
 Miling Grain Receive Site Expansion and Desktop Study Area for SRE and Conservation Significant Invertebrate Targeted Survey

- LOCALITY MAP SOURCED LANDGATE TRAVELLERS ATLAS 5TH EDITION

1.3 Survey Effort and Timing

Invertebrate Solutions completed a targeted survey for SRE and conservation significant invertebrates on 22nd July 2021. This involved grid searching the entire Project Area by an experienced ecologist:

- Dr Timothy Moulds *BSc (Hons) Geol., PhD. Invert. Ecol.* (Invertebrate Solutions).

Survey work was undertaken under the collection licences issued by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA):

- BA27000460; Licensee Timothy Moulds (Invertebrate Solutions); Valid 25/06/2021-30/06/2022.
- TFA 2021-0073; Licensee Timothy Moulds (Invertebrate Solutions); Valid 25/06/2021-30/06/2022.

1.4 Introduction to SRE fauna

Short range endemic (SRE) invertebrates are species with restricted distributions. The isolation of invertebrates in specific habitats or bioregions leads to endemism at various spatial scales. The vast majority of invertebrates are capable of dispersing substantial distances at some phase of their life cycle. Some groups, however, are susceptible to short range endemism - which describes endemic species with restricted ranges, arbitrarily defined in Western Australia as less than 10,000 km² (100 km x 100 km) (Harvey, 2002). Taxa that have been more commonly found to contain SRE representatives include:

- Onychophorans (velvet worms);
- Crustaceans (Isopoda);
- Arachnids (mygalomorph spiders, pseudoscorpions, opiliones, scorpions, schizomids);
- Myriapods (millipedes and centipedes);
- Molluscs (land snails); and
- Insects (hemipterans, grasshoppers, butterflies).

SRE invertebrate fauna taxa are generally found in sheltered, relatively mesic environments such as isolated habitats (e.g. boulder piles, isolated hills, dense patches of vegetation, gullies) and can include microhabitats within these environments such as deep leaf litter accumulation, large logs, under bark, cave areas and springs and permanent water bodies.

Many processes contribute to taxa being susceptible to short range endemism. Generally, these factors are related to the isolation of a species which can include the ability and opportunity to disperse, life history, physiology, habitat requirements, and habitat availability. Taxa that exhibit short range endemism generally exhibit poor dispersal, low growth rates, low fecundity and reliance on habitat types that are discontinuous (Harvey, 2002). Taxa that reside within easily isolated habitats surrounded by physical barriers such as islands, mountains, aquifers, lakes and caves are also more susceptible to becoming SRE species, often including additional taxa not otherwise generally forming SREs.

Taxa that exhibit short range endemism are particularly vulnerable to disturbance, either natural or anthropogenic, as they are reliant upon specialised and often restricted habitats (often moist)

(Framenau, et al., 2008). Short range endemic taxa are unable to disperse to *refugia* when their habitats are threatened or destroyed, thus making them a priority for conservation efforts.

The allocation of short range endemism status can be difficult due to the often incomplete taxonomic framework of many invertebrate groups and the often frequent need for substantial revision to enable accurate identification. Short Range Endemic status is assigned using the categories described in Table 1, based on the available information from the Western Australian Museum (WAM) database and discussion with appropriate taxonomic authorities for various invertebrate groups. Insufficient information exists for many invertebrate species due to specimens being juvenile, the wrong sex to allow identification, damaged, or inadequate taxonomic frameworks, precluding the assignment of SRE status.

Table 1 Short Range Endemic Status of Species

SRE Status	Definition
Confirmed	A confirmed SRE species. A known distribution of < 10,000 km ² (after Harvey 2002). Taxonomy of the group is well known. The group is well represented in collections, or via comprehensive sampling.
Likely	Likely to be a SRE species based upon knowledge of the family/genus, where other closely related species show evidence of short range endemism. Where habitats containing the specimens show discontinuity within the landscape.
Possible	Based upon existing knowledge of the genus / family there is a possibility that the species may have a restricted range. Where habitats containing the specimens may show discontinuity within the landscape. Possible SRE species may be assigned one of the sub categories below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Data deficient i.e. new species, lack of distribution, taxonomic or collecting knowledge, juvenile specimens, wrong sex for identification B. Habitat indicators C. Morphology indicators D. Molecular evidence E. Research and expertise of WAM staff/taxonomic specialists
Widespread	Not a SRE, a wide ranging distribution of > 10,000 km ²

1.5 Conservation Legislation and Guidance Statements

Terrestrial SRE species are protected under State legislation via the newly enacted *Biodiversity Conservation (BC) Act* (2016) which came into force on 1st January 2019, replacing the outdated *Wildlife Conservation (WC) Act* (1950). The BC Act is aligned with the federal *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act* (1999). The assessment of SRE fauna for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is undertaken in Western Australia with regard to Technical Guidance – Sampling of short range endemic invertebrate fauna (EPA 2016).

At the State level, the BC Act provides a list of species that have special protection as species listed under Part 2 of the BC Act. This notice is updated periodically by the DBCA (formerly the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW)) and the current list (January 2019) includes numerous SRE species from the Goldfields, Wheatbelt, South Coast, Murchison and Pilbara regions. Included in the list are crustaceans, arachnids and myriapods that are considered to be “Rare or Likely to become extinct,

as Critically Endangered fauna, or are declared to be fauna that is in need of special protection” (Appendix 1). In addition to the specially protected fauna, DBCA also maintains a list of Priority fauna that are considered to be of conservation significance, but do not meet the criteria for formal listing under the BC Act. The Priority fauna list is irregularly updated by DBCA and is now part of the BC Act.

The BC Act provides the ability for the state government of Western Australia to formally list Threatened Ecological Communities (TECs), along with threatening processes.

The EPBC Act protects both species and ecological communities. The most relevant listing for SRE fauna in Western Australia is the mygalomorph spider *Idiosoma nigrum* that occurs in the Wheatbelt region and is listed under the EPBC Act as Vulnerable.

1.6 Report Limitations and Exclusions

This study was limited to the written scope provided to the client by Invertebrate Solutions (28th April 2021) and in Section 1.1. This study was limited to the extent of information made available to Invertebrate Solutions at the time of undertaking the work. Information not made available to this study, or which subsequently becomes available may alter the conclusions made herein.

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Species were identified to the lowest practical taxonomic level, taking into consideration that the taxonomic framework of many invertebrate groups is incomplete and often in need of substantial revision to enable accurate identification. Short Range Endemic status was assigned using the available information from the WAM database and discussion with appropriate taxonomic authorities for various invertebrate groups. Insufficient information exists for many invertebrate species due to specimens being juvenile, the wrong sex to allow identification, damaged, or inadequate taxonomic frameworks, precluding the assignment of SRE status.

