



## **Gang-gang survey going Gangbusters!**

Its official, Canberra residents love the Gang-gang Cockatoo. Over 200 people have reported sightings of this engaging bird since February, as part of Canberra Ornithologists Group's (COG) Gang-gang survey.

"We are thrilled with the fantastic response from the Canberra community," said Chris Davey, Project Manager for the survey. "We have over 700 on-line sightings ranging from single birds in home gardens to a flock of 30 birds seen out at Tidbinbilla".

"Most sightings are coming from the Canberra suburbs near the Mt Ainslie and Black Mountain Nature Reserves." Mr Davey said. "People who want to join in the Gang-gang survey can go to the COG website, register and then enter sightings into the survey portal created by the Atlas of Living Australia".

The Gang-gang survey also includes four week-long 'Muster' counts, with the next count running from 21 to 27 May. Mr Davey is encouraging everyone to get on board for the May Muster. "We want people to tell us whether they see Gang-gangs that week and even if they don't see any birds, these reports are really important for the survey"

Mr Davey said the Gang-gang Muster is a simple bird-watching activity that anyone can take part in. "Choose somewhere you spend a little time most days of the week, like your home garden or the local park, and record whether you see or hear any Gang-gangs, or not."

A simple on-line electronic form can be used to enter records at the end of the week or people can download a paper form. Both forms can be found on the Canberra Birds website:

<http://canberrabirds.org.au/observing-birds/gang-gangsurvey/gang-gang-muster-instructions>

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