

## **Bowra Wildlife Sanctuary**

### **Information for potential visitors**

Bowra has a long reputation as a reliable birding site with a bird list of over two hundred species although some of those are very infrequent visitors. Bourke's Parrot and Hall's Babbler are resident species. A bird list is available at the property. During August and September the place can be alive with wild flowers.

Bowra Sanctuary is open to bird watching visitors from the end of March to October each year.

The property is about sixteen kilometres from Cunnamulla.

Directions: Head west from town across the Warrego River and after about two hundred metres turn right at the sign (Humeburn Rd, Golf Course, Bowra etc.). Head north about nine kilometres to the Bowra gate on the left. (Sign on the fence Bowra Sanctuary, white letterbox (fuel drum) with Bowra painted on it.) The house and accommodation area are six kilometres along the dirt road. Call at the house when you arrive. Don't drive this road if its wet unless you ring to inquire if the road is passable.

There are two levels of built accommodation at Bowra. A small self-contained cottage, which accommodates four and the shearers' quarters which accommodates ten in six one or two bed rooms. Here cooking facilities are shared. Toilets and showers are nearby.

Both buildings have 240v power and hot water. Both have a stove, microwave, toaster, cooking pots and utensils, crockery and cutlery. Detergents and tea towels are supplied. All beds are reasonable with sheets, blankets, pillows, doonas and electric blankets for cold winter nights. Towels are provided.

Camping areas are nearby and there is facilities for a few caravans or camper trailers to access 240v power. This power is quite limited and not suitable for air conditioning, heating, cooking or other power hungry uses.

Costs. (All costs are per person per day.) Cottage \$45, Quarters \$35, Camping \$10, Caravans \$10. Power for vans \$5 per day.

Maps and other information on getting about the property and suggested places to look for birds are supplied to all visitors.

Bookings can be made by ringing 07 4655 1238. Should no one answer leave a message and contact and your call will be returned.

Bookings are essential. Those who turn up unbooked may be turned away.

Payment.

There are no facilities to accept card payment so the only ways to pay are by cash, cheque or to pre pay by direct transfer. If you prefer the direct transfer method the account name: Australian Wildlife Conservancy Cunnamulla, Account #: 180094154, Financial Institution: NAB, BSB: 083028

Please keep a record of your payment and present it to the volunteers when you arrive.

All roads on the property are dirt and can be dusty in dry conditions and very muddy and at times impassable when wet. 4WD vehicles have no difficulties getting about in dry times and most roads are accessible to normal vehicles although a few spots may cause a problem. Take advice from the volunteers on site.

A Bird Call is held each day and all are asked to contribute.

Volunteers (mostly from Birds Queensland) are on hand to manage bookings, assist visitors, wash the sheets etc and make beds. Should you be keen to spend four and a half weeks at Bowra doing the above plus cleaning and mowing contact Peter at [corvusp@optusnet.com.au](mailto:corvusp@optusnet.com.au) for details. Some positions may be available in 2012.

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**Ring Bowra 07 4655 1238 to book.**