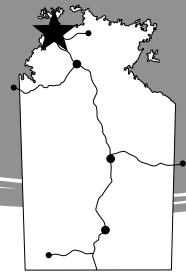


Knuckey Lagoons Conservation Reserve



Fact Sheet

Knuckey Lagoons Conservation Reserve is an important wildlife habitat located within a semi-urban setting. The Reserve contains four natural depressions of varying size that fill with water and at times combine to form one large body of water covering approximately 54 ha.

The *Larrakia* people speak for this land and the Reserve protects areas of cultural significance. They retain connections with the past and present use of the area - particularly for food collection.

The Lagoons are a popular recreational area for Darwin residents. The Reserve also protects remnants of a Radar Station used by the defence forces during World War II.

Wet season views of the lagoons and water lilies are replaced by prolific birdlife that congregate around the receding lagoons during the dry season. Fast becoming a highlight for bird enthusiasts, Knuckey Lagoons are considered to be one of the best birdwatching sites in Australia (*Best 100 Birdwatching Sites in Australia* by S. Taylor, 2013).

Access (see map)

The Reserve is located 12 km southeast of Darwin city centre. Access is off Lagoon Road (Randall Road) or McMillans Road (Fiddlers Lane).

When to Visit

Accessible all year round (though restricted in the wet season) -

visitors need to be aware that vehicle access into the Reserve is not available. Access is on foot only.

What to See and Do



Walking - Stroll along the Reserve. There are no defined paths, but there are obvious tracks which skirt around the waters edge. **Be Crocwise** when walking as crocodiles may move into these waters.



Wildlife - The Reserve provides an important habitat for migratory shorebirds, waterfowl and waders. Large flocks of Magpie Geese take up residence and iconic species such as Brolgas and Black-necked Storks are often seen. A number of fish and reptile species have been recorded in the Reserve. The Long-necked Turtle is a notable species.



Saltwater Crocodiles - are removed from Knuckey Lagoons through an ongoing crocodile management program, however they may enter the area undetected.

Safety and Comfort

- Observe park safety signs.
- Carry and drink plenty of water.
- Wear a shady hat, sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Avoid strenuous activity during the heat of the day.
- Beware of theft. Lock vehicles and secure valuables.

Please Remember

- Bins are not provided. Take all rubbish away with you.
- All cultural items and wildlife are protected.
- Pets are not permitted in the Reserve.
- Nets, traps and firearms are not permitted.
- Fires are not permitted.
- Check that your vehicle is not transporting pests like weeds and Cane Toads.



Brolga
Grus rubicunda

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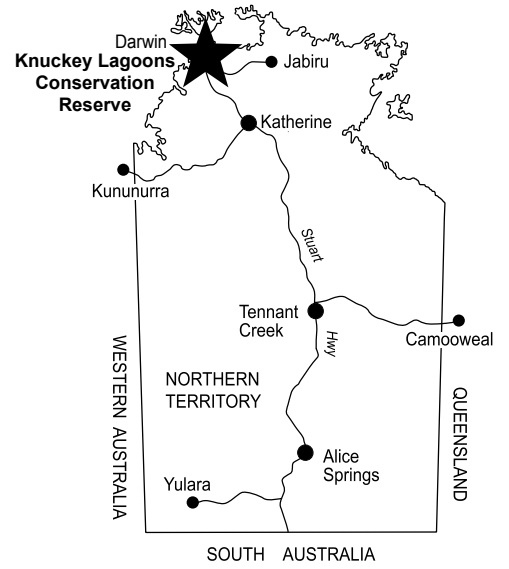
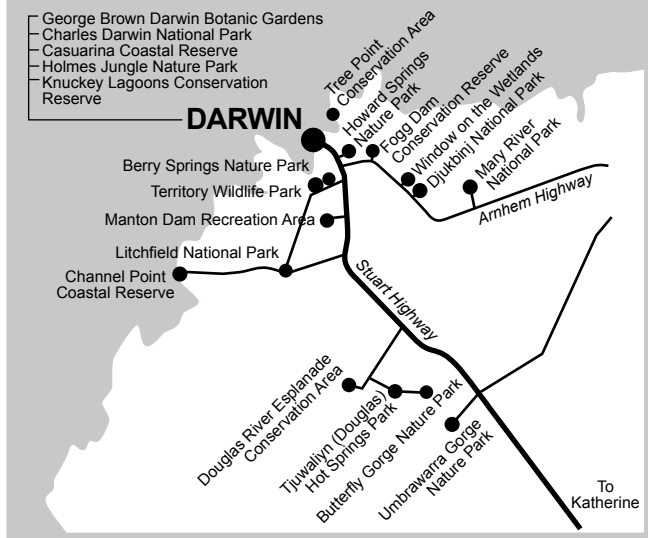
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