

CRRP BIRD SURVEYS – NOTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Time: 7:00 – 10:00am WST

Weather: Clear, sunny, very warm. Forecast was for 32°C.

Tide: Receding.

NB Much more water on the floodplain this year, upstream from Kent St W, due to reconstruction work on the weir.

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 and 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: 22 surveyors (8 BWA Members, and 3 guests + 11 CRRPV members), plus 4 CRRPV Members who organised morning tea.

Overall species total this survey: 68 (Overall average all surveys 65.25; Nov surveys only 67.36)

Total birds: 1473 birds

New species added: 0

Species breeding: 14; plus 2 species with nests (but breeding not confirmed).

Of interest:

- **Black Swan** (2) – numbers close to lowest record (1 in Nov 2015).
- **Pink-eared Duck** (2) – with likely nest at Carden Lakes (confirmed as Pink-ear nest site 8.11.17).
- **Little Egret** (2) – rarely recorded (1 in Nov 2016; 1 in March 2012).
- **Nankeen Night-Heron:** (2) Not often recorded.
- **Rainbow Bee-eater** (19) – highest record ever (previous high 18 in Nov 2009)
- **Western Gerygone** (23B) – highest record ever (previous highest 21 in April 2010; 22 in April 2009; 20 in April 2017). **First breeding record. Well done Debbie & Team 1!**
- **Brown Honeyeater** (100) – amongst highest records.
- **Rufous Whistler** (38) – highest record (previous highs 32 in March 2015; 29 Nov 2015; 28 Nov 2011).
- **Australian Reed-Warbler** (17) – highest record (previous high 13 in Nov 2011).
- **Tree Martin** (5) – lowest number ever recorded, though numbers have been low over the past few years.

Total species recorded on all surveys still stands at 108.