

**AAWHG FORUM
GOLD COAST**

WILDLIFE WORKING GROUPS

NOVEMBER 2016

WILDLIFE WORKING GROUPS - INTERNAL

INTERNAL WORKING GROUPS

WHY HAVE ONE?

- Focus on data....What does it mean? What is it telling us? What are we doing about it? What are we hitting? What are we counting?
- Recent trends, strikes and observations, species that are a problem now, or are going to be a problem in the near future....Have we got our strategies ready for upcoming seasons (i.e. waterfowl in winter)
- Projects....What is being built? What is being planned? What impact is it going to create from a wildlife perspective?
- Track training goals (is our training up to date)
- Compliance....(Audits, approvals etc)



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WHO ATTENDS?

- Airfield Team (Manager and a representative from the troops)
- Environment
- Ornithologist
- Invited guests from other teams



Perth Airport

Weekly Bird Count Report

Week beginning (Monday) 17/10/2016 Last month beginning 1/09/2016
 Week ending (Sunday) 23/10/2016 Last month end 2/10/2016

Species	Number of birds per day [^]				Status [~]
	5-year average	2015 average	Last month average	This week	
Australian Pelican	1.0	1.6	3.3	0	DECREASING
Australian Shelduck	2.4	3.1	1.0	2	STABLE
Australian Shoveler	0.3	0.1	1.3	0	DECREASING
Australian White Ibis	10.3	7.7	12.0	25	INCREASING
Australian Wood Duck	0.6	0.7	0.0	0	STABLE
Carnaby's Black-cockatoo	11.7	12.3	0.0	0	STABLE
Domestic Pigeon	41.6	40.3	29.8	0	DECREASING
Great Cormorant	0.1	0.0	0.8	0	DECREASING
Galah	40.1	23.9	351.5	37	DECREASING
Grey Teal	1.4	2.2	0.8	2	STABLE
Little Black Cormorant	0.2	0.0	0.0	0	STABLE
Little Corella	9.8	4.0	76.5	123	INCREASING
Little Eagle	2.1	2.2	3.0	1	DECREASING
Pacific Black Duck	4.9	2.8	8.5	2	DECREASING
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	35.1	26.4	185.3	78	DECREASING
Straw-necked Ibis	41.5	42.4	7.8	0	DECREASING
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1.0	0.2	0.0	1	STABLE
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	0.6	0.5	0.0	0	STABLE

Notes: Australian White Ibis numbers increased in numbers compared to last month. The numbers of Little Corellas recorded continues to increase due to feeding on grass seeds. Dispersal and cull procedures as per WHMP should continue to be followed to keep parrot numbers airside low during this time of year.

[^] "Number of birds per day" refers to the number of each species seen in a 12 hour period at Perth Airport, i.e. the number seen in one set of counts: am, noon and pm. Only species of Very High and Extreme risk are summarised in this report.

[~] "Status" refers to the trend in the number of that species observed at the airport per day compared to that of the previous month.



