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e-news - branch update

27 July 2016

There are lots of opportunities to help our Western Australian birds in this edition of the e-news - from representing BirdLife WA at country agricultural shows; writing letters to MPs about mining in the Helena and Aurora Range to helping out with National Bird Week 2016. If you are making an early start to your spring cleaning the library has a wishlist of volumes to add to the collection. We are also proud to introduce our latest addition to our badge collection.

HELP WANTED - NATIONAL BIRD WEEK 2016

The BirdLife WA Executive Committee is seeking expressions of interest from members who are willing to join a committee to organise BirdLife WA's contribution to National Bird Week 2016. The main focus of the committee will be the promotion of the Aussie Backyard Bird Count (17 - 23 October) through the organisation of walks in conjunction with schools, "Friends" groups and other relevant community groups. There will not be an open day this year.

If you can help out or have other suggestions for the promotion of BirdLife Australia and the Aussie Backyard Bird Count during October, please contact the Office Manager, Annette Park, on 9383 7749 or email wa@birdlife.org.au (Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays)

CALLING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SPREAD THE WORD ON CARNABY'S IN COUNTRY AGRICULTURE SHOWS

Volunteers are needed to man our BirdLife WA stalls at 3 Agricultural shows this year. You don't need much knowledge just a welcoming attitude. You will be reimbursed for accommodation and fuel costs.

Dowerin Aug 25-26

Newdegate Sept 7-8 (needs to be set up on Sept 6)

Moora Sept 17

The purpose is to educate people on Carnaby's (we will take a display stand for this) and try to gather info on breeding by asking people to fill out a form on what they've seen in their area. We will be focused on asking landowners for information on nesting hollows. We will then follow this up with surveys in the area.

Ideally you will have a vehicle big enough for a trestle table, some chairs and other gear. You will be given every assistance.

Please contact either BirdLife office (9383 7749 or wa@birdlife.org.au) or Jennifer Sumpton jsumpton@inet.net.au or 0437053582

Events

Shorebird Count, Port Hedland, **Saturday 30 July**

Bird Garden Workshop, Piney Lakes, **Saturday 30 July**

Lake Joondalup, Joondalup, **Sunday 31 July**

Lake Gwelup, Stirling, **Saturday 6 August**

Wambyn Nature Reserve, York, **Saturday 13 August**

Bird Garden Workshop, Kwinana, **Saturday 13 August**

Photogroup, Whiteman Park, **Sunday 14 August**

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BOOKS WANTED FOR THE BIRDLIFE WA LIBRARY

Too many books at home? Downsizing and need the shelf space? The BirdLife WA library has some gaps in its collection that we would love to fill:

Serventy, D.L and Whittell, H.M Handbook of the Birds of Western Australia ,
(the library used to have a copy but it appears to have gone astray)
Any of the bird volumes of the National Photographic Index of Australian
Wildlife

If you have any of these titles and would like to donate them to the library please contact our Office Manager, Annette Park on 9383 7749 or wa@birdlife.org.au

HELENA AND AURORA RANGE: LETTER-WRITING WORKSHOP, WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST 2016

BirdLife WA and the GWW committee invite you to support its efforts to protect the Helena and Aurora Range from a mining proposal to develop two open-cut iron ore mines that will destroy the natural values of the range. You will have the opportunity to compose a personal letter to your local Member of State Parliament, urging him/her to oppose this mining proposal and securely protect this spectacular banded-ironstone formation range, a "jewel in the crown of the Great Western Woodlands.

Time: 6.30-8.00pm

Venue: Western Australian Ecology Centre, Perry Lakes Drive Floreat

Contact Mark Henryon and Alasdair Bulloch email:gww@birdlife.org.au

NEW MEMBER OF THE BIRDLIFE WA FLOCK

We welcomed a special new arrival at the office this week - we now have a Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo badge! We will update the online order form soon but they are available for sale at the office and all BirdLife WA events and meetings. The price is still \$5. Check out the photograph at the end of this edition of e-news.

CHECK OUT THE WA WEBSITE

Frank O'Connor and Richard Chyne have been very busy updating the BirdLife WA website. New sections have been added, with more changes coming soon:

- Latest News
- Community Education - includes copies of handouts from CEC classes
- Country Branches - where you will find local branch newsletters
- Executive Committee - minutes of Executive Committee meetings and finance documents
- Publications - this now includes copies of WA Bird Notes, Cocky Notes and Woodlands on the Wing

