# Fauna Assessment of Exmouth Unallocated Crown Land 

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## INTRODUCTION

Bamford Consulting Ecologists were commissioned by the Department of Conservation and Land Management to conduct a terrestrial fauna survey of an area of Unallocated Crown Land (UCL) north of Exmouth, in order to assess its value for inclusion in the adjacent Cape Range National Park. The main aim of the assessment was to document the presence of as many vertebrate species as possible, with emphasis on reptiles. In addition, the project made it possible to prepare lists of species expected to be present on the basis of available habitats and records of those species nearby.

This report details the findings of the fauna assessment and discusses the value of the area for inclusion in the Cape Range National Park.

## METHODS

## Site Description

The Exmouth UCL area consists primarily of a Pindan dunefield system with minor drainage lines entering from the Cape Range that provides the western boundary. Kendrick (1993) shows the area to be isolated from other similar dunefield/sand plain habitats. Vegetation within the area was mainly Open Shrubland with an understorey of Triodia sp., although there were some areas with emergent eucalypts/corymbias along the western boundary. Much of the area appeared to have been burnt within the last five years. The pindan dunefield environment in the Exmouth UCL, with the nearest similar habitat in the far south of the Cape Range National Park and in the Learmonth air Weapons Range south of the park.

## Field Survey

Field work was carried out from 7-13 October 2004 and nine trapping sites were used, spread across both landform and vegetation types. The trap layout used for each site consisted of a transect of 10 assisted pitfalls (a 40 L plastic bucket with a 7 m driftfence), with a funnel trap on every second driftfence. Sites 1 to 6 also had 5 Elliott and 5 cage traps. The total trapping effort for each site is given in Table 1 and site descriptions (vegetation and soil) are provided in Table 2. Staff involved in the survey included:

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The field programme was coordinated by Dr Mike Bamford, who was working in a similar area on the Learmonth Air Weapons Range, $c a .70 \mathrm{~km}$ south of the Exmouth UCL, during the same period.

In addition to trapping, other survey methods utilised included:

- Systematic (in conjunction with checking traps) and opportunistic bird surveys;
- Microhabitat searching;
- Spotlighting; and
- Bat echolocation call recording (utilising the Anabat system).

Table 1. Total trapping effort (trap-nights) for sites at Exmouth UCL (October 2004).

| Sit <br> $e$ | Trapping <br> period | Assis <br> ted <br> Pitfa <br> lls | Funne <br> l <br> traps | Elli <br> ott <br> Trap <br> s | Cage <br> Trap <br> s |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $7-12$ Oct <br> 2004 | 50 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| 2 | $7-12$ oct <br> 2004 | 50 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| 3 | $8-13$ Oct <br> 2004 | 50 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| 4 | $8-13$ Oct <br> 2004 | 50 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| 5 | $8-13$ oct <br> 2004 | 50 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| 6 | $8-13$ Oct <br> 2004 | 50 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| 7 | $8-13$ Oct <br> 2004 | 50 | 25 | - | - |
| 8 | $8-13$ Oct <br> 2004 | 50 | 25 | - | - |
| 9 | $8-13$ Oct <br> 2004 | 50 | 25 | - | - |
|  | Total <br> effort: | 450 | 225 | 150 | 150 |

Table 2. Description of trapping sites at Exmouth UCL (October 2004 survey).
Includes site co-ordinates (datum WGS 84), vegetation types, soil type and landform unit.

