

Reconnaissance Flora/ Vegetation & Fauna Survey within M53/191 Prepared For Northern Star Resources Limited



June 2020 Version 2

Prepared by: Botanica Consulting Pty Ltd PO Box 2027 Boulder WA 6432

Disclaimer

This document and its contents are to be treated as confidential and are published in accordance with and subject to an agreement between Botanica Consulting (BC) and the client for whom it has been prepared and is restricted to those issues that have been raised by the client in its engagement of BC. Neither this document nor its contents may be referred to or quoted in any manner (report or other document) nor reproduced in part or whole by electronic, mechanical or chemical means, including photocopying, recording or any information storage system, without the express written approval of the client and/or BC.

This document and its contents have been prepared utilising the standard of care and skill ordinarily exercised by Environmental Scientists in the preparation of such documents. All material presented in this document is published in good faith and is believed to be accurate at the time of writing. Any person or organisation who relies on or uses the document and its contents for purposes or reasons other than those agreed by BC and the client without primarily obtaining the prior written consent of BC, does so entirely at their own risk. BC denies all liability in tort, contract or otherwise for any loss, damage or injury of any kind whatsoever (whether in negligence or otherwise) that may be endured as a consequence of relying on this document and its contents for any purpose other than that agreed with the client.

Quality Assurance

An internal quality review process has been implemented to each project task undertaken by BC. Each document and its contents are carefully reviewed by core members of the Consultancy team and signed off at Director Level prior to issue to the client. Draft documents are submitted to the client for comment and acceptance prior to final production.

Document Job Number:	2020/99
Prepared by:	Lauren Pick Senior Environmental Consultant Botanica Consulting
Reviewed by:	Andrea Williams Director Botanica Consulting
Approved by:	Jim Williams Director Botanica Consulting

Contents Pa		Page No.
1	Introduction	1
1.1	Project Description	1
1.2	Objectives	1
2	Regional Biophysical Environment	3
2.1	Regional Environment	3
2.2	Soils and Landscape Systems	5
2.3	Remnant Vegetation	7
2.4	Climate	9
2.5	Hydrology	9
2.6	Land Use	11
3	Survey Methodology	11
3.1	Desktop Assessment	11
3.2	Field Assessment	13
3.2.1	Flora Assessment	13
3.2.2	Fauna Assessment	13
3.2.3	Personnel involved	14
3.2.4	Scientific licences	14
3.3	Survey limitations and constraints	14
4	Results	16
4.1	Desktop Assessment	16
4.1.1	Flora and Vegetation	16
4.1.2	Fauna	18
4.2	Field Assessment	22
4.2.1	Vegetation Types	22
4.2.2	Vegetation Condition	26
4.2.3	Fauna Habitat	28
4.2.4	Introduced Species	30
4.2.5	Significant Flora	31
4.2.6	Significant Vegetation	31
4.2.7	Significant Fauna	32
4.3	Matters of National Environmental Significance	32
4.3.1	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999	32
4.4	Matters of State Environmental Significance	33
4.4.1	Environmental Protection Act WA 1986	33
4.4.2	Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016	33
4.4.3	Conservation Reserves	34
4.5	Native Vegetation Clearing Principles	34
5	Bibliography	36

Appendices

Appendix 1: Conservation Ratings BC Act and EPBC Act	40
Appendix 2: Regional map of the survey area in relation to conservation areas	
Appendix 3: List of species identified within each vegetation type	
Appendix 4: Vegetation Condition Rating	
Appendix 5: Potential Fauna Species List	47

Tables

Table 2-1: Soil Landscape Systems within the survey area	5
Table 2-2: Pre-European Vegetation Associations within the survey area	7
Table 3-1: Scientific Licences of Botanica Staff coordinating the flora survey	14

Table 3-2: Limitations and constraints associated with the survey	15
Table 4-1: Likelihood of occurrence for Threatened and Priority Flora within the survey area	17
Table 4-2: Likelihood of Occurrence – Fauna Species of Conservation Significance	20
Table 4-3: Summary of vegetation types within the survey area	22
Table 4-4: Vegetation assemblage for Low woodland of Acacia incurvaneura over low shrubland of	f
Eremophila forrestii/ E. margarethae and low tussock grassland of Eragrostis eriopoda on clay-loar	m
plain	24
Table 4-5: Vegetation assemblage for Low woodland of Acacia caesaneura/A. incurvaneura over r	mid
open shrubland of <i>Eremophila forrestii</i> and low hummock grassland of <i>Triodia basedowii</i> on sand-	
loam plain	25
Table 4-6: Vegetation Condition within the survey area	26
Table 4-7: Main Terrestrial Fauna Habitats within the survey area	28
Table 4-8: Summary of Potential Vertebrate Fauna Species	30
Table 4-9: Assessment of development within the survey area against native vegetation clearing	
principles	34

Figures

Figure 1-1: Regional map of the survey area	2
Figure 2-1: Map of IBRA Subregions in relation to the survey area	4
Figure 2-2: Map of Soil Landscape Systems within the survey area	6
Figure 2-3: Pre-European Vegetation Associations within the survey area	8
Figure 2-4: Monthly rainfall and mean monthly rainfall (January 2019 to April 2020) for the Wiluna	
Aero weather station #13044 (BoM, 2020)	9
Figure 2-5: Surface Hydrology of the survey area	10
Figure 4-1: Vegetation types within the survey area	23
Figure 4-2: Vegetation Condition within the survey area	27
Figure 4-3: Main Terrestrial Fauna Habitats within the survey area	29

Plates

Acronym	Description		
ANCA	Australian Nature Conservation Agency.		
BA	Birdlife Australia (Formerly RAOU, Birds Australia).		
BAM Act	Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007, WA Government.		
BC Act	Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016, WA Government.		
Botanica	Botanica Consulting Pty Ltd.		
BoM	Bureau of Meteorology.		
CAMBA	China Australia Migratory Bird Agreement 1998.		
DAFWA	Department of Agriculture and Food (now DPIRD), WA Government.		
DAWE Department of the Agriculture, Water and Environment (formerly knowr			
	DotEE), Australian Government.		
DBCA Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (formerly D			
0000	WA Government.		
DEC	Department of Environment and Conservation (now DBCA), WA Government.		
DER	Department of Environment Regulation (now DWER), WA Government.		
DMIRS	Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (formerly DMP), WA		
Divilito	Government		

Glossary

Acronym	Description	
DMP	Department of Mines and Petroleum (now DMIRS), WA Government.	
DotEE	Department of the Environment and Energy (now known as DAWE),	
DOILE	Australian Government.	
DoW	Department of Water (now DWER), WA Government.	
DPaW	Department of Parks and Wildlife (now DBCA), WA Government.	
DPIRD	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, WA Government	
DSEWPaC	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (now DotEE,), Australian Government.	
DWER	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (formerly EPA, DER and DoW), WA Government	
EP Act	Environmental Protection Act 1986, WA Government.	
EP Regulations	Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004, WA Government.	
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority, WA Government.	
EPBC Act	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, Australian Government.	
ESA	Environmentally Sensitive Area.	
На	Hectare (10,000 square meters).	
IBRA	Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia.	
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources – commonly known as the World Conservation Union	
JAMBA	Japan Australia Migratory Bird Agreement 1981.	
Km	Kilometer (1,000 meters).	
MVG	Major Vegetation Groups.	
NVIS	National Vegetation Information System.	
OEPA	Office of the Environmental Protection Authority (now DWER), WA Government.	
PEC	Priority Ecological Community.	
Northern Star	Northern Star Resources Limited.	
RAOU	Royal Australia Ornithologist Union.	
ROKAMBA	Republic of Korea-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement 2007.	
SRE	Short Range Endemic.	
SSC	Species Survival Commission, International.	
TEC	Threatened Ecological Community.	
WA	Western Australia.	
WAHERB	Western Australian Herbarium.	
WAM	Western Australian Museum, WA Government.	
WC Act	Wildlife Conservation Act 1950, WA Government.	

Executive Summary

Botanica Consulting (Botanica) was commissioned by Northern Star Resources Limited (Northern Star) to undertake a reconnaissance flora survey and fauna survey within the north-east corner of mining tenement M53/191 (referred to as the 'survey area'). The survey area is located within the Jundee Pastoral Lease, approximately 40km north-east of Wiluna, Western Australia. The survey was conducted on the 17th April 2020 covering a total area of 173 ha.

Two vegetation types were identified within the survey area. These vegetation types were located within two different landform types and comprised of one major vegetation group, which were represented by a total of 13 Families, 19 Genera and 37 Taxa. The broad scale terrestrial fauna habitats within the survey area have been identified as comprising a mosaic of clay-loam plains and sand-loam plains.

Results of the literature review identified 35 mammals (including 11 bat species), 109 birds, 90 reptiles and 11 frog species that have previously been recorded in the general area, some of which have the potential to occur, subject to the identified habitats being suitable.

No Threatened Flora, Threatened Fauna, Migratory Fauna or Threatened Ecological Communities (TEC) as listed under the Western Australian *Biodiversity Conservation (BC) Act 2016* or Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999* were identified within the survey area. No Priority Ecological Communities (PEC) as listed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) were identified within the survey area. No Priority Flora or Fauna taxa as listed by the DBCA were identified within the survey area.

A review of the EPBC Act threatened fauna list, DBCA's Threatened Fauna Database and Priority List, unpublished reports and scientific publications identified a number of specially protected, migratory or priority fauna species as having been previously recorded or as being potentially present in the general vicinity of the survey area. However, no fauna of conservation significance is likely to be significantly impacted on by the proposed development. This conclusion is primarily based on the lack of suitable habitats, the known local extinction of some species, the relatively small size of the impact footprint and the extensive habitat connectivity with adjoining areas. Impacts on fauna and fauna habitat are therefore anticipated to be localised, small/negligible and consequently, manageable.

The survey area does not contain any world or national heritage places and does not occur within a Bush Forever site. There are no wetlands of international importance (Ramsar Wetlands), national importance (Australian Nature Conservation Agency (ANCA) Wetlands) or conservation category wetlands within the survey area.

The survey area does not contain any Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) or Schedule 1 Areas listed under the *Environmental Protection (EP) Act 1986*; The survey is not located within DBCA managed land. The closest conservation reserve is the ex. Lorna Glen Unallocated Crown Land Reserve (LR3014/946), which is managed by DBCA and is located approximately 43km east of the survey area. Based on the vegetation condition rating scale adapted from Keighery, 1994 and Trudgen, 1988 (ranging from 'pristine' to 'completely degraded'), vegetation was rated as 'good'. Two introduced species were recorded during the survey; *Cynodon dactylon* (Couch) and *Tribulus terrestris* (Caltrop). Neither species is listed as a Declared Pest under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (BAM) Act 2007.*



1 Introduction

1.1 **Project Description**

Botanica Consulting (BC) was commissioned by Northern Star Resources Limited (Northern Star) to undertake a reconnaissance flora and fauna survey of the north-east corner of mining tenement M53/191 (referred to as the 'survey area'). The survey area is located within the Jundee Pastoral Lease, approximately 40km north-east of Wiluna, Western Australia. (Figure 1-1). The survey was conducted on the 17th April 2020 covering a total area of 173 ha.

1.2 Objectives

The flora assessment was conducted in accordance with the requirements of a reconnaissance flora survey as defined in *Technical Guidance - Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment – December 2016* (EPA, 2016a). The objectives of the assessment were to:

- gather background information on flora and vegetation in the target area (literature review, database and map-based searches);
- identify significant flora, vegetation/ecological communities and assess the potential sensitivity to impact;
- conduct a field survey to verify / ground truth the desktop assessment findings;
- undertake floristic community mapping to a scale appropriate for the bioregion and described according to the National Vegetation Information System (NVIS) structure and floristics;
- undertake vegetation condition mapping;
- assess the project area's plant species diversity, density, composition, structure and weed cover, using NVIS classification system for vegetation description;
- assess Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) and indicate whether potential impacts on MNES as protected under the EPBC Act are likely to require referral of the project to the Commonwealth DotEE; and
- determine the State legislative context of environmental aspects required for the assessment.

The fauna assessment was conducted in accordance with the requirements of a reconnaissance terrestrial fauna survey as defined in *Technical Guidance - Terrestrial Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment – December 2016* (EPA, 2016b). The objectives of the assessment were to:

- Gather background information on fauna in the survey area (literature review, database and map-based searches);
- Delineate and characterise the faunal assemblages and fauna habitats present in the survey area;
- Document and map locations of any Threatened or Priority listed fauna species located; and
- Assess the regional and local conservation status of fauna species and fauna habitats within the survey area.

Northern Star Resources Limited M53/191 – Reconnaissance Flora & Fauna Survey





Figure 1-1: Regional map of the survey area



2 <u>Regional Biophysical Environment</u>

2.1 Regional Environment

The survey area lies within the Murchison Region of the Eremaean Province of WA in a region known as the Austin Botanical District. The Murchison Region is further divided into subregions, based on the Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation of Australia (IBRA), with the survey area located within the Eastern Murchison (MUR1) as shown in Figure 2-1.