Weekly Bird Count Report Summary

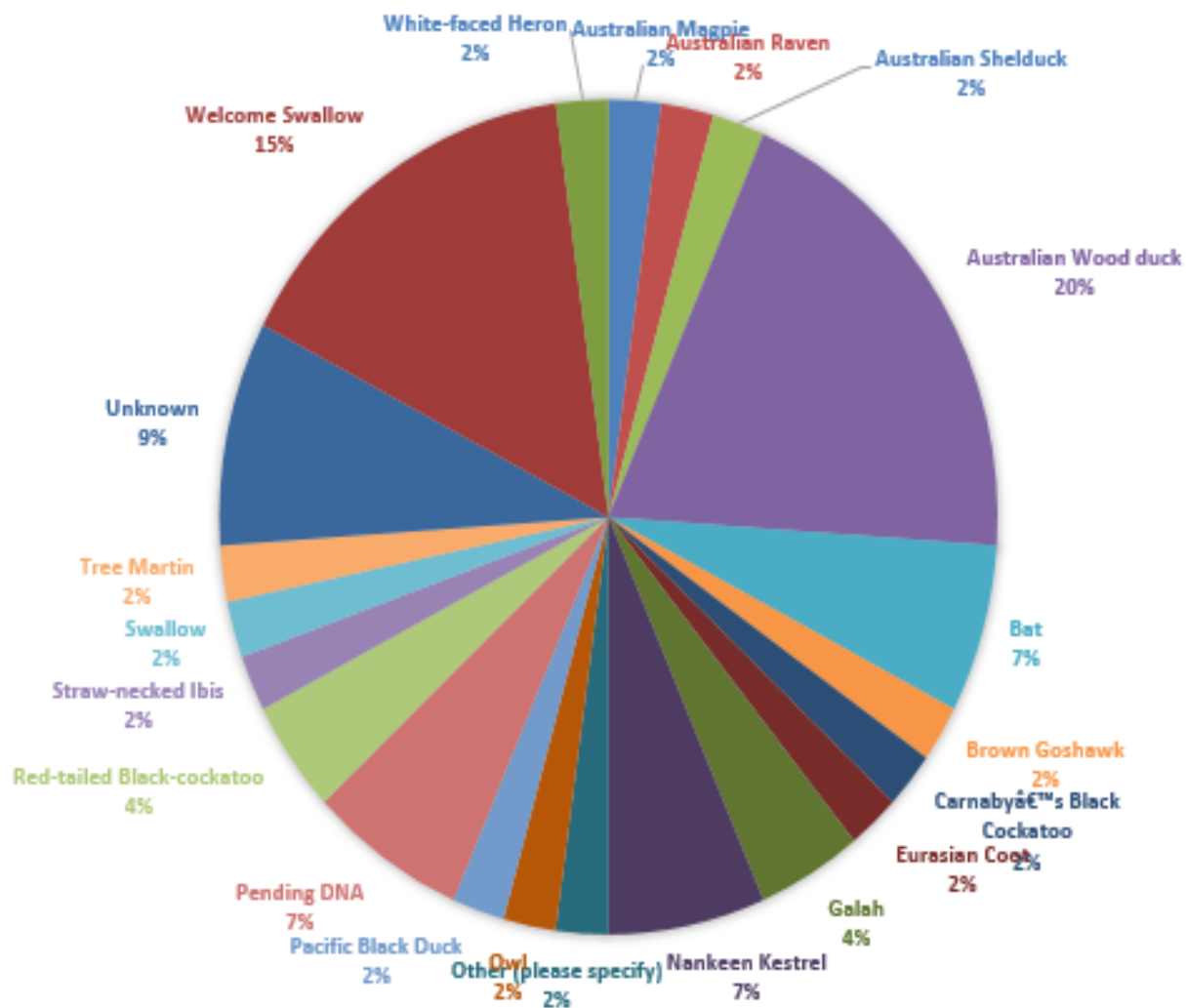
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Species	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Australian Pelican	INCREASING	DECREASING	DECREASING	STABLE
Australian Shelduck	DECREASING	DECREASING	DECREASING	DECREASING
Australian Shoveler	STABLE	STABLE	STABLE	INCREASING
Australian White Ibis	STABLE	INCREASING	DECREASING	STABLE
Australian Wood Duck	STABLE	STABLE	STABLE	STABLE
Carnaby's Black-cockatoo	STABLE	STABLE	STABLE	STABLE
Domestic Pigeon	DECREASING	INCREASING	INCREASING	DECREASING
Great Cormorant	STABLE	INCREASING	STABLE	STABLE
Galah	INCREASING	INCREASING	INCREASING	INCREASING
Grey Teal	STABLE	DECREASING	STABLE	DECREASING
Little Black Cormorant	DECREASING	DECREASING	DECREASING	DECREASING
Little Corella	STABLE	INCREASING	INCREASING	INCREASING
Little Eagle	DECREASING	DECREASING	DECREASING	DECREASING
Pacific Black Duck	STABLE	DECREASING	STABLE	STABLE
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	STABLE	INCREASING	STABLE	STABLE
Straw-necked Ibis	DECREASING	DECREASING	DECREASING	DECREASING
Wedge-tailed Eagle	DECREASING	DECREASING	DECREASING	DECREASING
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	STABLE	STABLE	STABLE	STABLE



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CONFIRMED STRIKE SPECIES JAN - OCT 2016



Attendees		Present	Apologies
Chris Fox (CF) (Chair)	- PAPL	✓	
Bill Rutherford (BR)	- PAPL	✓	
Kirsten Sandford (KS)	- PAPL		✓
Eamon Dorricott (ED)	- PAPL	✓	

CONFIRMATION OF RECORD OF LAST MEETING

Minutes from previous meeting confirmed with group.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

See below for actions.

