

CRRP BIRD SURVEYS – NOTES November 3, 2019

Time: 7:00 – 10:00am WST

Weather: Fine, cool and still but overcast. Forecast was for 22°C.

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 others, who again provided invaluable assistance and to CRRPV members who accompanied them.
- And especially to the CRRPV team who provided morning tea, set up and cleaned up later.

Number of participants: 21 surveyors (9 BWA Members; 10 CRRPV members, 2 extra helpers and 3 extra CRRPV Members who organised morning tea.

Overall species total this survey: 66 (average for Nov surveys is 67.63; for April surveys is 62.88; for all surveys 65.25).

Total birds: 1859 birds; 2nd highest recorded for a Nov survey.

New species added: 0

Species breeding: 7 – Grey Teal, Black Duck, Coot, Shining-bronze Cuckoo / Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Striated Pardalote and Magpie-lark. Darters with nests but breeding not confirmed; Rainbow Lorikeets strongly suspected of nesting.

Of interest:

- **Nankeen Night-heron (1):** Recorded on last four Nov surveys.
- **Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos (4):** Not usually recorded in Nov.
- **White-cheeked Honeyeater (2):** Rarely recorded.
- **White-winged triller (2):** Not often recorded.
- **Brown Goshawk (1)** – the only raptor. Raptors are never numerous but Brown Goshawk has been the only raptor recorded on 4 of the last 6 Nov Surveys.

Higher numbers than usual:

- **Grey Teal (74)** Highest number ever recorded; usually 40-50 on Nov surveys.
- **Striated Pardalote (59):** 2nd highest record; 73 in Nov 2014
- **Brown Honeyeater (137):** Highest ever recorded; 2nd highest 116 in Nov 2010.
- **New Holland Honeyeater (67):** Highest count for a Nov survey; 3 counts in the 70s for Apr surveys.
- **Grey Fantail (34):** Highest ever recorded.
- **Willie Wagtail (64):** Highest Nov count; 3rd highest overall.
- **Silvereye (142):** 2nd highest count for Nov; 4th highest overall.

Lower numbers than usual:

- **Black Swan (0)** Only 2 in April 2019. NB Fire destroyed typha beds at Billabong in late Feb.
- **Australasian Grebe: (7)** Among lowest numbers recorded. Usually about 10 in Nov; numbers built to 22 in 2010; gradual decline since then.

Total species recorded on all surveys still stands at 108.

Extra notes (from people met during the survey):

- Route 3: Local, knowledgeable couple; interested in helping with future surveys. Doug & Georgina Anderson andersonemu@hotmail.com
- Route 4/5: Provided dated but interesting info re Splendid Fairy-wrens breeding close to Bannister Creek Bridge in 2018; fledged 3 young.