

Take Action

No matter where you live in Western Australia, even if far from the ocean you can play a part in protecting threatened species found in Western Australia's coastal and marine environments.

Take part in some of the following days and help raise awareness through your school or local community.

- National Threatened Species Day - 7 September
- World Migratory Bird Days - second Saturday in May and October
- World Turtle Day - 23 May
- World Sea Turtle Day - 16 June
- Schools Clean Up Day - 2 March
- Keep Australia Beautiful Week - August
- Aussie Backyard Bird Count - October

To find out more visit environment.gov.au/about-us/media-centre/events

Get involved in ongoing projects and programs

Get hands-on, find out what volunteering or citizen science projects are going on near you.

Ningaloo Turtle Program

Since 2002, the Ningaloo Turtle Program (NTP) in Exmouth has been monitoring beaches to better understand turtle nesting, threats to turtles and long-term trends in turtle populations along the Ningaloo coast. Information collected by NTP is invaluable in supporting DBCA in the effective management and conservation of these important turtle rookeries including feral animal control and managing areas sensitive to human disturbance. The flagship turtle program is a successful partnership between the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and the Cape Conservation Group. Each year NTP engages local, interstate and international volunteers to work together to help protect and conserve these iconic and wonderful marine animals and the complex marine ecosystems they call home.

To find out more visit ningalooturtles.org.au

West Pilbara Turtle Program

The West Pilbara Turtle Program (WPTP) brings together industry, government and the community to monitor marine turtle nesting and raise awareness of the importance of local beaches for turtle conservation. The program is a partnership between the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and Rio Tinto. Data collected by the program helps improve knowledge on local turtle nesting beaches near Wickham and assist the DBCA and Rio Tinto to reduce negative impacts on turtles in the area. The program can provide schools with incursions and excursions, and opportunities for students to participate in monitoring activities or turtle nesting tours.

To find out more visit dpaw.wa.gov.au/get-involved/volunteering-opportunities/196-west-pilbara-turtle-program

Keep Australia Beautiful

Keep Australia Beautiful engages with a wide range of stakeholders including schools, community groups, businesses and local government authorities to adopt positive attitudes and behaviours that will work towards making Western Australia litter free.

There are many ways your school can help, from the clean schools program to adopting a spot.

Find out more at kabc.wa.gov.au/get-involved

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Dolphin Watch

Dolphin Watch is run in collaboration with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Curtin University and Murdoch University. Citizen scientists are trained in how to recognise individual dolphins, identify behaviours and record other information relating to the weather and tides.

A Dolphin Watch smartphone app exists to support recording and ensure quality of data entry. Researchers export data from the database and further quality assessment occurs prior to evaluation using the statistics package R and ArcGIS.

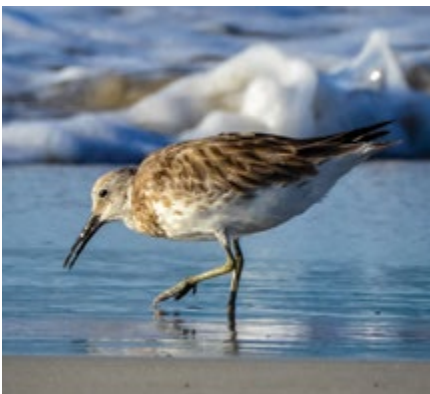
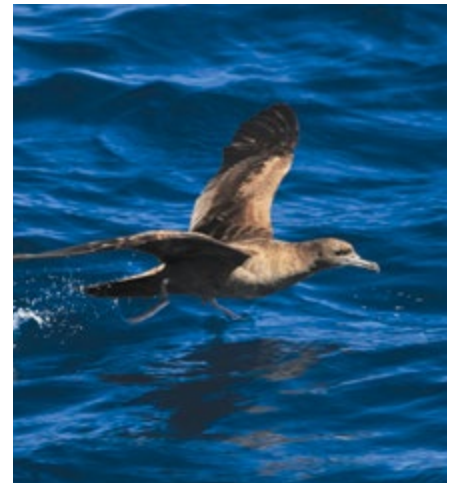
DBCA is currently working with various stakeholders to expand Dolphin Watch to other parts of the State. Version 3 of the Dolphin Watch app now enables users to record sightings of other species of dolphins found off Western Australia's coastline, including the snubfin dolphin, Australian humpback dolphin, spinner dolphin and false killer whale.

To find out more visit riverguardians.com/projects/dolphin-watch

Birdlife Australia

Birdlife Australia is a not-for-profit organisation that is devoted to the conservation of birdlife in Australia. With more than 30 projects active nationwide, birds of all habitats get Birdlife's attention. DBCA have been working with Birdlife's Shorebird 2020 Program to raise awareness of shorebirds in Western Australia and actively engage the community to participate in gathering information that will add to the conservation of shorebirds into the future.

To find out how your school can get involved visit birdlife.org.au/projects/shorebirds-2020



Top left: Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins. Photo – Holly Raudino/DBCA **Top right:** Wedge-tailed shearwater. Photo – Grant Griffin/DBCA
Above left: Great knot. Photo – Grant Griffin/DBCA **Above right:** Green turtle. Photo – Johnny Gaskell