

## CRRP SURVEYS BY ROUTES

DATE: 25.3.12

### Time:

7:00 – 10:00am WST

### Weather:

Fine, mild, overcast; very still & humid. Lots of mosquitoes.  
High tide.

### Walks: See map for details

- 1 Riverton Bridge to Bannister Creek (including area between Riverton and Shelley Bridges).
- 2 Kent Street Weir – Greenfield Loop (NOT including Liege Street site)
- 3 Kent St Rec area and Wilson Park Lake, including wetlands north-east of Castledare.
- 4 Lambertia Flats (east of Bannister Creek) and salt pan area.
- 5 Banksia Hill to Kent St Weir
- 6 Masons Landing - Greenfield Street Bridge – Billabong – Nicholson Rd Bridge (including Liege St Wetlands)

### NOTES

- Thanks to members of BirdLife Western Australia and of other groups, who again helped out on most routes.
- Thanks also to all those who helped provide morning tea, and to set up and clear away.
- **Overall species total this survey:** 66 (compared to average of 64.06 for previous surveys; 62.34 for April surveys only).
- **Total birds:** 1950 birds (1116 in Apr 08; 1295 in Nov 08, 2001 in April 09, 1538+ in Nov 09).
- **Species breeding:** 1 (Australasian Darter).
- **New species for survey records:** 2 – Intermediate and Little Egret

### Of interest:

- Overall number of individual birds 1950 second highest record. Previous highs were April 2009 (2,001) & April 2011 (1,834).
- 12 species registered their highest ever number (see below).
- Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo: Now seen regularly in the area but usually in small numbers. A flock of 36 feeding together in a Cape Lilac on the west side of Adenia Lagoon.
- On Castledare Wetland (Route 3); 12 Yellow-billed Spoonbill, 5 Eastern Great Egret & 9 White-faced Heron seen together.
- Nankeen Night-Heron immature recorded on Route 6.
- Not recorded during surveys, but seen on the same day were: Straw-necked Ibis, Swamp Harrier and Splendid Fairy-wren. Also not picked up on survey, but recorded in the previous month (5.2.12) was Common Bronzewing.

### Low numbers:

- Brown Honeyeater: (29) showed a big drop in numbers, the lowest ever recorded. Average is 81 but April numbers are always lower than those of Nov surveys; previous lowest numbers were April 2010 & April 2011 (both 47).

### Higher than usual numbers:

- Australian Shelduck (32): Highest ever; previous highest 26 in April 2009.
- Pacific Black Duck (172) Highest ever, but not by much.
- Laughing Dove (25): Highest ever; previous highest 23 in Nov 2011.
- Australasian Darter (28): Highest ever; previous highest 19 in Nov 2010. Possibly due to number of this season's young birds as there seem to be more Darters breeding along the river.
- White-faced Heron (20): Highest ever; previous highest 15 in April 2011.
- Dusky Moorhen (57): Highest ever; previous highest 46 in both April 2009 & April 2011.
- Australian Ringneck (56): Highest ever; previous highest 40 in April 2009.
- Red-Capped Parrot (16): Highest ever; previous highest 9 in April 2009.
- Grey Butcherbird (17): Highest ever; previous highest 12 in Nov 2011.
- Australian Magpie (107): Highest ever; previous highest 85 in April 2011.
- Magpie-lark (52): Highest ever; previous high 38 in Nov 2010.

- Silvereye (108): Highest ever; previous high 101 in April 2009.
- Mistletoebird (14): Equal highest record (14 also in April 2009).

Total species recorded on all surveys now stands at **105**.