**CRRP SURVEYS – NOTES DATE: 29.3.15**

**Time:**

7:00 – 10:00am WST

**Weather:**

Fine, clear, warm (forecast 31 degrees).

**Walks**: See map for details

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 & Fern Road.
4. Lambertia Flats (east of Bannister Creek) and salt pan area.
5. Banksia Hill to Kent St Weir.
6. Masons Landing – Leige St Wetlands - Greenfield Street Bridge – Billabong – Nicholson Rd Bridge.

**NOTES**

* Thanks to members of BirdLife Western Australia and other friends, who helped again.
* Thanks also to all those who helped provide morning tea, and to set up and clear away.
* **Overall species total this survey:** 69(compared to average 65.26 for all previous surveys; 63.18 for April surveys only). **Ie highest record for an April survey.**
* **Total birds:** 2252 Highest ever recorded -may be a reflection of extra numbers of surveyors this year.

**NOTES:**

* **Species breeding:** 1 (New Holland Heater); NB Darters also with a nest but breeding not confirmed.
* **Highest number ever** **recorded** (possibly reflects the number of young birds around following breeding): 6 species:

Australasian Darter (46) – numbers have gradually built up.

Red-tailed Black Cockatoos (53) – previous high 50 in Nov 2011

**Rainbow Lorikeet (288) - previous highs 228 in April 2010 & 219 in April 2013** Rufous Whistler (32) **–** previous high 28 in Nov 2011

Willie Wagtail (**79**) – previous highs 53 in Apr 2010, 52 in Apr 2014

Australian Raven (110) – previous high 104 in Nov 2014

Weebill (54) – previous high 32 in Nov 2014.

* **Other species with relatively high numbers:**

New Holland Honeyeater (70) – much higher than usual; close to highest recorded, 74 in Apr 2009.

Welcome Swallow (50) – highest recorded 52 in Nov 2004.

Mistletoebird (13) – close to highest ever – 14 in April 2009 & March 2012

* **Lower than usual numbers:**

Blue-billed Duck (0) – recorded in small numbers on every survey since Nov 2007

**Australasian Grebe (6) – well down; average is 17. A concern.**

Yellow-rumped Thornbill (16) – well down, average is 33.

* **New species added:**

White-cheeked Honeyeater– seen at Adenia Park.

* **Of interest:**

Nankeen Night-Heron – not often recorded (seen on10 previous surveys, only twice in April). NB A juvenile visited a school group activity near the weir a couple of days earlier!

Eastern Osprey – becoming more regularly recorded on surveys.

Southern Boobook- rarely recorded though known to be in the area.

Western Spinebill – only 2 previous records, both April (2007, 2009)

Western Corella – rarely recorded.

* **Not seen / confirmed on day but also of interest:**

Possible Spotted Pardalote – not confirmed; only 3 previous records, all in March-April (2006, 2007, 2009).

Teal with much darker colouring on breast. Possible Chestnut Teal?

Golden Whistler (Unconfirmed) - along Fern Rd on Route 3. Not recorded previously.

Brown Quail – not seen on surveys but recorded on several occasions late February-early March 2015, a new species for the park.

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