Changes from the WA Museum Checklist from April 2019 (updated October 2019)

Reptiles and Frogs

Revision of *Diporiphora* dragons from the Australian monsoonal tropics. A taxonomic revision by Melville et al. (2019) based on genetic and morphological comparisons resulted in several name changes for Western Australian *Diporiphora* species from the Kimberley, and extending into the Northern Territory and Queensland. These include:

- Synonomy of *D. bennettii arnhemica* with *D. albilabris sobria*; and the latter raised to full species.
- *Diporiphora albilabris albilabris* raised to full species.
- Resurrection of *D. margaretae* to full species (formerly in synonomy with *D. magna*).
- Description of *D. perplexa* from the Kimberley and western Top End. This widespread species was formerly attributed to *D. bennettii*, but the latter species is a short-tailed north-west Kimberley endemic.
- Description of *D. pallida* and *D. gracilis*. The former is only known from a single specimen from the Mitchell Plateau, whereas the latter occurs in a small area of the south-west Kimberley.
- Two other species from the *D. bilineata* species group were also described: *D. granulifera* from the Top End and *D. carpentariensis* from Queensland.

After the revision, Western Australia is home to 19 species of *Diporiphora*, nearly as many as the diverse genus *Ctenophorus* with 25 species.


Removal of bobtail subspecies. The scincid subspecies *Tilqua rugosa aspera* (Gray, 1845) has been removed from the WA list, as this taxon does not occur in the state based on the genetic results of Ansari *et al.* (2019). This leaves the nominate form (*T. r. rugosa*) and the Shark Bay (*T. r. palarra* Shea, 2000) and Rottnest Island forms (*T. r. konowi* [Mertens, 1958]) as the three subspecies in WA.


Birds

WA State checklist
Amsterdam Albatross *Diomedea amsterdamensis* is now treated as a full species.
Cook’s Petrel *Pterodroma cookii* added.  
Cory’s Shearwater *Calonectris borealis* added.  
Spelling of genus for Tawny-crowned Honeyeater emended from *Glyciphila* to *Gliciphila*.  
Eurasian Teal *Anas crecca* added.  
Following Alström *et al.* 2018  
- Little Grassbird *Megalurus gramineus* and Spinifexbird *Eremiornis carteri* now placed in *Poodytes*  
- Middendorff’s Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella ochotensis*, Pallas’s Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella certhiola* and Gray’s Warbler *Locustella fascilata* now placed in *Helopsaltes*.  
- Rufous Songlark *Megalurus mathewsi*, Brown Songlark *Megalurus cruralis* and Tawny Grassbird *Megalurus timoriensis* revert to *Cincloramphus*.  

Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands checklist  
Eurasian Teal *Anas crecca crecca* raised to full species.  
Little Stint *Calidris minuta* added (based on photographs).  
Australian Gull-billed Tern *Sterna nilotica macrotarsa* added (based on photographs).  
Pallas’s Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella certhiola* is now placed in *Helopsaltes*.  

**Mammals**  
No changes.