

## CRRP BIRD SURVEYS – NOTES November 4, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 – 10:00am WST

**Weather:** Perfect birding weather – fine, mild, clear. Forecast was for 23°C.

Tide: Low, rising.

**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. Made a detour into Peninsula area (towards river from Bacon St) – not usually checked these days but was a good spot for bush-birds.
- 3 Kent St Rec area and Wilson Park Lake, including wetlands north-east of Castledare and Fern Road. This route covered on Sat 24.3.18 due to lack of leaders. Same times; similar weather conditions.
- 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 several 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:** 23 surveyors (8 BWA Members; 8 CRRPV members, 2 Friends of Queens Park Bushland), 2 City of Canning 'Bush Crew', 2 local people and 5 CRRPV Members who organised morning tea.

**Overall species total this survey:** 71 (average for November surveys is 67.36; for April surveys is 63.14; for all surveys 65.34).

**Total birds:** 1731 birds. Among the highest recorded for November.

**New species added:** 0 But several less common species seen (night-heron, triller, bronzewing, White-cheeked Honeyeater).

**Species breeding:** 7, plus possible Osprey. 3 other species with nests but breeding not confirmed.

#### Of interest:

- **Australasian Grebe: (7)** Lowest for many years. Breeding on 'Carden Lake'; very scarce on the river (canoeing disturbance?)
- **Osprey:** 3 seen together – one probably a young one.
- **Black-Cockatoos:** Carnaby's are not usually recorded in Nov but Red-tails are usually present – neither recorded this time.
- **Rainbow Lorikeet:** (268) Similar to last survey; highest was 536 in Apr 2017.
- **Red-capped Parrot:** (1) Usually only small numbers but this is lowest ever.
- **Rainbow Bee-eater: (2)** Lowest ever recorded; usually around 15.
- **Splendid Fairy-wren:** (8) Slightly higher than usual; recorded on Routes 1,3 and 6.
- **Yellow-rumped Thornbill: (10)** Well down; usually around 25-30.
- **Brown Honeyeater:** (112) Equal highest number recorded.
- **Black-winged Stilt:** Often recorded in Nov but numbers are among the highest.
- **White-cheeked Honeyeater: (4)** Only recorded once before – March 2015.
- **Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike:** (31) Much higher than usual; nest found at Banksia Hill.
- **Tree Martin:** (9) Present but numbers are still very low.

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

#### Extra notes:

- Route 4: Recorded 38 spp – well above the usual number for this route – well done!
- Well outside survey period but worth noting: Claire Gerrish (BWA) provided an interesting record of **Brown Quail on January 1, 2018** – seen in the area near Wilson Park Station.