The landscape of the Murchison bioregion comprises low hills, mesas of duricrust separated by flat colluvium and alluvial plains (Commonwealth Government, 2008). It is dominated by the Archaean (over 2500 million years ago) granite greenstone terrain of the Yilgarn Craton (Commonwealth Government, 2008). Alluvial soils and sands mantle the granitic and greenstone units of the Yilgarn Craton. These soils are shallow, sandy and infertile. Underlying the soils in low areas is a redbrown siliceous hard pan (Curry et al. 1994). The soils in the eastern half of the bioregion are typically red sands, calcareous red earth soil, duplex soil and clays. There are 41 vegetation associations (hummock grasslands, succulent steppe or low woodlands) that have at least 85 per cent of their total area in the bioregion. The bioregion is rich and diverse in both its flora and fauna but most species are wide ranging and usually occur in adjoining regions (McKenzie, May and McKenna, 2002).

The Eastern Murchison comprises the northern parts of the craton's Southern Cross and Eastern Goldfields Terrains and is characterised by internal drainage and extensive areas of elevated red desert sandplains with minimal dune development. Salt Lake systems are associated with the occluded paleodrainage system. Broad plains of red-brown soils and breakaways complexes as well as red sandplains are widespread. Vegetation is dominated by Mulga woodlands and is often rich in ephemerals, hummock grasslands, saltbush shrublands and Samphire shrublands (McKenzie *et. al.,* 2002). The Eastern Murchison subregion comprises diverse mulga woodlands, which occur on low greenstone belts. The sand plains have red loamy earths and red deep sands are found on the sandy banks.

Northern Star Resources Limited M53/191 – Reconnaissance Flora & Fauna Survey





Figure 2-1: Map of IBRA Subregions in relation to the survey area



2.2 Soils and Landscape Systems

The survey area lies within the Murchison Province, which consists of Hardpan wash plains and sandplains (with some stony plains, hills, mesas and salt lakes) on the granitic rocks and greenstone of the Yilgarn Craton. The Murchison Province is located in the inland Midwest and northern Goldfields between three Springs, the Gascoyne River, Wiluna, Cosmo Newberry and Menzies Soil types are dominated by red loamy earths, red sandy earths, red shallow loams, red deep sands and red-brown hardpan shallow loams with some red shallow sands and red shallow sandy duplexes present. Vegetation communities are dominated by Mulga shrublands with spinifex grasslands and some bowgada shrublands, Eucalypt woodlands and halophytic shrublands (Tille, 2006).

The Murchison Province is further divided into seven soil-landscape zones, with the survey area located within the Salinaland Plains Zone (279). The Salinaland Plains Zone comprises of sandplains (with hardpan wash plains and some mesas, stony plains and salt lakes) on granitic rocks (and some greenstone) of the Yilgarn Craton. Soils include red sandy earths, red deep sands, red shallow loams and red loamy earths with some red-brown hardpan shallow loams, salt lake soils and red shallow sandy duplexes. Vegetation is dominated by mulga shrublands with spinifex grasslands (and some halophytic shrublands and eucalypt woodlands). This zone is located in the northern Goldfields from Lakes Barlee and Ballard to Wiluna and Laverton (Tille, 2006). The Salinaland Plains Zone is further divided into soil landscape systems, with the survey area located within two soil landscape systems Table 2-1 and Figure 2-2 below.

Soil Landscape System	Description
Jundee System	Hardpan plains with variable gravelly mantles and minor sandy banks supporting weakly groved mulga shrublands.
Wiluna System	Low greenstone hills with occasional lateritic breakaways and broad stony slopes, lower saline stony plains and broad drainage tracts; supporting sparse mulga and other acacia shrublands with patches of halophytic shrubs.

Fable 2-1: Soil Landscape	e Systems w	vithin the	survey area
---------------------------	-------------	------------	-------------





Figure 2-2: Map of Soil Landscape Systems within the survey area



2.3 Remnant Vegetation

The survey area is situated in the Austin Botanical District within the Eremaean Botanical Province. This botanical district is predominantly Mulga low woodlands on plains, often rich in ephemerals, which reduce to scrub on hills. It is also characterised by hummock grasslands, Saltbush shrublands and Samphire shrublands, according to the DAFWA. The Eremaean Province is the largest of the three botanical provinces within Western Australia. The vegetation of the Austin Botanical District of the Murchison Region is predominantly low mulga (*Acacia aneura*) woodlands on plains and reduced to scrub on hills. This district is often associated with a tree steppe of *Eucalyptus* spp. and *Triodia basedowii* on sand plains.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development GIS file (DPIRD, 2018) indicates that the survey area is located within Pre-European Beard vegetation association Wiluna 18. The extent of this vegetation association, as specified in the 2018 Statewide Vegetation Statistics (DBCA, 2017) is provided in Table 2-2 and Figure 2-3.

Areas retaining less than 30% of their pre-European vegetation extent generally experience exponentially accelerated species loss, while areas with less than 10% are considered "endangered" (EPA, 2000). Development within the survey area will not significantly reduce the extent of pre-European vegetation.

Vegetation Association	Pre- European Extent (ha)	Pre-European extent remaining (%)	% of Current extent within DBCA managed lands	Vegetation Description (Beard, 1990)
Wiluna 18	4,273,509.56	99.59	1.05	Low woodland; mulga (<i>Acacia aneura</i>)

Table 2-2: Pre-European Vegetation Associations within the survey area





Figure 2-3: Pre-European Vegetation Associations within the survey area



2.4 Climate

The climate of the Eastern Murchison subregion is characterised as an arid climate with mainly winter rainfall and annual rainfall of approximately 200 mm (Beard, 1990; Cowan, 2001). Rainfall data for the Wiluna aero weather station (#13044) located approximately 40km south-west of the survey area is shown in Figure 2-4 (BoM, 2020). Monthly mean maximum temperature at Wiluna ranges from 38°C during January to 19.4°C in July. Mean monthly rainfall ranges from 38 mm in February to 5 mm in September, whilst the mean annual rainfall is 263 mm. Monthly rainfall was above average in January and February 2020 (Figure 2-4).



Figure 2-4: Monthly rainfall and mean monthly rainfall (January 2019 to April 2020) for the Wiluna Aero weather station #13044 (BoM, 2020)

2.5 Hydrology

According to the Geoscience Australia database (2015), there are no permanent or nonperennial inland waters within the survey area. The closest inland water to the survey area is Lake Ward which is located 10km north-east of the survey area. No permanent or nonperennial drainage lines intersect the survey area (Figure 2-5).

Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDE) includes biological assemblages of species such as wetlands or woodlands that use groundwater either opportunistically or as their primary water source. For the purposes of this report, a GDE is defined as any vegetation community that derives part of its water budget from groundwater and must be assumed to have some degree of groundwater dependency. According to the BoM *Atlas of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems* (BoM, 2019b) database, there are no known or potential aquatic/ terrestrial GDEs located within the survey area (Figure 2-5).

Northern Star Resources Limited M53/191 – Reconnaissance Flora & Fauna Survey





Figure 2-5: Surface Hydrology of the survey area



2.6 Land Use

The dominant land uses of the Eastern Murchison subregion include grazing native pastures (85.47%), unallocated crown reserves (11.34%), conservation (1.4%) and mining (1.79%) (Cowan, 2001). The survey area is located within the Jundee Pastoral Lease.

3 <u>Survey Methodology</u>

3.1 Desktop Assessment

Prior to the field assessment a literature review was undertaken of previous flora and fauna assessments conducted within the local region. Documents reviewed included:

- Animal Plant Mineral (2015). Vegetation Clearing Permit Application, Matilda Gold Project, Support Information for Matilda Mine Site Native Vegetation Clearing (Purpose) Permit Application, October 2015.
- Biota Environmental Sciences (2004). Waterloo and Amorac Extension Fauna Site Inspection. Unpublished report for LionOre.
- Botanica Consulting (2014). Level 1 Flora and Vegetation Survey of the Thunderbox to Bannockburn Project.
- Botanica Consulting (2016). Level 1 Flora and Fauna Survey Julius Project, Prepared for Echo Resources Limited.
- Botanica Consulting (2019a). Reconnaissance Flora/ Vegetation and Fauna Survey Orelia Project. Prepared for Echo Resources Limited.
- Botanica Consulting (2019b). Reconnaissance Flora/ Vegetation & Fauna Survey. Mt Joel Project. Prepared For Echo Resources Limited.
- Botanica Consulting (2020). Detailed Flora/ Vegetation Survey Lake Way Potash Project. Prepared for Salt Lake Potash Limited.
- Ecologia (1995). Jundee Gold Project Environmental Assessment.
- Engenium (2015). Lake Maitland Level 2 Vertebrate Fauna and Targeted Reptile Survey Report. Unpublished report for Toro Energy Limited
- Hall, N.J., Newbey, K.R., McKenzie, N.L., Keighery, G.J., Rolfe, J.K & Youngson, W. K., (1993). *The Biological survey of the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia Part 7: Sandstone-Sir Samuel. Laverton-Leonora study area,* West. Aust. Mus. Suppl. 47.
- Outback Ecology (2008a). Bronzewing Mt McClure, Application for a Purpose Permit to Clear Native Vegetation at the Bronzewing – Mt McClure Project – Corboys Prospect M53/15, prepared for View Resources
- Outback Ecology (2008b). Bronzewing Mt McClure, Report on the distribution of Eremophila pungens (P4) within the Bronzewing – Mt McClure Gold Project, prepared for View Resources.
- Paul Armstrong and Associates (2001). Rare Flora Search, and Flora and Vegetation Survey of the Exploration and Mine Lease of Thunderbox.
- Paul Armstrong and Associates (2004). Rare Flora Search and Vegetation Survey at the Waterloo Prospects.
- Trudgen, M (1989). A Flora and Vegetation Survey of Part of the Cyprus Gold Mount McClure Gold Mining Leases. Report prepared for Cyprus Gold for inclusion in the Mt McClure Project Feasibility Study, Volume 2 Environmental Study

In addition to the literature review, searches of the following databases were undertaken to aid in the compilation of a list of flora and fauna taxa within the survey area:

• DBCA Priority/ Threatened Flora Database Search (DBCA, 2019a);



- DBCA Priority/ Threatened Ecological Communities Database Search (DBCA, 2019b);
- DBCA NatureMap Database (DBCA, 2020); and
- DAWE Protected Matters search tool (DAWE, 2020).

The NatureMap and Protected Matters Search were conducted for an area encompassing a 40km radius of the centre coordinates -26.357S 120.591E. It should be noted that these lists are based on observations from a broader area than the assessment area (40km radius) and therefore may include taxa not present. The databases also often include very old records that may be incorrect or in some cases the taxa in question have become locally or regionally extinct. Information from these sources should therefore be taken as indicative only and local knowledge and information also needs to be taken into consideration when determining what actual species may be present within the specific area being investigated.

The conservation significance of flora and fauna taxa was assessed using data from the following sources:

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity and Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999. Administered by the Australian Government (DAWE);
- *Biodiversity Conservation* (BC) *Act 2016.* Administered by the WA Government (DBCA);
- Red List produced by the Species Survival Commission (SSC) of the World Conservation Union (also known as the IUCN Red List – the acronym derived from its former name of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources). The Red List has no legislative power in Australia but is used as a framework for State and Commonwealth categories and criteria; and
- Priority Flora/ Fauna list. A non-legislative list maintained by DBCA for management purposes (fauna list released January 2019; flora list released December 2018).

The EPBC Act also requires the compilation of a list of migratory species that are recognised under international treaties including the:

- Japan Australia Migratory Bird Agreement 1981 (JAMBA)¹;
- China Australia Migratory Bird Agreement 1998 (CAMBA);
- Republic of Korea-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement 2007 (ROKAMBA); and
- Bonn Convention 1979 (The Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals).

Most but not all migratory bird species listed in the annexes to these bilateral agreements are protected in Australia as Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) under the EPBC Act. Descriptions of conservation significant species and communities are provided in Appendix 1.

¹ Most but not all species listed under JAMBA are also specially protected under Specially Protected Species of the BC Act.



3.2 Field Assessment

Botanica conducted a reconnaissance flora/ vegetation and fauna survey covering an area of 173 ha. The survey was conducted on the 17th April 2020 with the area traversed on foot and 4WD by two staff members.

3.2.1 Flora Assessment

Prior to the commencement of field work, aerial photography was inspected and obvious differences in the vegetation assemblages were identified. The different vegetation communities identified were then inspected during the field survey to assess their validity. A handheld GPS unit was used to record the coordinates of the boundaries between existing vegetation communities. At each sample point, the following information was recorded:

- GPS location;
- Photograph of vegetation;
- Dominant taxa for each stratum;
- All vascular taxa (including annual taxa);
- Landform classification;
- Vegetation condition rating;
- Collection and documentation of unknown plant specimens; and
- GPS location, photograph and collection of flora of conservation significance if encountered.

Unknown specimens collected during the survey were identified with the aid of samples housed at the BC Herbarium and Western Australian Herbarium. Vegetation was classified in accordance with NVIS classifications.

3.2.2 Fauna Assessment

Vegetation and landform units identified during the flora assessment have been used to define broad fauna habitat types across the site. This information has been supplemented with observations made during the fauna assessment.

The main aim of the fauna habitat assessment was to determine if it was likely that any species of conservation significance would be utilising the areas that maybe impacted on as a consequence of development at the site. The habitat information obtained was also used to aid in finalising the overall potential fauna list.

As part of the desktop literature review, available information on the habitat requirements of the species of conservation significance listed as possibly occurring in the area was researched. During the field survey, the habitats within the study area were assessed and specific elements identified, if present, to determine the likelihood of listed threatened species utilising the area and its significance to them.

