

Gang-gang survey Progress Report - September 2014

Survey progress

Community participation in the Gang-gang survey continues to grow. As of 25 September, there are 420 registered users and 2850 records in the Atlas of Living Australia Gang-gang survey database. Together with paper records, we have well over 3,000 sightings eight months into the survey.

Results the May Muster are summarised in the following table. There was a total of 143 sites surveyed with sheets received from 56 suburbs and 4 rural sites.

May Muster	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues
Total number of sites	131	130	129	125	125	125	128
Total number of sites GG's observed	28	27	28	29	30	25	26
Total number of sites GG's observed (%)	21.37	20.77	21.71	23.20	24.00	20.00	20.31
Total number of individual Gang-gangs	168	160	161	134	165	171	156

At the time of writing this report, the project team is reviewing the August Muster Survey data and forms are still coming in from the Muster week. Please send in your Muster Form if you have yet to do so.

Very few sightings of breeding activity have been sent through to the Gang-gang survey query line. We are keen for observers to report any obvious breeding behaviour through spring and particularly adult birds inspecting, working on and occupying, hollows. Observers of breeding behavior and/or nesting are asked to send in these sightings via ggquery@canberrabirds.org.au

Also for observers, please note any changes in feeding behaviour and the group size/age of birds in your online or paper form reports. We would expect that group sizes may be changing and some movement of the birds to the mountains.

If you are unsure how to participate in the Gang-gang survey details of how to contribute can be found at <http://canberrabirds.org.au/observing-birds/gang-gang-survey/> If you have any queries please email to ggquery@canberrabirds.org.au

Community engagement

Make sure your families and local schools are aware of the 'Imagining Gang-gangs' Student Art Competition and Exhibition. The school holidays is a great time to get the kids/grandkids involved in an art project. Entries close on the 7 November and the student's art will be exhibited from 26 to 30 November at M16 Artspace Griffith – please put this date in your diaries. There is an A4 poster and flyer on the webpage that members can place on community noticeboards.

The art competition was also promoted in the Inspiring Australia in the ACT e-newsletter distributed by the CSIRO and on Radio Landcare (2XX). We will be at the upcoming Scouts ACT EnviroACTion Forum on Friday 10 October at Hackett Community Centre promoting COG and the Gang-gang survey. There will be a line up of interesting speakers at the Forum and community tables to introduce young people (16-24 years) to the many opportunities for environmental volunteering in the ACT.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/264388547083221/>

Further media coverage about the Gang-Gang survey will be sought when the August Muster results are compiled and ahead of the November Muster Count.

The GG survey project team