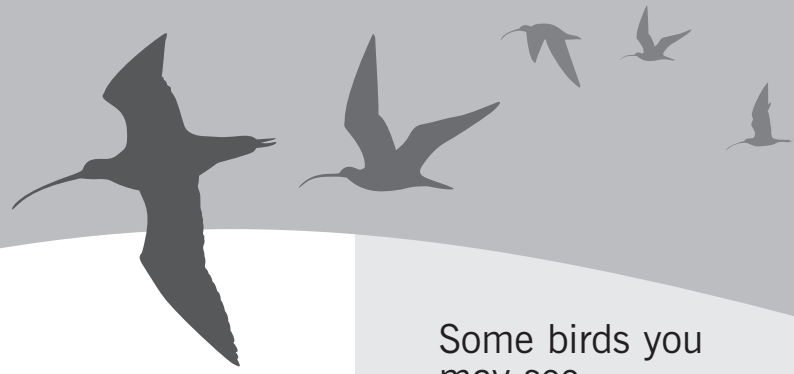


Rhyll Inlet & Observation Point Shorebird Site



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Shorebird Viewing

- Resident shorebirds can be seen from McIlwraith Road in Rhyll throughout the year.
 - Migratory shorebirds and waterbirds can be seen between August and April.
 - Viewing is best at high tide when the birds are resting on Observation Point.
 - High powered binoculars or telescope are recommended.
 - Please remember: no dogs, no fires and no boating or landing close to roosting sites.
 - Phillip Island Nature Park can arrange bird tours with local experts, phone **03 5951 2800**.
- www.penguins.org.au

Shorebird Conservation

Migratory shorebirds are threatened with habitat destruction, pollution and human disturbance across their flight paths. We need to protect all the areas they visit to ensure they can safely follow their yearly life cycle. Areas such as Rhyll Inlet are protected under international agreements and the birds themselves are also protected under agreements with Japan and China.

One of the major threats to the waders roosting at Observation Point and feeding in Rhyll Inlet is human disturbance and lack of awareness of these birds. This brochure is supported by National Heritage Trust, WWF Australia and Phillip Island Nature Park in conjunction with Bass Coast Shire, Birds Australia, Victorian Wader Study Group, Western Port Bird Observers Club and Rhyll Coast Action Group to promote responsible viewing of the birds and an awareness of their incredible lives.

Happy Birdwatching!

Visitor Information

Rhyll Inlet and Observation Point is part of Phillip Island Nature Park - a self funding organisation dedicated to wildlife conservation and ecotourism. Walks start from Conservation Hill or McIlwraith Road in Rhyll. Check out www.penguins.org.au for more details.

Useful Links

WWF Australia: www.wwf.org.au
Birds Australia: www.birdsaustralia.com.au
Bird Observers Club of Australia: www.boca.org.au
Wetland Care: www.wetlandcare.com.au
Ramsar Convention on Wetlands: www.ramsar.org
Department of Sustainability & Environment: www.dse.vic.gov.au

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Some birds you may see

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Red Knot
Calidris canutus



Pied Oystercatcher
Haematopus longirostris



Bar-tailed Godwit
Limosa lapponica



Eastern Curlew
Numenius madagascariensis



Royal Spoonbill
Platalea regia

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