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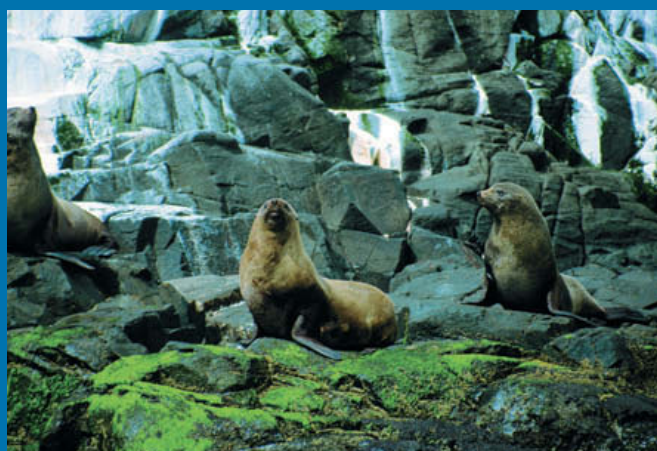
TASMANIA'S WILDLIFE



When sea levels rose at the end of the last Ice Age, Tasmania was separated from mainland Australia. For the last 10,000 years, Tasmania has been a living museum, its ancient marsupials surviving in splendid isolation.

The island supports a variety and abundance of wildlife, although many animals are nocturnal and elusive. A quiet walk at dawn or dusk will reward a patient observer. Encountering a platypus, echidna, quoll, wallaby or Tasmanian devil in the wild is an exciting experience. Other memorable sights include watching wedge-tailed eagles soar on the wind or seeing the amazing spectacle of thousands of short-tailed shearwaters (muttonbirds) returning to their nesting burrows as the sun sets.

All these experiences can be enjoyed as you journey around Tasmania with many opportunities to get up-close and personal with Tasmania's unique wildlife.



Australian fur seals



Bennetts wallaby

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Tasmanian devil



Masked owl



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TASMANIA'S NATIONAL PARKS

There are opportunities for possible viewing of the **highlighted wildlife** at these National Parks.

- 1 Mt Field National Park** has stunning walks through ancient rainforests and tree ferns to spectacular waterfalls including Russell Falls. On the way, watch out for **platypus, pademelons, bandicoots, glow-worms** and other wildlife. Or travel up past the tall trees to the windswept alpine moorlands and enjoy the bird life, including pink robins, **Bassian thrush** and the **yellow-tailed black cockatoo**.



- 2 Southwest National Park** is Tasmania's largest national park, comprising over 600,000 hectares of remote wilderness. Discover the diverse wildlife such as **spotted-tailed quolls** and wedge-tailed eagles amongst wild rivers and jagged mountain ranges, rolling buttongrass plains and silent green rainforest. Melaleuca is the breeding ground of the endangered **orange-bellied parrot** and Bathurst Channel is home to normally deep-living marine life.



- 3 Hartz Mountains National Park** offers enjoyable short strolls through wet eucalypt forest and rainforest, to alpine heath on the exposed mountain tops and to mountain lakes surrounded by ancient King Billy pines. Waterfalls tumble off the dolerite range that runs through the centre of the park and small glacial lakes dot the plateau. Watch for flocks of **yellow-tailed black cockatoos** or the **majestic wedge-tailed eagle** soaring above the mountains.



- 4 South Bruny National Park** is a habitat for threatened species. It has a rich birdlife, including hooded plovers and swift parrots. Partridge Island is a colony of the **endangered forty-spotted pardalote**. There are several **short-tailed shearwater** and **little penguin** rookeries. Whales and seals can be spotted. In the evening see brush-tailed possums including the golden form and pademelons. Around Fluted Cape lives a population of **white Bennetts wallabies**. North Bruny is the world's last stronghold the Eastern Quoll.



- 5 Tasman National Park** is a place of fantastic landforms and home to a wide range of land and marine animals. Watch for **majestic sea eagles, seals** and **dolphins** among some of the most stunning coastal scenery in Australia. Fossick in the tide pools that teem with marine life at the Tessellated Pavement, or chance upon an echidna out for a stroll in the bush.



- 6 Maria Island National Park** is an island of intriguing historic ruins, spectacular beaches and abundant wildlife. Explore the amazing marine life within the marine reserve or stroll among almost tame groups of Eastern Grey (Forester) kangaroos, common wombats, native hens, **Cape Barren geese** and **Bennetts wallabies** as you explore this island jewel. Look out for the 12 endemic birds.



- 7 Freycinet National Park** is a spectacular place of lichen-speckled, granite mountains surrounded by azure bays and white sandy beaches. Look for whales or sea eagles at Cape Tourville lighthouse or surprise a wallaby or echidna as you wander up to the lookout. Moulting Lagoon is a **wetland of international** significance (Ramsar site) owing to its diversity of water birds, including black swans.



- 8 Douglas Apsley National Park** has one of the largest uncleared dry eucalypt forests in Tasmania and is home to more than **65 bird species** as well as reptiles and mammals. Relax by a tranquil pool or take a walk past gorges and waterfalls and watch for some of the more rare species, including the endangered **swift parrot**.