Opportunistic observations of fauna species were made during all field survey work which involved a series of transects across the study area during the day including observations of bird species with binoculars. Secondary evidence of a species presence such as tracks, scats, skeletal remains, foraging evidence or calls were also noted if observed/heard.



3.2.3 Personnel involved

Lauren Pick- Senior Environmental Consultant (Bachelor of Science-Zoology/Conservation Biology)

Matthew Newlands-Environmental Technician

3.2.4 Scientific licences

Table 3-1: Scientific Licences of Botanica Staff coordinating the flora survey

Licensed staff	Permit Number	Valid Until
Lauren Pick	Lauren Pick FB62000109 (Licence to flora for scientific purposes)	

3.3 Survey limitations and constraints

It is important to note that flora surveys will entail limitations notwithstanding careful planning and design. Potential limitations are listed in Table 3-2.

The conclusions presented in this report are based upon field data and environmental assessments and/or testing carried out over a limited period of time and are therefore merely indicative of the environmental condition of the site at the time of the field assessments. Also, it should be recognised that site conditions can change with time. Information not available at the time of this assessment which may subsequently become available may alter the conclusions presented.

Some species are reported as potentially occurring based on there being suitable habitat (quality and extent) within the survey area or immediately adjacent. The habitat requirements and ecology of many of the species known to occur in the wider area are however often not well understood or documented. It can therefore be difficult to exclude species from the potential list based on a lack of a specific habitats or microhabitats within the survey area. As a consequence of this limitation, the potential species list produced is most likely an overestimation of those species that actually utilise the survey area for some purpose.

In recognition of survey limitations, a precautionary approach has been adopted for this assessment. Any flora and fauna species that would possibly occur within the survey area (or immediately adjacent), as identified through ecological databases, publications, discussions with local experts/residents and the habitat knowledge of the author, has been listed as having the potential to occur.



Variable	Potential Impact on Survey	Details		
Access problems	Not a constraint	The survey was conducted via 4WD and on foot. Numerous tracks were located within the survey area, providing ease of access.		
Competency/ Experience Not a constraint		The BC personnel that conducted the survey were regarded as suitably qualified and experienced. Coordinating Botanist/ Zoologist: Lauren Pick Data Interpretation: Jim Williams, Lauren Pick and Greg Harewood.		
Timing of survey, weather & season Not a constraint		Fieldwork was completed within the EPA's recommended primary survey time period (i.e., 6-8 weeks post wet season (March – June) for the Eremaean Province and was conducted following cyclonic rainfall received in January to February 2020.		
Area disturbance	Not a constraint	The area has been disturbed from exploration and cattle grazing; however, vegetation was mostly intact and comprised of native vegetation.		
Survey Effort/ Extent	Not a constraint	Survey intensity was appropriate for the size/significance of the area with a reconnaissance survey completed to identify vegetation types/fauna habitats and conservation significant species/communities.		
Availability of contextual information at a regional and local scale		Threatened flora database searches provided by the DBCA were used to identify any potential locations of Threatened/Priority taxa.		
	Not a constraint	BoM, DWER, DPIRD, DBCA and DotEE databases were reviewed to obtain appropriate regional desktop information on the biophysical environment of the local region.		
		Flora/ Fauna surveys within the local area have been limited however Botanica was able to obtain information about the regional area from previous flora/fauna assessments conducted within the region which provided context on the local environment.		
Completeness		In the opinion of Botanica, the survey area was covered sufficiently in order to identify vegetation assemblages. Few of the plants during the survey were in flower, however annual species present. It is estimated that approximately 90% of the flora within the survey area were able to be fully identified.		
	Minor constraint	The vegetation types for this study were based on visual descriptions of locations in the field. The distribution of these vegetation communities/ fauna habitats outside the study area is not known, however vegetation types identified were categorised via comparison to vegetation distributions throughout WA specified in the NVIS Major Vegetation Groups (DotEE, 2017b).		

Table 3-2: Limitations and constraints associated with the su	urvey
---	-------



4 <u>Results</u>

4.1 Desktop Assessment

4.1.1 Flora and Vegetation

According to the results of the NatureMap search (DBCA, 2020), a total of 206 flora taxa have been recorded within a 40 km radius of the survey area. Dominant genera include *Acacia* and *Eremophila*. Results of database searches identified five introduced taxa as potentially occurring within a 40 km radius of the survey area:

- 1. Carrichtera annua (Wards weed)
- 2. Cenchrus ciliaris (Buffel Grass)
- 3. Cynodon dactylon (Couch)
- 4. Polypogon monspeliensis (Annual Beard grass)
- 5. Tribulus terrestris (Caltrop)

The results of the literature review, combined search of the DBCA's Flora of Conservation Significance databases (DBCA, 2019a) and DAWE protected matters search (DAWE, 2020) recorded no Threatened Flora or Priority Flora within the survey area. No Threatened Flora and a total of eleven Priority Flora taxa were listed on the databases as occurring within a 40km radius of the survey area (map of flora locations provided in Appendix 2). A description of the known habitat for each taxon is provided in Table 4-1.



Taxon	EPBC Act	BC Act	DBCA Priority Rating	Habitat Description (WAHERB, 2020)	Habitat present in Survey Area
Aristida jerichoensis var. subspinulifera			P3	Hardpan plains.	No
Eremophila arguta			P1	Loamy soils, floodplains.	No
Eremophila congesta			P1	Lateritic outcrops in greenstone hills, stony quartzite slopes.	No
Eremophila pungens			P4	Sandy loam, clayey sand over laterite. Plains, ridges, breakaways.	No
Hemigenia exilis			P4	Rocky lower slopes of hill sides, drainage lines.	
Ptilotus luteolus			P3	Rocky slopes, screes, and ridges	No
Sida picklesiana			P3	Breakaways and outcrops, banded ironstone.	No
Stackhousia clementii			P3	Skeletal soils. Sandstone hills.	No
Tribulus adelacanthus			P3	Lower slopes. Gravelly loam soils.	No
Vittadinia pustulata			P3	Sandy soils.	No
Xanthoparmelia nashii			P3	Granite rocks	No

Table 4-1: Likelihood of occurrence for Threatened and Priority Flora within the survey area



4.1.2 Fauna

According to the results of the NatureMap search (DBCA, 2020), a total of 152 vertebrate fauna taxa have been recorded within a 40 km radius of the survey area including 87 bird species, 5 amphibians, 16 mammals and 44 reptiles. Combined results of database searches identified nine introduced taxa as potentially occurring within the survey area, these being:

- 1. Camelus dromedaries (Camel)
- 2. Canis lupus familiaris (Dog)
- 3. Capra hircus (Goat)
- 4. Columba livia (Rock Pigeon)
- 5. Equus asinus (Donkey)
- 6. Felis catus (Cat)
- 7. *Mus musculus* (House Mouse)
- 8. Oryctolagus cuniculus (Rabbit)
- 9. Vulpes vulpes (Red Fox)

Fauna of conservation significance identified during the literature review as previously being recorded in the general area were assessed and ranked for their likelihood of occurrence within the survey area itself (Table 4-2). The rankings and criteria used were:

- Would Not Occur: There is no suitable habitat for the species in the survey area and/or there is no documented record of the species in the general area since records have been kept and/or the species is generally accepted as being locally/regionally extinct (supported by a lack of recent records).
 - Locally Extinct: Populations no longer occur within a small part of the species natural range, in this case within 10 or 20km of the survey area.
 Populations do however persist outside of this area.
 - Regionally Extinct: Populations no longer occur in a large part of the species natural range, in this case within the northern goldfields region. Populations do however persist outside of this area.
- Unlikely to Occur: The survey area is outside of the currently documented distribution for the species in question, or no suitable habitat (type, quality and extent) was identified as being present during the field assessment. Individuals of some species may occur occasionally as vagrants/transients especially if suitable habitat is located nearby but the site itself would not support a population or part population of the species
- Possibly Occurs: Survey area is within the known distribution of the species in question and habitat of at least marginal quality was identified as likely to be present during the field survey and literature review, supported in some cases by recent records being documented in literature from within or near the survey area. In some cases, while a species may be classified as possibly being present at times, habitat may be marginal (e.g. poor quality, fragmented, limited in extent) and therefore the frequency of occurrence and/or population levels may be low.



• Known to Occur: The species in question has been positively identified as being present (for sedentary species) or as using the survey area as habitat for some other purpose (for non-sedentary/mobile species) during field surveys within or near the survey area. This information may have been obtained by direct observation of individuals or by way of secondary evidence (e.g. tracks, foraging debris, scats). In some cases, while a species may be classified as known to occur, habitat may be marginal (e.g. poor quality, fragmented, limited in extent) and therefore the frequency of occurrence and/or population levels may be low.



Table 4-2: Likelihood of Occurrence – Fauna Species of Conservation Significance

	Conservation Status					
Species	EPBC Act	BC Act	DBCA Priority	Habitat Description	Likelihood of Occurrence	
Malleefowl Leipoa ocellata	VU	VU	-	Scrublands and woodlands dominated by mallee and wattle species (DAWE, 2020).	Unlikely to Occur. No recent records nearby and habitat unsuitable/very marginal	
Grey Falcon Falco hypoleucos		VU		The species frequents timbered lowland plains, particularly acacia shrublands that are crossed by tree-lined water courses. The species has been observed hunting in treeless areas and frequents tussock grassland and open woodland, especially in winter (DAWE, 2020).	Possibly Occurs aerially over survey area on very rare occasions. No suitable breeding habitat.	
Peregrine Falcon <i>Falco peregrinus</i>	-	OS	-	The Peregrine Falcon is found in most habitats, from rainforests to the arid zone, and at most altitudes, from the coast to alpine areas. It requires abundant prey and secure nest sites, and prefers coastal and inland cliffs or open woodlands near water, and may even be found nesting on high city buildings (Birdlife Australia, 2018).	Possibly Occurs aerially over survey area on very rare occasions. No suitable breeding habitat.	
Migratory Shorebirds (Various species)	MI	IA	-	Prefers muddy edges of shallow fresh or brackish wetlands, with inundated or emergent sedges, grass, saltmarsh or other low vegetation. This includes lagoons, swamps, lakes and pools near the coast, and dams, waterholes, soaks, bore drains and bore swamps, saltpans and hypersaline salt lakes inland (DAWE, 2020).	Would Not Occur. No Suitable Habitat.	
Grey Wagtail Motacilla cinerea	MI	IA	-	Running water in disused quarries, sandy, rocky streams in escarpments and rainforest, sewerage ponds, ploughed fields and airfields (Morecombe 2004).	Would Not Occur. No documented records in goldfields region	
Yellow Wagtail <i>Motacilla flava</i>	MI	IA	-	Occurs in a variety of damp or wet habitats with low vegetation, from rushy pastures, meadows, hay fields and marshes to damp steppe and grassy tundra (Morecombe 2004).	Would Not Occur. No documented records in the goldfields region.	
Night Parrot Pezoporus occidentalis	EN	CR	-	Broad habitat requirements include areas of old-growth spinifex (<i>Triodia</i>) for roosting and nesting, together with foraging habitats that are likely to include various native grasses and herbs, and may or may not contain shrubs or low trees. (DPaW, 2017).	Unlikely to Occur. No recent records nearby and no suitable habitat.	
Princess Parrot Polytelis alexandrae	VU	-	P4	Inhabits sand dunes and sand flats in the arid zone of western and central Australia. It occurs in open savanna woodlands and shrublands that usually consist of scattered stands of <i>Eucalyptus</i> (including <i>E. gongylocarpa, E. chippendalei</i> and mallee species), <i>Casuarina</i> or <i>Allocasuarina</i> trees; an understorey of shrubs such as <i>Acacia</i> (especially <i>A. aneura</i>), <i>Cassia, Eremophila, Grevillea, Hakea</i> and <i>Senna</i> ; and a ground cover dominated by <i>Triodia</i> species (DAWE, 2020)	Unlikely to Occur. Rarely recorded this far south and no recent records nearby.	
Brush-tailed Mulgara Dasycercus blythi	-	-	P4	Occurs on sand dunes with sparse cover of sandhill cain grass or areas around salt lakes (DAWE, 2020).	Unlikely to Occur. No recent records nearby and habitat unsuitable/very marginal.	



	Conse	ervation	Status			
Species	EPBC Act	BC Act	DBCA Priority	Habitat Description	Likelihood of Occurrence	
Greater Bilby <i>Macrotis lagotis</i>	VU	VU		Suitable habitat includes; open tussock grassland (both grasses and forbs) growing on uplands and hills, mulga woodland/shrubland (both pure mulga and mixed stands of mulga/witchetty bush) growing on ridges and rises, and hummock grassland growing on sand plains and dunes, drainage systems, salt lake systems and other alluvial areas Pavey, C., 2006).	Unlikely to Occur. No recent records nearby and habitat unsuitable/very marginal	



4.2 Field Assessment

4.2.1 Vegetation Types

Two vegetation types were identified within the survey area. These vegetation types were identified within two landform types and comprised of one major vegetation group according to the NVIS, Major Vegetation Group (MVG) definition (Table 4-3). These vegetation types were represented by a total of 13 Families, 19 Genera and 37 Taxa as listed in Appendix 3. A map showing the vegetation types present in the survey area is provided in Figure 4-1.

