

# Barna Mia

## Nocturnal Wildlife Experience



### Visitor guide



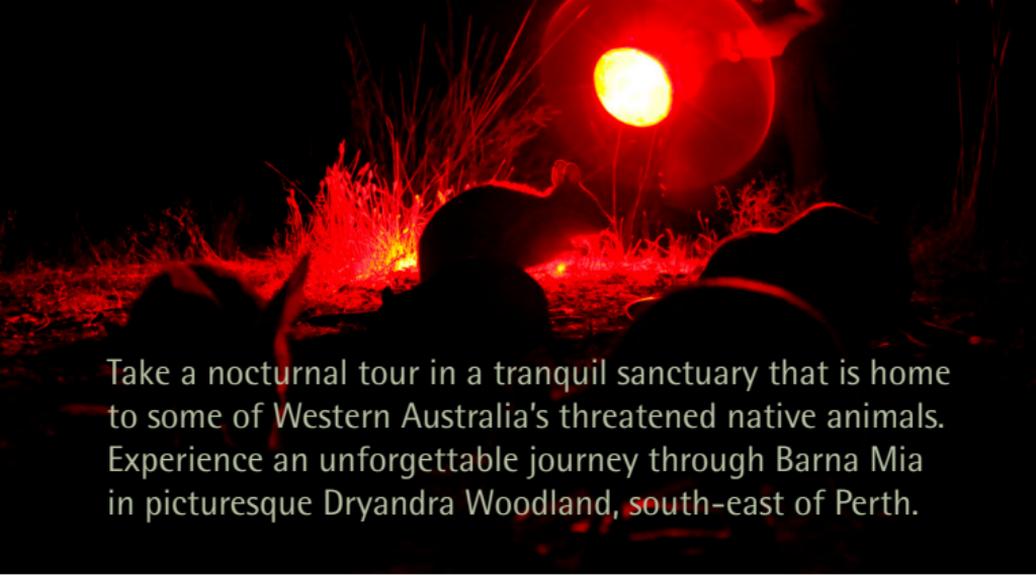
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Take a nocturnal tour in a tranquil sanctuary that is home to some of Western Australia's threatened native animals. Experience an unforgettable journey through Barna Mia in picturesque Dryandra Woodland, south-east of Perth.

**Above** Guide spotlighting native animals.

## Barna Mia

Barna Mia is a predator-proof animal sanctuary with a difference. Nestled in the heart of Dryandra Woodland, 170km south-east of Perth, Barna Mia is a place to discover threatened native mammals in a natural setting.

Experience the wonder of the woodland once the sun has set and the action begins. Go with a tour guide on a delightful journey through the sanctuary. Using special red torches, you can see threatened native animals such as bilbies, burrowing bettongs, rufous hare-wallabies, southern brown bandicoot and brush tailed bettong.

## Learn...

Many of Western Australia's native mammals have been lost from their former habitats due to predation by cats and foxes, vegetation clearing and altered fire regimes. Preservation of Dryandra Woodland's 28,000ha of bushland enables several native species to survive. Parks and Wildlife Service's ambitious Western Shield wildlife recovery program aims to control introduced predators, thereby protecting and conserving native wildlife.

Barna Mia is home to five species of marsupial – bilby, boodie, woylie, quenda and mala – which live in two 4ha enclosures that keep out introduced predators.

**Below** Old Mill Dam.



# Mammals at Barna Mia

## Bilby

The **bilby** (*Macrotis lagotis*) is a gentle animal with soft, blue-grey fur, long ears and a decorative black and white tail. The female bilby has a rear-opening pouch. It spends daylight hours in a deep burrow and emerges after dusk to feed on insects, grubs, seeds, fungi and bulbs.



## Boodie

The **boodie** (*Bettongia lesueur*) is a social, vocal marsupial that lives in communal burrows. Once a common mammal in parts of Australia, the boodie is now extinct on the mainland but survives on a few offshore islands off the coast of Western Australia and in predator-proof enclosures such as Barna Mia.



## Woylie

The **woylie** (*Bettongia penicillata*) feeds on underground fungi and also eats tubers, seeds and insects. It builds a nest of woven grass and bark in a scrape beneath low, thick vegetation. They are the engineers of the woodland turning over tonnes of soil per year and help spread fungal spores and seeds.



## Quenda

The **quenda** (*Isodon obesulus*) digs in topsoil for insects and spiders, tubers and fungi, leaving conical pits in the soil. They shelter in a nest of vegetation beneath dense cover and the female quenda has a rear-opening pouch. The quenda occurs in coastal heath, forest and scrub areas of the south-west of Western Australia.



## Mala

The **mala** (*Lagorchestes hirsutus*) is a small, delicate marsupial with light-fawn coloured fur. When disturbed, it springs from its shelter and quickly bounds away in a zigzag motion. The mala is a herbivore. By the early 1990s the last two wild populations had become extinct on the mainland. This species now survives on some offshore islands off the coast of Western Australia and in predator-proof enclosures such as Barna Mia.





