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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 40L plastic bucket with a 7m 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, *ca*. 70km 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).

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Sit	Trapping	Assis	Funne	Elli	Cage
e	period	ted	1	ott	Trap
		Pitfa	traps	Trap	S
		lls		S	
1	7-12 Oct 2004	50	25	25	25
		EO	25	25	25
2	7-12 Oct 2004	50	20	2.5	
3	8-13 Oct 2004	50	25	25	25
4	8-13 Oct 2004	50	25	25	25
5	8-13 Oct 2004	50	25	25	25
6	8-13 Oct 2004	50	25	25	25
7	8-13 Oct 2004	50	25		-
8	8-13 Oct 2004	50	25	Ŧ	-
9	8-13 Oct 2004	50	25	e	-
	Total effort:	450	225	150	150

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

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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	50 K 0200307 E 7583044 N	Moderately low shrubland of <i>Banksia ashbyi</i> and <i>Corymbia</i> sp.	Red Pindan sand	Low rise
2	50 K 0200074 E 7582445 N	Open shrubland of <i>B. ashbyi</i> , <i>Grevillea</i> and emergent <i>Corymbia</i> .	Red and white sand	Floodplain
3	50 K 0200524 E 7582419 N	Open shrubland of <i>B. ashbyi</i> , low <i>Corymbia</i> sp., <i>Grevillea</i> sp. and mixed <i>Acacia</i> .	Red Pindan sand	Floodplain
4	50 K 0201271 E 7581709 N	Low Corymbia and mixed Acacia shrubland.	Alluvial red sandy- clay	Interdunal drainage depression
5	50 K 0201010 E 7580725 N	Open shrubland of <i>Corymbia</i> , <i>Acacia</i> and Grevilleas with <i>Triodia</i> sp.	Red Pindan sand	Upper dune
6	50 K 0200560 E 7580466 N	Open shrubland of <i>Corymbia</i> , <i>Acacia</i> and <i>Grevillea</i> with <i>Triodia</i> sp.	Red Pindan sand	Dune mid-slope
7	50 K 0200629 E 7578409 N	Swale with low mixed <i>Acacia</i> and emergent <i>Corymbia</i> on a clayey sand.	Alluvial red sandy- clay	Dune-swale
8	50 K 0199140 E 7578221 N	Sparse clumps of low <i>Corymbia</i> and <i>Triodia</i> (appears long unburnt relative to surrounding landscape).	Red sandy-loam	Sandy floodplain
9	50 K 0198264 E 7578111 N	Occasional low Corymbia and Grevillea shrubland over Triodia sp	Red sandy-loam with some exposed limestone	Sandy floodplain

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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° 45' to 22° 30'S, and 113° 45' to 114° 15'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 Legless-Lizard *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	U	Ubiquitous						
Biogeographical	Ν	Northern	Keast					
affinities	E	Eremean	(1959)					
allinitles	В	B Bassian						
	S	Sandplain						
Desert Habitat affinities	S-T	Sandplain- <i>Triodia</i>						
arrinicies	SA-T	Shrubland	Pianka					
		Acacia-Triodia	(1972)					
Specific habitat	Ex-S	Exmouth						
affinities		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/'04. 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			Τr	ap :	Site	nun	nber			Off-
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	site
Diplodactylus conspicillatus	Ν			1	9			3	1	6	8
D. stenodactylus	S	1	1	1	3				2		
Gehyra punctata	R					1		-		1	1
G. variegata	U	1	3	1	2	-	5	1	12	2	1
Heteronotia 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	6	1	2
S. jeanae									1		
Lialis burtonis	U			1					1		2
Ctenotus rufescens	S	1		2					2		
C. iapetus			1	1		1					
C. hanloni		1	1				1				
Cyclodomorphus m. melanops	i					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	
L. lineopunctulata					1						1
L. p. planiventralis	S					5					
Menetia greyii	U		1	1				1			
Morethia ruficauda exquisita	R		1								2
Notoscincus o. ornatus			1			1		1		1	
Ctenophorus nuchalis									2		1

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C. femoralis	Ex-S	22	28	24	12	22	10	11	9	21	6
Diporiphora winneckei	S	1									
Pogona minor minor		1		1				3			
Varanus eremius	S-T			1		1	2	3		1	
V. gouldii gouldii	U					1				1	
Ramphotyphlops grypus						1					1
R. hamatus			al I		1	3		1			1
Simoselaps bertholdi									1	1	
Number of species:		10	10	14	10	13	8	13	13	12	
Number of 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.