Landform	Major Vegetation Group	Vegetation Type Veget		Area (ha)	Area (%)
Clay-Loam Plain	Acacia Forests and Woodland (MVG 6)	Low woodland of <i>Acacia incurvaneura</i> over low shrubland of <i>Eremophila forrestii/ E.</i> <i>margarethae</i> and low tussock grassland of <i>Eragrostis eriopoda</i> on clay-loam plain	CLP-AFW1	51	29.2
Sand- Loam Plain	Acacia Forests and Woodland (MVG 6)	Low woodland of Acacia caesaneura/ A. incurvaneura over mid open shrubland of Eremophila forrestii and low hummock grassland of Triodia basedowii on sand-loam plain	SLP-AFW1	88	51.0
N/A	N/A	Cleared/ Disturbed Vegetation	CV	34	19.7
TOTAL				173	100

Table 4-3: Summary of vegetation types within the survey area





Figure 4-1: Vegetation types within the survey area



Clay-Loam Plain: Acacia Forests and Woodlands

4.2.1.1 Low woodland of *Acacia incurvaneura* over low shrubland of *Eremophila forrestii/ E. margarethae* and low tussock grassland of *Eragrostis eriopoda* on clay-loam plain (CLP-AFW1)

The total flora recorded within this vegetation type was represented by a total of 11 Families, 14 Genera and 22 Taxa (Plate 4-1). Dominant taxa are shown in Table 4-4. According to the NVIS, this vegetation community is best represented by the MVG 6-Acacia Forests and Woodlands (DotEE, 2017b).

Table 4-4: Vegetation assemblage for Low woodland of Acacia incurvaneura over lowshrubland of Eremophila forrestii/ E. margarethae and low tussock grassland of Eragrostiseriopoda on clay-loam plain

Life Form/Height Class	Canopy Cover	Dominant taxa present
Tree <10m	30-70%	Acacia incurvaneura
Shrub <1m	30-70%	Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii Eremophila margarethae
Tussock Grass <1m	30-70%	Eragrostis eriopoda



Plate 4-1: Low woodland of Acacia incurvaneura over low shrubland of Eremophila forrestii/ E. margarethae and low tussock grassland of Eragrostis eriopoda on clay-loam plain



Sand-Loam Plain: Acacia Forests and Woodlands

4.2.1.2 Low woodland of *Acacia caesaneura/ A. incurvaneura* over mid open shrubland of *Eremophila forrestii* and low hummock grassland of *Triodia basedowii* on sand-loam plain (SLP-AFW1)

The total flora recorded within this vegetation type was represented by a total of 11 Families, 12 Genera and 27 Taxa (Plate 4-2). Dominant taxa are shown in Table 4-5. According to the NVIS, this vegetation community is best represented by the MVG 6-Acacia Forests and Woodlands (DotEE, 2017b).

Table 4-5: Vegetation assemblage for Low woodland of *Acacia caesaneura/ A. incurvaneura* over mid open shrubland of *Eremophila forrestii* and low hummock grassland of *Triodia* basedowii on sand-loam plain

Life Form/Height Class	Canopy Cover	Dominant taxa present
Tree <10m	30-70%	Acacia caesaneura Acacia incurvaneura
Shrub 1-2m	10-30%	Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii
Hummock Grass <1m	30-70%	Triodia basedowii



Plate 4-2: Low woodland of *Acacia caesaneura/ A. incurvaneura* over mid open shrubland of *Eremophila forrestii* and low hummock grassland of *Triodia basedowii* on sand-loam plain



4.2.2 Vegetation Condition

Based on the vegetation condition rating scale adapted from Keighery, 1994 and Trudgen, 1988 (Appendix 4), vegetation was rated as 'good' (Table 4-6; Figure 4-2). 'Good' condition depicts more obvious signs of damage caused by human activity since European settlement, including some obvious impact on the vegetation structure such as that caused by low levels of grazing or slightly aggressive weeds.

Condition Rating	Area (ha)	Area (%)
Cleared/ Disturbed Vegetation	34	19.7
Good	139	80.2

Table 4-6: Vegetation Condition within the survey area





Figure 4-2: Vegetation Condition within the survey area



4.2.3 Fauna Habitat

The broad scale terrestrial fauna habitats within the survey area presented below are based on vegetation and associated landforms identified during the flora and vegetation assessment. The extent of the identified fauna habitats and a summary description of each are provided in Table 4-7 below.

Fauna Habitat Description	Example Image
<u>Clay-Loam Plain</u> Acacia Woodland (approximate area = 51 ha; 29.2%).	
<u>Sand-Loam Plain</u> Acacia Woodland (approximate area = 88 ha; 51%).	

Table 4-7: Main Terrestrial Fauna Habitats within the survey area





Figure 4-3: Main Terrestrial Fauna Habitats within the survey area


A list of expected vertebrate fauna species likely to occur in the survey area was compiled from information obtained during the literature review and is presented in Appendix 5. The results of some previous fauna surveys carried out in the general area are also summarised in this species listing as are the DBCA NatureMap database search results. Table 4-8 summarises the numbers of potential species based on vertebrate class considered likely to be present in the general vicinity of the survey area based on the complete list held Appendix 5.

Not all species listed in existing databases and publications as potentially occurring within the region (i.e. *EPBC Act* Threatened Fauna and Migratory species lists, DBCA NatureMap Fauna Database and various publications) are considered likely to be present within the survey area. The list of potential fauna takes into consideration that firstly the species in question is not known to be locally/regionally extinct and secondly that suitable habitat for each species, as identified during the habitat assessment, is present within the survey area, though compiling an accurate list has limitations (see **Section 3.3 Survey limitations and constraints**).

Group	Total number of potential species	otal Potential Poter ber of specially migra ectes species species		Potential number of priority species
Amphibians	11	0	0	0
Reptiles	90	0	0	0
Birds	109	1	0	1
Non-Volant Mammals	24 ⁸	0	0	0
Volant Mammals (Bats)	11	0	0	0
Total	245 ⁸	1	0	2

Table 4-8: Summary of Potentia	l Vertebrate Fauna	Species
--------------------------------	--------------------	---------

Superscript = number of introduced species included in the total. Note: Where a species state and federal conservation status is different, the highest category is used.

Despite the omission of some species it should be noted that the list provided is still very likely an over estimation of the fauna species utilising the survey area (either on a regular or infrequent basis) as a result of the precautionary approach adopted for the assessment. At any one time only, a subset of the listed potential species is likely to be present within the bounds of the study area.

4.2.4 Introduced Species

Two introduced species were recorded during the survey; *Cynodon dactylon* (Couch) and *Tribulus terrestris* (Caltrop). Neither species is listed as a Declared Pest under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (BAM) Act 2007.*

No introduced fauna were observed during the survey however there was evidence of cattle tracks and scats within the survey area.



4.2.5 Significant Flora

According to the EPA *Environmental Factor Guideline for Flora and Vegetation* (EPA, 2016a) significant flora includes:

- flora being identified as threatened or priority species;
- locally endemic flora or flora associated with a restricted habitat type (e.g. surface water or groundwater dependent ecosystems);
- new species or anomalous features that indicate a potential new species;
- flora representative of the range of a species (particularly, at the extremes of range, recently discovered range extensions, or isolated outliers of the main range);
- unusual species, including restricted subspecies, varieties or naturally occurring hybrids; and
- flora with relictual status, being representative of taxonomic groups that no longer occur widely in the broader landscape.

No significant flora were identified within the survey area. A map showing regional Threatened and Priority Flora known records in relation to the survey area is provided in Appendix 2.

4.2.6 Significant Vegetation

According to the EPA *Environmental Factor Guideline for Flora and Vegetation* (EPA, 2016b) significant vegetation includes:

- vegetation being identified as threatened or priority ecological communities;
- vegetation with restricted distribution;
- vegetation subject to a high degree of historical impact from threatening processes;
- vegetation which provides a role as a refuge; and
- vegetation providing an important function required to maintain ecological integrity of a significant ecosystem.

No significant vegetation was identified within the survey area. Seven Priority 1 Ecological Communities (PEC) occur within a 40km radius of the survey area (see Appendix 2) none of which occur within the survey area. These PECs are underground invertebrate assemblages and are not pertinent to vegetation.

- Hinkler Well calcrete groundwater assemblage type on Carey palaeodrainage on Lake Way Station (intersects the on-playa development envelope);
- 2. Lake Violet south and lake Violet calcrete groundwater assemblage types on Carey palaeodrainage on Millbillillie Station (intersects the on-playa development envelope);
- 3. Lake Way South calcrete groundwater assemblage type on Carey palaeodrainage on Lake Way Station;
- 4. Uramurdah Lake calcrete groundwater assemblage type on Carey palaeodrainage on Millbillillie Station;
- 5. Wiluna BF calcrete groundwater assemblage type on Carey palaeodrainage on Millbillillie Station;
- 6. Jundee South Hill calcrete groundwater assemblage type on Carnegie palaeodrainage on Jundee Station; and
- 7. Jundee Homestead calcrete groundwater assemblage type on Carnegie palaeodrainage on Jundee Station.



4.2.7 Significant Fauna

According to the EPA *Environmental Factor Guideline for Terrestrial Fauna* (EPA, 2016d) significant fauna includes:

- Fauna being identified as a threatened or priority species;
- Fauna species with restricted distribution;
- Fauna subject to a high degree of historical impact from threatening processes; and
- Fauna providing an important function required to maintain the ecological integrity of a significant ecosystem.

No significant fauna species were observed during the survey.

The current status of some species on site and/or in the general area is difficult to determine, however, based on the habitats present and, in some cases, direct observations or recent nearby records, the following species of conservation significance can be regarded as possibly utilising the survey area for some purpose at times, these being:

• Greg Falcon Falco hypoleucos – P4 (DBCA Priority Species)

The species potentially utilises some sections of the survey area as part of a much larger home range, though records in this area are rare and therefore it is only likely to be present very occasionally. No suitable breeding habitat. No significant impact likely.

• Peregrine Falcon Falco peregrinus – OS (BC Act)

The species potentially utilises some sections of the survey area as part of a much larger home range, though records in this area are rare and therefore it is only likely to be present very occasionally. No suitable breeding habitat. No significant impact likely.

It should be noted that while habitats onsite for one or more of the species listed above are considered possibly suitable, some or all may be marginal in extent/quality and therefore the fauna species considered as possibly occurring may in fact only visit the area for short periods as infrequent vagrants.

4.3 Matters of National Environmental Significance

4.3.1 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

The EPBC Act protects matters of national environmental significance, and is used by the Commonwealth DotEE to list threatened taxa and ecological communities into categories based on the criteria set out in the Act (<u>www.environment.gov.au/epbc/index.html</u>). The Act provides a national environmental assessment and approval system for proposed developments and enforces strict penalties for unauthorised actions that may affect matters of national environmental significance. Matters of national environmental significance as defined by the Commonwealth EPBC Act include:

- Nationally threatened flora species;
- World heritage properties;
- National heritage places;
- Wetlands of international importance (often called 'Ramsar' wetlands after the international treaty under which such wetlands are listed);
- Nationally threatened ecological communities;
- Commonwealth marine area;
- The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park; and



• Nuclear actions (including uranium mining) a water resource, in relation to coal seam gas development and large coal mining development.

No matters of national environmental significance as defined by the Commonwealth EPBC Act were identified within the survey area.

4.4 Matters of State Environmental Significance

4.4.1 Environmental Protection Act WA 1986

The EP Act provides for the prevention, control and abatement of pollution and environmental harm, for the conservation, preservation, protection, enhancement and management of the environment. The Act is administered by The Department of Water and Environment Regulation (DWER), which is the State Government's environmental regulatory agency.

Under Section 51C of the EP Act and the *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations (Regulations) WA 2004* any clearing of native vegetation in Western Australia that is not eligible for exemption under Schedule 6 of the *EP Act 1986* or under the Regulations 2004 requires a clearing permit from the DWER or DMIRS. Under Section 51A of the *EP Act 1986* native vegetation includes aquatic and terrestrial vegetation indigenous to Western Australia, and intentionally planted vegetation declared by regulation to be native vegetation, but not vegetation planted in a plantation or planted with commercial intent. Section 51A of the *EP Act 1986* defines clearing as "the killing or destruction of; the removal of; the severing or ringbarking of trunks or stems of; or the doing of substantial damage to some or all of the native vegetation in an area, including the flooding of land, the burning of vegetation, the grazing of stock or an act or activity that results in the above". Exemptions under Schedule 6 of the EP Act and the EP Regulations do not apply in ESAs as declared under Section 51B of the EP Act or TEC listed under State and Commonwealth legislation.

No evidence of the survey area containing any TEC or Threatened Flora or Fauna was found during the survey period. The survey area is not located within an ESA.

4.4.2 Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

This Act is used by the Western Australian DBCA for the conservation and protection of biodiversity and biodiversity components in Western Australia and to promote the ecologically sustainable use of biodiversity components in the State. Taxa are classified as 'Threatened' when their populations are geographically restricted or are threatened by local processes (see following sections for Threatened definitions). Under this Act all native flora and fauna are protected throughout the State. Financial penalties are enforced under this Act if threatened species are collected without an appropriate licence.

Under Section 54(1) of the BC Act, habitat is eligible for listing as critical habitat if:

(a) it is critical to the survival of a threatened species or a threatened ecological community; and

(b) its listing is otherwise in accordance with the ministerial guidelines.

No threatened species or critical habitat listed under the BC Act were recorded within the survey area.



4.4.3 Conservation Reserves

The survey area is not located within a proposed or vested Conservation Reserve. The survey is not located within DBCA managed land. The closest DBCA managed land is the ex. Lorna Glenn UCL, which is located approximately 43km east of the survey area. A map showing areas of proposed and vested Conservation Reserves in relation to the survey area is provided in Appendix 2.

