

CRRP SURVEYS – NOTES DATE: 29.3.15

Time:

7:00 – 10:00am WST

Weather:

Fine, clear, warm (forecast 31 degrees).

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:** 69 (compared to average 65.26 for all previous surveys; 63.18 for April surveys only). **le highest record for an April survey.**
- **Total birds:** 2252 Highest ever recorded - may be a reflection of extra numbers of surveyors this year.

NOTES:

- **Species breeding:** 1 (New Holland Heater); NB Darters also with a nest but breeding not confirmed.
- **Highest number ever recorded** (possibly reflects the number of young birds around following breeding): 6 species:
 - Australasian Darter (46) – numbers have gradually built up.
 - Red-tailed Black Cockatoos (53) – previous high 50 in Nov 2011
 - Rainbow Lorikeet (288) - previous highs 228 in April 2010 & 219 in April 2013**
 - Rufous Whistler (32) – previous high 28 in Nov 2011
 - Willie Wagtail (**79**) – previous highs 53 in Apr 2010, 52 in Apr 2014
 - Australian Raven (110) – previous high 104 in Nov 2014
 - Weebill (54) – previous high 32 in Nov 2014.
- **Other species with relatively high numbers:**
 - New Holland Honeyeater (70) – much higher than usual; close to highest recorded, 74 in Apr 2009.
 - Welcome Swallow (50) – highest recorded 52 in Nov 2004.
 - Mistletoebird (13) – close to highest ever – 14 in April 2009 & March 2012
- **Lower than usual numbers:**
 - Blue-billed Duck (0) – recorded in small numbers on every survey since Nov 2007
 - Australasian Grebe (6) – well down; average is 17. A concern.**
 - Yellow-rumped Thornbill (16) – well down, average is 33.
- **New species added:**
 - White-cheeked Honeyeater – seen at Adenia Park.
- **Of interest:**
 - Nankeen Night-Heron – not often recorded (seen on 10 previous surveys, only twice in April). NB A juvenile visited a school group activity near the weir a couple of days earlier!
 - Eastern Osprey – becoming more regularly recorded on surveys.
 - Southern Boobook- rarely recorded though known to be in the area.
 - Western Spinebill – only 2 previous records, both April (2007, 2009)
 - Western Corella – rarely recorded.
- **Not seen / confirmed on day but also of interest:**

Possible Spotted Pardalote – not confirmed; only 3 previous records, all in March-April (2006, 2007, 2009).

Teal with much darker colouring on breast. Possible Chestnut Teal?

Golden Whistler (Unconfirmed) - along Fern Rd on Route 3. Not recorded previously.

Brown Quail – not seen on surveys but recorded on several occasions late February-early March 2015, a new species for the park.

Total species recorded on all surveys now stands at **108**.