| Site | UTM Co-ordinates | Vegetation | Soils | Landscape |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \mathrm{~K} 0200307 \mathrm{E} \\ & 7583044 \mathrm{~N} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Moderately low shrubland of Banksia ashbyi and Corymbia sp. | Red Pindan sand | Low rise |
| 2 | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \mathrm{~K} 0200074 \mathrm{E} \\ & 7582445 \mathrm{~N} \end{aligned}$ | Open shrubland of B. ashbyi, Grevillea and emergent Corymbia. | Red and white sand | Floodplain |
| 3 | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \mathrm{~K} 0200524 \mathrm{E} \\ & 7582419 \mathrm{~N} \end{aligned}$ | Open shrubland of B. ashbyi, low Corymbia sp., Grevillea sp. and mixed Acacia. | Red Pindan sand | Floodplain |
| 4 | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \mathrm{~K} 0201271 \mathrm{E} \\ & 7581709 \mathrm{~N} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Low Corymbia and mixed Acacia shrubland. | Alluvial red sandyclay | Interdunal drainage depression |
| 5 | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \mathrm{~K} 0201010 \mathrm{E} \\ & 7580725 \mathrm{~N} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Open shrubland of Coryinbia, Acacia and Grevilleas with Triodia sp. | Red Pindan sand | Upper dune |
| 6 | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \mathrm{~K} 0200560 \mathrm{E} \\ & 7580466 \mathrm{~N} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Open shrubland of Corymbia, Acacia and Grevillea with Triodia sp. | Red Pindan sand | Dune mid-slope |
| 7 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 50 \mathrm{~K} 0200629 \mathrm{E} \\ & 7578409 \mathrm{~N} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Swale with low mixed Acacia and emergent Corymbia on a clayey sand. | Alluvial red sandyclay | Dune-swale |
| 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \mathrm{~K} 0199140 \mathrm{E} \\ & 7578221 \mathrm{~N} \end{aligned}$ | Sparse clumps of low Corymbia and Triodia (appears long unburnt relative to surrounding landscape). | Red sandy-loam | Sandy floodplain |
| 9 | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \mathrm{~K} 0198264 \mathrm{E} \\ & 7578111 \mathrm{~N} \end{aligned}$ | Occasional low Corymbia and Grevillea shrubland over Triodia sp.. | Red sandy-loam with some exposed limestone | Sandy floodplain |

## Sources of Information

In addition to the results from the field survey, lists of fauna expected to occur in the study area were produced using information from a number of sources. These included publications that provide information on general patterns of distribution of frogs (Tyler et al. 2000), reptiles (Storr et al. 1983, 1990, 1999 and 2002), birds (Barrett et al. 2003; Johnstone and Storr 1998), and mammals (Menkhorst and Knight 2001; Strahan 1995). Kendrick (1993) lists reptiles recorded in the Cape Ranger area, while specimen records of frogs, reptiles, birds and mammals held by the WA Museum were obtained for the region bounded by $21^{\circ} 45^{\prime}$ to $22^{\circ} 30^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, and $113^{\circ} 45^{\prime}$ to $114^{\circ} 15^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$. Birds Australia's New Atlas database was searched for the same area.

These sources of information were used to create lists of species expected to occur at the site. As far as possible, expected species are those that are likely to utilise the project area, and such lists exclude species that have been recorded in the general region as vagrants or for which suitable habitat is absent. Particularly among the birds, for example, vagrants can be recorded almost anywhere.

Taxonomy and nomenclature for fauna species used in this report generally follow the WA Museum (2001) for amphibians, reptiles and mammals, and Christidis and Boles (1994) for birds.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The trapping program recorded a total of 64 vertebrate fauna species including 31 reptiles, 25 birds and eight mammals (see Tables 3, 4 and 5). A small number of invertebrates were also collected and lodged with the WA Museum. Invertebrates collected were in the groups likely to include short-range endemics such as mygalomorph spiders, isopods and millipedes.

## Frogs

Although no frogs were collected during the October survey, three species may be recorded during more suitable conditions (see Table 6). All three species have Eremaean distributions, although the Tawny Trilling Frog Neobatrachus fulvus appears to be restricted to near-coastal areas of the western Pilbara.

## Reptiles

A total of 31 reptile species was recorded in the study of a possible 90 species recorded on the Cape Range Peninsula (see Table 7). The most abundant and widespread species were Ctenophorus femoralis, Lerista bipes and Nephrurus levis occidentalis. The former of these was abundant throughout the entire study area. A summary of reptile capture data is given in Table 3. Two species, the gecko Gehyra punctata and Burton's LeglessLizard Lialis burtoni, were only recorded from areas outside the study site. The gecko is associated with rocky environments and might not occur in the study area, but the legless lizard is widespread and is very likely to be present.

Keast (1959) and Pianka (1972) have examined the biogeographic and habitat affinities of some of the reptile species found in the Exmouth UCL, and these are presented in Table 3 where appropriate. The affinities are as follows:

|  | Code | Affinity type | Reference |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Standard <br> Biogeographical <br> affinities | U | Ubiquitous | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Keast } \\ & (1959) \end{aligned}$ |
|  | N | Northern |  |
|  | E | Eremean |  |
|  | B | Bassian |  |
| Desert Habitat affinities | S | Sandplain | Pianka(1972) |
|  | S-T | SandplainTriodia |  |
|  | SA-T | Shrubland Acacia-Triodia |  |
| Specific habitat affinities | Ex-S | Exmouth Sandplain |  |

In addition to species listed under these affinities by Keast (1959) and Pianka (1972), many of the remaining species are known to have specific affinities on the basis of the general literature. These are also indicated on Table 3.

