

CRRP SURVEYS BY ROUTES

DATE: 5.4.2009

(Number) = Number present; B = breeding confirmed; N = nesting but breeding not confirmed.

+ = greater than number given but specific number not determined

F = flying over; AE = aviary escape; * = see note below

NB Species listed on this list are possibles only; not necessarily all recorded previously.

SPECIES	1. Riverton Bridge to Bannister Creek Bridge	2. Kent St. to Greenfield St. Bridge Loop + Liege St Site	3. Kent St Rec. area & Wilson Park Lake	4. Lambertia Flats	5. Banksia Hill	6. Greenfield St Bridge – Liege St – Masons, Billabong	TOTALS
Blue-billed Duck			4				4
Musk Duck			1				1
Black Swan	2	2	2			2	8
Australian Shelduck		6	13		2	5	26
Australian Wood Duck		3				14	17
Pacific Black Duck	17	48	27	2	8	66	168
Australasian Shoveler			2				2
Grey Teal	13		15			11	39
Pink-eared Duck							
Hardhead							
Black Duck hybrid		1				2	3
Domestic Duck							
Australasian Grebe		13	4			8	25
Hoary-headed Grebe						1	1
Australasian Darter	3	8 N	1	2			14
Little Pied Cormorant	8	1	1		1	1	12
Little Black Cormorant	8	1		4	1	4	18
Great Cormorant				2			2
Australian Pelican	4		1				5
White-faced Heron	4	1	3	1		2	11
White-necked Heron							
Eastern Great Egret			2		2		4
Nankeen Night Heron							
Australian White Ibis	10	2	8	3	2	6	31
Straw-necked Ibis							
Yellow-billed Spoonbill		2	13	1		1	17
Eastern Osprey							
Black-shouldered kite							
Square-tailed Kite							
Whistling Kite							
Swamp Harrier		1	1	1			3
Brown Goshawk							
Collared Sparrowhawk	2					1	3
Wedge-tailed Eagle							
Little Eagle	1						1
Australian Hobby							
Nankeen Kestrel			1				1
Buff-banded Rail	2						2
Spotless Crake	1						1
Purple Swamphen	8	3	2		3	4	20
Dusky Moorhen		33			1	12	46
Eurasian Coot		34	4			51	89
Common Greenshank							
Common Sandpiper							
Black-winged Stilt							
Red-necked Avocet							
Black-fronted Dotterel							
Silver Gull	28						28
Caspian Tern							
Crested Tern							
Rock Dove							
Laughing Dove	1	2		1		16	20
Spotted Dove							
Common Bronzewing					1		1
Red-tailed Black Cockatoo				1		4	5
Carnaby's (Short-billed) Black	9		5		3	4	21

Cockatoo							
White-tailed Black Cockatoo sp							
Galah	21	5	20	48	3	2	99
Long-billed Corella		4	9		7	28	48
Little Corella	20	9		6		30	65
Western Corella							
Corella sp.	6			1			7
Major Mitchell's Cockatoo							
Cockatiel							
Rainbow Lorikeet	32	20	60+	10	18	70+	210+
Australian Ringneck	9	11	12	2		6	40
Red-capped Parrot							
Budgerigar							
Pallid Cuckoo							
Horsefield's Bronze-Cuckoo							
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo							
Southern Boobook		1		1	1		3
Barn Owl							
Laughing Kookaburra	1					4	5
Sacred Kingfisher							
Rainbow Bee-eater							
Splendid Fairy-wren							
Variiegated Fairy-wren							
Spotted Pardalote				2			2
Striated Pardalote	3	6			6		15
White-browed Scrubwren							
Weebill		2		6	4	7	19
Western Gerygone	7	2		5	5	2	21
Inland Thornbill	1	1	1	2	1	7	13
Western Thornbill				6			6
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	11	2	9	27	8		57
Red Wattlebird	18	17	12	6	7	12	72
Western (Little) Wattlebird							
Singing Honeyeater	14	11	4	8	16	7	60
Brown Honeyeater	18	11	13	2	7	15	66
New Holland Honeyeater	21	8	10	28	2	5	74
Tawny-crowned Honeyeater							
Western Spinebill	2			1			3
Scarlet Robin							
Red-capped Robin							
Golden Whistler							
Rufous Whistler	7	2		4	2		15
Magpie-lark	9	8	3			8	28
Grey Fantail	2	3		3	4		12
Willie Wagtail	5	7	8	1		11	32
Black-faced Cuckoo--shrike		2	3	1	1	5	12
White-winged Triller							
Grey Butcherbird	2	1		1			4
Australian Magpie	33	15	11	2	8	10	79
Australian Raven	28	9	18	7	10	5+	77+
Mistletoebird	7		7				14
Welcome Swallow	19	2			1	2	24
Tree Martin	50+				12		62
Australian (Clamorous) Reed – Warbler	3	1		1			5
Little Grassbird			1			1	2
Silvereye	42	5		19	15	20	101
TOTAL SPECIES	44	43	37	36	31	41	68