4.5 Native Vegetation Clearing Principles

Based on the outcomes from the survey undertaken, as presented in this report, Botanica provides the following comments regarding the native vegetation clearing principles listed under Schedule 5 of the EP Act (Table 4-9).

Table 4-9: Assessment of development within the survey area against native vegetation clearing principles

Letter	Principle		
Native v cleared it	egetation should not be f it:	Assessment	Outcome
(a)	comprises a high level of biological diversity.	Vegetation identified within the survey area is not considered to be of high biological diversity and is well represented in the local area.	Clearing is unlikely to be at variance to this principle
(b)	comprises the whole or part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of, a significant habitat for fauna indigenous to WA.	No significant fauna were observed within the survey area. Majority of the survey area comprises of broad fauna habitats that are typical of those in the wider region. No water bodies (both perennial/ non-perennial) occur within the survey area.	Clearing may be at variance to this principle
(c)	includes, or is necessary for the continued existence of rare flora.	No Threatened Flora taxa, pursuant to the BC Act and the EPBC Act were identified within the survey area.	Clearing is unlikely to be at variance to this principle
(d)	comprises the whole or part of or is necessary for the maintenance of a threatened ecological community (TEC).	No TEC listed under the EPBC Act or by the BC Act occur within the survey area.	Clearing is unlikely to be at variance to this principle
(e)	is significant as a remnant of native vegetation in an area that has been extensively cleared	The survey area occurs within the pre- European Beard vegetation association Wiluna 18 which retains >98% of the original pre- European vegetation extent.	Clearing is unlikely to be at variance to this principle
(f)	is growing, in, or in association with, an environment associated with a watercourse or wetland	There are no inland waters (lakes/ playas) or drainage lines within the survey area. No vegetation growing in, or in association with a watercourse or wetland were identified within the survey area.	Clearing is unlikely to be at variance to this principle
(g)	Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause appreciable land degradation.	The Project area occurs within the pre- European Beard vegetation association Wiluna 18 which retains >98% of the original pre- European vegetation extent. Clearing within these vegetation associations is not likely to lead to land degradation issues such as salinity, water logging or acidic soils.	Clearing is unlikely to be at variance to this principle
(h)	Native vegetation should not be cleared if the	The survey area is not located within a conservation area. The closest conservation	Clearing is unlikely to be at variance to this



Letter	Principle			
Native vegetation should not be cleared if it:		Assessment	Outcome	
	clearing of the vegetation is likely to have an impact on the environmental values of any adjacent or nearby conservation area.	reserve is the ex. Lorna Glenn UCL, which is located approximately 43km south of the survey area. Given the distance from the survey area, impacts to the environmental values of this conservation reserve are unlikely.	principle	
(i)	Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause deterioration in the quality of surface or underground water.	There are no inland waters (lakes/ playas) or drainage lines within the survey area. No vegetation growing in, or in association with a watercourse or wetland were identified within the survey area. Most rainfall is lost by evaporation or surface runoff. Only a small portion infiltrates the soil and recharges the groundwater.	Clearing is unlikely to be at variance to this principle	
(j)	Native vegetation should not be cleared if clearing the vegetation is likely to cause, or exacerbate, the incidence of flooding	Rainfall is unreliable and highly variable with an average rainfall of 200mm and an evaporation rate of 2461mm. The region is not prone to flooding and does not contain ephemeral water sources.	Clearing is unlikely to be at variance to this principle	



5 Bibliography

Animal Plant Mineral (2015). Vegetation Clearing Permit Application, Matilda Gold Project, Support Information for Matilda Mine Site Native Vegetation Clearing (Purpose) Permit Application, October 2015.

Armstrong, (2001). *Rare Flora Search, and Vegetation and Flora Survey on the Exploration and Mine Lease of Thunderbox,* Paul Armstrong and Associates.

Armstrong, (2004). *Rare Flora Search and Vegetation Survey at Waterloo Prospect,* Paul Armstrong and Associates.

Anstis, M. (2013). Tadpoles and Frogs of Australia. New Holland Publishers, Sydney.

Aplin, K. P. and Smith, L.A. (2001). *Checklist of the frogs and reptiles of Western Australia*, Records of the Western Australian Museum Supplement No. 63, 51-74.

ASRIS (2014). Atlas of Australian Soils Database. Australian Soil Resource Information System

Australian Government (2020). National Map. Australian Government.

Barrett, G., Silcocks, A., Barry, S., Cunningham, R. and Poulter, R. (2003). *The New Atlas of Australian Birds*. Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union, Victoria.

Beard, J.S., (1990). Plant Life of Western Australia, Kangaroo Press Pty Ltd, NSW.

Biota Environmental Sciences (2004). Waterloo and Amorac Extension Fauna Site Inspection. Unpublished report for LionOre.

Biota Environmental Sciences (2017). Mt Keith Satellite Proposal Vertebrate Fauna Review. Prepared for BHP Billiton Nickel West, Biota Environmental Sciences.

BoM, (2020a). Wiluna Climate Data, Bureau of Meteorology. Available: <u>http://www.bom.gov.au/climate</u>

BoM (2020b). Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems Atlas. Bureau of Meteorology Available: <u>http://www.bom.gov.au/water/groundwater/gde/map.shtml</u>

Botanica Consulting (2014). Level 1 Flora and Vegetation Survey of the Thunderbox to Bannockburn Project.

Botanica Consulting (2016). Level 1 Flora and Fauna Survey Julius Project, Prepared for Echo Resources Limited.

Botanica Consulting (2019a). Reconnaissance Flora/ Vegetation and Fauna Survey Orelia Project. Prepared for Echo Resources Limited.

Botanica Consulting (2019b). Reconnaissance Flora/ Vegetation & Fauna Survey. Mt Joel Project. Prepared for Echo Resources Limited.

Botanica Consulting (2020). Detailed Flora/ Vegetation Survey Lake Way Potash Project. Prepared for Salt Lake Potash Limited.

Curry, P.J., Payne, A.L., Leighton, K.A., Hennig, P. and Blood, D.A. (1994). *Technical Bulletin: An inventory and condition survey of the Murchison River catchment, Western Australia (No. 84).* Department of Agriculture WA.

Cowan, M. (2001). A Biodiversity Audit of Western Australia's 53 Biogeographical Region in 2001- Eastern Murchison (MUR1 – Eastern Murchison subregion), Department of Conservation and Land Management.



DAFWA (2011). *Pre-European Vegetation - Western Australia (NVIS Compliant Version GIS file)*, Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia

DAFWA (2014). Soil Landscape System of Western Australia, Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia

DAWE (2020). Protected Matters Search Tool, Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment.

DBCA (2018). 2018 Statewide Vegetation Statistics (formerly the CAR Reserve Analysis). Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

DBCA (2019a). *Threatened and Priority Flora Database search results,* Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

DBCA (2019b). *Threatened Ecological Community and Priority Ecological Community database search,* Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

DBCA (2020). *NatureMap Database search*, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

DotEE (2012). *Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia (IBRA),* Version 7, Department of the Environment and Energy.

DotEE (2017). *National Vegetation Information System (NVIS) Major Vegetation Groups, Version 4.2*, Department of the Environment and Energy.

DPIRD (2020). *Declared Organism-database search,* Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Western Australia.

Available: <u>http://www.biosecurity.wa.gov.au/</u>

Duncan, Anne. & Baker, G. B. & Montgomery, Narelle. & Natural Heritage Trust (Australia) (1999). *The action plan for Australian bats* / edited by Anne Duncan, G. Barry Baker and Narelle Montgomery; with assistance from Lindy Lumsden *et al.* Natural Heritage Trust, Canberra.

Ecologia (1995). Jundee Gold Project Environmental Assessment.

Engenium (2015). Lake Maitland - Level 2 Vertebrate Fauna and Targeted Reptile Survey Report. Unpublished report for Toro Energy Limited

EPA, (2000). Position Statement No. 2 *Environmental Protection of Native Vegetation in Western Australia,* Environmental Protection Authority

EPA (2016a). *Technical Guide - Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment – December 2016.* Environmental Protection Authority.

EPA (2016b). *Technical Guide – Terrestrial Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment – December 2016.* Environmental Protection Authority.

Geoscience Australia (2015). Surface Hydrology GIS. Australian Government.

Hall, N.J., Newbey, K.R., McKenzie, N.L., Keighery, G.J., Rolfe, J.K & Youngson, W. K., (1993). *The Biological survey of the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia Part 7: Sandstone-Sir Samuel. Laverton-Leonora study area,* West. Aust. Mus. Suppl. 47.

Grieve, B.J., (1998). *How to know Western Australian Wildflowers – A key to the flora of the extratropical regions of Western Australia Part II*, University of Western Australia Press, Nedlands, WA.

Hall, N.J., Newbey, K.R., McKenzie, N.L., Keighery, G.J., Rolfe, J.K & Youngson, W. K., (1993). *The Biological survey of the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia Part 7: Sandstone-Sir Samuel. Laverton-Leonora study area,* West. Aust. Mus. Suppl. 47.



Halpern Glick Maunsell, (1997). *Barwidgee Pastoral Lease Mulgara Dasycercus cristicauda Survey*. Unpublished report prepared for Great Central Mines, November 1997.

Harewood, G. (2015). Fauna Assessment, Laverton Gold Project. Unpublished report for Bullseye Mining Limited.

Hart, R.P. and Kitchener, D.J., (1986). *First Record of Sminthopsis psammophila (Marsupialia: Dasyuridae) from Western Australia.* Records of the Western Australian Museum 13(1): 139-144.

Harvey, M. S. (2002). Short-range endemism among the Australian fauna: some examples from non-marine environments. Invertebrate Systematics 16: 555-570.

Hatton T, Evans R, (1998). *Dependence of ecosystems on groundwater and its significance to Australia*. LWRRDC Occasional Paper No 12/98.

How, R., Cooper, N.K. and Bannister, J.L. (2001). *Checklist of the mammals of Western Australia*, Records of the Western Australian Museum Supplement No. 63, 91-98.

Jackson, S. & Groves, C. (2015). Taxonomy of Australian mammals. CSIRO Publishing.

Johnson, S.L, Commander, D.P & O'Boy, C.A (1999). *Groundwater Resources of the Northern Goldfields, Western Australia*. Water and Rivers Commission Hydrogeological Report Series Report Hg 2.

Johnstone, R.E. (2001). *Checklist of the birds of Western Australia,* Records of the Western Australian Museum Supplement No. 63, 75-90.

Johnstone, R.E. and Storr, G.M. (1998). *Handbook of Western Australian Birds:* Volume 1 – Non-passerines (Emu to Dollarbird). Western Australian Museum, Perth Western Australia.

Johnstone, R.E. and Storr, G.M. (2004). *Handbook of Western Australian Birds:* Volume 2 – Passerines (Blue-winged Pitta to Goldfinch). Western Australian Museum, Perth Western Australia.

Keighery, B. J., (1994). *Bushland Plant Survey: A guide to plant community survey for the community.* Wildflower Society of Western Australia (Inc.), Nedlands.

Masters, P., Dickman, C. R., and Crowther, M. (2003). *Effects of cover reduction on mulgara Dasycercus cristicauda (Marsupialia: Dasyuridae), rodent and invertebrate populations in central Australia:* implications for land management. Austral Ecology 28, 658-665.

Mc Donald, R.C, Isbell, R.F & Speight, J.G (1998). *Australian Soil and Land Survey Field Handbook* (3rd edn). CSIRO Publishing: Melbourne.

Morcombe, M. (2004). *Field Guide to Australian Birds*. Steve Parish Publishing, Archerfield, Queensland.

National Committee on Soil and Terrain (2009). *Australian soil and land survey field handbook* (3rd edn). CSIRO Publishing: Melbourne

Ninox (2007). A Vertebrate Fauna Survey of the Wiluna West Project Area Western Australia # 3. Unpublished report for Golden West Resources Ltd.

Outback Ecology (2008a). Bronzewing – Mt McClure, Application for a Purpose Permit to Clear Native Vegetation at the Bronzewing – Mt McClure Project – Corboys Prospect M53/15, prepared for View Resources

Outback Ecology (2008b). Bronzewing – Mt McClure, Report on the distribution of *Eremophila pungens* (P4) within the Bronzewing – Mt McClure Gold Project, prepared for View Resources

Outback Ecology Services (2009). Lake Maitland Baseline Terrestrial Fauna Survey. Unpublished report for Mega Uranium Pty Ltd.



Pavey, C. (2006). National Recovery Plan for the Greater Bilby *Macrotis lagotis*. Northern Territory Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts.

Pizzey, G & Knight, F. (2012). *The Field Guide to the Birds of Australia*. 9th Edition. Harper Collins, Sydney.

Pringle, H. J. R., Van Vreeswyk, A. M. E. and Gilligan, S. A. (1994). *An inventory and condition survey of the north-eastern Goldfields, Western Australia.* Department of Agriculture Western Australia, Perth, W.A.

Simpson, K. and Day, N. (2010), *Field Guide to the Birds of Australia.* Penguin Books, Ringwood.

Tille, P. (2006). *Soil Landscapes of Western Australia's Rangelands and Arid Interior*, Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia

Trudgen, M. (1989). A Flora and Vegetation Survey of Part of the Cyprus Gold Mount *McClure Gold Mining Leases*. Report prepared for Cyprus Gold for inclusion in the Mt McClure Project Feasibility Study, Volume 2 Environmental Study.

