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## THE SOUTH COAST REGION

### REGIONAL OFFICE

44 Serpentine Road, Albany, 6330. (098) 41 7133

#### Fitzgerald River National Park

Ranger in Charge (098) 35 5043  
Assistant Ranger (Hopetoun) (098) 38 3060  
Assistant Ranger (Bremer Bay) (098) 37 4025

#### Porongurup National Park

Ranger in Charge (098) 53 1095

#### Stirling Range National Park

Ranger in Charge (098) 27 9230  
Assistant Ranger (098) 27 9278

#### Torndirup National Park

Ranger in Charge (098) 44 4090

#### Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve

Reserves Officer (098) 46 4276

#### William Bay National Park

Ranger in Charge (098) 40 9255

### DISTRICT OFFICE

92 Dempster Street, Esperance, 6450  
(090) 71 3733

#### Cape Arid National Park

Ranger in Charge (090) 75 0055

#### Cape Le Grand National Park

Ranger in Charge (090) 75 9022

#### Stokes National Park

Ranger in Charge (090) 76 8541

#### NATIONAL PARKS WITHOUT RESIDENT STAFF

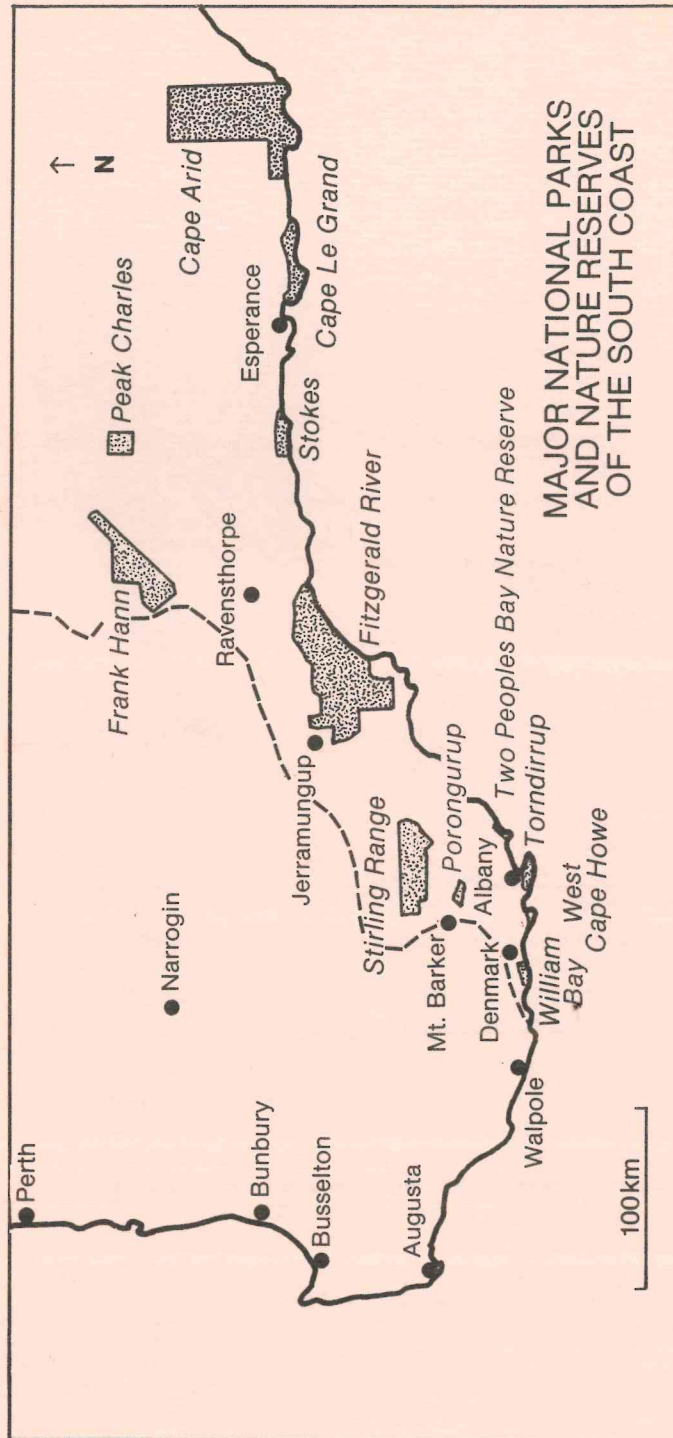
Eucla National Park, Enquiries to Esperance District Office

Peak Charles National Park, enquiries to Esperance District Office.