The reptile assemblage contains species from a range of affinities, and while only Ctenophorus femoralis is endemic to the Exmouth sandplains, those species listed as from sandplain habitats are likely to be restricted to that habitat within the Cape Range Peninsula. The skink Lerista elegans is unusual in having southern (Bassian) affinities.

Some species were unevenly distributed across the sites, suggesting that they are more abundant in some areas than others in response to subtle differences in habitat. Although numbers of captures were generally too low to draw firm conclusions, species showing such trends included the burrowing skink Lerista bipes, most commonly caught at site 5 (upper dune), and the gecko Diplodactylus conspicillatus, most commonly caught at sites 4 and 9 (sandy clay or sandy loam). Site 8 , noted as being long unburnt compared with other sites, supported a high number of species and had the highest number of captures, but the lowest number of the dragon Ctenophorus femoralis.

The study at the UCL was carried out at the same time, in similar sandy habitats and with the same sampling effort as a study in the Learmonth Air Weapons Range (LAWR) just south of Cape Range National Park and about 70km south of the Exmouth UCL. A similar suite of reptile species was recorded at the two sites, but there were 47 species at the LAWR compared with 31 at the UCL. The LAWR actually had 20 species not recorded at the UCL, while the latter had 6 species not recorded at the LAWR. Eight of the species found only at the LAWR were associated with coastal or rocky habitats not present in the UCL, but that means 12 species found on sandy soils at the LAWR were not found in the UCL, and six species found on sandy soils at the UCL were not found in the LAWR. Such a difference may a sampling effect, as all species are unlikely to be
found in a single sampling session. Supporting this, almost all species recorded at only one of the sites were caught in low numbers ( $<5$ specimens), suggesting a stochastic difference (a difference due to chance). A few of the species, however, were commonly caught at one site nut were absent at the other. For example, at the LAWR there were 7 specimens of the skink Lerista muelleri and 30 specimens of Lerista uniduo, whereas at the UCL there were 45 specimens of Lerista bipes. The records for $L$. uniduo and L. bipes are especially interesting as the two species are very similar morphologically. L. uniduo is endemic to sandy soils of the Cape Range Peninsula whereas L. bipes occurs across much of Western Australia, and it would be interesting to determine if they coexist anywhere within the range of $L$. uniduo.

The 31 reptile species recorded in the UCL is only about a third of the reptile species recorded on the Cape Range Peninsula, but the study area lacks many of the habitats present elsewhere in the region. Despite this, one species, the skink Ctenotus hanloni, is not listed by Kendrick (1993) or in the WA Museum database. It was also recorded in the LAWR area.

Table 3. Reptile capture data for Exmouth UCL survey. Numbers represent individual animals recorded during trapping period of $7-13 / 10 / 004$. It includes results of all trapping, hand searching and observations. The "Off-site" column includes all opportunistic records such as road spotting and observations in areas directly adjacent to but not within the UCL site. Table includes details of biogeographic and habitat affinities for selected species. R indicates species associated with rocky environments; other codes are explained in Table 3.

| Species | Affinities | Trap Site number |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Off- } \\ & \text { site } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |  |
| Diplodactylus conspicillatus | N |  |  | 1 | 9 |  |  | 3 | 1 | 6 | 8 |
| D. stenodactylus | S | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| Gehyra punctata | R |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| G. variegata | U | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 |  | 5 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 1 |
| Heteronotia <br> binoei | U |  | 4 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 3 |
| Nephrurus levis occidentalis | E | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 9 |
| Strophurus strophurus | N/SA-T |  |  | 2 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| S. jeanae |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| Lialis burtonis | U |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |
| Ctenotus rufescens | S | 1 |  | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| C. iapetus |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| C. hanloni |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Cyclodomorphus <br> m. melanops |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Egernia inornata | S |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| Eremiascincus fasciolatus | S-T | 3 |  | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 5 |  |  |
| Lerista bipes | S | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| L. elegans | B/S |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2 |  |  | 1 |  |
| I. <br> lineopunctulata |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| L. $p$. planiventralis | S |  |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Menetia greyii | U |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |
| Morethia ruficauda exquisita | R |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |
| Notoscincus 0. ornatus |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |
| Ctenophorus nuchalis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | 1 |


| C. femoralis | Ex-S | 22 | 28 | 24 | 12 | 22 | 10 | 11 | 9 | 21 | 6 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Diporiphora <br> winneckei | S | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pogona minor <br> minor |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Varanus eremius <br> V. gouldii <br> gouldii <br> Ramphotyphlops <br> grypus <br> R. hamatus | U T |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 | 2 | 3 |  | 1 |  |
| Simoselaps <br> bertholdi |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Number of <br> species: |  | 10 | 10 | 14 | 10 | 13 | 8 | 13 | 13 | 12 |  |  |
| Number of <br> captures: |  | 40 | 48 | 45 | 33 | 48 | 33 | 36 | 52 | 49 |  |  |