WAHERB, (2020). *Florabase – Information on the Western Australian Flora,* Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

Available: https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/

Appendix 1: Conservation Ratings BC Act and EPBC Act

Definitions of Conservation Significant Species

Code	Category
State categories	s of threatened and priority species
Threatened Spe Listed by order vulnerable unde section 26(2) of	of the Minister as Threatened in the category of critically endangered, endangered or r section 19(1), or is a rediscovered species to be regarded as threatened species under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act).
	Critically Endangered
CR	Threatened species considered to be "facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future, as determined in accordance with criteria set out in the ministerial guidelines". Listed as critically endangered under section 19(1)(a) of the BC Act in accordance with the griteria pat out in paction 20 and the ministerial guidelines. Bublished under schedule 1 of
	the Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2018 for critically endangered fauna or the Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice 2018 for critically endangered flora.
	Enclongered
EN	Listed as endangered under section 19(1)(b) of the BC Act in accordance with the criteria set out in the ministerial guidelines". Listed as endangered under section 19(1)(b) of the BC Act in accordance with the criteria set out in section 21 and the ministerial guidelines. Published under schedule 2 of the Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2018 for endangered fauna or the Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice 2018 for endangered flora.
	Vulnerable
VU	Threatened species considered to be "facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the medium-term future, as determined in accordance with criteria set out in the ministerial guidelines".
	Listed as vulnerable under section 19(1)(c) of the BC Act in accordance with the criteria set out in section 22 and the ministerial guidelines. Published under schedule 3 of the Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2018 for vulnerable fauna or the Wildlife
Extinct species	Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice 2018 for vulnerable flora.
Listed by order of	of the Minister as extinct under section 23(1) of the BC Act as extinct or extinct in the wild.
EX	Extinct Species where "there is no reasonable doubt that the last member of the species has died", and listing is otherwise in accordance with the ministerial guidelines (section 24 of the BC Act).
	Protected Fauna) Notice 2018 for extinct fauna or the Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice 2018 for extinct flora.
EW	Extinct in the Wild Species that "is known only to survive in cultivation, in captivity or as a naturalised population well outside its past range; and it has not been recorded in its known habitat or expected habitat, at appropriate seasons, anywhere in its past range, despite surveys over a time frame appropriate to its life cycle and form", and listing is otherwise in accordance with the ministerial guidelines (section 25 of the BC Act). Currently there are no threatened fauna or threatened flora species listed as extinct in the wild. If listing of a species as extinct in the wild occurs, then a schedule will be added to the applicable notice.
Specially prote	cted species
Listed by order of the following subject to international subject to i	of the Minister as specially protected under section 13(1) of the BC Act. Meeting one or more categories: species of special conservation interest; migratory species; cetaceans; species ational agreement; or species otherwise in need of special protection.
Species that are species under the	e listed as threatened species (critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable) or extinct e BC Act cannot also be listed as Specially Protected species.
IA	International Agreement/ Migratory Fauna that periodically or occasionally visit Australia or an external Territory or the exclusive economic zone; or the species is subject of an international agreement that relates to the protection of migratory species and that binds the Commonwealth; and listing is otherwise in accordance with the ministerial guidelines (section 15 of the BC Act). Includes birds that are subject to an agreement between the government of Australia and the governments of Japan (JAMBA), China (CAMBA) and The Republic of Korea (ROKAMBA), and fauna subject to the <i>Convention on the Conservation of Migratory</i> <i>Species of Wild Animals</i> (Bonn Convention), an environmental treaty under the United Nations Environment Program. Migratory species listed under the BC Act are a subset of the migratory animals, that are known to visit Western Australia, protected under the international agreements or treaties, excluding species that are listed as Threatened species.
	Published as migratory birds protected under an international agreement under schedule 5

Code	Category
	of the Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2018.
CD	Species of special conservation interest Fauna of special conservation need being species dependent on ongoing conservation intervention to prevent it becoming eligible for listing as threatened, and listing is otherwise in accordance with the ministerial guidelines (section 14 of the BC Act). Published as conservation dependent fauna under schedule 6 of the <i>Wildlife Conservation</i> <i>(Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2018.</i>
OS	Other specially protected species Fauna otherwise in need of special protection to ensure their conservation, and listing is otherwise in accordance with the ministerial guidelines (section 18 of the BC Act). Published as other specially protected fauna under schedule 7 of the <i>Wildlife Conservation</i> (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2018.
Priority species Possibly threated Priority Fauna o priority for surve as threatened fa Species that are have been recer	ned species that do not meet survey criteria, or are otherwise data deficient, are added to the r Priority Flora Lists under Priorities 1, 2 or 3. These three categories are ranked in order of y and evaluation of conservation status so that consideration can be given to their declaration una or flora. A adequately known, are rare but not threatened, or meet criteria for near threatened, or that the removed from the threatened species or other specially protected fauna lists for other than
taxonomic reaso Assessment of distribution in W spread of locatio	ns, are placed in Priority 4. These species require regular monitoring. Priority codes is based on the Western Australian distribution of the species, unless the A is part of a contiguous population extending into adjacent States, as defined by the known ons.
	Priority 1: Poorly-known species
P1	Species that are known from one or a few locations (generally five or less) which are potentially at risk. All occurrences are either: very small; or on lands not managed for conservation, e.g. agricultural or pastoral lands, urban areas, road and rail reserves, gravel reserves and active mineral leases; or otherwise under threat of habitat destruction or degradation. Species may be included if they are comparatively well known from one or more locations but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements and appear to be under immediate threat from known threatening processes. Such species are in urgent need of further survey.
P2	Priority 2: Poorly-known species Species that are known from one or a few locations (generally five or less), some of which are on lands managed primarily for nature conservation, e.g. national parks, conservation parks, nature reserves and other lands with secure tenure being managed for conservation. Species may be included if they are comparatively well known from one or more locations but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements and appear to be under threat from known threatening processes. Such species are in urgent need of further survey.
P3	Priority 3: Poorly-known species Species that are known from several locations, and the species does not appear to be under imminent threat, or from few but widespread locations with either large population size or significant remaining areas of apparently suitable habitat, much of it not under imminent threat. Species may be included if they are comparatively well known from several locations but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements and known threatening processes exist that could affect them. Such species are in need of further survey.
P4	 Priority 4: Rare, Near Threatened and other species in need of monitoring (a) Rare. Species that are considered to have been adequately surveyed, or for which sufficient knowledge is available, and that are considered not currently threatened or in need of special protection but could be if present circumstances change. These species are usually represented on conservation lands. (b) Near Threatened. Species that are considered to have been adequately surveyed and that are close to qualifying for vulnerable but are not listed as Conservation Dependent. (c) Species that have been removed from the list of threatened species during the past five years for reasons other than taxonomy.
Commonwealth	a categories of threatened species
EX	Extinct Taxa where there is no reasonable doubt that the last member of the species has died.
EW	Extinct in the Wild Taxa where it is known only to survive in cultivation, in captivity or as a naturalised population well outside its past range; or it has not been recorded in its known and/or expected habitat, at appropriate seasons, anywhere in its past range, despite exhaustive surveys over a time frame appropriate to its life cycle and form.
CR	Critically Endangered Taxa that are facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future, as determined in accordance with the prescribed criteria.
EN	Endangered Taxa which are not critically endangered and is facing a very high risk of extinction in the

Code	Category
	wild in the near future, as determined in accordance with the prescribed criteria.
VU	Vulnerable Taxa which are not critically endangered or endangered and is facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the medium-term future, as determined in accordance with the prescribed criteria.
CD	Conservation DependentTaxa which are the focus of a specific conservation program the cessation of which would result in the species becoming vulnerable, endangered or critically endangered; or (b) the following subparagraphs are satisfied:(i)the species is a species of fish;(ii)the species is the focus of a plan of management that provides for actions necessary to stop the decline of, and support the recovery of, the species so that its

	Definitions of Conservation Orginitoant Commandes
Category Code	Category
State categor	ies of Threatened Ecological Communities (TEC)
	Presumed Totally Destroyed
PD	An ecological community will be listed as Presumed Totally Destroyed if there are no recent records of the community being extant and either of the following applies:
	 records within the last 50 years have not been confirmed despite thorough searches or known likely habitats or;
	all occurrences recorded within the last 50 years have since been destroyed.
	Critically Endangered
	An ecological community will be listed as Critically Endangered when it has been adequately surveyed and is found to be facing an extremely high risk of total destruction in the immediate future, meeting any one of the following criteria:
CR	The estimated geographic range and distribution has been reduced by at least 90% and is either continuing to decline with total destruction imminent, or is unlikely to be substantially rehabilitated in the immediate future due to modification;
	The current distribution is limited i.e. highly restricted, having very few small or isolated occurrences, or covering a small area;
	The ecological community is highly modified with potential of being rehabilitated in the immediate future.
	Endangered
	An ecological community will be listed as Endangered when it has been adequately surveyed and is not Critically Endangered but is facing a very high risk of total destruction in the near future. The ecological community must meet any one of the following criteria:
EN	The estimated geographic range and distribution has been reduced by at least 70% and is either continuing to decline with total destruction imminent in the short-term future, or is unlikely to be substantially rehabilitated in the short-term future due to modification;
	The current distribution is limited i.e. highly restricted, having very few small or isolated
	occurrences, or covering a small area; The ecological community is highly modified with potential of being rehabilitated in the short- term future.
	Vulnerable
VU	An ecological community will be listed as Vulnerable when it has been adequately surveyed and is not Critically Endangered or Endangered but is facing high risk of total destruction in the medium to long term future. The ecological community must meet any one of the following criteria:
	The ecological community exists largely as modified occurrences that are likely to be able to be substantially restored or rehabilitated;
	The ecological community may already be modified and would be vulnerable to threatening process, and restricted in range or distribution;

Definitions of Conservation Significant Communities

Category Code	Category
	The ecological community may be widespread but has potential to move to a higher threat category due to existing or impending threatening processes.
Commonwea	Ith categories of Threatened Ecological Communities (TEC)
CE	Critically Endangered If, at that time, an ecological community is facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future (indicative timeframe being the next 10 years).
EN	Endangered If, at that time, an ecological community is not critically endangered but is facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future (indicative timeframe being the next 20 years).
VU	Vulnerable If, at that time, an ecological community is not critically endangered or endangered, but is facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the medium–term future (indicative timeframe being the next 50 years).
Priority Ecolo	gical Communities (PEC)
	Poorly-known ecological communities
P1	Ecological communities with apparently few, small occurrences, all or most not actively managed for conservation (e.g. within agricultural or pastoral lands, urban areas, active mineral leases) and for which current threats exist.
	Poorly-known ecological communities
P2	Communities that are known from few small occurrences, all or most of which are actively managed for conservation (e.g. within national parks, conservation parks, nature reserves, State forest, un-allocated Crown land, water reserves, etc.) and not under imminent threat of destruction or degradation.
	Poorly known ecological communities
P3	Communities that are known from several to many occurrences, a significant number or area of which are not under threat of habitat destruction or degradation or: Communities known from a few widespread occurrences, which are either large or within significant remaining areas of habitat in which other occurrences may occur, much of it not under imminent threat, or;
	Communities made up of large, and/or widespread occurrences, that may or not be represented in the reserve system, but are under threat of modification across much of their range from processes such as grazing and inappropriate fire regimes.
P4	Ecological communities that are adequately known, rare but not threatened or meet criteria for near threatened, or that have been recently removed from the threatened list. These communities require regular monitoring.
	Conservation Dependent ecological communities
P5	Ecological communities that are not threatened but are subject to a specific conservation program, the cessation of which would result in the community becoming threatened within five years.



Z

Appendix 2: Regional map of the survey area in relation to conservation areas

Appendix 3: List of species identified within each vegetation type Blue text (A)-annual species (WAHERB, 2020); Green text (W)-introduced species (WAHERB, 2020).

