



Ningaloo - Shark Bay

Wildlife and Natural Events Calendar WHAT TO SEE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN NINGALOO – SHARK BAY



SEEN ALL YEAR ROUND	SUMMER (Dec – Jan – Feb)	AUTUMN (Mar – Apr – May)	WINTER (Jun – Jul – Aug)	SPRING (Sep – Oct – Nov)
<p>A myriad of aquatic wildlife including dolphins, dugongs, manta rays, turtles and some 17 species of mammals, 98 species of reptiles and amphibians and around 35% of Australia's bird species.</p> <p>The Ningaloo Marine Park is home to around 500 species of fish and around 250 species of coral.</p> <p>Thorny devils can be found in desert habitats including Shark Bay, Carnarvon and Exmouth all year round.</p> <p>Other endangered mammals endemic to Shark Bay include the Shark Bay mouse, Western barred bandicoot, rufous hare-wallaby (mala), the Shark Bay 'boodie' and Southern brown bandicoot (quenda), which can be seen at most times during the year.</p> <p>The thick-billed grasswren and the Dorre Island rufous fieldwren are only found in Shark Bay, while the Dirk Hartog Island black and white fairy-wren is only found on Dirk Hartog Island.</p>	<p>In January at Cape Range National Park a variety of birds, emus, euros and red kangaroos can be seen, including the rare black-footed rock wallaby.</p> <p>The bilby (a member of the bandicoot family) are bred in captivity and released into Francois Peron National Park during February.</p>	<p>◆ One night in March or April (approximately 10 to 12 days after the full moon), coral spawning occurs when coral releases eggs and sperm into the surrounding ocean at Ningaloo Reef.</p> <p>From mid March through mid July, whale sharks visit Ningaloo Reef shortly after the annual coral spawning.</p>	<p>◆ From June to November humpback whales travel close to the shoreline (some of the best viewing points include Town Beach, Bundegi Beach and the Vlamingh Head Lighthouse near Exmouth and Steep Point in Shark Bay).</p> <p>Whale watching boat tours operate out of Coral Bay and Exmouth.</p> <p>◆ See the landscape come alive with colour during the wildflower season (June – November).</p>	<p>From the cliff tops of Cape Peron you can see dolphins, sting rays, sharks, dugongs, manta rays, turtles and other marine species swimming in the water below between September and March.</p> <p>◆ Between November and April, green loggerhead and hawksbill turtles come ashore at night to lay their eggs on the beaches adjacent to the Ningaloo Reef.</p>

◆ A significant natural event that can be experienced on an annual basis within this Landscape