Changes to the WA Museum Checklist from November 2022 (updated May 2023)

Conservation status has been updated.

Reptiles and frogs

Christmas Island reptiles and frogs have been added to the list for the first time and marked in a separate column.

New species of spiny-tailed gecko, *Strophurus spinula* sp. nov. was described from the northern Goldfields region and was formerly included in *S. assimilis*. The authors used genetics and morphology to tease the two species apart.


Related blindsnake added, *Anilios vagurima* Ellis, 2019 has now been added to the checklist.


Birds

Following IOC list, *Sugomel niger* is changed to *Sugomel nigrum*, *Cracticus argenteus latens* changed to *Cracticus argenteus argenteus*, and *Motacilla tschutschensis simillima* is changed to *Motacilla tschutschensis*.

Westland Petrel (*Procellaria westlandica*) added to the checklist since vagrant bird found in Esperance in early 2023.

Mammals

Christmas Island mammals have been added to the list for the first time and marked in a separate column.

*Smynthopsis longicaudata* changes to *Antechinomys longicaudatus*

Following the genetic results presented by Westerman et al. 2023, *Smynthopsis longicaudata* is the sister taxon to *Antechinomys laniger*, and as a result needs to be move that that genus. It is now renamed as *Antechinomys longicaudatus*.