## Birds

Of a possible 94 species, 25 were recorded from the Exmouth UCL area, with details of those species recorded given in Table 5 and a full list of possible species given in Table 9. The depauperate bird fauna may be a combination of several factors including a lack of flowering plants and no surface water during the October survey period; and limited habitat diversity. The recent fire may also have affected the result.

The most abundant and widespread bird species was the Singing Honeyeater. Although the Crested Bellbird was also widely recorded, this was quite likely a result of the species' ubiquitous call. Sites 2 and 9 were the most species rich, with 8 and 9 species respectively. The majority of those species recorded during the October 2004 survey have either widespread or Eremaean distributions.

Table 4. Bird species recorded from sites within the Exmouth UCL study area. Presence of species at a site is indicated by ' + '. Opportunistic records are from other areas inside the study area or immediately adjacent habitats.

|  Site <br> Species  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |  |  | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | Opp |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Emu |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |
| Osprey |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |
| Wedge-tailed Eagle |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |
| Nankeen Kestrel |  | + |  | + | + | + |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spinifex Pigeon |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |
| Crested Pigeon |  | + |  |  |  | + |  | + |  |  |  |
| Galah |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |
| Little Corella |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |  |  |  |  |
| Australian Ringneck |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |  |  | + |  |
| Horsfield's BronzeCuckoo |  |  | + |  |  | $+$ |  |  |  | $+$ |  |


| Barn Owl |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rainbow Bee-eater |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $+$ |
| Red-browed Pardalote |  | $+$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |  |
| Brown Honeyeater |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + | + |
| Singing Honeyeater |  | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ | + |  | + | + |
| Yellow-throated Miner |  | $+$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater |  | $+$ |  |  | $+$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crested Bellbird | $+$ |  |  |  | $+$ |  | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ |
| Australian Magpielark |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $+$ |
| Black-faced Cuckooshrike |  | $+$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | + | $+$ |
| Black-faced Woodswallow |  | $+$ | $+$ |  |  |  | + | + |  |  |
| Pied Butcherbird | $+$ | $+$ |  | $+$ |  |  |  |  |  | $+$ |
| Torresian Crow |  |  |  |  |  | $+$ |  |  |  |  |
| Western Bowerbird |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |
| Zebra Finch |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $+$ | $+$ |

As discussed by Kendrick (1993), the peninsula's avifauna can be broadly separated into three groups on the basis of their biogeography:

- Widespread species;
- Endemic species or species with locally isolated populations; and
- Species which reach the limit of their distribution on the peninsula, which includes -
- Southern species which extend as far north as the peninsula;
- Northern/inland species that extend as far south as the peninsula.

The majority of the species recorded during the field survey have widespread distribution, but two species, Spinifex Pigeon and Western Bowerbird, have isolated populations on the peninsula. Sightings of both species occurred towards the western boundary of the study area and it is expected that the Western Bowerbird's occurrence in the study area is a result of the close proximity of the Cape Range and the associated gorge/watercourse habitats. Similarly, the Spinifex Pigeon is usually associated with rocky habitats that lie to the west of the study area.

## Mammals

A total of only eight mammal species were recorded from the study area, including two feral species i.e. Cat Felis catus and Dog Canis familiaris. Four small mammals were caught through the trapping program, with capture rates detailed in Table 6 below. All are associated with sandy soils. Although several attempts were made to record echolocation calls of micro-bats, none was heard. Scratchings and scats of Echidnas Tachyglossus aculeatus were recorded from throughout the site, whilst Euros Macropus robustus were recorded throughout the area during spot-lighting traverses of the area. All of the mammal species recorded from the study area have widespread arid-zone
distributions, however it should be recognized that other mammal species potentially occurring in the area are would be at the limit of their distribution.

