



Karijini National Park, near Tom Price



PILBARA TRAIL

The Pilbara's flora is as diverse as the landscape - vibrant floral shades contrast with the dusty red earth and golden Spinifex grass. Wildflowers of all colours, sizes and shapes or any of the 65 species of Acacia can be seen throughout the region from July to September. Watercourses are lined with River Red Gums, Coolibah, silver Cadjeput and Desert Bloodwood trees while moisture loving plants like the Common Rock Fig and Rock Kurrajong can be found in the region's gorges.

1 Onslow

Towards Onslow, look for yellow Flame Grevilleas and Robinson's Desert Rose. The landscape changes to red sand dunes littered with termite mounds and after the rain, the vivid magenta ground cover known as Parakeelya appears.

See: Apple bush and green Birdflower.

2 Road to Paraburdoo

As the Hamersley Range begins to appear you know you are nearing Karijini country. Disturbed roadside soil and rainfall often causes the Sturt's Desert Pea and Bush Tomato to flower extensively.

See: Poison Morning Glory, Burra and

Northern Bluebell.

3 Karijini National Park

Karijini is the second largest park in WA and one of the most spectacular sights in the Pilbara. Maps outlining incredible walk trails through Karijini can be collected at the Tom Price Visitor Centre. The ancient Hamersley Ranges are covered in Spinifex grass, Desert Bloodwood and Snappy Gum, and a closer inspection will reveal Northern Bluebell, Mulla Mulla, Native Tomato and Limestone Cassia. Water from the gorges nourishes the common Rock Fig, Lemongrass and silver Cadjeput.

Entry fees apply.

See: Acacia, Prolific Mulga, Desert Poplar, Robinson's Desert Rose, Petalostylis and Ashburton Pea.

4 Road to Port Hedland

Range country dominates the landscape until Auski Roadhouse where the land begins to flatten and endless horizons become the view until reaching Port Hedland. The parasitic harlequin mistletoe, an attractive bright red Tubular flower, relies on host plants like Wattles, Cassia, Native Hibiscus and Royal Mulla Mulla for support.

See: Spotted Emu bush, Desert Poplar, yellow Flame Grevilleas, Twinleaf Mallee and Coolibah.

5 Marble Bar

A flat landscape, dotted occasionally by the odd hill, slowly becomes more dramatic as the road approaches the Gorge Range just north of Marble Bar. The road twists and winds across the Coongan River and through Doolena Gap.

See: Statuesque River Red Gums, Coolibah and Acacia.

6 Millstream - Chichester National Park

From Port Hedland, look out for River Red Gums, Coolibahs and the yellow flowers of the Candlestick Cassia. The Desert Walnut is common around South Hedland and towards the Turner River. While passing through the hills near Whim Creek look for the beautiful flowers of the Corkwood tree. Swim at the Python Pool, travelling on to Millstream Homestead which houses the Visitor Centre.

Entry fees apply.

See: Millstream Fan Palm, Sticky Cassia, Rock Kurrajong, Lace flower, Sturt's Desert Pea, Robinson's Desert Rose,

Morning Glory, tall Mulla Mulla, Spinifex, Snappy Gum and Rock Fig.

7 Cossack

Nestled at the mouth of the Harding River near Roebourne, Cossack beckons the traveller and offers a unique glimpse into the past. The town features many fine stone buildings, which have been fully restored and now offer an array of services designed to make the visitors stay informative and memorable. Stop at the fascinating restored pioneer settlement and visit the first pearling port in the northwest.

See: Ocean Bean, Holly Leafed Grevilleas and Mangroves.

8 Roebourne to Karratha and Dampier Pilbara Trail

Roebourne is 39 kilometres north of Karratha on the banks of the Harding River. Roebourne has retained its special character with its historic buildings.

See: Quartz outcrops with Coastal Caper, Sturt's Desert Peas and Rock Kurrajong.

MUST SEE AND DO

- Explore the marine wonderland of the Mackerel Islands
- Witness turtle nesting on pristine beaches
- Drive to the top of Mount Nameless for the view of a lifetime
- Take a day tour to marvel at the Pilbara Iron Ore Mine, Tom Price
- Explore the dramatic gorges, secret canyons and enticing rock pools of Karijini National Park
- Wander along the Onslow Boardwalk for spectacular sunrises and sunsets