Field surveys for SRE invertebrates require multiple seasonal surveys to fully record all species that may be present in an area, and in varying weather conditions. The current survey was undertaken in

a single season and additional surveys at different times of the year may record additional species. However, the combination of collection techniques and the intensity of the survey provides a high degree of certainty that majority of potential SRE invertebrates present within the Survey Area were recorded.

1.6.1 Survey Specific Limitations

The following specific comments are made with regard to project specific limitations for the Project:

- **Sampling effort** – The single-phase targeted survey included a detailed grid search of the entire Project Area by an experienced ecologist for burrows of mygalomorph spiders and searching under vegetation and organic debris for land snails. The very detailed nature of the survey provides a high degree of certainty that the majority of potential SRE invertebrates present at the time of survey were recorded from the Survey Area.
- **Timing** – The survey was undertaken in July, which is suitable for targeted surveys for mygalomorph spiders and land snails that can be observed throughout the year.
- **Methods** – A wide variety of collecting techniques were used including active searching (raking and leaf litter searching) providing a high degree of certainty that the majority of targeted potential SRE invertebrates present at the time of the survey were recorded from the Survey Area.
- **Habitats sampled** – All significant potential SRE habitats within the Survey Area were sampled using a combination of techniques.
- **Access to areas** – The entire area was able to be accessed, with no restrictions. All vegetated parts of the Project Area were able to be comprehensively surveyed.

2. Desktop Methods

Invertebrate Solutions undertook the following tasks for the desktop SRE and Conservation Significant Invertebrate assessment of the Project:

- SRE desktop assessment based upon the WAM Records;
- An assessment of the likelihood that SRE invertebrate species are present in the habitats located within the Project Area; and
- An assessment of potential conservation significant invertebrates that may occur in the region based upon DBCA and EPBC conservation listings.

The desktop assessment was undertaken with regard to the Technical Guidance – Sampling of short range endemic invertebrate fauna (EPA 2016).

2.1 SRE Desktop Methodology

A search of the WAM databases for Arachnids, Crustacea and Molluscs was undertaken for potential SRE taxa occurring in the Miling region (Desktop Study Area). In addition other published reports were examined where available. The desktop analysis was used to identify any potential SRE species that may occur in the Miling region and target those taxa during the subsequent targeted field survey of the Project Area.

2.1.1 Likelihood of SRE invertebrate occurrence

The likelihood of SRE invertebrate species occurring in the Project Area was assessed using a combination of regional and local botanical and landform information, and database searches including:

- Analysis of published and unpublished reports concerning SRE invertebrate from the region;
- Botanical and vegetation mapping and other information available for the Project Area;
- Results of a Protected Matters Search from the Federal Government’s Department of the Environment and Energy (DAWE) website; and
- Records of fauna held by the WAM.

Based on the analysis of all available information within the Project Area and from the broader Desktop Study Area, each SRE and Conservation Significant invertebrate species was assigned a level of likelihood to occur within the Project Area of either ‘Very Low’, ‘Low’, ‘Moderate’, ‘High’, or ‘Definite’.

Table 2 SRE species likelihood of occurrence definitions

SRE Species Likelihood of occurrence	Definition
Definite	The species is confirmed to occur within the Project Area
High	Habitat for the species is known to occur within the Project Area and known current records of the species are within 20 km
Moderate	Habitat for the species is known to occur within the Project Area and known current records of the species are within 50 km
Low	The species has been recorded from within 50 km, however, no habitat is present for the species within the Project Area or the records are historical.
Very low	No habitat exists for the species within the Project Area and no records of the species are within 50 km or the distribution of the species is known well enough to exclude its presence within the Project Area.

2.2 SRE Survey Methodology

The SRE survey was undertaken using a combination of sampling techniques and employed both systematic (timed active searching) and opportunistic (litter collection and/or transect) sampling. Where applicable, Project Area search sites were chosen to maximise the likelihood of identifying SREs and habitat (which typically includes south-facing slopes, gullies, rocky outcrops, dense patches of trees and permanent water bodies).

2.2.1 Active searching

Active searching was undertaken across the entire Project Area, and consisted of searching soil and/or leaf litter from suitable habitat areas within each site (millipedes and snails); the raking of leaf litter (land snails, mygalomorph burrows); examination of vegetative material below logs and bark (land snails), and an examination of areas of rock outcrops and associated rock piles.

2.3 Sorting and curation

Sorting for all SRE samples occurred in the Invertebrate Solutions laboratory using a Leica M125 100x dissecting microscope and was undertaken by Dr Timothy Moulds. Each taxon was identified to the lowest practical taxonomic rank using published keys and descriptions, and the number of each taxon recorded. Each identified taxon was kept in a separate labelled vial and assigned a specimen tracking code. Specimen and site collection data were recorded in an Excel spreadsheet. At the conclusion of the study, all specimens will be lodged at the Western Australian Museum.

2.4 Taxonomy and Nomenclature

Identification of collected invertebrate material was undertaken by Dr Timothy Moulds. Invertebrate groups collected that have no SRE representatives such as ants and flying insects were not identified or reported. The presence of winged adults in most insect groups suggests that they are more capable dispersers and are therefore less likely to have a restricted range.

The level of specimen identification achievable is dependent on the level of taxonomic knowledge and expertise available. The majority of the taxonomic expertise relating to SRE taxa resides with the staff of the WAM, while some groups are also worked on by researchers within other government departments and academic institutions. Taxonomic treatments are available for some invertebrate groups, but not for all. The EPA expects that invertebrates collected for identification will be identified to the lowest taxonomic level possible. Ideally, this is to the species level, however there will be limits due to the nature of specimens and the availability of taxonomic keys.

2.5 Short Range Endemic Status

Taxonomic groups known to contain SRE representatives were examined in more detail to determine if the records in this study are potentially restricted forms. SRE status was assigned after comparison with other close relatives in the group and current knowledge on their distribution and ecology, where known.

3. Results

3.1 SRE Invertebrates of the Wheatbelt region

Whilst there are few systematic surveys for SRE species within the Wheatbelt region of Western Australia, the area has been the subject of numerous invertebrate collections by researchers from the WAM and Universities over the past 80 years or more. This has resulted in a reasonable understanding of the region's fauna within a highly fragmented agricultural landscape. The highly conservation significant *Idiosoma nigrum* (Vulnerable EPBC Act) is now known to be restricted to the central northern Wheatbelt (Rix et al. 2018), along with several other conservation significant mygalomorph spiders from various portions of the Wheatbelt. *Idiosoma* species are also commonly known as Shield-Backed Trapdoor Spiders and have distinctive hardened sigillate abdomens (Plate 1A) and make a 'moustache' arrangement of leaves or twigs around the entrance of their burrows (Plate 1B) to aid in the detection of passing prey.