Species s	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Opp
Emu										Ŧ
Osprey										+
Wedge-tailed Eagle										+
Nankeen Kestrel		+		+	+					
Spinifex Pigeon										+
Crested Pigeon		+			+		+			
Galah										+
Little Corella						+				
Australian Ringneck						+			+	
Horsfield's Bronze- Cuckoo			+		+				+	

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Barn Owl										+
Rainbow Bee-eater										+
Red-browed Pardalote		+							+	
Brown Honeyeater									+	Ŧ
Singing Honeyeater		+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+
Yellow-throated Miner		+								
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater		+			+					
Crested Bellbird	+				+		+	+	+	+
Australian Magpie- lark										+
Black-faced Cuckoo- shrike		+							+	+
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.

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

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

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	
Tawny Trilling Frog	Neobatrachus fulvus
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 Gecko	Crenadactylus	
	ocellatus horni	
Fat-tailed	Diplodactylus	+
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- Lizard	Lialis burtonis	+
Hooded Scaly-foot	Pygopus nigriceps	

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SCINCIDAE (skinks)		Sta us
	Carlia munda	
	Cryptoblepharus carnabyi	
Fence Skink	Cryptoblepharus plagiocephalus	
	Ctenotus duricola	
	Ctenotus grandis titan	
	Ctenotus iapetus	+
	Ctenotus pantherinus ocellifer	
	Ctenotus hanloni	++
	Ctenotus rufescens	+
	Ctenotus saxatilis	
	Cyclodomorphus m. melanops	+
	Egernia inornata	+
Narrow-banded Sand- swimmer	fasciolatus	+
Broad-banded Sand- swimmer	Eremiascincus richardsonii	
	Glaphyromorphus isolepis	
	Lerista allochira	
	Lerista bipes	+
	Lerista elegans	+
	Lerista lineopunctulata	+
	Lerista macropisthopus fusciceps Lerista muelleri	
	Lerista p. planiventralis Lerista praepedita	+
	Lerista uniduo	
	Menetia greyii Menetia surda	+
		-
	Morethia lineoocellata	
	Morethia ruficauda exquisita	+

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			Notoscincus ornatus ornatus	+
Central Blue-tongue Lizard		ongue	Tiliqua multifasciata	÷
AGAMIDA		on		
lizards) Central		Dragon	Amphibolurus gilberti Amphibolurus longirostris Ctenophorus nuchalis	+
Western			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	
BOIDAE (pythons)	splendidus	

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Pygmy Python	Antaresia perthensis	
Stimson's Python	Antaresia stimsoni	
	stimsoni	
Black-headed Python	Aspidites	
	melanocephalus	
ELAPIDAE (front-fanged snake	es)	
Pilbara Death Adder	Acanthophis wellsi	
North-western Shovel-nosed	Brachyurophis	
Snake	approximans	
Black-necked Whip-snake	Demansia calodera	
Yellow-faced	Demansia psammophis	
Whipsnake	cupreiceps	
Rufous Whipsnake	Demanisa rufescens	
Moon Snake	Furina ornata	
Black-naped Snake	Neelaps bimaculatus	
Mulga Snake	Pseudechis australis	
Ringed Brown Snake	Pseudonaja modesta	
Gwardar	Pseudonaja nuchalis	
Jan's Banded Snake	Simoselaps bertholdi	+
West Coast Banded Snake	Simoselaps	
	littoralis	
Rosen's Snake	Suta fasciata	
Spotted Snake	Suta punctulata	

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	Statu
	s
CASUARIIDAE (emu)	
Emu Dromaius	+
novaehollandiae	
PHASIANIDAE (true quails)	
Brown Quail Coturnix ypsilophora	1 - Q - Q
ACCIPITRIDAE (eagles, hawks and kites)	
Osprey Pandion haliaetus	+
Black-shouldered Elanus caeruleus	
Kite	
Black-breasted Hamirostra	
Buzzard melanosternon	
Black Kite Milvus migrans	h. Hardina

