

CRRP BIRD SURVEYS – NOTES

NOVEMBER 6, 2016

Time: 7:00 – 10:00am WST

Weather: Mild, fine, sunny. Forecast was for 25°C.
Tide: Very low.

Walks: See maps for details (available from Pam if you wish).

- 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 but not Fern Road.
- 4 Lambertia Flats (east of Bannister Creek) and salt pan area.
- 5 Banksia Hill to Kent St Weir.
- 6 Masons Landing – Liege St Wetlands - Greenfield Street Bridge – Billabong – Nicholson Rd.

NOTES:

Thanks:

- To members of BirdLife Western Australia and others, who again provided invaluable assistance.
- Also to CRRPV members who accompanied them, or helped provide morning tea, to set up and clear away.

Number of participants: 16 surveyors (10 BWA Members + 6 CRRPV members), plus 3 CRRPV Members who organised morning tea; one who opened up the Eco-Centre.

Overall species total this survey: 68 (overall average is 65.41; 67.32 for Nov surveys only).

Total birds: 1561 birds – lowish for Nov.

New species added: 0

Species breeding: 9

Of interest:

- **Duck species** – 4 species only; the three most common all with young; Hardhead (12) – among the higher numbers recorded for this species.
- **Aust. Grebe (11)** – numbers still low.
- **Spotless Crane (1)** – recorded at Wilson Lagoon; not often recorded.
- **Pelican (35)** – higher than usual (NB 11 were flying overhead; possibly part of flock of 16 recorded on Route 1).
- **Great Egret (1)** – still low, though they are thought to use a number of wetlands in the area and may not show up in records.
- **Little Egret (1)**. Recorded only once before – March 2012.
- **Nankeen Night-Heron (2)** – not often recorded.
- **Osprey (1)** - known regular visitor to CRRP but not often recorded on surveys.
- **Dusky Moorhen (9)** – equal lowest record ever; possibly breeding and out of sight?
- **Galah (105)** – highest ever recorded.
- **Rainbow Lorikeet (251)** – again, getting close to highest ever recorded (288).
- **Aust. Ringneck (10)** – lowest recorded since 2002 (2), but breeding.
- **Sacred Kingfisher (18)** - highest ever recorded.
- **Splendid Fairy-wren (1)** – on Route 1; also heard across Bannister Creek in Route 2.
- **Aust. Raven (121)** – highest ever recorded (again most on routes closest to shopping centres).
- **Silvereye (36)** – much lower than usual.
- **Welcome Swallow (8)** - the lowest number ever recorded; nest-building beneath Riverton Bridge.

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