Plate 1 A. Adult female *Idiosoma* showing sigillate abdomen. B. Distinctive 'moustache' arrangement of leaves at burrow entrance

There are no previous SRE surveys in the local vicinity of Miling or the Project Area. The previous studies in the region are almost exclusively related to ad hoc surveys of remnant vegetation, usually nature reserves, with little in the way of broad scale systematic data available. Although, the recent work on the mygalomorph spider fauna of Western Australia has greatly increased our knowledge of some specific families and genera, compared with the general SRE fauna. Many species remain to be properly documented and the taxonomy of many groups remains unresolved.

3.2 Conservation Significant and SRE Fauna in the Desktop Study Area

A list of conservation significant fauna for the Desktop Study Area was compiled from the DBCA Specially Protected Fauna Notice 2019 (DBCA 2019) and the DAWE's Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST) with a 50 km radius around the Project area. SRE species that are listed under the BC Act and/or the EPBC Act and are likely to occur or have known habitat within the Desktop Study Area are shown in Table 3 along with their conservation code. The PMST results listed a single invertebrate, the mygalomorph spider *Idiosoma nigrum* as having the potential for habitat based upon bioclimatic modelling to occur within the Project Area. The species was once considered wide ranging

throughout much of the Western Australian Wheatbelt and into the arid zone prior to a revision by Rix et al. (2018) that split *I. nigrum* into 15 species and restricts true *I. nigrum* to a small portion of the northern Wheatbelt including Wongan Hills from where it was first described (Main 1952). The species is now known to occur roughly within a polygon bounded by Bolgart, New Norcia, Walebing, and Bindi Bindi along its western margin, east to Koorda along its northern margin, south to Durokoppin and Kellerberrin along its eastern margin, and from Kellerberrin to Bolgart along its southern margin (Rix et al. 2018, Plate 6).

A full description of the DBCA and EPBC conservation codes are shown in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 respectively. The full list of species obtained from the PMST search is shown in Appendix 2.

A search of the WAM databases for potential SRE taxa occurring in the broader Desktop Study Area centred on the Project was undertaken (WAM 2021a, b, c). The results of these were filtered for SRE species as shown in Table 3. Definitions for SRE status are found in Table 1. The records held by the WAM are not exhaustive and represent only specimens within the WAM collections that have been databased. The Entomology, Mollusc and Crustacean collections remain largely un-databased. Specimens identified to genus level only have been excluded from the analysis as it is impossible to determine if they represent a SRE taxa.

The Desktop Study Area contains a single Confirmed SRE species from WAM records (Table 3) and this species is summarised below:

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- A fairy shrimp - *Branchinella denticulata*– DBCA Priority 3

Of these two conservation significant species none are known to be present within the Desktop Project Area.

Table 3 SRE Invertebrates in WAM databases and Conservation Significant invertebrates recorded from or with potential habitat within the Project area.

Higher Classification	Genus and Species	SRE status	DBCA / BC Act Conservation Status	EPBC Conservation Status	Likely habitat present in Project area	Desktop likelihood of species within the Project Area
Gastropoda:						
Bothriembryontidae	<i>Bothriembryon sp. 'Walebing'</i>	Possible A	-	-	Not Present	Low
Crustacea:						
Thamnocephalidae	<i>Branchinella denticulata</i>	Widespread	Priority 3	-	Not present	Very Low
	<i>Branchinella simplex</i>	Widespread	Priority 1	-	Not Present	Very Low
Arachnida:						
Araneae: Mygalomorphae						
Idiopidae	<i>Idiosoma nigrum</i>	Confirmed	Endangered	Vulnerable	Present	Moderate
Diplopoda						
Polydesmida						
Paradoxosomatidae	<i>Antichiropus sp. 'hamatus'</i>	Likely	-	-	Not Present	Low

3.3 SRE Habitat in Project Area

The vegetation units and condition mapping identified in the flora and vegetation assessment (Eco Logical Australia 2021) were used to assess the Project Area for potential SRE habitat. The vegetation condition is fragmented and classified as being in Very Good to Completely Degraded, with several old unsealed vehicle access tracks present through the vegetated areas. The vegetation mapping undertaken by Eco Logical Australia (2021) show that the Project Area is comprised of six vegetation types, with samphire on the north western edge of the Project area and a mix of *Acacia* and *Hakea* shrubland and *Eucalyptus loxophleba* open woodland (Eco Logical Australia 2021). The samphire habitat that is seasonally inundated provides Nil habitat for SRE mygalomorph spiders, whilst the remaining habitat is considered to provide extremely limited potential SRE habitat due to the historical ground disturbance observed throughout during the field assessment (refer Section 3.4).

3.4 SRE Field Survey Results

The targeted field survey recorded no SRE or conservation significant invertebrates from the Project Area.

One abandoned burrow of the widespread, non conservation significant mygalomorph spider *Gaius villosus* were recorded (Figure 1, Plate 5) from within the Project area. This species is widespread in inland Western Australia from the southern Pilbara to near the south coast.

The Project Area was found to be disturbed from minor earthworks, dumping of building waste and vehicle tracks in most areas (Plate 2, Plate 3, and Plate 4) that have degraded the potential habitat for SRE and conservation significant invertebrate species. Large areas in the southern portion of the Project area are subject to salinisation and seasonal inundation that provides no habitat for mygalomorph spiders.



Plate 2 Previous ground disturbance within the Project area



Plate 3 Previous ground disturbance within the Project area



Plate 4 Typical open woodland subject to disturbance within the Project Area



Plate 5 Burrow of the widespread mygalomorph spider *Gaius villosus* abandoned within the Project Area

4. Discussion

4.1 SRE Invertebrate Assessment

The broader Desktop Study Area contains a single Confirmed SRE species with potential habitat present within the Project area:

- A mygalomorph spider – *Idiosoma nigrum* - BC Act Endangered / EPBC Act Vulnerable.

The remainder of the species were found to be widespread or no potential habitat was present within the Project area.

The Confirmed SRE species *Idiosoma nigrum* is conservation significant, although no other non SRE but conservation significant species occur, or have habitat within the Desktop Study Area.

This species is discussed in detail in section 4.1.1.

