

Kangaroo Island Wildlife Guide

Key Tour Operators

For guaranteed wildlife join a tour with the small group 4WD tours such as [Kangaroo Island Wilderness Tours](#), [Exceptional Kangaroo Island](#) and [Kangaroo Island Odysseys](#). These companies have access to private properties and nature reserves to see **Kangaroos**, **Wallabies** and **Koalas** in the wild as well as access to Seal Bay.

Kangaroo Island [SeaLink's](#) coach tours are led by experienced local coach captains who are experts at pointing out wildlife during the day as well as including a tour at Seal Bay.

Nocturnal Tours

Nocturnal Tours Kangaroo Island / KI Hire A Guide

Departing Kingscote, this two-and-a-half-hour tour gives you the chance to see the more elusive and furtive wildlife animals that call the island home, including **Stone Curlews**, **Boobook Owls**, **Brush-tailed Possums** and maybe even an **Echidna**. Spot **Kangaroos** grazing in open grasslands or discover **Tammar Wallabies** hiding in the shrub lands or amongst the island's undergrowth. <https://www.kiguide.com.au/nocturnal-tours>

Key Wildlife Spotting Sites and Information

Self-drive clients also have plenty of places they can find wildlife in the wild. Below is a selection of easily accessible locations where wildlife is often sighted.

Seal Bay Conservation Park

- **Australian Sea Lions**. The iconic Kangaroo Island attraction is open and offering guided and self-guided tours.

Penneshaw

- The Ironstone Hill Hike and the Wallaby Track to the immediate east of the town of Penneshaw is a great place to see **Tammar Wallabies** as well as **dolphins** swimming in the bay below.
- [Penneshaw Penguin Centre](#) offer regular tours to see the colony of **Little Penguins** who live in the town.
- **Dolphin** and **New Zealand Fur Seal** swimming tours are available from Penneshaw with Kangaroo Island Ocean Safaris.

American River

- Home to loads of bird life including **Black Swans**, **Cape Barren Geese** and **Australian Pelicans**. In the evening **Tamar Wallabies** and possums are commonly seen walking around the town or on the Fish Cannery Walk.

Cape Willoughby (Easterly most point of the Island, 28 km / 17 miles from Penneshaw)

- **Kangaroo Island Kangaroos** live around the lighthouse area. They can easily be seen on the drive into Cape Willoughby and on a walk around the lighthouse grounds.

YMCA Corner (18 km / 11 miles from Penneshaw on the main road to Kingscote)

- A great place to see large amounts of **Kangaroo Island Kangaroos**.

Duck Lagoon (14km / 8 miles from Kingscote)

- Public picnic area in a beautiful setting on the banks of the Cygnet River. **Koalas** are common visitors to the gum trees in this area. Free entry – combine with a visit to KI Spirits or Islander Estate.

Emu Bay

- Join a tour with [Kangaroo Island Marine Adventures](#) to swim with the **dolphins** on the North Coast.
- **Tamar Wallabies** and **kangaroos** are commonly seen in and around the town at dawn and dusk.

Vivonne Bay (South Coast Road)

- Join a quad bike tour with [Kangaroo Island Outdoor Action](#) to see the **Kangaroos** and other local wildlife.

Echidnas

- There is no one place to see Kangaroo Island's **echidnas**. They live all over the Island and whilst a shy animal it's not uncommon to be found fossicking on the side of roads.

Goannas

- There is no one place to see Kangaroo Island's **goannas** but can commonly be seen sunbaking on roads around the Island.

Wildlife Attractions

[Kangaroo Island Wildlife Park](#) (Parndana) and [Raptor Domain](#) (near Seal Bay) are two of Kangaroo Island's top places to see the Island's wildlife up close. Both attractions have a strong focus on rehabilitating injured and orphaned native animals and birdlife.

Accommodation

Most accommodation houses on Kangaroo Island will have wildlife around them in the evening, either at the back door or within an easy walk. Please check with accommodation operators.

Disclaimers

- Wildlife can never be guaranteed
- For self-drive clients – if they spot wildlife and want to take a photo they **MUST** park safely and completely off the road before exiting the vehicle.