

Spotting creatures involves looking up as well as down, to catch this spoonbill in flight.

Picture: David Ford



Unseen animals

Mysteries

WILD IN THE CITY

Moments from a busy road, the Chapman River Regional Park is a haven for wildlife and a vital link for their survival, as **Jon Solumundson** discovers

Geraldton, like any other city in Australia, was once a country town — and as much as the beautiful beaches and warm locals have stuck around, the close relationship with the bush can be hard to maintain in the artificial glow of inner city cafes and office blocks.

So it was with some surprise that when I asked a friend where he had taken a set of beautiful wildlife

photographs, his response was: “Just around the corner, mate”.

At first I regarded this with some suspicion, assuming he was saying “just around the corner” in the same way someone who lives rurally says it — where the next “corner” is half an hour down the track, gunning it at 120km/h on private farm land.

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