4.1.1 Arachnida: Mygalomorphae

***Idiosoma nigrum* – Endangered (DBCA) / Vulnerable (EPBC Act)**

Idiosoma nigrum, commonly known as the ‘Shield-backed trapdoor spider’, is the only spider in Australia currently provided protection at a Federal level under the EPBC Act which considers the species as Vulnerable. The species was once considered wide ranging throughout much of the Western Australian Wheatbelt and into the arid zone prior to a revision by Rix et al. (2018) that split *I. nigrum* into 15 species and restricts true *I. nigrum* to a small portion of the northern Wheatbelt including Wongan Hills from where it was first described (Main 1952). The species is now known to occur roughly within a polygon bounded by Bolgart, New Norcia, Walebing, and Bindi Bindi along its western margin, east to Koorda along its northern margin, south to Durokoppin and Kellerberrin along its eastern margin, and from Kellerberrin to Bolgart along its southern margin (Rix et al. 2018, Plate 4).

The species is known to occur in the vicinity of Miling and the Project Area, although it is likely it occurs within undisturbed portions of remnant vegetation away from the Miling townsite (Rix et al. 2018).

This species was considered using desktop information a Moderate Likelihood of occurrence within the Project area, however, the species was not recorded from the Project Area during the targeted field survey in July 2021 and is not considered to occur there.

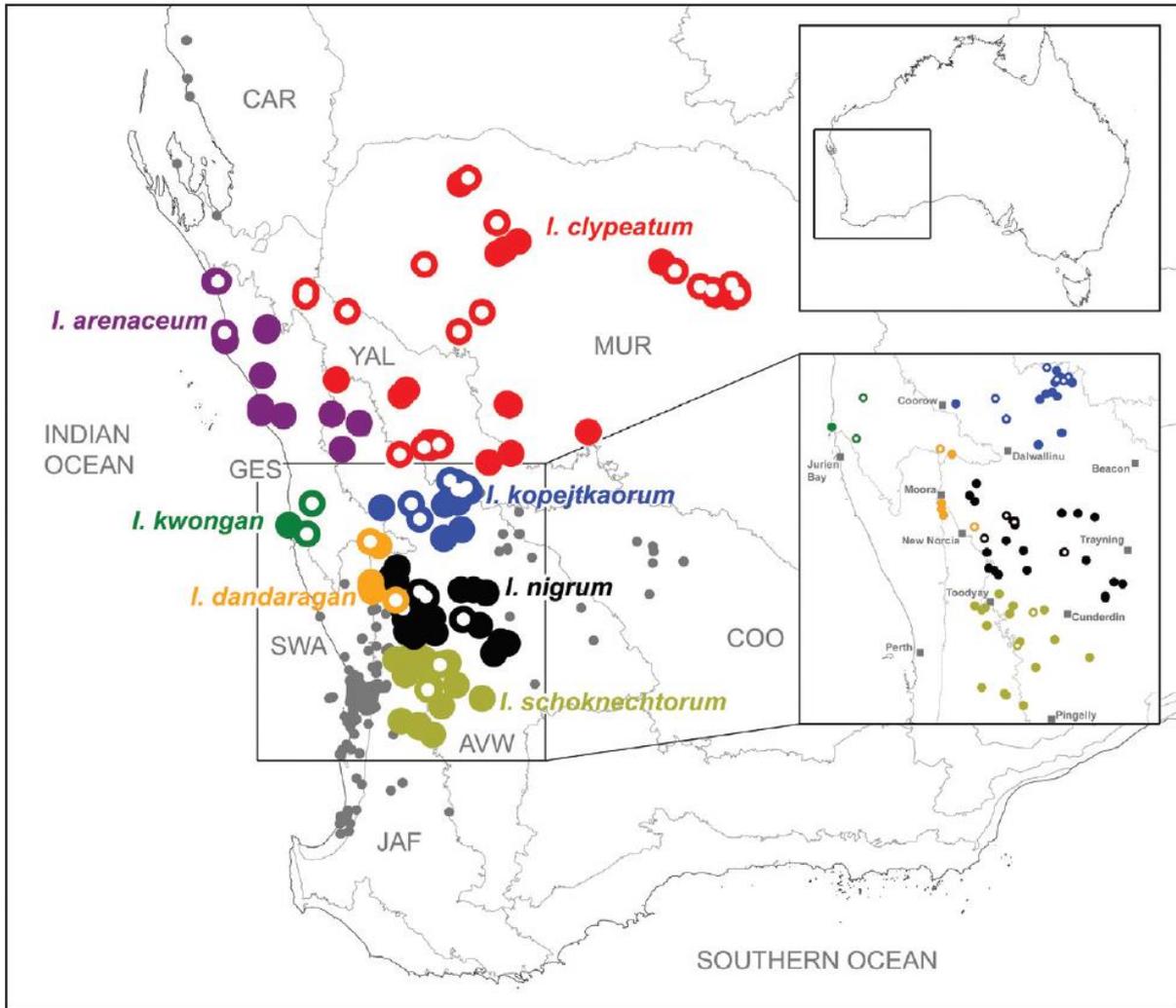


Plate 6 Distribution of *Idiosoma* spp. in the Wheatbelt and pastoral regions of Western Australia (After Rix et al. 2018, Figure 374)

5. Conclusions

The broader Desktop Study Area contains a single Confirmed SRE species located outside of the Project Area:

- A mygalomorph spider – *Idiosoma nigrum* - BC Act Endangered / EPBC Act Vulnerable.

The Confirmed SRE species *Idiosoma nigrum* is conservation significant, although no other non SRE but conservation significant species occur, or have habitat within the Desktop Study Area.

The targeted SRE and conservation significant invertebrate survey undertaken on the entire Project Area on 22nd July 2021 recorded no SRE or conservation significant invertebrates. The Project Area was found to be disturbed from minor earthworks in most areas, and further disturbed by vehicle tracks that have degraded the potential habitat for SRE and conservation significant invertebrate species. The samphire habitat within the Project area is subject to seasonal inundation and salinisation and provides no habitat for mygalomorph spiders including *Idiosoma nigrum*.

No SRE or conservation significant invertebrates are anticipated to occur within the Project Area and no further surveys are required to be undertaken to meet Technical Guidance – Sampling of short range endemic invertebrate fauna (EPA 2016).

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Appendix 1

DBCA Conservation Categories



CONSERVATION CODES

For Western Australian Flora and Fauna

Threatened, Extinct and Specially Protected fauna or flora¹ are species² which have been adequately searched for and are deemed to be, in the wild, threatened, extinct or in need of special protection, and have been gazetted as such.

