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Description

Western Australia has over 3,500 islands, the largest number of any Australian state or territory. All remain in public ownership; almost all south of the Kimberley are managed by a single government agency, whilst almost all Kimberley islands are native title; a situation unique in the world.

This book, written by two experienced wildlife scientists, documents the islands' plants and animals, and discusses the islands' history, impacts of invasive species, and management actions. It is arranged geographically, taking the reader on a journey from the Kimberley south along the west coast to Cape Leeuwin, and then east to the Archipelago of the Recherche.

Throughout, you will be introduced to the Island Jewels of Western Australia in all their magnificence.

About the Authors:

Authors, Ian Abbott and Andrew A Burbidge are well-qualified to write on the topic of Western Australia's over 3,500 islands. Graduates of Australia's premier universities, Ian holds a BSc, PhD, and DSc having studied zoology, geography (statistics, soils), biometry (agricultural statistics), and botany. Andrew was awarded a BSc (Hons) and PhD, both in the field of zoology. In 2014, Andrew was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO), recognising his distinguished service to the environment as a conservation biologist.

Both authors, have published numerous papers in widespread scientific journals. (A full list is available on Google Scholar). Often cited by other scientists, these papers helped inform understanding of aspects of the ecology and biogeography of Western Australia.