Eagle-Eye Tours



Western Australia Trip Report 2026

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Day 1: October 6, 2026

A meet and greet over dinner kicked off the tour in Perth. We called it a night afterwards, with the birding plan for the morning ready to be implemented.

Day 2: October 7, 2026

We kicked off the birding portion of this tour with a visit to a local hotspot: an urban lake. Great views and photography opportunities were plentiful! Pink-eared Ducks, Musk Ducks and a male Blue-billed Duck all showed off, in addition to a Buff-banded Rail and other wetland species. Overall, Tawny Frogmouths stole the show and allowed great views — all guests were locked in and ready to keep finding more fantastic birds!



Pink-eared Duck © Abe Tompkins



Paperbark Swamp © Abe Tompkins

Day 3: October 8, 2026

Our focus this morning was at Dryandra Woodland National Park. Australian Ringnecks and Purple-

crowned Lorikeets provided excellent views. Rufous Treecreepers, a lone White-eared Honeyeater, a very obliging Restless Flycatcher, Scarlet Robins and Western Yellow Robins were other bird highlights. Gould's monitor (sand goanna) and western grey kangaroos were enjoying the conditions in various areas of the park.

Day 4: October 9, 2026

An extremely windy start to the day in Stirling Range National Park made birding very difficult. We spotted Banded Lapwings adjacent to our accommodation and managed to find a few Western Whipbirds, a Wedge-tailed Eagle, various thornbills and a small flock of Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos despite the conditions. The highlight of the day (and quite possibly the entire tour) was an Australian Owlet-nightjar peering out of a tree hollow — an amazing species that caught most guests by surprise! We left this region to head south to Albany after lunch.



Candlestick Banksia © Abe Tompkins

Day 5: October 10, 2026

Our focus of the morning was Cheynes Beach, in hopes of finding skulking species. A very obliging Western Bristlebird called and showcased itself for all to see. Southern Emuwrens were calling, but did not provide the best views. Western Whipbird, Noisy Scrub-bird and Western Fieldwren all made themselves heard; however, only the Western Fieldwren sat up nicely, albeit briefly. We happened to spot southern right whales while birding so that was a win-win.

Day 6: October 11, 2026

Birding a nearby lake provided fantastic views of Red-capped Parrots, Western Rosellas, Splendid Fairywrens and Red-winged Fairywrens. We left Albany and proceeded to Pemberton, spotting a handful of Emus along the way. We made a pit stop at Lake Muir where a flock of Western Corellas showed nicely. At another stop, Common Greenshank, Black-bellied Plover, Red Knot and Red-

necked Stint were present, along with our first views of Red-eared Firetails.



Western Grey Kangaroos © Abe Tompkins

Day 7: October 12, 2026

Morning birding around our accommodation grounds added Barking Owls, White-breasted Robins and Fan-tailed Cuckoo to our trip list. Australian Pipit and Rock Parrots were seen very well at Cape Leeuwin, in addition to some distant pelagic species (shearwaters and albatrosses). We encountered a western ringtail possum at our accommodation in Margaret River in the evening.



Lodge Surroundings © Abe Tompkins



Cape Leeuwin © Abe Tompkins



Shingleback Lizard © Abe Tompkins

Day 8: October 13, 2026

The focus of the morning was on a large park near our accommodation and afterwards we targeted coastal species. Pacific Gulls and Pied Oystercatchers made appearances, then a pair of Southern Emuwrens very pleasantly appeared nearby while returning to the van! In the afternoon we went on a whale-watching cruise and spotted several humpback whales in very calm sea conditions (no pelagic species were to be seen under these conditions).



Coastal Birding © Abe Tompkins

Day 9: October 14, 2026

We departed Margaret River today to return to Perth. We made several stops along the way, adding White-fronted Chat, Common Sandpiper, a Peregrine Falcon, Yellow-billed Spoonbill and Pied Stilts, to name a few of the fantastic species encountered on this penultimate full day of the tour! Two additional Emus were spotted along the way.

Day 10: October 15, 2026

A journey to Rottnest Island provided some great bird sightings which included Bridled Terns, Fairy Terns, Red-necked Avocets and Banded Stilts, in addition to the abundant Quokkas and the playful fur seals.



Quokka - Rottnest Island © Abe Tompkins



Rottnest Island - West End © Abe Tompkins

Day 11: October 16, 2026

This fantastic tour filled with great bird and wildlife sightings concluded in the morning post-breakfast.



Our group