

## CRRP SURVEYS – NOTES      DATE: 6.4.14

### Time:

7:00 – 10:00am WST

### Weather:

Fine, mild, partly cloudy. Tide incoming – about midway between low & high tides.  
NB Past summer has been exceptionally hot and dry.

### Walks: See map for details

- 1 Riverton Bridge to Bannister Creek (including area between Riverton and Shelley Bridges).
- 2 Kent Street Weir – Greenfield St Bridge Loop.
- 3 Kent St Rec area and Wilson Park Lake, including wetlands north-east of Castledare & Fern Road.
- 4 Lambertia Flats (east of Bannister Creek) and salt pan area.
- 5 Banksia Hill to Kent St Weir.
- 6 Masons Landing – Leige St Wetlands - Greenfield Street Bridge – Billabong – Nicholson Rd Bridge.

### NOTES

- Thanks to members of BirdLife Western Australia and other friends, who helped again.
- Thanks also to all those who helped provide morning tea, and to set up and clear away.
- **Overall species total this survey: 66** + Galah-Corella hybrid (compared to average of 66.46 for previous surveys; 64.17 for April surveys only).
- **Total birds:** 1916 (1493 birds in Nov 2013; 1740 in April 2013, 1950 in April 2012; 1834 in April 2011).

### Of interest:

- **Species breeding:** 1 (Grey Teal – 7 tiny young; unusually late)
- **Highest number ever** recorded – 3 spp: Grey Butcherbird (23); previous high was 17 in April 2012; Red Wattlebird (108) – previous high 102 in April 2011 and Silvereye (189), previous high 108 in April 2012.
- **Other species with relatively high numbers** - Rainbow Lorikeet (209) though not as high as April 2013; Willie Wagtail (52) – close to highest recorded (53 in April 2010); Australian Reed-Warbler (10). Little Corella may also be gradually building up in numbers.
- **Lower than usual numbers:** Hardhead – first time not recorded at all since April 2009; Tree Martin (15) – usually 35-40+ in April.
- **No new species added** but a Galah – Corella hybrid seen.
- **Splendid Fairy-wren** – not recorded at all this survey but seen at three sites within the park recently: late March, along Fern Rd, further south-west of usual site (RG); 5.4.14 at Liege St Wetland (GA); within last couple of weeks, lakes below City of Canning offices (SM).
- **No crakes or rails** recorded this survey.

Total species recorded on all surveys still stands at **107** (Galah-Corella hybrid not considered a separate species).