Brahminy Kite	Haliastur indus	
Brown Goshawk	Accipiter fasciatus	
Collared	Accipiter	
Sparrowhawk	cirrocephalus	
Little Eagle	Aquila morphnoides	
Wedge-tailed Eagle	Aquila audax	+
White-bellied Sea- Eagle	Haliaeetus leucogaster	
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 Button- quail	Turnix velox	
BURHINIDAE (stone-c	urlews)	
Bush Stone-curlew	Burhinus grallarius	
COLUMBIDAE (doves a	nd pigeons)	
Crested Pigeon	Ocyphaps lophotes	+
Spinifex Pigeon	Geophaps plumifera	+
Diamond Dove	Geopelia cuneata	
Peaceful Dove	Geopelia striata	
Bar-shouldered Dove	Geopelia humeralis	

Table 8. (cont.)

PSITTACIDAE (cocka	atoos and parrots)	Statu
		S
Galah	Cacatua roseicapilla	+
Little Corella	Cacatua sanguinea	+
Cockatiel	Nymphicus hollandicus	
Australian Ringneck	Platycercus zonarius	+
Budgerigar	Melopsittacus undulatus	
Night Parrot	Pezoporus occidentalis	

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CUCULIDAE (cuckoos)		
Pallid Cuckoo	Cuculus pallidus	
Black-eared Cuckoo C.	hrysococcyx osculans	
Horsfield`s Bronze- Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx basalis	+
TYTONIDAE (barn owls)		
Barn Owl	Tyto alba	+
PODARGIDAE (frogmouths)		
Tawny Frogmouth	Podargus strigoides	
CAPRIMULGIDAE (nightjar	CS)	
Spotted Nightjar	Eurostopodus argus	
AEGOTHELIDAE (owlet-nig	htjars)	
Australian Owlet- 2 nightjar	Aegotheles cristatus	
APODIDAE (swifts)		
Fork-tailed Swift	Apus pacificus	
HALCYONIDAE (kingfisher	rs)	
Red-backed Kingfisher Sacred Kingfisher	Todiramphus pyrrhopygia Todiramphus sanctus	
MEROPIDAE (bee-eaters)		
Rainbow Bee-eater	Merops ornatus	+
MALURIDAE (Australian w		
Variegated Fairy- wren	Malurus lamberti	
White-winged Fairy-wren	Malurus leucopterus	
Rufous-crowned Emu-wren	Stipiturus ruficeps	
Striated Grasswren	Amytornis striatus	
Thick-billed Grasswren	Amytornis textilis	

Table 8. (cont.)

PARDALOTIDAE (parda)	lotes and allies)	Statu
Red-browed	Pardalotus rubricatus	+
Pardalote Striated Pardalote	Pardalotus striatus	·

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ACANTHIZIDAE (thornb	ills and allies)	
Rufous Fieldwren	Calamanthus campestris	
Redthroat	Pyrrholaemus brunneus	
Weebill	Smicrornis	
	brevirostris	
Western Gerygone	Gerygone fusca	
MELIPHAGIDAE (honeye		
Brown Honeyeater	Lichmera indistincta	+
Black Honeyeater	Certhionyx niger	
Singing Honeyeater	Lichenostomus virescens	+
Grey-headed	Lichenostomus	
Honeyeater	keartlandi	
White-plumed	Lichenostomus	
Honeyeater	penicillatus	+
Yellow-throated Miner	Manorina flavigula	.т.
Spiny-cheeked	Acanthagenys	+
Honeyeater	rufogularis	
Crimson Chat	Epthianura tricolor	
PETROICIDAE (Austral	ian robins)	
Red-capped Robin	Petroica goodenovii	
Hooded Robin	Petroica cucullata	
POMATOSTOMIDAE (Aust	ralian babblers)	
Grey-crowned	Pomatostomus	
Babbler	temporalis	
	ail-thrush and	
wedgebills)	Psophodes occidentalis	
PACHYCEPHALIDAE (whi		
Crested Bellbird	Oreoica gutturalis	+
Grey Shrike-thrush	Colluricincla	
Grey Shirke chrush	harmonica	
DICRURIDAE (fly-cate	chers)	
Grey Fantail	Rhipidura fuliginosa	
Willie Wagtail	Rhipidura leucophrys	
lark	Grallina cyanoleuca	+
CAMPEPHAGIDAE (cucke	po-shrikes and	
trillers)		