Table 5. Small mammal capture data for Exmouth UCL (October 2004)

| Species | Site | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lesser Hairy-footed Dunnart | Sminthopsis youngsoni |  |  | 1 |  | 2 | 1 |  | 2 | 1 |
| Spinifex HoppingMouse | Notomys alexis | 1 |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |  |
| Delicate Mouse | Pseudomys delicatulus |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Sandy Inland Mouse | Pseudomys hermannsburgensis | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |  |  |  |  |

## CONCLUSIONS

The Exmouth UCL contains an isolated dunefield habitat supporting an unusual assemblage of fauna species, including a rich reptile fauna. The area's faunal assemblage includes both northern and southern species, some of which are at the limit of their distribution. It also includes a number of species that have isolated populations on the Cape Range Peninsula.

The dunefield habitat is not well represented within the existing Cape Range National Park. Therefore, species closely associated with this habitat are likely to be uncommon within the existing reserved land. This includes approximately a third of the reptile species and over half the mammal species recorded during the survey. The presence of large populations of species associated with sandy soils suggests that the UCL would be a worthy inclusion in the National Park, as this is a different faunal assemblage from that found in the mostly rocky environments of the existing reserve.

Compared with similar dunefield habitat just south of the national park (the LAWR), the Exmouth UCL supports a similar but not identical faunal assemblage.

Table 6. Frog species expected to occur in the Exmouth UCL area, based on habitat preferences and current distribution.

| FROGS |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| HYLIDAE |  |
| Main's Frog | Cyclorana maini |
| MYOBATRACHIDAE | Neobatrachus fulvus |
| Tawny Trilling <br> Frog |  |
| Shoemaker Frog | Neobatrachus sutor |

Table 7. Reptile species recorded or expected to occur in the Exmouth UCL area, based on Kendrick (1993) and WA Museum specimen records. Species recorded during the October 2004 survey are indicated by ' + '.

| REPTILES | Stat us |
| :---: | :---: |
| GEKKONIDAE (geckos) |  |
| Clawless GeckoCrenadactylus <br> ocellatus horni |  |
| Fat-tailed Diplodactylus <br> Diplodactylus conspicillatus | + |
| Diplodactylus mitchelli |  |
| Diplodactylus ornatus |  |
| Diplodactylus stenodactylus | + |
| Pilbara Dtella Gehyra pilbara |  |
| Spotted Dtella Gehyra punctata | + |
| Tree Dtella Gehyra variegata | + |
| Bynoe's Gecko Heteronotia binoei | + |
| Nephrurus levis occidentalis | + |
| Spiny-tailed Gecko Strophurus ciliaris aberrans |  |
| Jewelled Gecko Strophurus elderi |  |
| Strophurus jeanae | + |
| Strophurus rankini |  |
| Strophurus strophurus | + |
| PYGOPODIDAE (legless-lizards) |  |
| Aprasia fusca |  |
| Delma australis |  |
| Delma nasuta |  |
| Delma pax |  |


|  | Delma tincta |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Burton's Legless- Lialis burtonis | + |  |
| Lizard |  |  |
| Hooded Scaly-foot | Pygopus nigriceps |  |

Table 7. (cont.)

| SCINCIDAE (skinks) | Stat <br> us |
| :---: | :---: |
| Carlia munda |  |
| Cryptoblepharus carnabyi |  |
| Fence SkinkCryptoblepharus <br> plagiocephalus |  |
| Ctenotus duricola |  |
| Ctenotus grandis |  |
| Ctenotus iapetus | + |
| Ctenotus pantherinus ocellifer |  |
| Ctenotus hanloni | ++ |
| Ctenotus rufescens | + |
| Ctenotus saxatilis |  |
| Cyclodomorphus m. melanops | + |
| Egernia inornata | + |
| Narrow-banded Sand-  <br> swimmer Eremiascincus <br> fasciolatus  | + |
| Broad-banded Sand-swimmer $\quad$Eremiascincus <br> richardsonii |  |
| Glaphyromorphus isolepis |  |
| Lerista allochira |  |
| Lerista bipes | + |
| Lerista elegans | + |
| Lerista <br> lineopunctulata | + |
| Lerista macropisthopus fusciceps |  |
| Lerista muelleri |  |
| Lerista p. planiventralis | + |
| Lerista praepedita |  |
| Lerista uniduo |  |
| Menetia greyii | + |
| Menetia surda |  |
| Morethia <br> lineoocellata |  |
| Morethia ruficauda $\begin{array}{r}\text { exquisita }\end{array}$ | + |


|  | Notoscincus ornatus <br> ornatus | + |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Central Blue-tongue Lizard | Tiliqua multifasciata | + |
| AGAMIDAE (dragon lizards) |  |  |
|  | Amphibolurus gilberti |  |
|  | Amphibolurus longirostris |  |
| Central Netted Dragon | ctenophorus nuchalis | $+$ |
| Western Netted Dragon | Ctenophorus reticulatus |  |
|  | Ctenophorus clayi |  |
| Spotted Dragon | Ctenophorus maculatus badius |  |