**Above** Mala chases a bilby on a Barna Mia tour.

## Visiting Barna Mia

### Tours

Barna Mia is open at sunset on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings. During summer, tours run on Friday and Saturday evenings only. Tour nights can vary or be cancelled at the manager's discretion. Private tours may be arranged outside of these days with prior notice. Separate charges for private tours apply.

### Bookings

Advance bookings are essential. Book early to avoid disappointment. Call the Parks and Wildlife Service office in Narrogin from Monday to Friday on (08) 9881 9200. If booking on the day of the tour, call before 4pm or, if calling on a Saturday call (08) 9881 2064.

### Admission fees

Adults \$22; Adult concession \$16 Children (6 to 15 years) \$11; Families (2 adults, 2 children) \$55

### Take care on the road

Many species of birds, mammals and reptiles live within Dryandra Woodland. Please slow down and take care while driving in the late afternoon, dusk and at night, especially on unsealed roads. If you find an injured animal call the Wildcare Helpline on (08) 9474 9055 or 1300 652 494.

**Below** Mala on left, Boodie on right.





**Above** Powderbark woodland, Wandoo Track.

## Escape... experience... encounter...

Dryandra Woodland provides the opportunity to spend quality time in nature. Escape to a place where your senses can reconnect and absorb the natural beauty of the woodland. Explore and experience this area in your own way and in your own time.

## Explore...

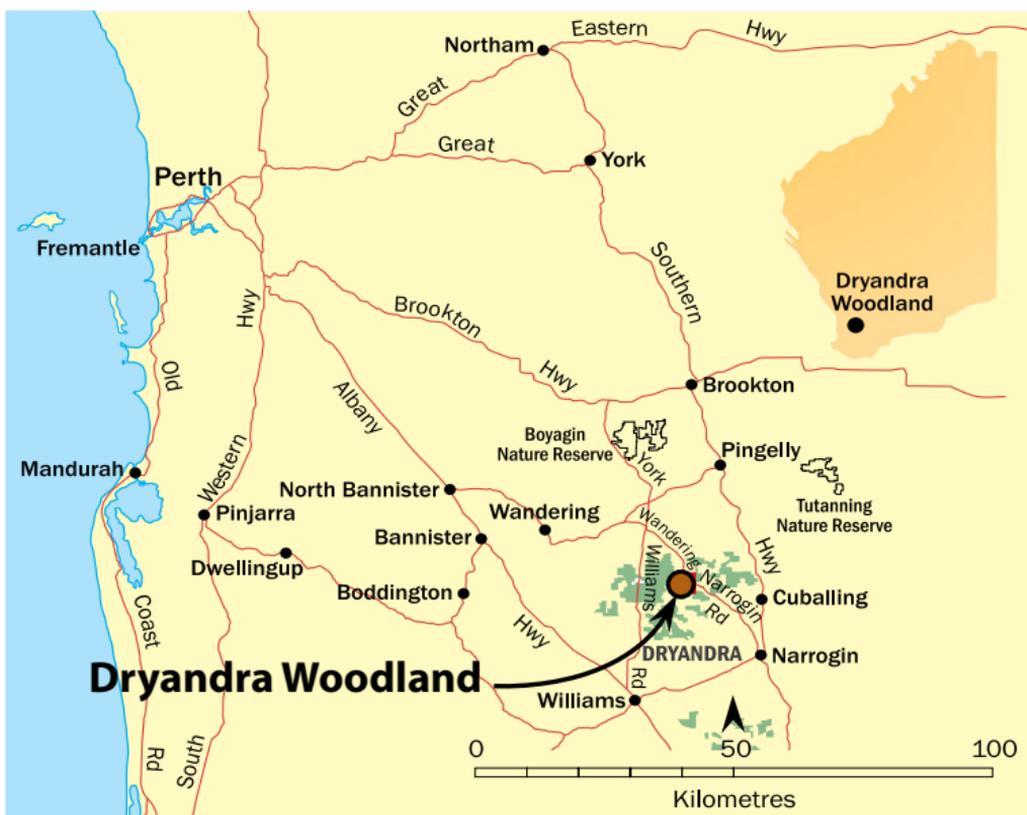
Dryandra Woodland is a proposed national park and its beautiful bushland is one of the western Wheatbelt's most valuable nature conservation areas. The woodland is located within a world-recognised biodiversity 'hotspot', where more than 850 species of flora can be seen throughout the year. Wandoo woodlands, mallet plantations and diverse heathlands support possums, woylies, kangaroos, numbats, echidnas, birds, reptiles and insects.

### Dryandra offers:

- walk trails ranging from 1–27km
- camping and picnic facilities
- accommodation in restored cottages or dormitories at the Lions Dryandra Village (contact caretaker on (08) 9884 5231)
- brilliant spring wildflower displays
- education activities for school groups (phone (08) 9881 9200).

**Below** Golden dryandra (*Bankia nobilis*). **Right** Parrotbush (*Dryandra sessilis*).





## More information

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Barna Mia is set in a remote location. Please carry an Epi-pen if you suffer anaphylactic reactions.

**Cover top** Mala. **Bottom** Barna Mia. Photos – Peter Nicholas

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