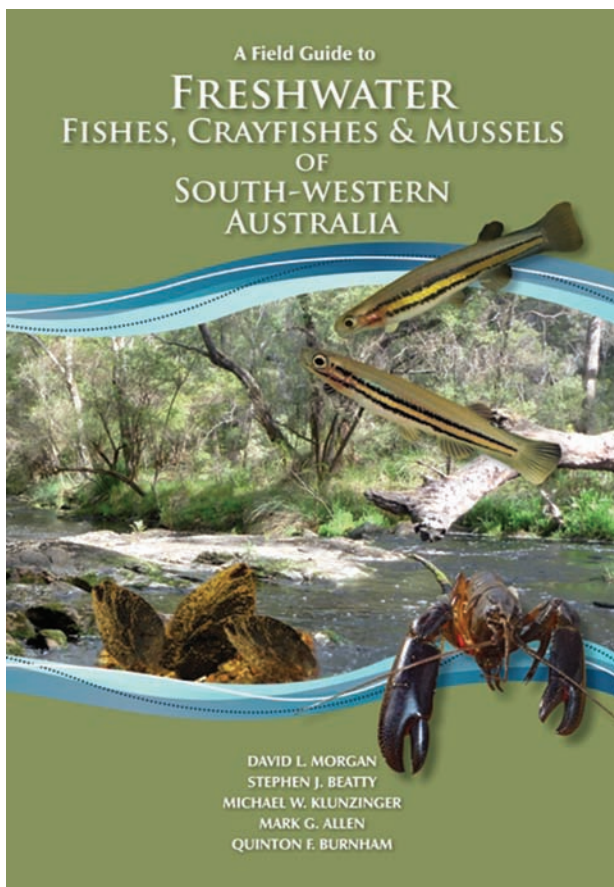


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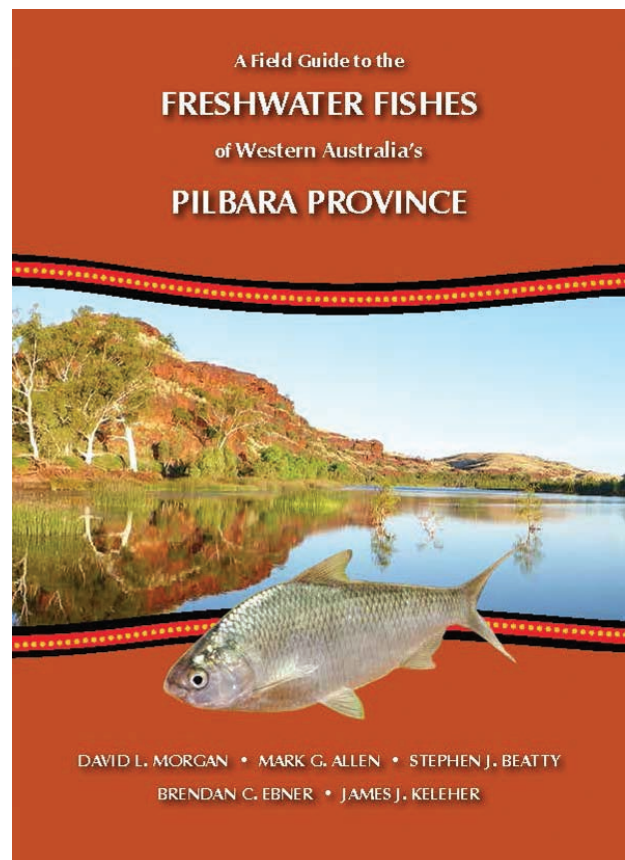
A Field Guide to Freshwater Fishes, Crayfishes & Mussels of South-western Australia,

A Field Guide to the Freshwater Fishes of Western Australia's Pilbara Province

D L Morgan, S J Beatty, M J Klunzinger, M G Allen, & Q F Burnham; *A Field Guide to Freshwater Fishes, Crayfishes & Mussels of South-western Australia* (2011): gratis.



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Well-illustrated field guides to some biological groups (such as birds or flowering plants) are available for almost every part of the world. Those for freshwater fish and other freshwater creatures are less easily found. There is nothing comparable to these two guides for two important bioregions of Western Australia. These handy booklets are illustrated by excellent photographs of each organism: these are supplemented by well-chosen habitat photos. Each species is described in sufficient detail for it to be identified and brief accounts are given on its biology. Notes on distribution are accompanied by sketch-maps. Useful keys are included and detailed

references are given. Each booklet has a glossary. The conservation status of each species is given: both booklets emphasise management and conservation aspects. For example, the precarious position of the extraordinary fauna of blind cave-dwelling fishes in the North West Cape Sub-Province is discussed in the Pilbara booklet, and the ecological dangers posed by the unauthorised introduction of non-native species is stressed in both publications. The booklets are conveniently sized for pocket or back-pack.

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