Table 7. (cont.)

| AGAMIDAE (cont.) |  | Stat us |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ctenophorus femoralis |  |
| Military Dragon | Ctenophorus isolepis |  |
|  | Diporiphora winneckei | + |
| Thorny Devil | Moloch horridus |  |
| Western Bearded Dragon | Pogona minor minor | + |
|  | Rankinia parviceps parviceps |  |
| VARANIDAE (monitor lizards) |  |  |
| Ridge-tailed Monitor | Varanus acanthurus |  |
|  | Varanus brevicauda |  |
|  | Varanus eremius | + |
| Sand Monitor | Varanus gouldii gouldii | + |
|  | Varanus tristis |  |
| TYPHLOPIDAE (blind snakes) |  |  |
|  | Ramphotyphlops ammodytes |  |
|  | Ramphotyphlops grypus | + |
|  | Ramphotyphlops hamatus | + |
|  | Ramphotyphlops splendidus |  |
| BOIDAE (pythons) |  |  |


| Pygmy Python | Antaresia perthensis |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Stimson's Python | Antaresia stimsoni |
| stimsoni |  |$\quad$.

Table 8. Bird species recorded or expected to occurr in the Exmouth UCL study area. Those species recorded during the field survey are indicated by ' + '.

| BIRDS | $\begin{gathered} \text { Statu } \\ \mathrm{s} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| CASUARIIDAE (emu) |  |
| EmuDromaius <br> novaehollandiae | + |
| PHASIANIDAE (true quails) |  |
| Brown Quail Coturnix ypsilophora |  |
| ACCIPITRIDAE (eagles, hawks and kites) |  |
| Osprey Pandion haliaetus | + |
| Black-shouldered Elanus caeruleus Kite |  |
| Black-breasted Hamirostra  <br> Buzzard melanosternon |  |
| Black Kite Milvus migrans |  |


| Brahminy Kite Haliastur indus |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Brown Goshawk Accipiter fasciatus |  |
| Collared Accipiter Sparrowhawk cirrocephalus |  |
| Little Eagle Aquila morphnoides |  |
| Wedge-tailed Eagle Aquila audax | + |
| White-bellied Sea- Haliaeetus leucogaster Eagle |  |
| Spotted Harrier Circus assimilis |  |
| FALCONIDAE (falcons) |  |
| Brown Falcon Falco berigora |  |
| Australian Kestrel Falco cenchroides | + |
| Australian Hobby Falco longipennis |  |
| OTIDIDAE (bustard) |  |
| Australian Bustard Ardeotis australis |  |
| TURNICIDAE (button-quails) |  |
| Little ButtonTurnix velox quail |  |
| BURHINIDAE (stone-curlews) |  |
| Bush Stone-curlew Burhinus grallarius |  |
| COLUMBIDAE (doves and pigeons) |  |
| Crested Pigeon Ocyphaps lophotes | + |
| Spinifex Pigeon Geophaps plumifera | + |
| Diamond Dove Geopelia cuneata |  |
| Peaceful Dove Geopelia striata |  |
| Bar-shouldered Geopelia humeralis Dove |  |

Table 8. (cont.)

| PSITTACIDAE | (cockatoos and parrots) | Statu <br> $\mathbf{s}$ |
| :--- | ---: | :---: |
| Galah | Cacatua roseicapilla | + |
| Little Corella | Cacatua sanguinea | + |
| Cockatiel | Nymphicus hollandicus |  |
| Australian <br> Ringneck | Platycercus zonarius | + |
| Budgerigar | Melopsittacus |  |
| Night Parrot | Pezoporus occidentalis |  |


| CUCULIDAE (cuckoos) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Pallid Cuckoo Cuculus pallidus |  |
| Black-eared Cuckoo Chrysococcyx osculans |  |
| Horsfield's BronzeChrysococcyx Cuckoo basalis | $+$ |
| TYTONIDAE (barn owls) |  |
| Barn Owl Tyto alba | + |
| PODARGIDAE (frogmouths) |  |
| Tawny Frogmouth Podargus strigoides |  |
| CAPRIMULGIDAE (nightjars) |  |
| Spotted Nightjar Eurostopodus argus |  |
| AEGOTHELIDAF (owlet-nightjars) |  |
| Australian Owlet- Aegotheles cristatus nightjar |  |
| APODIDAE (swifts) |  |
| Fork-tailed Swift Apus pacificus |  |
| HALCYONIDAE (kingfishers) |  |
| Red-backed Todiramphus <br> Kingfisher pyrrhopygia |  |
| Sacred Kingfisher Todiramphus sanctus |  |
| MEROPIDAE (bee-eaters) |  |
| Rainbow Bee-eater Merops ornatus | + |
| MALURIDAE (Australian wrens) |  |
| Variegated FairyMalurus lamberti wren |  |
| White-winged Malurus leucopterus Fairy-wren |  |
| Rufous-crowned Emu-wrenStipiturus <br> ruficeps |  |
| Striated Grasswren Amytornis striatus |  |
| Thick-billed Amytornis textilis Grasswren |  |