Time:

7:00 – 10:00am WST

Weather:

Fine, clear, warm.

Low tide.

NOTES

- **Nicholson Road Billabong** area included in surveys for the first time. This area comprises an extra stretch of river, Liege St Wetland and Nicholson Billabong, as well as areas of mature Flooded Gums, and may well reflect the increased numbers of birds such as Coot, Dusky Moorhen, Pacific Black Duck and Australian Ringneck.
- Thanks to **support** from members of Birds Australia Western Australia we had experienced bird-watchers on all walks.
- **Overall species total:** 68 (compared to average of 60.5 for previous surveys; Nov 08: 69; Apr 08: 59).
- **Species breeding:** 1 (Darter, sitting on nest)
- **Total birds:** 2001 birds (1116 in Apr 08; 1295 in Nov 08).
- **Mistletoe** in flower and fruit in several areas – probably the reason for more Mistletoebirds than usual.
- **Juveniles** may account for the greater numbers of Pacific Black Duck, Darter and Yellow-billed Spoonbill, all of which bred within the park. Both Darter and Y B Spoonbill have been recorded breeding in more areas this year, particularly at Wilson Lagoon.
- **New species for surveys:**
 - Western Thornbill - New overall record for CRRP
 - Nankeen Kestrel – recorded occasionally but not on surveys before.
 - Southern Boobook – recorded occasionally but not on surveys before.
- **Significantly more this time:**
 - Parrots:**
 - Galah – big increase to 99 (previously 20 – 30)
 - Little Corella – 65, previously only 2 or 3 (but Long-billed Corella numbers are still low.)
 - Rainbow Lorikeets – still increasing? 210+ recorded. (130 last survey; but this survey includes an extra route)
 - Honeyeaters:**
 - New Holland Honeyeater – have built up steadily over past 5 or 6 years but have increased significantly (74 recorded compared to previous high of 22)
 - Other:**
 - Tree Martin – large number at Riverton Bridge
 - Silvereye
- **Species not seen at all but expected:**
 - Spotted Dove, Red-capped Parrot, Black-fronted Dotterel (one seen previous day), Sacred Kingfisher (not likely in April but 3 seen on previous day), Eastern Osprey (seen a number of times in recent weeks),
- **Also of interest:**
 - Swamp Harrier – recorded on 3 different routes; the same bird or not?
 - Little Eagle – recorded twice before but seen quite regularly recently.
 - Common Bronzewing – only the second record for surveys; a visitor or just rarely sighted?
 - Western Spinebill – only other survey record Apr 07, but reported regularly in local gardens this year over past 4 -5 weeks.
 - Hoary-headed Grebe – occasionally recorded on previous surveys but not since Nov 07.
 - Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo – only other survey record is April 07.
 - Red-capped Parrot – Not recorded this survey. Occurs in small numbers & recorded on all surveys from Nov 04 onwards.

Total species recorded on all surveys is now 100!