

CRRP BIRD SURVEYS – NOTES APRIL 2, 2017

Time: 7:00 – 10:00am WST

Weather: Warm, sunny. Forecast was for 31°C.
Tide: High.

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
NB This route walked clockwise this time.

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: 19 surveyors (6 BWA Members, and 4 guests + 6 CRRPV members), plus 4 CRRPV Members who organised morning tea;

Overall species total this survey: 61 (overall average is 65.41; 63.31 for April surveys only).

Total birds: 2243 birds

New species added: 0

Species breeding: 3 (Australasian Darter, Purple Swamphen & **Mistletoebird**).

Of interest:

- **Common Bronzewing:** (2) Rarely recorded. Seen at Banksia Hill.
- **Nankeen Night-Heron:** (1) Not often recorded.
- **Little Black Cormorant: (219) By far the highest ever recorded;** big flock of 135 flying upstream on Route 4 (Banksia Hill!); 63 recorded on Route 3 (Wilson Lagoon); possibly the same flock.
- **Dusky Moorhen:** (27) Back to reasonable numbers again.
- **Rainbow Lorikeet: (536)** Highest ever recorded; prev high 288 in March 2015.
- **Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo:** (28) Higher than usual; prev high 53 in March 2015.
- **Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo** (125) Large flock of about 70 flying east to west along southern boundary, Route 1 possibly recorded by several groups. Highest was 129 in April 2013.
- **Splendid Fairy-wren:** (6) Route 6 (Liege St Wetland); also 6 in Nov 2015 & 7 in Nov 2011.
- **Western Gerygone:** (20) Close to highest number recorded - 22 in April 2010.
- **Spotted Pardalote: (4) on Route 6; only recorded once before** on surveys (April 2009) but known to sometimes visit the area in autumn.
- **Grey Fantail:** (23) Highest recorded; prev high 22 in Nov 2014.
- **Mistletoebird: (34) By far the highest recorded;** 19 on Route 4. Previous highs were 14 in both April 2009 & March 2012. **Also adult feeding dependent young – well done Sian's team!**

Total species recorded on all surveys still stands at 108.