## Table 8. (cont.)

| PARDALOTIDAE | (pardalotes and allies) | Statu <br> $\mathbf{s}$ |
| :--- | ---: | :---: |
| Red-browed  <br> Pardalote Pardalotus rubricatus | + |  |
| striated Pardalote | Pardalotus striatus |  |


| ACANTHIZIDAE (thornbills and allies) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Rufous Fieldwren Calamanthus campestris |  |
| Redthroat Pyrrholaemus brunneus |  |
| WeebillSmicrornis <br> brevirostris |  |
| Western Gerygone Gerygone fusca |  |
| MELIPHAGIDAE (honeyeaters) |  |
| Brown Honeyeater Lichmera indistincta | + |
| Black Honeyeater Certhionyx niger |  |
| Singing Honeyeater Lichenostomus <br> virescens  | + |
| Grey-headed Lichenostomus <br> Honeyeater keartlandi |  |
| White-plumed <br> Lichenostomus <br> Honeyeater <br> penicillatus |  |
| Yellow-throated Manorina flavigula Miner | + |
| Spiny-cheeked Acanthagenys <br> Honeyeater rufogularis | + |
| Crimson Chat Epthianura tricolor |  |
| PETROICIDAE (Australian robins) |  |
| Red-capped Robin Petroica goodenovii |  |
| Hooded Robin Petroica cucullata |  |
| POMATOSTOMIDAE (Australian babblers) |  |
| Grey-crowned Pomatostomus <br> Babbler temporalis |  |
| CINCLOSOMATIDAE (quail-thrush and wedgebills) |  |
| Chiming Wedgebill Psophodes occidentalis |  |
| PACHYCEPHALIDAE (whistlers and allies) |  |
| Crested Bellbird Oreoica gutturalis | + |
| Grey Shrike-thrush Colluricinclaharmonica |  |
| DICRURIDAE (fly-catchers) |  |
| Grey Fantail Rhipidura fuliginosa |  |
| Willie Wagtail Rhipidura leucophrys |  |
| Australian Magpie- Grallina cyanoleuca lark | + |
| CAMPEPHAGIDAE (cuckoo-shrikes and trillers) |  |


| Black-faced Cuckoo- Coracina <br> shrike novaehollandiae | + |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| White-winged | Lalage tricolor |  |
| Triller |  |  |

Table 8. (cont.)

| ARTAMIDAE (woodswallows) | Statu s |
| :---: | :---: |
| White-breasted Woodswallow Artamus leucorynchus |  |
| Masked Woodswallow Artamus personatus |  |
| Black-faced <br> Artamus cinereus Woodswallow | + |
| Little Woodswallow Artamus minor |  |
| CRACTICIDAE (butcherbirds and allies) |  |
| Grey Butcherbird Cracticus torquatus |  |
| Pied Butcherbird Cracticus nigrogularis | + |
| Australian Magpie Cracticus tibicen |  |
| CORVIDAE (crows and ravens) |  |
| Torresian Crow Corvus orru | + |
| Little Crow Corvus bennetti |  |
| PTILONORHYNCHIDAE (bowerbirds) |  |
| Western BowerbirdPtilonorhynchus <br> maculatus | + |
| HIRUNDINIDAE (swallows and martins) |  |
| White-backed <br> Swallow <br> Cheramoeca <br> leucosternus |  |
| Welcome Swallow Hirundo neoxena |  |
| Tree Martin Hirundo nigricans |  |
| Fairy Martin Hirundo ariel |  |
| zOSTEROPIDAE (white-eyes) |  |
| Silvereye Zosterops lateralis |  |
| SYLVIIDAE (songlarks and allies) |  |
| Spinifex-bird Eremiornis carteri |  |
| Rufous Songlark Cincloramphus mathewsi |  |
| Brown Songlark Cincloramphus cruralis |  |
| ALAUDIDAE (bushlark) |  |
| Singing Bushlark Mirafra javanica |  |
| DICAEIDAE (flower-peckers) |  |


| Mistletoebird | Dicaeum hirundinaceum |  |
| :--- | ---: | :---: |
| PASSERIDAE (finches) |  |  |
| Zebra Finch | Taeniopygia guttata | + |
| Painted Finch | Emblema pictum |  |
| MOTACILLIDAE (pipits) |  |  |
| Australian Pipit | Anthus australis |  |

