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HAMERSLEY RANGE 010810 NATIONAL PARK

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The Hamersley Range National Park, set in the heart of Western Australia became a reality for the National Parks Authority in October 1969. The 590176 ha Park consists of spectacular mountains, gorges, water courses and plateaux. It is an area where countless floods have eroded sheer sided gorges one hundred metres or more. These chasms lie hidden in rolling hills dotted with spinifex and white-barked snappy gums. In other areas of the Park lie ranges of hills indispersed with valleys clothed in Mulga, bright flowered shrubs and spinifex.

The Hamersley Range National Park is situated in an ancient area of the earth; rocks in the Dales Gorge are thought to be between 1600 million and 2000 million years old. The Park abounds with both wildflower and wildlife although to see much of this necessitates taking a short walk. Animals and birds are most active during early morning or evening.

Quite good public roads go to all the areas mentioned and it is important to drive off the roads as severe damage is done to the vegetation. Spinifex, even when green, may catch fire to your vehicle.

To protect the wildlife and the enjoyment of the park by visitors, guns and firearms are not permitted. Remember all things are protected and must be left undamaged for the enjoyment of others.

The average rainfall is 250 to 300mm most of which occurs in summer when the days are very hot (up to 49° C). Winter is the best time to visit the Park when the days are dry and warm and the nights are cold, sometimes with temperatures as low as -4° C.

FACILITIES

There are camping areas just above Yampire Gorge near Circular Pool, near Joffre Falls and near Red Gorge. Picnic areas are provided at Circular Pool, Fortesque Falls (Dales Gorge), Joffre Falls, Red Gorge, Knox Gorge, and Kalamina Gorge.

At each of these sites there are -

Barbecues (please - no ground fires),
Picnic tables and seats,
Bush toilets, and
Rubbish bins.

There are easy paths into Dales Gorge at Fortesque Falls into Weano Gorge and into Kalamina Gorge. The Rangers will be happy to advise on walking in other areas. Please exercise caution when walking as rocks on the edges of gorges may be loose. Also wet rocks in the gorges are very slippery. Visitors are reminded that rocks thrown into gorges can kill people below.

WATER

The only water is at the bottom of the gorges where many people swim in the pools, some of which are very cold. Visitors are asked to assist in the conservation of the area by not using soap or detergent in these pools as it will destroy the unique aquatic life.

The area is serviced daily by Rangers and should visitors have any queries they should contact the Ranger on patrol or at his residence in the Park.

