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Seeing we are talking birds, this is a wonderful project to be involved with and just a lovely thing to do – spend an hour at sunset counting birds (maybe with tiny glass of wine). **2015 Great Cocky Count – Sunday 12 April at sunset**
The Great Cocky Count (GCC) is an annual citizen science survey that aims to count as many Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos as possible across WA on a single night. This year, the GCC is on Sunday 12 April 2015.

Welcome to this newsletter. I hope you've had a great start to the year and for those affected, are having a delightful school holidays.

I had some wonderful support and feedback from the December newsletter – many thanks to those concerned. One was a suggestion that the newsletter be called the Parkwater Post instead of Pipeline – and I do agree, that's more appropriate. As you see I've based the 'mast head' around the idea of a fence post. There are some gorgeous old fence posts around. If you see an interesting one, please take a photo and send to me. We can feature a different one each issue.

Parkwater Bird List. I also had a number of people interested in the bird chart mentioned last issue, so I've attached that to this email also. The list is quite extensive but certainly not comprehensive. The plan was to include



Photo: Dennis Fairclough

pictures of lots of the main birds, but I discovered I'm not allowed to use some pictures off the internet (copyright reasons) and of the ones I can use, most aren't great photos. The best I could do is use

'public' pictures or diagrams, or photos and paintings of friends who have given permission.

So, for those who are interested, please send to me your photos or drawings of whatever local birds you have (that are OK for me to use), and I can gradually build up the chart with good pictures. Credits will be given to photographer/artist. Maybe you could get your kids/grandkids involved. Then every now and again, I will send out the updated list. Of course I would love to have your sightings too, especially for any of the less common birds and also the ones not on the list.

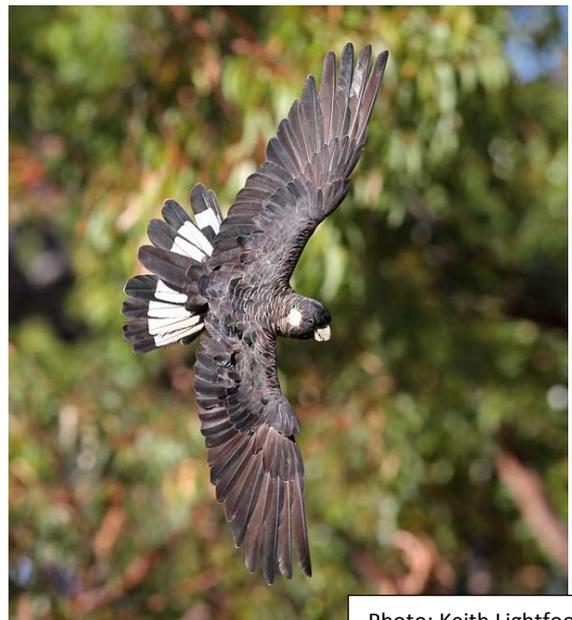


Photo: Keith Lightfoot

Getting involved is easy – as a volunteer you simply go to the roost location BirdLife allocate to you and count all the cockatoos flying into their night-time roosting trees. The survey only takes an hour, starting 30 minutes before sunset. For more information and to register as a volunteer, go to www.birdlife.org.au/carnabys/great-cocky-count
Do you have a black cockatoo roost site near you?
Roosts are where black-cockatoos rest at night, usually in the canopy of large trees. Often the cockatoos will fly to a few different locations at dusk before arriving at their roost tree. BirdLife are always trying to identify more roost sites across WA, particularly in the southwest region, and they need your help! If you have of a roost site near you please contact them on 9287 2251 or at greatcockycount@birdlife.org.au and let them know (and Cc: me too please sherry.thomas@ntwa.com.au)

Wow – two great black cocky photos in 1 newsletter! How lucky are we to have such beautiful creatures in our backyards? Though at 5am we may sometimes curse their noisy chatter – karrak, karraak, karrak – and Karrak is the Nyoongar name for the Redtail Black Cockatoo.

Parkwater Residents Association

Some of the longer term residents will remember that a few years ago there was the beginnings of a residents group formed so that owners and residents could have input into the management of the National Trust bushland at Parkwater. At that time there were not many people living there and so it didn't really get off the ground. Now that there are a substantial number of houses at Parkwater, it seems that the time should be right to get this going again. I have already had a number of people indicate they are interested in participating. So if you would like to have your say on the future of the bushland, including the walk/cycle trail upgrade and implementation of the 'infrastructure' (e.g. seating, etc), then please come along to a meeting at

**Duggan Pavillion, Cowaramup on
Wednesday 18th February, 2015 at 7.30pm.**

Are you planning on clearing your block? If you are soon to start building your home at Parkwater and your block is not yet cleared, it would be great to have the opportunity to be able to access some of the native vegetation which is about to be bulldozed. Unless you are planning on collecting and keeping it for your own later use, please would you consider letting other residents collect the seed and perhaps dig up some of the smaller plants for relocation to their own block? As more and more of the area is built up, we are losing the corridors between the various blocks of National Trust bushland. We need to do what we can to recreate these connections and replanting native species in the house lots is the key to this. Planting genuine LOCAL natives is the ideal method, so rather than wasting this resource, sharing it with your neighbours makes sense. If you would like to do this, please either chat about it to the people in your street (a good way to meet each other) or send me an email a few weeks before clearing is scheduled. Also, I can help with advice on collection and relocation methods



most likely to succeed.

Many of you are advised to clear the whole site, particularly with the

smaller lots, to make it easier for the site clearing contractors and builders. While we understand this, from a conservation point of view, the NT would like you to consider leaving a pocket (perhaps a corner) of your block with the natural landscape intact.

Wildflowers are not very prolific at this time of year, but one beauty that does appear in summer time is the native gerbera. Sometimes standing nearly as tall as your hip, it often stands well above the surrounding plants so is easily seen. A real gift from nature at this dry time.



Firebreaks - Trail signage will begin appearing in a few weeks to advise or remind drivers that access to these areas is with permission only, and is specifically for the use of pedestrians and cyclists, with the exception of emergency vehicles and for trail or bushland maintenance.

If you need to access the back of your block for some reason (e.g. delivery of building materials), please contact the National Trust on 9321 6088 at least a week in advance, so that we can contact neighbours to let them know, keeping everyone informed and safe.



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