

## CRRP SURVEYS - NOTES

DATE: 4.11.12

### Time:

7:00 – 10:00am WST

### Weather:

Heavily overcast; rain previous night; occasional light shower during survey; thunderstorm just after survey.

Very 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 all routes.
- Thanks also to all those who helped provide morning tea, and to set up and clear away.
- **Overall species total this survey:** 67 (compared to average of 64.25 for all previous surveys; 68.0 for Nov surveys only).
- **Total birds:** 1535 (1262 in Nov 11, 1537 in Nov 10, 1538+ in Nov 09).
- **Species breeding:** 5 (Black Swan, Aust Shelduck, Grey Teal, Pacific Black Duck, White-faced Heron); Australasian Darter & Eurasian Coot also recorded on nests.
- **New species for survey records:** None

### Of interest:

- 4 species registered their highest ever number; 1 the lowest ever (see below).
- Common Bronzewing – only the second record on a survey; previous was Apr 2009.
- Crested Tern – only the second time recorded on a survey (previous record April 2007)
- Brown Goshawk NOT recorded but was recorded on previous 6 surveys.
- Black-shouldered Kite was NOT recorded but one was seen over Wilson Lagoon on Oct 28 (personal communication Russell Gorton); another over the old farmland near Nicholson Rd Bridge on April 12.
- White-faced Heron: Three nests recorded, including one collapsed with 2 dead young in it. NB A fourth nest site, with young, also recorded at Adenia Park on 10.9.12 (G & P Agar).
- Shining Bronze-Cuckoo confirmed as breeding on 18.10.12 (Rowan du Boulay, G & P Agar); host Yellow-rumped Thornbill,

### Low numbers:

- Laughing Dove (8) Usually about 13 – 15. NB Highest ever number (25) recorded on March 2012 Survey.
- Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo (4) Last four surveys 24 – 50.
- Australian Ringneck (18) Usually more.
- Red Wattlebird (39) Usually higher numbers.
- Magpie-lark (15) Lowest ever; next lowest 17.
- Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike: Equal lowest ever recorded; usually higher numbers in Nov.

**Higher than usual numbers:**

- Australian Wood Duck (44) Next highest was 35 in Nov 2009.
- Grey Teal (64) Next highest was 50 in Nov 2009.
- Great Cormorant (16) Next highest 12. Some were possibly recorded by more than one group.
- Corella sp well up (93). Most thought to be Little Corella.
- Sacred Kingfisher (10) Highest ever; previous highest 7.
- Silvereye (85): Highest ever recorded in a Nov survey; third highest ever.

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