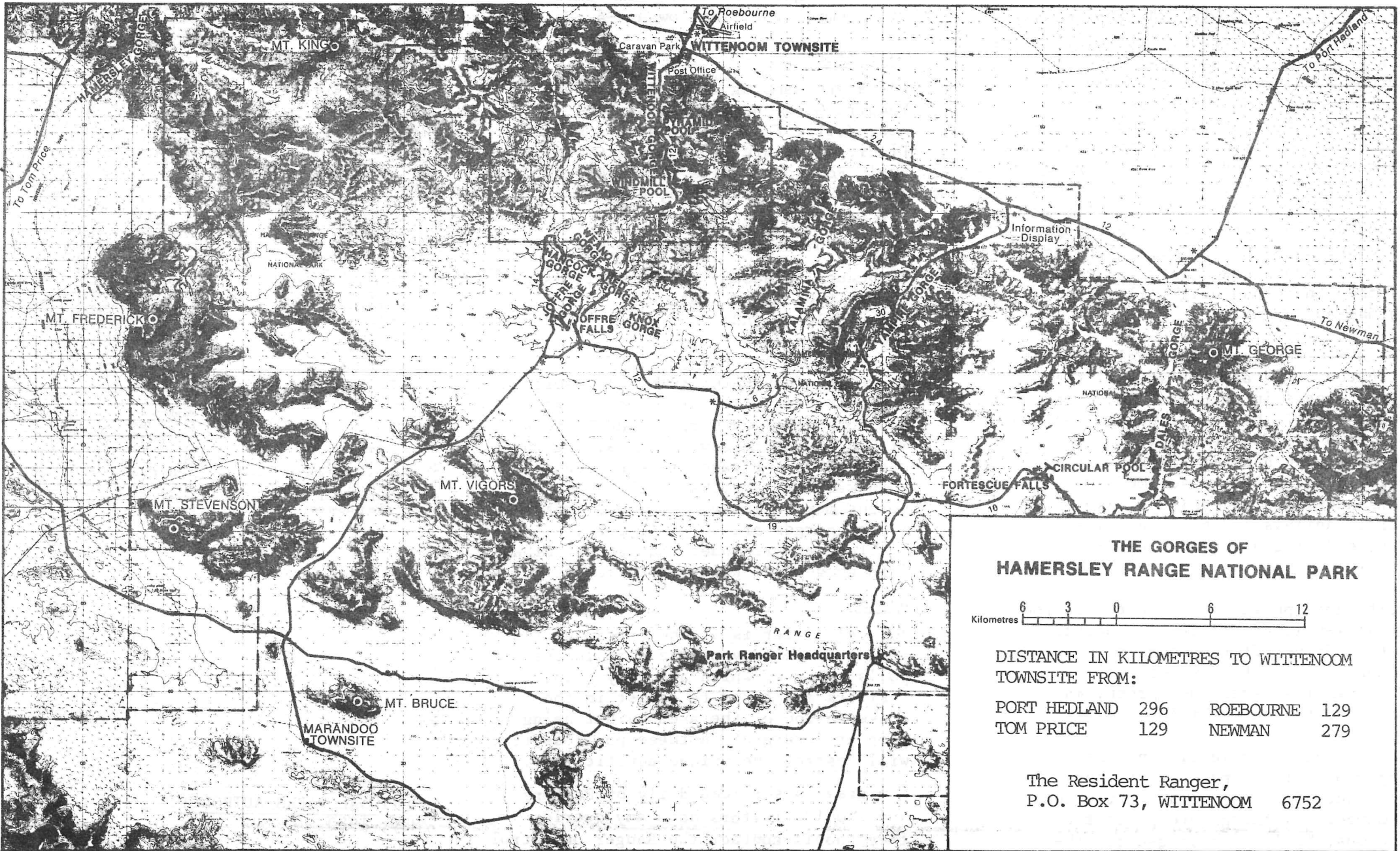
SOME OF THE BIRDS FOUND IN THE HAMERSLEY RANGE NATIONAL PARK

Emu	Rainbow Bird
Little Grebe	Tree Martin
Pelican	Fairy Martin
Darter	Pipit
Pied Cormorant	Black faced Cuckoo Shrike
Little Pied Cormorant	White winged Triller
Black Cormorant	Red capped Robin
White necked Heron	Hooded Robin
White faced Heron	Rufous Whistler
White Egret	Western Shrike Thrush
Night Heron	Crested Bellbird
Straw necked Ibis	Grey Fantail
Black Duck	Willie Wagtail
Grey Teal	Grey crowned Babbler
Black shouldered Kite	Spinifex Bird
Black Kite	Brown Songlark
Black breasted Buzzard	Rufous Songlark
Whistling Kite	Variegated Wren
Collared Sparrowhawk	White winged Wren
Wedge tailed Eagle	Rufous crowned Emu Wren
Little Eagle	Weebill
Peregrin Falcon	Yellow rumped Thornbill
Little Falcon	Black capped Sitella
Brown Falcon	Black tailed Treecreeper
Nankeen Kestrel	Spiny cheeked Honeyeater
Spotted Harrier	Yellow throated Miner
Little Quail	Singing Honeyeater
Bustard	Grey headed Honeyeater
Bush stone Curlew	White plumed Honeyeater
Red capped Dotterel	Golden backed Honeyeater
Black fronted Dotterel	Brown Honeyeater
Peaceful Dove	Grey Honeyeater
Diamond Dove	Black Honeyeater
Bronzewing Pigeon	Crimson Chat
Crested Pigeon	Mistletoe Bird
Spinifex Pigeon	Red browed Pardalote
Galah	Striated Pardalote
Little Corella	Painted firetail Finch
Budgerigar	Zebra Finch
Port Lincoln Parrot	Western Bower Bird
Bourke's Parrot	Maggie Lark
Pallid Cuckoo	Masked Wood Swallow
Boobook Owl	Black faced Wood Swallow
Barking Owl	Little Wood Swallow
Tawny Frogmouth	Grey Butcherbird
Spotted Nightjar	Pied Butcherbird
Blue winged Kookaburra	Australian Magpie
Red backed Kingfisher	Crow
Sacred Kingfisher	Little Crow
Black eared Cuckoo	Star Finch

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Hammersley Range Nat. Park



**THE GORGES OF
HAMERSLEY RANGE NATIONAL PARK**

Kilometres

DISTANCE IN KILOMETRES TO WITTENOOM TOWNSITE FROM:

PORT HEDLAND	296	ROEBOURNE	129
TOM PRICE	129	NEWMAN	279

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