The *Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2018* and the *Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice 2018* have been transitioned under regulations 170, 171 and 172 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2018* to be the lists of Threatened, Extinct and Specially Protected species under Part 2 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

Categories of Threatened, Extinct and Specially Protected fauna and flora are:

T **Threatened species**

Listed by order of the Minister as Threatened in the category of critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable under section 19(1), or is a rediscovered species to be regarded as threatened species under section 26(2) of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act).

Threatened fauna is that subset of 'Specially Protected Fauna' listed under schedules 1 to 3 of the *Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2018* for Threatened Fauna.

Threatened flora is that subset of 'Rare Flora' listed under schedules 1 to 3 of the *Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice 2018* for Threatened Flora.

The assessment of the conservation status of these species is based on their national extent and ranked according to their level of threat using IUCN Red List categories and criteria as detailed below.

CR **Critically endangered species**

Threatened species considered to be "*facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future, as determined in accordance with criteria set out in the ministerial guidelines*".

Listed as critically endangered under section 19(1)(a) of the BC Act in accordance with the criteria set out in section 20 and the ministerial guidelines. Published under schedule 1 of the *Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2018* for critically endangered fauna or the *Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice 2018* for critically endangered flora.

EN **Endangered species**

Threatened species considered to be "*facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future, as determined in accordance with criteria set out in the ministerial guidelines*".

Listed as endangered under section 19(1)(b) of the BC Act in accordance with the criteria set out in section 21 and the ministerial guidelines. Published under schedule 2 of the *Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2018* for endangered fauna or the *Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice 2018* for endangered flora.

VU **Vulnerable species**

Threatened species considered to be "*facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the medium-term future, as determined in accordance with criteria set out in the ministerial guidelines*".

Listed as vulnerable under section 19(1)(c) of the BC Act in accordance with the criteria set out in section 22 and the ministerial guidelines. Published under schedule 3 of the *Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2018* for vulnerable fauna or the *Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice 2018* for vulnerable flora.

Extinct species

Listed by order of the Minister as extinct under section 23(1) of the BC Act as extinct or extinct in the wild.

EX Extinct species

Species where “*there is no reasonable doubt that the last member of the species has died*”, and listing is otherwise in accordance with the ministerial guidelines (section 24 of the BC Act).

Published as presumed extinct under schedule 4 of the *Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2018* for extinct fauna or the *Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice 2018* for extinct flora.

EW Extinct in the wild species

Species that “*is known only to survive in cultivation, in captivity or as a naturalised population well outside its past range; and it has not been recorded in its known habitat or expected habitat, at appropriate seasons, anywhere in its past range, despite surveys over a time frame appropriate to its life cycle and form*”, and listing is otherwise in accordance with the ministerial guidelines (section 25 of the BC Act).

Currently there are no threatened fauna or threatened flora species listed as extinct in the wild. If listing of a species as extinct in the wild occurs, then a schedule will be added to the applicable notice.

Specially protected species

Listed by order of the Minister as specially protected under section 13(1) of the BC Act. Meeting one or more of the following categories: species of special conservation interest; migratory species; cetaceans; species subject to international agreement; or species otherwise in need of special protection.

Species that are listed as threatened species (critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable) or extinct species under the BC Act cannot also be listed as Specially Protected species.

MI Migratory species

Fauna that periodically or occasionally visit Australia or an external Territory or the exclusive economic zone; or the species is subject of an international agreement that relates to the protection of migratory species and that binds the Commonwealth; and listing is otherwise in accordance with the ministerial guidelines (section 15 of the BC Act).

Includes birds that are subject to an agreement between the government of Australia and the governments of Japan (JAMBA), China (CAMBA) and The Republic of Korea (ROKAMBA), and fauna subject to the *Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals* (Bonn Convention), an environmental treaty under the United Nations Environment Program. Migratory species listed under the BC Act are a subset of the migratory animals, that are known to visit Western Australia, protected under the international agreements or treaties, excluding species that are listed as Threatened species.

Published as migratory birds protected under an international agreement under schedule 5 of the *Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2018*.

CD Species of special conservation interest (conservation dependent fauna)

Fauna of special conservation need being species dependent on ongoing conservation intervention to prevent it becoming eligible for listing as threatened, and listing is otherwise in accordance with the ministerial guidelines (section 14 of the BC Act).

Published as conservation dependent fauna under schedule 6 of the *Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2018*.

OS Other specially protected species

Fauna otherwise in need of special protection to ensure their conservation, and listing is otherwise in accordance with the ministerial guidelines (section 18 of the BC Act).

Published as other specially protected fauna under schedule 7 of the *Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2018*.

P Priority species

Possibly threatened species that do not meet survey criteria, or are otherwise data deficient, are added to the Priority Fauna or Priority Flora Lists under Priorities 1, 2 or 3. These three categories are ranked in order of priority for survey and evaluation of conservation status so that consideration can be given to their declaration as threatened fauna or flora.

Species that are adequately known, are rare but not threatened, or meet criteria for near threatened, or that have been recently removed from the threatened species or other specially protected fauna lists for other than taxonomic reasons, are placed in Priority 4. These species require regular monitoring.

Assessment of Priority codes is based on the Western Australian distribution of the species, unless the distribution in WA is part of a contiguous population extending into adjacent States, as defined by the known spread of locations.

1 Priority 1: Poorly-known species

Species that are known from one or a few locations (generally five or less) which are potentially at risk. All occurrences are either: very small; or on lands not managed for conservation, e.g. agricultural or pastoral lands, urban areas, road and rail reserves, gravel reserves and active mineral leases; or otherwise under threat of habitat destruction or degradation. Species may be included if they are comparatively well known from one or more locations but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements and appear to be under immediate threat from known threatening processes. Such species are in urgent need of further survey.

2 Priority 2: Poorly-known species

Species that are known from one or a few locations (generally five or less), some of which are on lands managed primarily for nature conservation, e.g. national parks, conservation parks, nature reserves and other lands with secure tenure being managed for conservation. Species may be included if they are comparatively well known from one or more locations but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements and appear to be under threat from known threatening processes. Such species are in urgent need of further survey.

3 Priority 3: Poorly-known species

Species that are known from several locations, and the species does not appear to be under imminent threat, or from few but widespread locations with either large population size or significant remaining areas of apparently suitable habitat, much of it not under imminent threat. Species may be included if they are comparatively well known from several locations but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements and known threatening processes exist that could affect them. Such species are in need of further survey.

4 Priority 4: Rare, Near Threatened and other species in need of monitoring

(a) Rare. Species that are considered to have been adequately surveyed, or for which sufficient knowledge is available, and that are considered not currently threatened or in need of special protection but could be if present circumstances change. These species are usually represented on conservation lands.