Family	Genus	Taxon	CLP-AFW1	SLP-AFW1
Amaranthaceae	Ptilotus	obovatus	*	*
Amaranthaceae	Ptilotus	schwartzii		*
Fabaceae	Acacia	aptaneura		*
Fabaceae	Acacia	caesaneura		*
Fabaceae	Acacia	incurvaneura	*	*
Fabaceae	Acacia	mulganeura		*
Fabaceae	Acacia	pachyacra	*	*
Fabaceae	Acacia	pruinocarpa	*	*
Fabaceae	Acacia	tetragonophylla	*	*
Loranthaceae	Amyema	fitzgeraldii		*
Malvaceae	Brachychiton	gregorii	*	
Malvaceae	Sida	calyxhymenia	*	
Poaceae	Aristida	contorta (A)	*	
Poaceae	Cynodon	dactylon (W)	*	
Poaceae	Dactyloctenium	radulans (A)	*	*
Poaceae	Eragrostis	eriopoda	*	
Poaceae	Eriachne	mucronata		*
Poaceae	Triodia	basedowii		*
Poaceae	Triodia	melvillei		*
Portulacaceae	Portulaca	oleracea (A)	*	
Proteaceae	Hakea	lorea		*
Pteridaceae	Cheilanthes	sieberi subsp. sieberi	*	*
Rubiaceae	Psydrax	latifolia	*	*
Rubiaceae	Psydrax	suaveolens	*	
Santalaceae	Santalum	lanceolatum		*
Santalaceae	Santalum	spicatum	*	*
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila	alternifolia	*	
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila	forrestii subsp. forrestii	*	*
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila	fraseri	*	*
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila	<i>gilesii</i> subsp. v <i>ariabilis</i>	*	*
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila	<i>latrobei</i> subsp. <i>glabra</i>	*	
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila	longifolia	*	*
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila	margarethae	*	*
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila	oldfieldii subsp. angustifolia		*
Solanaceae	Solanum	lasiophyllum	*	*
Zygophyllaceae	Tribulus	astrocarpus (A)	*	
Zygophyllaceae	Tribulus	terrestris (W)	*	

Appendix 4: Vegetation Condition Rating

Vegetation Condition Rating	South West and Interzone Botanical Provinces	Eremaean and Northern Botanical Provinces
Pristine	Pristine or nearly so, no obvious signs of disturbance or damage caused by human activities since European settlement.	
Excellent	Vegetation structure intact, disturbance affecting individual species and weeds are non-aggressive species. Damage to trees caused by fire, the presence of non-aggressive weeds and occasional vehicle tracks.	Pristine or nearly so, no obvious signs of damage caused by human activities since European settlement.
Very Good	Vegetation structure altered, obvious signs of disturbance. Disturbance to vegetation structure caused by repeated fires, the presence of some more aggressive weeds, dieback, logging and grazing.	Some relatively slight signs of damage caused by human activities since European settlement. For example, some signs of damage to tree trunks caused by repeated fire, the presence of some relatively non-aggressive weeds, or occasional vehicle tracks.
Good	Vegetation structure significantly altered by very obvious signs of multiple disturbances. Retains basic vegetation structure or ability to regenerate it. Disturbance to vegetation structure caused by very frequent fires, the presence of very aggressive weeds, partial clearing, dieback and grazing.	More obvious signs of damage caused by human activity since European settlement, including some obvious impact on the vegetation structure such as that caused by low levels of grazing or slightly aggressive weeds.
Poor		Still retains basic vegetation structure or ability to regenerate it after very obvious impacts of human activities since European settlement, such as grazing, partial clearing, frequent fires or aggressive weeds.
Degraded	Basic vegetation structure severely impacted by disturbance. Scope for regeneration but not to a state approaching good condition without intensive management. Disturbance to vegetation structure caused by very frequent fires, the presence of very aggressive weeds at high density, partial clearing, dieback and grazing.	Severely impacted by grazing, very frequent fires, clearing or a combination of these activities. Scope for some regeneration but not to a state approaching good condition without intensive management. Usually with a number of weed species present including very aggressive species.
Completely Degraded	The structure of the vegetation is no longer intact and the area is completely or almost completely without native species. These areas are often described as 'parkland cleared' with the flora comprising weed or crop species with isolated native trees and shrubs.	Areas that are completely or almost completely without native species in the structure of their vegetation; i.e. areas that are cleared or 'parkland cleared' with their flora comprising weed or crop species with isolated native trees or shrubs.

Appendix 5: Potential Fauna Species List

Potential Vertebrate Fauna List

M 53/191 - Northern Star Resources Limited

Compiled by Greg Harewood - June 2020

Recorded (Sighted/Heard/Signs) = X

Approximate centroid 26.357°S and 120.591°E

Botanica (2020). Reconnaissance Flora/ Vegetation and Fauna Survey Jundee TSF alternative locations. Unpublished report for Northern Star Resources Limited.

Engenium (2015). Lake Maitland - Level 2 Vertebrate Fauna and Targeted Reptile Survey Report. Unpublished report for Toro Energy Limited.

Harewood, G. (2015). Fauna Assessment (L1) - Laverton Gold Project. Unpublished report for Bullseye Mining Limited.

Outback Ecology Services (2009). Lake Maitland Baseline Terrestrial Fauna Survey. Unpublished report for Mega Uranium Pty Ltd.

Ninox (2007). A Vertebrate Fauna Survey of the Wiluna West Project Area Western Australia # 3. Unpublished report for Golden West Resources Ltd.

Biota Environmental Sciences (2017). Mt Keith Satellite Proposal Vertebrate Fauna Review. Unpublished report for BHP Billiton Nickel West.

Hall, N.J., McKenzie, N.L. and Keighery, G.J. (eds) (1994). The Biological Survey of the Eastern Goldfields of WA - Pt 10: Sandstone-Sir Samuel and Laverton-Leonora Study Areas. Records of the WAM, Supplement 47: 1 – 166

DBCA (2020). NatureMap Database Search – "By Circle" Centre 120° 35' 28" E, 26° 21' 25" S (plus 40km buffer). Accessed 2 April 2020.

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Amphibia										
Myobatrachidae Ground or Burrowing Frogs										
Neobatrachus aquilonius	Northern Burrowing Frog	LC								х
Neobatrachus centralis	Trilling Frog	LC								
Neobatrachus kunapalari	Kunapalari Frog	LC							Х	
Neobatrachus sutor	Shoemaker Frog	LC								х
Neobatrachus wilsmorei	Plonking Frog	LC								х
Notaden nichollsi	Desert Spadefoot	LC		х				х		

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Platyplectrum spenceri	Centralian Burrowing Frog	LC								
Pseudophryne occidentalis	Western Toadlet	LC						х		
Hylidae Tree or Water-Holding Frogs										
Cyclorana maini	Sheep Frog	LC		Х				Х	х	Х
Cyclorana occidentalis	Water-holding Frog	LC		х				х	Х	
Litoria rubella	Little Red Tree Frog	LC					х	х		х
Reptilia										
Carphodactylidae Knob-tailed Geckos										
Nephrurus laevis	Smooth Knob-tail Gecko			х						
Nephrurus laevissimus	Pale Knob-tail Gecko							Х		
Nephrurus vertebralis	Midline Knob-tailed Gecko			х		х	х	х		
Nephrurus wheeleri	Banded Knob-tailed Gecko			х		х	х			

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Diplodactylidae Geckoes										
Diplodactylus conspicillatus	Fat-tailed Gecko			х		х		х	х	х
Diplodactylus granariensis	Western Stone Gecko						Х	х		Х
Diplodactylus pulcher	Western Saddled Ground Gec	ko		х		х	х	х		х
Lucasium squarrosus	Mottled Ground Gecko						х	х	Х	
Lucasium stenodactylus	Sand-plain Gecko			х		х	х			
Rhynchoedura ornata	Beaked Gecko			х		х	х	х	Х	х
Strophurus assimilis	Goldfields Spiny-tailed Gecko									
Strophurus elderi	Jewelled Gecko			x		х		х	х	х
Strophurus strophurus	Ring-tailed Gecko			х				х	х	
Strophurus wellingtonae	Western-shield Spiny-tailed Ge	ecko					х	х	х	х

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Gekkonidae Geckoes										
Gehyra purpurascens	Purple Arid Dtella			х		х			х	
Gehyra variegata	Variegated Dtella			x	х	х	х	х	х	х
Heteronotia binoei	Bynoe's Gecko			x		х	х	х	Х	х
Underwoodisaurus milii	Barking Gecko			х					Х	
Pygopodidae Legless Lizards										
Delma butleri	Unbanded Delma							Х	х	Х
Delma nasuta	Long-nosed Delma			х		х		х	Х	х
Lialis burtonis	Burton's Legless Lizard			х		х		х	Х	
Pygopus nigriceps	Hooded Scaly Foot			х				х		х

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Agamidae Dragon Lizards										
Caimanops amphiboluroides	Mulga Dragon						х			
Ctenophorus caudicinctus	Ring-tailed Dragon						х	х		х
Ctenophorus cristatus	Bicycle Dragon				Х					
Ctenophorus fordi	Mallee Sand Dragon								х	
Ctenophorus isolepis	Military Dragon			x	Х	х	х	х	Х	х
Ctenophorus nuchalis	Central Netted Dragon			х	х	х		х	Х	х
Ctenophorus reticulatus	Western Netted Dragon							х	Х	х
Ctenophorus salinarum	Salt Pan Dragon			х	х	х		х	Х	
Ctenophorus scutulatus	Lozenge-marked Bicycle Drag	on		х	Х	х	х	х	х	х
Moloch horridus	Thorny Devil			х		х		х	х	
Pogona minor	Western Bearded Dragon			х		Х		х	Х	х
Tympanocryptis cephala	Pebble Dragon							х		
Tympanocryptis cephalus	Pebble Dragon									

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Varanidae Monitor's or Goanna's										
Varanus brevicauda	Short-tailed Pygmy Monitor			Х				Х	х	X
Varanus caudolineatus	Stripe-tailed Pygmy Monitor			х			Х	х	Х	x
Varanus eremius	Pygmy Desert Monitor			х		х	х	х		
Varanus giganteus	Perentie							х		
Varanus gouldii	Sand Monitor			х	х	х		х	Х	
Varanus panoptes	Yellow-spotted Monitor		х	х	х	х	Х	х		
Varanus tristis	Racehorse Monitor							Х		х

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Scincidae Skinks										
Cryptoblepharus buchananii	Buchanan's Snake-eyed Skinl	< colored and set of the set of t		х		х	Х		х	
Cryptoblepharus plagiocephalus	Fence Skink					х	х			
Ctenotus ariadnae	Ariadna's Ctenotus							х		х
Ctenotus atlas	Southern Mallee Ctenotus			х		х		х		
Ctenotus brooksi	Central Wedge-snout Ctenotu	S								
Ctenotus calurus	Blue-tailed Skink			x				х		х
Ctenotus dux	Narrow-lined Skink									
Ctenotus grandis	Giant Desert Ctenotus			х		х		х		х
Ctenotus greeri	Greer's Ctenotus								х	
Ctenotus hanloni	Nimble Ctenotus							х		
Ctenotus helenae	Dusky Ctenotus			х		х		х	х	х
Ctenotus leonhardii	Leonhardi's Skink			х	х	х		х		х
Ctenotus pantherinus	Leopard Ctenotus			х		х		х	х	х

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Ctenotus piankai	Pianka's Ctenotus									
Ctenotus quattuordecimlineatus	Fourteen-lined Ctenotus			х				х		
Ctenotus schomburgkii	Barred Wedge-snout Ctenotus	6		х	х	х	х	х	х	х
Ctenotus severus	Stern Rock Ctenotus			х		х				
Ctenotus uber	Spotted Ctenotus				х			х		х
Cyclodomorphus melanops	Eastern Slender Blue-tongue									
Egernia depressa	Pygmy Spiny-tailed Skink			х		х		х		х
Egernia formosa	Goldfields Crevise Skink									
Egernia inornata	Desert Skink							х		
Egernia striata	Night Skink									
Eremiascincus richardsonii	Broad-banded Sand Swimme	r		x		х		х		х
Lerista bipes	Western Two-toed Slider			х		х				х
Lerista desertorum	Giant Desert Slider			х		х	х	х	х	х
Lerista kingi	Common Mulch Skink			x					х	

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium Harev 2015 20	vood 15	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Lerista muelleri	Common Mulch Skink			х		х	Х			х
Lerista timida	Dwarf Three-toed Slider			x			х	х		х
Menetia greyii	Dwarf Skink			x		х	х	х	Х	х
Morethia butleri	Woodland Dark-flecked M	orethia		х				х	Х	х
Tiliqua multifasciata	Central Blue-tongue			х		х		х	х	
Tiliqua occipitalis	Western Bluetongue							х	х	
Typhlopidae Blind Snakes										
Anilios bicolor	Dark-spined Blind Snake									
Anilios hamatus	Northern Hook-snouted Bl	lind Snake		х			х	х	х	
Anilios waitii	Common Beaked Blind Sr	nake						х		
Boidae Pythons, Boas										
Antaresia stimsoni	Stimson's Python			х				х		

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Elapidae Elapid Snakes										
Brachyurophis fasciolata	Narrow-banded Shovel-r	nosed Snake						Х		
Brachyurophis semifasciata	Southern Shovel-nosed	Snake		х				х		
Demansia psammophis	Yellow-faced Whipsnake									х
Furina ornata	Moon Snake			х				х	Х	
Parasuta monachus	Monk Snake			x		х	х	х		х
Pseudechis australis	Mulga Snake							х	Х	
Pseudechis butleri	Spotted Mulga Snake									
Pseudonaja mengdeni	Western Brown Snake									
Pseudonaja modesta	Ringed Brown Snake						х	х		х
Simoselaps bertholdi	Jan's Banded Snake			х			х	х	х	х
Suta fasciata	Rosen's Snake							х		

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Aves										
Casuariidae Emus, Cassowarries										
Dromaius novaehollandiae	Emu	LC	х	х	х	х	х	Х	х	Х
Accipitridae Kites, Goshawks, Eagles, Harriers										
Accipiter cirrocephalus	Collared Sparrowhawk	LC		х		х	х	Х		Х
Accipiter fasciatus	Brown Goshawk	LC		х				х		х
Aquila audax	Wedge-tailed Eagle	LC			х	х	х	х	х	х
Aquila morphnoides	Little Eagle	LC			x	х		x	Х	
Circus assimilis	Spotted Harrier	LC							х	х
Elanus caeruleus	Black-shouldered Kite	LC		х	х	х		х		х
Haliastur sphenurus	Whistling Kite	LC		х				х		х
Hamirostra isura	Square-tailed Kite	LC								
Hamirostra melanosternon	Black-breasted Buzzard	LC		х			х	х		
Milvus migrans	Black Kite	LC		х		х				

