

## 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.

Sadlier, R.A., Beatson, C.A., Brennan, I. & Bauer, A.M. (2023). A new species of spiny-tailed gecko (Squamata: Diplodactylidae: *Strophurus*) from the mulga woodlands of inland Australia. *Records of the Western Australian Museum* **38**: 11–26. <https://dx.doi.org/10.18195/issn.0312-3162.38.2023.011-026>

Belated blindsnake added. *Aniliios vagurima* Ellis, 2019 has now been added to the checklist.

Ellis, R.J. (2019). A typhlopoid hotspot in the tropics: increased blindsnake diversity in the Kimberley region of Western Australia with the description of a new *Aniliios* species (Serpentes: Typhlopidae). *Records of the Western Australian Museum* **34**: 31–37. DOI: 10.18195/issn.0312-3162.34(1).2019.031-037

### 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.

#### ***Sminthopsis longicaudata* changes to *Antechinomys longicaudatus***

Following the genetic results presented by Westerman et al. 2023, *Sminthopsis 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*.

Westerman, M., Umbrello, L. and Wooley, P.A. (2023). On the composition of *Antechinomys* (Marsupialia: Dasyuridae): how many species? *Australian Journal of Zoology*  
<https://doi.org/10.1071/ZO22041>