(b) Near Threatened. Species that are considered to have been adequately surveyed and that are close to qualifying for vulnerable but are not listed as Conservation Dependent.

(c) Species that have been removed from the list of threatened species during the past five years for reasons other than taxonomy.

¹ The definition of flora includes algae, fungi and lichens

² Species includes all taxa (plural of taxon - a classificatory group of any taxonomic rank, e.g. a family, genus, species or any infraspecific category i.e. subspecies or variety, or a distinct population).

Appendix 2

Protected Matters Search Tool Results



EPBC Act Protected Matters Report

This report provides general guidance on matters of national environmental significance and other matters protected by the EPBC Act in the area you have selected.

Information on the coverage of this report and qualifications on data supporting this report are contained in the caveat at the end of the report.

Information is available about [Environment Assessments](#) and the EPBC Act including significance guidelines, forms and application process details.

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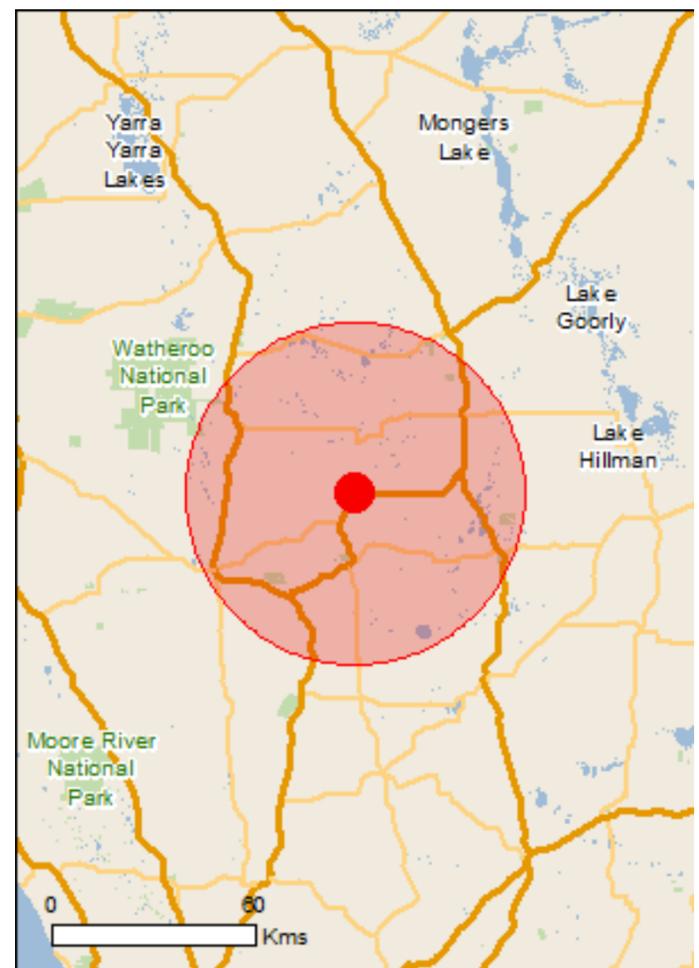
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Summary

Matters of National Environmental Significance

This part of the report summarises the matters of national environmental significance that may occur in, or may relate to, the area you nominated. Further information is available in the detail part of the report, which can be accessed by scrolling or following the links below. If you are proposing to undertake an activity that may have a significant impact on one or more matters of national environmental significance then you should consider the [Administrative Guidelines on Significance](#).

World Heritage Properties:	None
National Heritage Places:	None
Wetlands of International Importance:	None
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	None
Commonwealth Marine Area:	None
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:	2
Listed Threatened Species:	71
Listed Migratory Species:	8

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

This part of the report summarises other matters protected under the Act that may relate to the area you nominated. Approval may be required for a proposed activity that significantly affects the environment on Commonwealth land, when the action is outside the Commonwealth land, or the environment anywhere when the action is taken on Commonwealth land. Approval may also be required for the Commonwealth or Commonwealth agencies proposing to take an action that is likely to have a significant impact on the environment anywhere.

The EPBC Act protects the environment on Commonwealth land, the environment from the actions taken on Commonwealth land, and the environment from actions taken by Commonwealth agencies. As heritage values of a place are part of the 'environment', these aspects of the EPBC Act protect the Commonwealth Heritage values of a Commonwealth Heritage place. Information on the new heritage laws can be found at <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage>

A [permit](#) may be required for activities in or on a Commonwealth area that may affect a member of a listed threatened species or ecological community, a member of a listed migratory species, whales and other cetaceans, or a member of a listed marine species.

Commonwealth Land:	1
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Listed Marine Species:	14
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	None
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:	None
Australian Marine Parks:	None

Extra Information

This part of the report provides information that may also be relevant to the area you have nominated.

State and Territory Reserves:	30
Regional Forest Agreements:	None
Invasive Species:	19
Nationally Important Wetlands:	None
Key Ecological Features (Marine)	None

Details

Matters of National Environmental Significance

Listed Threatened Ecological Communities

[\[Resource Information \]](#)

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are derived from recovery plans, State vegetation maps, remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community	Endangered	Community likely to occur within area
Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt	Critically Endangered	Community likely to occur within area

Listed Threatened Species

[\[Resource Information \]](#)

Name	Status	Type of Presence
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Birds

Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
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Calyptorhynchus latirostris Carnaby's Cockatoo, Short-billed Black-Cockatoo [59523]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
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Falco hypoleucos Grey Falcon [929]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
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Leipoa ocellata Malleefowl [934]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
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Pezoporus occidentalis Night Parrot [59350]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
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Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Fish

Nannatherina balstoni Balston's Pygmy Perch [66698]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Mammals

Dasyurus geoffroii Chuditch, Western Quoll [330]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Phascogale calura Red-tailed Phascogale, Red-tailed Wambenger, Kenngoor [316]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Other