4. Planning					
Reference	Business	Who	Action	Target Date	Status
4.1	Waste Water treatment works	BR	KS to attend meetings and report back outcomes to this forum.	Ongoing	Construction of a waste water treatment plant. KS has requested BR review and comment on project. Netting will be required to manage wildlife risk. Irrigation required is potential safety risk and not considered suitable for airside (safety concerns).

5. Control					
Reference	Business	Who	Action	Target Date	Status
5.1	Southern Main Drain (initial stage of Living Stream)	KB	Action: Monitor planting programme. Review monthly. Next meeting to review a finalised planting programme.	Ongoing	Initial stage has been planted. Next phase of planting to commence 2017 winter. Item to stay on minutes for review.
5.2	Australian White Ibis Munday Swamp Project	CF	Review progress monthly.	Standing Item	Project report to be reviewed as part of meeting. Significant progress made in reduction of nests in Munday Swamp.

8. Assurance					
Reference	Business	Who	Action	Target Date	Status
8.1	Waterfowl	CF	Presentation of waterfowl action plan, meeting to track actions (CF to collate action tracker to be reviewed as part of this meeting)	Ongoing	Review actions assigned and target dates.

9. Industry forums/meetings					
Reference	Business	Who	Action	Target Date	Status
9.1	Bird and Animal Hazard Management Committee	CF			Minutes have been distributed. Next meeting to be held 7 December 2016. CF reviewing agenda and will be distributed during October to finalise.
9.2	AWI Management Group	BR			AWI Group focused on metro wide treatment of these birds. Tagged 1 x bird which is now being tracked to assess behaviours and flight patterns. Will be added to agenda for BAHMAC.

10. New Business					
Reference	Business	Who	Action	Target Date	Status
10.1	Pelicans – Red Hill Waste Facility	CF	CF has provided info to EMRC	Completed	EMRC have asked for recent data and issues with pelicans to support action plan being developed to combat this species at Red Hill Waste Facility.
10.2	Removal of Runway Swamp	CF	AG to provide further info.		CF to follow up progress.

NEXT MEETING

The next Wildlife Hazard Working Group Meeting will be held as per an Outlook email invite provided by CF (meeting aims to be monthly).

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- Minute every meeting
- Develop a clear terms of reference for what you want to achieve
- Present clear data
- COMMUNICATE the outcomes to the most important people – those on the ground, don't accept MUSHROOM MANAGEMENT



WILDLIFE WORKING GROUPS – EXTERNAL

- EXTERNAL WILDLIFE COMMITTEES – We call ours BAHMAC which stands for ?
- BIRD ANIMAL HAZARD MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- Who attends ?
- Airlines – but only 3 out of 25
- Local Councils
- External land users (waste disposal, grain facilities)
- Internal stakeholders (Environment, Assets (they mow the grass))
- Ornithologist...of course

How frequent?

Twice per year



WILDLIFE WORKING GROUPS - EXTERNAL

- Many airports struggle with airline attendance, we get the majors and the locally based generally, and even some of the foreign carriers.....
- When an airline you never hear from sends you a strike report and asks you what you are doing about wildlife management, respond with your wildlife plan AND an invite to your next BAHMAC
- Wide cross section of stakeholders is VITAL to a productive meeting, encourages discussion
- Provide the stakeholders with meaningful data
- Outline each stakeholders responsibilities in the Wildlife Plan, one of them is to attend meetings!



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WILDLIFE WORKING GROUPS - SUMMARY

SUMMARY

- Wildlife working groups are vital (internal to get your own house in order and measure your actions against the plan....are you doing what you say you do? External to engage with all stakeholders)
- Minute every meeting, clear agenda to generate discussion
- Clear terms of reference
- Feedback outcome to the troops in the field responsible for implementing a lot of the actions
- Use your data to know what your current risk is and feed this to your stakeholders....along with the party pies and sausage rolls....



DISCUSSION



BIRDS

Don't mess with them