Table 9. Mammal species recorded or expected to occur in the Exmouth UCL study area. Those species recorded by way of scats or tracks are indicated by ' $s$ ', whilst species recorded by direct observation/capture are indicated by ' + '.

| MAMMALS | Status |
| :---: | :---: |
| TACHYGLOSSIDAE (echidna) |  |
| EchidnaTachyglossus <br> aculeatus | s |
| DASYURIDAE (carnivorous marsupials) |  |
|  |  |
| Pilbara Ningaui Ningaui timealeyi |  |
| Planigale sp |  |
| Tan False <br> Antechinus <br> Pseudantechinus roryi |  |
| Striped-faced Dunnart |  |
| Lesser Hairy-footed Sminthopsis <br> Dunnart youngsoni | + |
| MACROPODIDAE (kangaroos and wallabies) |  |
| Euro Macropus robustus erubescens | + |
| Red Kangaroo Macropus rufus |  |
| EMBALLONURIDAE (sheathtail bats) |  |
| Common Sheathtail |  |
| Bat Taphozous georgianus |  |
| Yellow-bellied Saccolaimus |  |
| Sheathtail Bat flaviventris |  |
| MOLOSSIDAE (freetail bats) |  |
| White-striped |  |
| Mastiff Bat Tadarida australis |  |
| Northern Ereetail Chaerephon Bat |  |
| Beccari's Freetail Mormopterus |  |
| Bat beccari |  |
| VESPERTILIONIDAE (evening bats) |  |
| Gould's Wattled |  |
| Bat Chalinolobus gouldil |  |
| Lesser Long- eared Bat $\quad$ Nyctophilus geoffroyi |  |


| Inland Cave Bat | Vespadelus finlaysoni |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Little Broadnosed Bat | Scotorepens greyii |  |
| MURIDAE (rodents) |  |  |
| Spinifex Hopping Mouse | Notomys alexis | $+$ |
| Delicate Mouse | Pseudomys delicatulus | + |
| Sandy Inland Mouse | Pseudomys hermannsburgensis | + |
| INTRODUCED FAUNA |  |  |
| House Mouse | Mus musculus |  |
| Black Rat | Rattus rattus |  |
| Red Fox | Vulpes vulpes |  |
| Dog/Dingo | Canis lupus/dingo | + |
| Feral Cat | Felis catus | + |
| European Rabbit | Oryctolagus cuniculus |  |
| Goat | Capra hircus |  |

Table 10. Extinct mammal fauna of the Cape Range Peninsula that may have occurred in the Exmouth UCL study area. Includes locally extinct fauna species.

| DASYURIDAF (carnivorous marsupials) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Thylacine | Thylacinus cynocephalus |
| Kultarr | Antechinomys laniger |
| Mulgara | Dasycercus cristicauda |
| Chuditch | Dasyurus geoffroii |
| Northern Quoll | Dasyurus hallucatus |
| Red-tailed Phascogale | Phascogale calura |
| Long-tailed Dunnart | Sminthopsis longicaudata |
| Ooldea Dunnart | Sminthopsis ooldea |
| PERAMELIDAE (bandi | $s$ and bilbies) |
| Golden Bandicoot | Isoodon auratus |
| Western Barred Bandicoot | Perameles bougainville |
| Greater Bilby | Macrotis lagotis |
| MACROPODIDAE (kang <br> bettongs) | oos, wallabies and |
| Boodie | Bettongia leseur |
| Spectacled Hare- wallaby | Lagorchestes conspicillatus |
| PHALANGERIDAE (brushtail possums) |  |
| Common Brushtail <br> Possum | richosurus vulpecula |


| MURIDAE (rodents) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Forrest's Mouse | Leggadina forresti |
| Long-tailed Hopping Mouse | Notomys Iongicaudatus |
| Short-tailed Hopping Mouse | Notomys amplus |
| Desert Mouse | Pseudomys desertor |
| Djoongari | Pseudomys fieldi |
| Western Chestnut Mouse | Pseudomys nanus |
| Pale Field Rat | Rattus tunneyi |

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