Idiosoma nigrum Shield-backed Trapdoor Spider, Black Rugose	Vulnerable	Species or species
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Name	Status	Type of Presence
Trapdoor Spider [66798]		habitat known to occur within area
Plants		
Acacia aprica Blunt Wattle [64821]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Acacia aristulata Watheroo Wattle [64822]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Acacia ataxiphylla subsp. magna Large-fruited Tammin Wattle [64823]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Acacia cochlocarpa subsp. cochlocarpa Spiral-fruited Wattle [23877]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Acacia cochlocarpa subsp. velutinosa Velvety Spiral Pod Wattle [65112]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Acacia denticulosa Sandpaper Wattle [20600]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Acacia pharangites Wongan Gully Wattle [20281]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Acacia pygmaea Dwarf Rock Wattle [56768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Acacia recurvata Recurved Wattle [64825]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Acacia vassalii Vassal's Wattle [6144]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Andersonia gracilis Slender Andersonia [14470]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Banksia fuscobractea Dark-bract Banksia [83059]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Banksia serratuloides subsp. serratuloides Southern Serrate Dryandra [82768]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Caladenia drakeoides Hinged Dragon Orchid [68687]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Chamelaucium sp. Gingin (N.G.Marchant 6) Gingin Wax [88881]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Chorizema humile Prostrate Flame Pea [32573]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Conospermum densiflorum subsp. unicephalatum One-headed Smokebush [64871]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Conostylis wonganensis Wongan Conostylis [10906]	Endangered	Species or species

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Darwinia acerosa Fine-leaved Darwinia [9004]	Endangered	habitat likely to occur within area Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Dasymalla axillaris Native Foxglove [38829]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Daviesia dielsii Diels' Daviesia [19617]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Daviesia euphorbioides Wongan Cactus [3477]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Eleocharis keigheryi Keighery's Eleocharis [64893]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eremophila koobabbiensis Koobabbie Eremophila, Koobabbie Poverty Bush [86684]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eremophila nivea Silky Eremophila [14431]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eremophila pinnatifida Pinnate-leaf Eremophila [64894]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Eremophila resinosa Resinous Eremophila [11735]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Eremophila scaberula Rough Emu Bush [16729]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Eremophila ternifolia Wongan Eremophila [2293]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Eremophila vernicosa Resinous Poverty Bush [64596]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Eremophila viscida Varnish Bush [2394]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Eucalyptus absita Badgingarra Box [24260]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eucalyptus beardiana Beard's Mallee [18933]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eucalyptus crispata Yandanooka Mallee [24268]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eucalyptus impensa Eneabba Mallee [56711]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eucalyptus leprophloia Scaly Butt Mallee, Scaly-butt Mallee [56712]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within

Name	Status	Type of Presence area
Eucalyptus pruiniramis Midlands Gum, Jingymia Gum [56403]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Eucalyptus recta Silver Mallet [56430]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Eucalyptus rhodantha Rose Mallee [9362]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Frankenia conferta Silky Frankenia [6074]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Gastrolobium appressum Scale-leaf Poison [7358]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Gastrolobium hamulosum Hook-point Poison [9212]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Goodenia arthrotricha [12448]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Grevillea christineae Christine's Grevillea [64520]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Grevillea dryandroides subsp. dryandroides Phalanx Grevillea [64646]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Grevillea dryandroides subsp. hirsuta Hairy Phalanx Grevillea [64577]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Grevillea pythara Pythara Grevillea [64525]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Gyrostemon reticulatus Net-veined Gyrostemon [8491]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Haloragis platycarpa Broad-fruited Haloragis [15371]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Hemiandra gardneri Red Snakebush [7945]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Jacksonia pungens Pungent Jacksonia [64920]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Lysiosepalum abollatum Woolly Lysiosepalum [83216]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Melaleuca sciotostyla Wongan Melaleuca [24324]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Microcorys eremophiloides Wongan Microcorys [3498]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Philothea wonganensis Wongan Eriostemon [64945]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Rhagodia acicularis Wongan Rhagodia [11145]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Roycea pycnophylloides Saltmat [21161]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Stylidium coroniforme subsp. coroniforme Wongan Hills Triggerplant, Wongan Triggerplant [85016]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Synaphea quartzitica Quartz-loving Synaphea [64978]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Verticordia staminosa subsp. staminosa Wongan Featherflower [55825]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Reptiles

Egernia stokesii badia Western Spiny-tailed Skink, Baudin Island Spiny-tailed Skink [64483]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
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Listed Migratory Species

[[Resource Information](#)]

* Species is listed under a different scientific name on the EPBC Act - Threatened Species list.

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Migratory Marine Birds		
Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Migratory Terrestrial Species		
Motacilla cinerea Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Migratory Wetlands Species		
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Tringa nebularia Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Commonwealth Land

[\[Resource Information \]](#)

The Commonwealth area listed below may indicate the presence of Commonwealth land in this vicinity. Due to the unreliability of the data source, all proposals should be checked as to whether it impacts on a Commonwealth area, before making a definitive decision. Contact the State or Territory government land department for further information.

Name

Commonwealth Land -

Listed Marine Species

[\[Resource Information \]](#)

* Species is listed under a different scientific name on the EPBC Act - Threatened Species list.

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Birds		
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Ardea ibis Cattle Egret [59542]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Chrysococcyx osculans Black-eared Cuckoo [705]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Haliaeetus leucogaster White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Motacilla cinerea Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Rostratula benghalensis (sensu lato) Painted Snipe [889]	Endangered*	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Thinornis rubricollis Hooded Plover [59510]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Tringa nebularia Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Extra Information

State and Territory Reserves		[Resource Information]
Name	State	
Damboring	WA	
Gunyidi	WA	
Jocks Well	WA	
Lake Hinds	WA	
Long Pool	WA	
Manaling	WA	
Martinjinni	WA	
Merewana	WA	
NTWA Bushland covenant (0058)	WA	
NTWA Bushland covenant (0059)	WA	
NTWA Bushland covenant (0066)	WA	
NTWA Bushland covenant (0115)	WA	
Namban	WA	
Nugadong	WA	
Unnamed WA15312	WA	
Unnamed WA21175	WA	
Unnamed WA23179	WA	
Unnamed WA23313	WA	
Unnamed WA26575	WA	
Unnamed WA28710	WA	
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Unnamed WA38401	WA	
Unnamed WA39322	WA	
Unnamed WA41042	WA	
Unnamed WA43811	WA	
Unnamed WA45337	WA	
Unnamed WA47694	WA	
Unnamed WA52583	WA	
Watheroo	WA	
Wongan Hills	WA	

Invasive Species [Resource Information]

Weeds reported here are the 20 species of national significance (WoNS), along with other introduced plants that are considered by the States and Territories to pose a particularly significant threat to biodiversity. The following feral animals are reported: Goat, Red Fox, Cat, Rabbit, Pig, Water Buffalo and Cane Toad. Maps from Landscape Health Project, National Land and Water Resources Audit, 2001.