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Falconidae Falcons										
Falco berigora	Brown Falcon	LC		х	х	х	Х	х	х	Х
Falco cenchroides	Australian Kestrel	LC		х	х	х	х	х	х	х
Falco hypoleucos	Grey Falcon	P4 VU								х
Falco longipennis	Australian Hobby	LC		х		х		х	х	х
Falco peregrinus	Peregrine Falcon	S7 LC		х			х			х
Otididae Bustards										
Ardeotis australis	Australian Bustard	LC		х			Х	х	х	Х
Turnicidae Button-quails										
Turnix velox	Little Button-quail	LC					х	Х		Х
Burhinidae Stone Curlews										
Burhinus grallarius	Bush Stone-curlew	LC		х		х				

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Charadriidae Lapwings, Plovers, Dotterels										
Vanellus tricolor	Banded Lapwing	LC		х				Х	х	Х
Columbidae Pigeons, Doves										
Geopelia cuneata	Diamond Dove	LC		Х	Х	х	Х	Х	х	Х
Ocyphaps lophotes	Crested Pigeon	LC	х	х	х	х	х	х	Х	х
Phaps chalcoptera	Common Bronzewing	LC		х	х	х	х	х	Х	х
Psittacidae Parrots										
Cacatua roseicapilla	Galah	LC		Х	х	х	х	Х	Х	Х
Cacatua sanguinea	Little Corella	LC		х		х				
Melopsittacus undulatus	Budgerigar	LC		х	х	х	х	х	х	х
Neophema bourkii	Bourke's Parrot	LC			х		х	х	х	
Nymphicus hollandicus	Cockatiel	LC		x	х	х			х	х
Platycercus varius	Mulga Parrot	LC	Х	x	x	х	х	x	Х	х
Platycercus zonarius	Australian Ringneck	LC	х	x	x	х	х	х	Х	х

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Cuculidae Parasitic Cuckoos										
Chrysococcyx basalis	Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	LC		х	х			х	х	х
Chrysococcyx osculans	Black-eared Cuckoo	LC			х		х	х		х
Cuculus pallidus	Pallid Cuckoo	LC		х	х			х	х	
Strigidae Hawk Owls										
Ninox novaeseelandiae	Boobook Owl	LC								
Tytonidae Barn Owls										
Tyto alba	Eastern Barn Owl	LC		х						
Podargidae Frogmouths										
Podargus strigoides	Tawny Frogmouth	LC		х	х	х			х	
Caprimulgidae Nightjars										
Eurostopodus argus	Spotted Nightjar	LC		х	х	х				х

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Aegothelidae Owlet-nightjars										
Aegotheles cristatus	Australian Owlet-nightjar	LC		х		х	Х	Х	х	Х
Halcyonidae Tree Kingfishers										
Todiramphus pyrrhopygia	Red-backed Kingfisher	LC			х		х		Х	
Meropidae Bee-eaters										
Merops ornatus	Rainbow Bee-eater	JA LC						Х		х
Climacteridae Treecreepers										
Climacteris affinis	White-browed Treecreeper	LC			х			Х	х	
Maluridae Fairy Wrens, GrassWrens										
Malurus lamberti	Variegated Fairy-wren	LC		х	х	х		Х	х	Х
Malurus leucopterus	White-winged Fairy-wren	LC		х	х	х		x	х	X
Malurus splendens	Splendid Fairy-wren	LC		х	х	х	х	х		х
Stipiturus ruficeps	Rufous-crowned Emu-wren	LC		x				х		

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Acanthizidae Thornbills, Geryones, Fieldwrens & Whitefaces										
Acanthiza apicalis	Broad-tailed Thornbill	LC		х	х		Х	х	х	Х
Acanthiza chrysorrhoa	Yellow-rumped Thornbill	LC		х	х		х	х	х	Х
Acanthiza robustirostris	Slaty-backed Thornbill	LC		х	x	х	х	х		х
Acanthiza uropygialis	Chestnut-rumped Thornbill	LC			x	Х	х	х	х	Х
Aphelocephala leucopsis	Southern Whiteface	LC			х		Х	х	х	Х
Calamanthus campestris	Rufous Fieldwren	LC		х				х		
Gerygone fusca	Western Gerygone	LC		х				х		х
Pyrrholaemus brunneus	Redthroat	LC		х	х	Х	Х	х		
Smicrornis brevirostris	Weebill	LC		х		Х	х	х	х	х
Pardalotidae Pardalotes										
Pardalotus rubricatus	Red-browed Pardalote	LC								
Pardalotus striatus	Striated Pardalote	LC						х	х	Х

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Meliphagidae Honeyeaters, Chats										
Acanthagenys rufogularis	Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater	LC			х	х	Х	х	х	Х
Certhionyx niger	Black Honeyeater	LC						х	х	
Certhionyx variegatus	Pied Honeyeater	LC		х	х			х	х	х
Epthianura aurifrons	Orange Chat	LC		х						
Epthianura tricolor	Crimson Chat	LC		х	Х	х	Х	х	х	х
Lichenostomus keartlandi	Grey-headed Honeyeater	LC				х				
Lichenostomus leucotis	White-eared Honeyeater	LC								
Lichenostomus ornatus	Yellow-plumed Honeyeater	LC				х				
Lichenostomus penicillatus	White-plumed Honeyeater	LC		х		х		х		
Lichenostomus plumulus	Grey-fronted Honeyeater	LC		х	Х	х		х	х	
Lichenostomus virescens	Singing Honeyeater	LC		х	x	х	х	х	х	
Lichmera indistincta	Brown Honeyeater	LC		x		х		x	Х	Х
Manorina flavigula	Yellow-throated Miner	LC		x	x	х	х	х	х	x

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Phylidonyris albifrons	White-fronted Honeyeater	LC		Х	Х			х	Х	
Petroicidae Australian Robins										
Microeca fascinans	Jacky Winter	LC							х	
Petroica cucullata	Hooded Robin	LC			х		х	х	Х	
Petroica goodenovii	Red-capped Robin	LC	х	х	х	х	х	х	Х	х
Pomatostomidae Babblers										
Pomatostomus superciliosus	White-browed Babbler	LC		х	х	х	х	х	х	
Pomatostomus temporalis	Grey-crowned Babbler	LC		х	х		х	х		х
Cinclosomatidae Whipbirds, Wedgebills, Quail Thrushes										
Cinclosoma castaneothorax	Chestnut-breasted Quail-thrus	h LC			х		х	Х		Х
Cinclosoma castanotus	Chestnut Quail-thrush	LC		х		х		х		
Psophodes occidentalis	Chiming Wedgebill	LC		х		х				
Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
---	--------------------	------------------------	------------------	------------------	------------------	-----------------	---------------	---------------	---------------------	--------------
Neosittidae Sitellas										
Daphoenositta chrysoptera	Varied Sittella	LC			х		Х	Х		
Pachycephalidae Crested Shrike-tit, Crested Bellbird, Shrike Thrus	hes, Whistlers									
Colluricincla harmonica	Grey Shrike-thrush	LC		Х	х	х	Х	Х	х	Х
Oreoica gutturalis	Crested Bellbird	LC		х	х	х	х	х	Х	х
Pachycephala rufiventris	Rufous Whistler	LC		х	х	х	х	х	х	х
Dicruridae Monarchs, Magpie Lark, Flycatchers, Fantails, Di	rongo									
Grallina cyanoleuca	Magpie-lark	LC		х	х	х	х	Х	х	Х
Rhipidura fuliginosa	Grey Fantail	LC								
Rhipidura leucophrys	Willie Wagtail	LC		х	х	х	х	х	х	Х

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Campephagidae Cuckoo-shrikes, Trillers										
Coracina maxima	Ground Cuckoo-shrike	LC		х			Х	Х	х	
Coracina novaehollandiae	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	LC	х	х	х	х	х	х	Х	х
Lalage tricolor	White-winged Triller	LC		х	х	х	х	х	Х	х
Artamidae Woodswallows, Butcherbirds, Currawongs										
Artamus cinereus	Black-faced Woodswallow	LC		х	х	х	х	х	х	Х
Artamus minor	Little Woodswallow	LC					х	х		
Artamus personatus	Masked Woodswallow	LC		х	х		х	х	Х	х
Cracticidae Currawongs, Magpies & Butcherbirds										
Cracticus nigrogularis	Pied Butcherbird	LC		х	х	х	х	х	х	Х
Cracticus tibicen	Australian Magpie	LC		х	х	х	х	х	х	х
Cracticus torquatus	Grey Butcherbird	LC		х	x	х	х	x	х	х
Strepera versicolor	Grey Currawong	LC					х	х	х	

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Corvidae Ravens, Crows										
Corvus bennetti	Little Crow	LC		х		х	х	Х	х	Х
Corvus orru	Torresian Crow	LC		х	х		х	х		х
Ptilonorhynchidae Bowerbirds										
Ptilonorhynchus maculatus	Western Bowerbird	LC		х	х	х	х	Х		Х
Motacillidae Old World Pipits, Wagtails										
Anthus australis	Australian Pipit	LC	х	Х	х	х	Х	Х	х	Х
Estrilidae Grass Finches & Mannikins										
Taeniopygia guttata	Zebra Finch	LC		х	х	х	Х	Х	х	Х
Dicaeidae Flowerpeckers										
Dicaeum hirundinaceum	Mistletoebird	LC					х		х	х

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Hirundinidae Swallows, Martins										
Cheramoeca leucosternus	White-backed Swallow	LC		х		х	Х	х	х	
Hirundo ariel	Fairy Martin	LC						х		
Hirundo neoxena	Welcome Swallow	LC		х	х	х	х	x		х
Hirundo nigricans	Tree Martin	LC		х				х	х	
Sylviidae Old World Warblers										
Cincloramphus cruralis	Brown Songlark	LC		х				х	х	
Cincloramphus mathewsi	Rufous Songlark	LC						х	х	
Eremiornis carteri	Spinifex-bird	LC		х						
Zosteropidae White-eyes										
Zosterops lateralis	Silvereye	LC								
Mammalia										
Tachyglossidae Echidnas										
Tachyglossus aculeatus	Echidna	LC		х	Х	х	х	х	х	

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Dasyuridae Carnivorous Marsupials										
Antechinomys laniger	Kultarr	LC					Х	х		
Dasycercus blythi	Brush-tailed Mulgara	P4 LC		х			Х	х		х
Ningaui ridei	Wongai Ningaui	LC		х		х	х	х	х	х
Pseudantechinus woolleyae	Woolley's Pseudantechinus	LC					х	х		х
Sminthopsis crassicaudata	Fat-tailed Dunnart	LC		х				х	х	
Sminthopsis dolichura	Little long-tailed Dunnart	LC					х	х		х
Sminthopsis hirtipes	Hairy-footed Dunnart	LC						х	х	
Sminthopsis macroura	Stripe-faced Dunnart	LC		х		х	х	х	х	х
Sminthopsis ooldea	Ooldea Dunnart	LC		х		х		х	х	х
Macropodidae Kangaroos, Wallabies										
Macropus robustus	Euro	LC		х	х	х	х	х	х	Х
Macropus rufus	Red Kangaroo	LC	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Emballonuridae Sheath-tailed Bats										
Saccolaimus flaviventris	Yellow-bellied Sheathtail-bat	LC						х		
Taphozous hilli	Hill's Sheathtail-bat	LC		х	х	х	х	х		
Molossidae Freetail Bats										
Austronomus australis	White-striped Freetail-bat	LC		х		х		Х	х	
Mormopterus beccarii	Beccari's Freetail-bat	LC					х			
Ozimops petersi	Inland Freetail-bat	LC		х	х	х	х	х	х	
Vespertilionidae Ordinary Bats										
Chalinolobus gouldii	Gould's Wattled Bat	LC		х	х	х	х	Х	х	Х
Nyctophilus geoffroyi	Lesser Long-eared Bat	LC		х		х	х	х	х	х
Scotorepens balstoni	Inland Broad-nosed Bat	LC		х		х	х	х	х	х
Vespadelus baverstocki	Inland Forest Bat	LC						х		
Vespadelus finlaysoni	Finlayson's Cave Bat	LC		х	Х	х	х	х		
Vespadelus regulus	Southern Forest Bat	LC						х		

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Muridae Rats, Mice										
Mus musculus	House Mouse	Introduced		х		х	Х	Х	х	Х
Notomys alexis	Spinifex Hopping-mouse	LC		х		х	х	х	Х	
Pseudomys bolami	Bolam's Mouse	LC						х		
Pseudomys desertor	Desert Mouse	LC		х		х		х		х
Pseudomys hermannsburgensis	Sandy Inland Mouse	LC		х		х	х	х	Х	х
Canidae Dogs, Foxes										
Canis lupus	Dog/Dingo	Introduced		х	х	х	Х	х		
Vulpes vulpes	Red Fox	Introduced		х		Х			Х	
Felidae Cats										
Felis catus	Cat	Introduced		х	х	х	х		х	х

Class Family Species	Common Name	Conservation Status	Botanica 2020	Engenium 2015	Harewood 2015	Outback 2009	Ninox 2007	Biota 2017	Hall et al. 1994	DBCA 2020
Bovidae Horned Ruminants										
Bos taurus	European Cattle	Introduced		Х	х	х	Х	х		
Capra hircus	Goat	Introduced			х			х		
Camelidae Camels										
Camelus dromedarius	Camel	Introduced			х		х	Х	х	
Leporidae Rabbits, Hares										
Oryctolagus cuniculus	Rabbit	Introduced		Х	х	х	х	х	х	