TASMANIA'S NATIONAL PARKS

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- 9** **Mt William National Park's** dazzling white beaches, turquoise waters and coastal heathland abound with wildlife. At dusk, see browsing **common wombats**, wallabies and **Eastern Grey** (Forester) kangaroos. During the day watch for tiny blue wrens or a surprise visit from an echidna. Listen out for the call of the **Tasmanian devil** late at night.



- 10** **Strzelecki National Park** on Flinders Island is a **bird watcher's paradise** with 114 recorded species of birds. Many experiences await the traveller. There are lofty granite mountain peaks, sandy white beaches and Logan Lagoon, an international wetlands (Ramsar site) and home to important and rare migratory species.



- 11** **Ben Lomond National Park**, with its precipitous bluffs and dramatic dolerite columns, is home to a range of special alpine animals and plants. In summer this imposing landscape abounds in alpine wildflowers and is a great place for a chance encounter with some of the shy marsupials such as the Tasmanian pademelon or eastern quoll.



- 12** **Narawntapu National Park** is rich in both Aboriginal and European heritage and has an abundance of bird and mammal life. It is one of the best places to catch a glimpse of some of Tasmania's marsupials, especially **common wombats**, **wallabies** and **Eastern Grey** (Forester) kangaroos. You might see or hear a wild **Tasmanian devil**.



- 13** **Rocky Cape National Park** offers a variety of walks, ranging from less than 20 minutes to a full day. These take in Aboriginal rock shelters and caves, scenic hills full of wildflowers and birds, and tranquil beaches, bays and rocky headlands. Rocky Cape is an ideal place for **rock pool rambling**. The rocky coastline features wonderful pools brimming with multi-coloured seaweeds and delicately patterned starfish.



- 14** **Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park**, set in Tasmania's Wilderness World Heritage Area, is a pristine region of dramatic mountain peaks, temperate rainforest and spectacular gorges. It protects some of Tasmania's wildest and most unpredictable rivers, including the Franklin. You may see **robins**, **ground parrots**, **cockatoos**, **platypus** and **pademelons** as you stroll among the forests.



- 15** **Walls of Jerusalem National Park** is an alpine wilderness exposed to the extremes of Tasmania's weather. Stands of pure pencil pine forest and alpine plants and animals are found on this high plateau of dolerite peaks and glacial moraines, tarns and lakes. The park is inaccessible by road, and there are no facilities for short stop visitors. For experienced bushwalkers this is a chance to see wildlife such as **common wombats** and **quolls** in the wilderness.



- 16** **Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park**, from the iconic peaks of Cradle Mountain to the glacier-carved Lake St Clair, this World Heritage Area place of ancient forests, buttongrass moorlands and amazing wildlife. Catch a glimpse of a platypus at Lake St Clair or **common wombats** and **pademelons** browsing at Cradle Mountain. If you are camping, watch out for the cheeky possums and currawongs.



- 17** **Mole Creek Karst National Park** protects some of the finest and most visited caves in Tasmania. These limestone caves are home to some intriguing species and include the spectacular glow-worms. You may spot a **giant freshwater crayfish** or an **ancient anaspides shrimp**. The surrounding forests are home to spotted-tailed quolls and other marsupials.





The Ramsar Convention is an international treaty for the conservation and wise use of wetlands. There are 10 Ramsar sites in Tasmania and they are shown on the map above (green boxes).

Disclaimer: This map is stylised and must be used in conjunction with a road map of Tasmania



Dolphins



Forty-spotted pardalote



Echidna



Little penguins



At Mt William National Park

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- Launceston, Tamar and North

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- 10 Strzelecki National Park
- 11 Ben Lomond National Park
- 12 Narawntapu National Park
- 13 Rocky Cape National Park
- 14 Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers NP
- 15 Walls of Jerusalem National Park
- 16 Cradle Mt-Lake St Clair NP
- 17 Mole Creek Karst National Park

WTA Operators



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- 10 Wing's Wildlife Park
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- 12 Devils @ Cradle
- 13 Trowunna Wildlife Park



Short-tailed shearwater (Sept – April)

KEEP OUR WILDLIFE SAFE

- **Devil Facial Tumour Disease**
is threatening our devils. Report any diseased devils to Wildlife Management on **6233 6556**.
- **Watch for foxes** and report immediately to our 24-hour hotline if you spot one: **1300 FOXOUT** (1300 369 688). Until recently Tasmania was fox free.
- **Keep wildlife wild and healthy** by not feeding them.
- **Drive slowly at night** or plan your trip for daylight hours. Most of our wildlife is nocturnal.
- **Report any whale sightings/stranding** to the Department of Primary Industries and Water (DPIW) marine hotline: **0427 WHALES** (0427 942 537).

For further detailed information on Tasmania's wildlife, visit **www.discovertasmania.com**



Wedge-tailed eagle



Tamar Island Wetlands



Orange-bellied parrot



Eastern Grey (Forester) kangaroo



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