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ack-faced Cuckoo- rike	ooraorna	+
rıke ite-winged	novaehollandiae	
iller	Lalage tricolor	
ont.)		
TAMIDAE (woodswal	lows)	Stati
		s
ite-breasted odswallow	Artamus	
sked Woodswallow	leucorynchus Artamus personatus	
ack-faced	Artamus cinereus	+
odswallow	Allamus Cineleus	т
tle Woodswallow	Artamus minor	
ACTICIDAE (butche	rbirds and allies)	
ey Butcherbird	Cracticus torquatus	1.111
ed Butcherbird	Cracticus nigrogularis	+
stralian Magpie		
RVIDAE (crows and	ravens)	
rresian Crow	Corvus orru	+
tle Crow	Corvus bennetti	
LONORHYNCHIDAE ()	bowerbirds)	
stern Bowerbird	Ptilonorhynchus	+
	maculatus	
RUNDINIDAE (swallo	ows and martins)	
te-backed llow	Cheramoeca	
come Swallow	leucosternus Hirundo neoxena	
e Martin		
ry Martin	Hirundo nigricans	
	Hirundo ariel	
TEROPIDAE (white-		
vereye	Zosterops lateralis	
VIIDAE (songlarks		
nifex-bird	Eremiornis carteri	
ous Songlark	Cincloramphus mathewsi	
wn Songlark	Cincloramphus cruralis	
wn Songlark UDIDAE (bushlark)		

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 (ed	chidna)	
	Tachyglossus	
Echidna	aculeatus	S
DASYURIDAE (carniv	vorous marsupials)	
(Little Red)		
Kaluta	Dasykaluta rosamondae	
Pilbara Ningaui	Ningaui timealeyi	
	Planigale sp	
Tan False		
Antechinus	Pseudantechinus roryi	
Striped-faced		
Dunnart Sminthopsis macroura		
Lesser Hairy-footed Sminthopsis		
Dunnart	youngsoni	+
MACROPODIDAE (kano	garoos and wallabies)	
Euro Macrop	ous robustus erubescens	+
Red Kangaroo	Macropus rufus	
EMBALLONURIDAE (sh		
Common Sheathtail		
Bat	Taphozous georgianus	
Yellow-bellied	Saccolaimus	
Sheathtail Bat	flaviventris	
MOLOSSIDAE (freeta	ail bats)	
White-striped		
Mastiff Bat	Tadarida australis	
Northern Freetail	Chaerephon	
Bat	jobensis	
Beccari's Freetail		
Bat	beccari	
VESPERTILIONIDAE	(evening bats)	
Gould's Wattled		
Bat	Chalinolobus gouldii	
Lesser Long-		
eared Bat	Nyctophilus geoffroyi	

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Inland Come Dat	IT. 1.7 C'. 7 (_
Inland Cave Bat	Vespadelus finlaysoni	
Little Broad-		
nosed Bat	Scotorepens greyii	
MURIDAE (rodents)		
Spinifex Hopping		
Mouse	Notomys alexis	+
Delicate Mouse	Pseudomys delicatulus	+
Sandy Inland	Pseudomys	
Mouse	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.

DASYURIDAE (ca	rnivorous marsupials)		
Thylacine	Thylacinus		
	cynocephalus		
Kultarr	Antechinomys laniger		
Mulgara	Dasycercus		
	cristicauda		
Chuditch	Dasyurus geoffroii		
Northern Quoll	Dasyurus hallucatus		
Red-tailed	Phascogale calura		
Phascogale			
Long-tailed Dur	nnart Sminthopsis		
	longicaudata		
Ooldea Dunnart	Sminthopsis ooldea		
PERAMELIDAE (ba			
Golden Bandico	ot Isoodon auratus		
	arred Perameles		
Bandicoot	bougainville		
Greater Bilby	Macrotis lagotis		
MACROPODIDAE	(kangaroos, wallabies and		
bettongs)			
Boodie	Bettongia leseur		
	lare- Lagorchestes		
wallaby	conspicillatus		
PHALANGERIDAE (brushtail possums)			
Common Brushtai	1		
Possum			

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Forrest's Mouse	Leggadina forresti	
Long-tailed Hopping	Notomys	
Mouse	longicaudatus	
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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