Check it all out at <http://birdlife.org.au/wa>

CARE FOR HEDLAND SHOREBIRD COUNT 30 JULY

The Care for Hedland group are having their Winter Shorebird count on Saturday 30 July 7.30am at 4 mile or the end of Pretty Pool Beach in Port Hedland. For more information please contact Melissa at Care For Hedland:

coordinator@careforhedland.org.au

LEICA BINOCULARS AND SCOPE FOR SALE

BirdLife WA has received a generous donation of Leica binoculars and a scope; as well as a monopod. The proceeds from the sale of these will be used for student scholarships. Their value has been estimated at:

- Spotting Scope \$1,500 (Leica Televid 77 No. 2043407, back-pack, wide angle 20x, 40x lenses in box, instructions and warranty)
- Binoculars: \$2,500 (Leica Ultravid 10 x 42 No.1631934, original box, instructions, guarantee, test certificate and warranty)
- Monopod: \$100 (Premier)

These prices exclude the cost of freight and handling. All enquiries should be directed to Annette Park at the BirdLife WA office on 9383 7749 or wa@birdlife.org.au (Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays)

BIRD GARDEN WORKSHOPS - CREATING A BIRD FRIENDLY GARDEN

Experts from Beyond Gardens, BirdLife WA and your Local Government will provide information and advice on how to improve the habitat value of your garden and verge and how this can benefit your local environment. Local examples will be showcased, questions answered and resources provided. Receive practical tips on identifying local birds, creating habitat, managing birds visiting your garden and how birds can help your garden thrive. Four identical free workshops are offered in a variety of locations. Bookings are essential and places are limited. Visit the Beyond Gardens website events page <http://www.beyondgardens.com.au/events.php> to register.

Workshop dates

Saturday July 30th - Piney Lakes, Winthrop. This one is full

Saturday August 13th - Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre, Kwinana

Saturday August 20th - Cockburn Wetland Education Centre, Bibra Lake

Saturday August 27th - Sullivan Hall, White Gum Valley

DO YOU HAVE A SPARE 35 MINUTES?

Please contact Operation Rainbow Roost (email rainbowroost@birdlife.org.au) if you can spend 35 minutes counting Rainbow Lorikeets at roost site in your area. During July roost counts are conducted between 5.05 pm and 5.40 pm. We need volunteers to count sites in Ardross, Ascot, Beckenham, Cannington, Canning Vale, Cottesloe, Karrakatta, Mount Claremont, Mundaring, Nedlands, Perth, Willetton, and Wanneroo.

Please also report any places where Rainbow Lorikeets are gathering near sunset. It's likely that there are hundreds of Rainbow Lorikeet roost sites in the Perth region! You can report this information by using the electronic form (<http://birdlife.org.au/projects/operation-rainbow-roost>).

BIRDLIFE WA PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Theme: *Black and White Birds in Colour NOT Monochrome*

Birds can be black, white or pied, with not more than 10% of plumage any

colour other than black or white. Birds must also be must be non-captive and native to Western Australia.

\$5.00 entry fee covers cost of printing, display and prizes but you may print your own image if you wish. An A4 print and digital image jpg file are required for judging.

Competition is open to BirdLife Australia members only.

Only one entry per member.

Images to be submitted by Friday 19th of August and will be judged at the BirdLife WA general meeting on Monday 22nd August.

For more information check the BirdLife Western Australia Facebook page or ring the BirdLife Western Australia office on 9383 7749

EXCURSIONS

To access more information about each event simply click on the name of the excursion.

ALL DAY, PELAGIC TRIP, EMU POINT BOAT HARBOUR ALBANY, SATURDAY 30 JULY

Cancelled due to bad weather.

ALL DAY, PELAGIC TRIP, EMU POINT BOAT HARBOUR ALBANY, SUNDAY 31 JULY

Cancelled due to bad weather.

MORNING, LAKE JOONDALUP, JOONDALUP, SUNDAY 31 JULY

8.00am – 11.00 am For members and guests only. Leader: Wayne Merritt
Bring your telescope if you have one.

MORNING, LAKE GWELUP, STIRLING, SATURDAY 6 AUGUST

8 am Members and the general public. Leader Clive Nealon

ALL DAY, WAMBYN NATURE RESERVE, YORK, SATURDAY 13 AUGUST

8.30 am Members and guests only. Leader Robyn Pickering

MORNING, PHOTOGROUP EXCURSION, WHITEMAN PARK, SWAN, SUNDAY 14 AUGUST

8.45 am Members and guest only. Leader Keith Wilcox

BIRDLIFE WESTERN AUSTRALIA E-NEWS – GUIDELINES FOR CONTRIBUTORS

All members are welcome to contribute items to this Newsletter, which is primarily for activities not published in WA Bird Notes. Items should be less than 100 words and relate only to BirdLife supported activities. The final decision on publication rests with the news team. Please send items for publication by close of business on the second or fourth Tuesday of the month to: enews.wa@birdlife.org.au

Our new Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo badge - photograph courtesy of Tegan Douglas



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