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Birds		
Anas platyrhynchos Mallard [974]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Columba livia Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove, Domestic Pigeon [803]		Species or species habitat likely to occur

Name	Status	Type of Presence within area
Streptopelia chinensis Spotted Turtle-Dove [780]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Streptopelia senegalensis Laughing Turtle-dove, Laughing Dove [781]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Sturnus vulgaris Common Starling [389]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Mammals		
Canis lupus familiaris Domestic Dog [82654]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Capra hircus Goat [2]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Felis catus Cat, House Cat, Domestic Cat [19]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Mus musculus House Mouse [120]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Oryctolagus cuniculus Rabbit, European Rabbit [128]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Rattus rattus Black Rat, Ship Rat [84]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Vulpes vulpes Red Fox, Fox [18]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Plants		
Asparagus asparagoides Bridal Creeper, Bridal Veil Creeper, Smilax, Florist's Smilax, Smilax Asparagus [22473]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Carrichtera annua Ward's Weed [9511]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Cenchrus ciliaris Buffel-grass, Black Buffel-grass [20213]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Chrysanthemoides monilifera Bitou Bush, Boneseed [18983]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Genista sp. X Genista monspessulana Broom [67538]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pinus radiata Radiata Pine Monterey Pine, Insignis Pine, Wilding Pine [20780]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Tamarix aphylla Athel Pine, Athel Tree, Tamarisk, Athel Tamarisk, Athel Tamarix, Desert Tamarisk, Flowering Cypress, Salt Cedar [16018]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Caveat

The information presented in this report has been provided by a range of data sources as acknowledged at the end of the report.

This report is designed to assist in identifying the locations of places which may be relevant in determining obligations under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. It holds mapped locations of World and National Heritage properties, Wetlands of International and National Importance, Commonwealth and State/Territory reserves, listed threatened, migratory and marine species and listed threatened ecological communities. Mapping of Commonwealth land is not complete at this stage. Maps have been collated from a range of sources at various resolutions.

Not all species listed under the EPBC Act have been mapped (see below) and therefore a report is a general guide only. Where available data supports mapping, the type of presence that can be determined from the data is indicated in general terms. People using this information in making a referral may need to consider the qualifications below and may need to seek and consider other information sources.

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are derived from recovery plans, State vegetation maps, remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

Threatened, migratory and marine species distributions have been derived through a variety of methods. Where distributions are well known and if time permits, maps are derived using either thematic spatial data (i.e. vegetation, soils, geology, elevation, aspect, terrain, etc) together with point locations and described habitat; or environmental modelling (MAXENT or BIOCLIM habitat modelling) using point locations and environmental data layers.

Where very little information is available for species or large number of maps are required in a short time-frame, maps are derived either from 0.04 or 0.02 decimal degree cells; by an automated process using polygon capture techniques (static two kilometre grid cells, alpha-hull and convex hull); or captured manually or by using topographic features (national park boundaries, islands, etc). In the early stages of the distribution mapping process (1999-early 2000s) distributions were defined by degree blocks, 100K or 250K map sheets to rapidly create distribution maps. More reliable distribution mapping methods are used to update these distributions as time permits.

Only selected species covered by the following provisions of the EPBC Act have been mapped:

- migratory and
- marine

The following species and ecological communities have not been mapped and do not appear in reports produced from this database:

- threatened species listed as extinct or considered as vagrants
- some species and ecological communities that have only recently been listed
- some terrestrial species that overfly the Commonwealth marine area
- migratory species that are very widespread, vagrant, or only occur in small numbers

The following groups have been mapped, but may not cover the complete distribution of the species:

- non-threatened seabirds which have only been mapped for recorded breeding sites
- seals which have only been mapped for breeding sites near the Australian continent

Such breeding sites may be important for the protection of the Commonwealth Marine environment.

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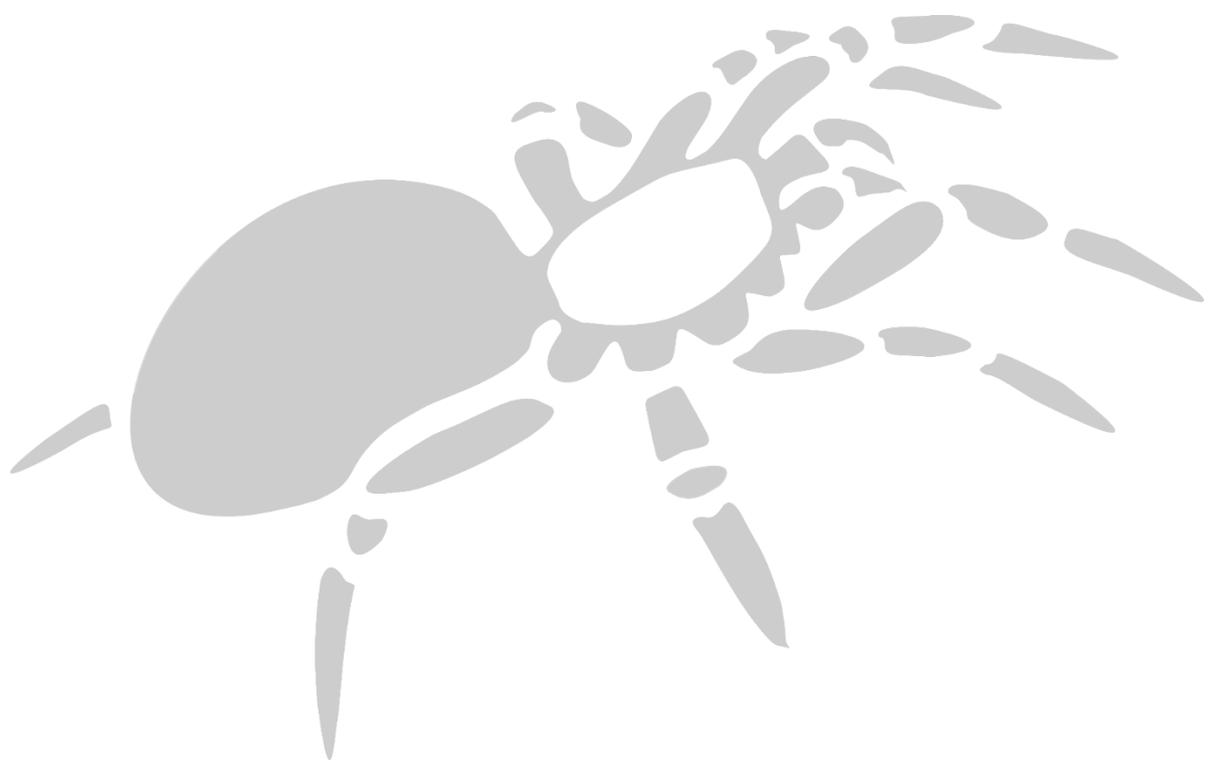
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