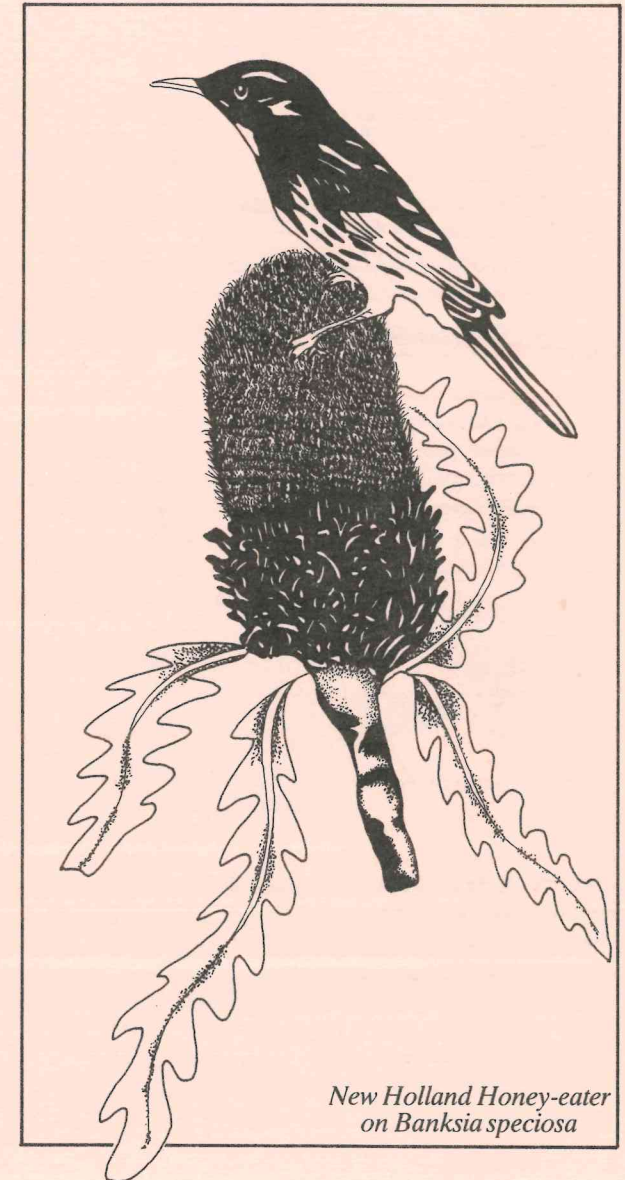
Frank Hann National Park, enquiries to Albany Regional Office

West Cape Howe National Park, enquiries to Torndirup National Park.

Nature Reserves and Timber Reserves without resident staff — enquiries to Regional Office or Esperance District Office.



## THE SOUTH COAST REGION



## CONSERVATION . . .

In Western Australia many natural areas are looked after by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM).

**NATIONAL PARKS** are areas for nature conservation, landscape preservation and recreation.

**NATURE RESERVES** are primarily for nature conservation.

**STATE FORESTS** are mainly for timber production, but also include

areas for water catchments, nature conservation and recreation.

**TIMBER RESERVES**

are to protect particular species of trees or to provide timber for farms.

**MARINE PARKS AND RESERVES** are to protect marine areas for conservation and recreation.

The Department also manages the conservation of flora and fauna throughout the State.

## . . . AND LAND MANAGEMENT

During your visit to these areas you are likely to meet national park rangers, nature reserve officers, wildlife officers, and forest officers, all of whom represent the Department. They are supported by staff in 11 regional offices, and 17 district offices

from Esperance to Kununurra. In Perth the Department has an operational headquarters in Como, which provides the regions with support and services, and a policy directorate based at Nedlands.



*Crowned Mallee*

## THE SOUTH COAST REGION

The Department has a South Coast Region, with headquarters in Albany, and a district office in Esperance. This region contains 12 major national parks and over 150 nature reserves: about 15 per cent by area of the reserves in the State. Forestry activities in the region focus on maintaining experimental tree gardens (arboreta) and giving advice on trees to plant on farms.

## THE LANDSCAPE

Scenery in the region ranges from the flat and featureless southern Nullarbor, to salmon gum woodlands near Norseman, the Esperance sandplains, low mallee woodlands of the Fitzgerald district, and isolated peaks and mountain ranges which culminate in the magnificent Stirling Range near Albany.

Eastern outliers of the giant karri forests of south-west W.A. appear in the Porongurup National Park. On the coast long curving beaches give way to limestone cliffs, granite headlands, and mobile sand dune systems. The flora and fauna of the region are among the most varied in the State, and often species that appear locally are found nowhere else in the world. Amongst these, many have been gazetted as rare or endangered.

## THE NATIONAL PARKS

Visitors are welcome in all national parks, and where possible the Department has provided facilities such as camping areas, bush toilets, fireplaces, picnic areas, marked nature trails and bushwalks, and information shelters. The ranger's office is always signposted for enquiries.

Major national parks in the region are: Cape Arid, Stirling Range, and Fitzgerald River. The Fitzgerald River National Park is classed as an International Biosphere Reserve, which means that the Park is recognized world-wide as one of Australia's most significant areas for flora and fauna.

## THE RESERVES

Major nature reserves are Nuytsland Nature Reserve which runs along the Great Australian Bight and southern Nullarbor, the Dundas Nature Reserve near Norseman, and Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve near Albany, home of the noisy scrub bird. The main

timber reserve is a short distance out of Esperance and contains Helms Arboretum: a tree garden established in 1973 to find which tree species grow best in the harsh environment near Esperance.

## DIEBACK

A plant disease known as dieback is widely distributed throughout south-west W.A. This disease kills many species of native plants and is spread rapidly through infected soil on the tyres and underbodies of vehicles. For this reason it is essential that visitors keep their vehicles on well-formed, well-drained roads and obey 'road closed' signs in national parks and other reserves.

## INFORMATION?

If you need information while travelling in W.A. on areas managed by this Department any of our officers will be pleased to help you. The addresses and phone numbers of all offices are listed in the State Government section at the front of both the Perth and W.A. country telephone directories.

Available from our offices are pamphlets to guide you in national parks and forest areas, large-scale maps, walk trail brochures, research reports on conservation and forestry, posters, and much more. If you are interested in national parks and conservation you might like to purchase a copy of our quarterly colour magazine **LANDSCOPE**.

We hope that you enjoy your visit to the South Coast Region and that you have an opportunity to visit some of the parks and reserves and meet some of our staff.



*Dibbler*

