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# Protecting Island Nature Reserves

## ... providing refuge for coastal wildlife

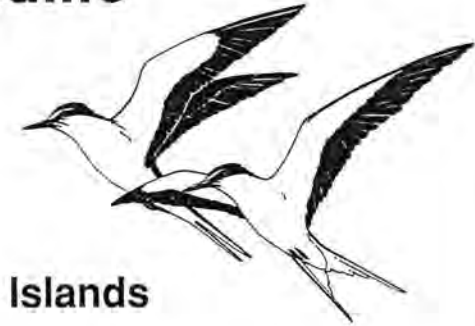
The islands off the Turquoise Coast are sanctuaries for seabirds, marsupials, reptiles and Australian sea lions. Island nature reserves have high conservation values. You can help protect these values by staying on the beach.

The Dibbler is a rare and elusive marsupial discovered in 1985 on two of the islands off Jurien Bay. This small carnivore prefers to live in dense flowering scrub with a thick layer of leaf litter.

Seabirds are present on the islands throughout the year. They are particularly vulnerable in summer when many are courting, nesting and raising their chicks. Wedge-tailed Shearwaters burrow their nests into deep stabilised sands of the foredunes. Bridled Terns are found nesting on and beneath vegetation.



Dibblers (*Paiantechinus apicalis*) can be recognised by their white eye-ring, tapering hairy tail and speckled fur.



### Caring for the Islands

- ❖ Please stay out of the island vegetation to protect wildlife habitat.
- ❖ Walk slowly and only along the beach. Seabirds and their chicks are sensitive to fast or sudden movements.



For more information on nature conservation values of island Nature Reserves, contact the CALM Jurien District office on (08) 9652 1911.



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