

# Birds on Farms

BirdLife WA re-launches its bird monitoring project in the wheatbelt



## THE PROJECT'S BASICS

### Picking up where we left from

The Birds On Farms project was first active between 1995 and 1997. Back then, 110 farms were surveyed seasonally, and 179 species were recorded.

### Birds as health indicators

Because birds use different habitats in different ways, their diversity and abundance can be excellent indicators of the health of an ecosystem and their services.

### Citizen Science

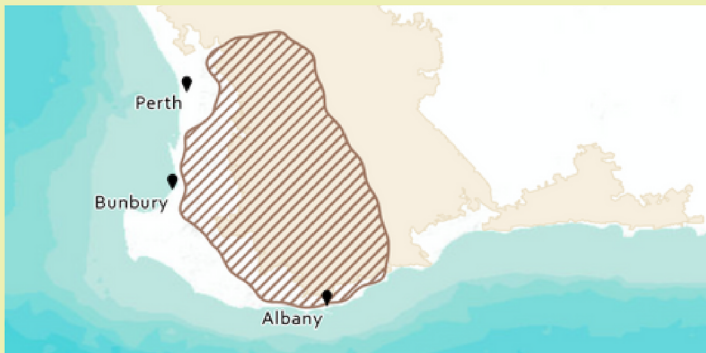
With the help of skilled birdwatchers, the project collects bird sightings from different 'habitats' on rural properties using a specific scientific method.

### Management & conservation

We can use this knowledge to increase populations of important species while also maintaining a healthy landscape and profitable business.

## WHERE?

Historically the project covered the whole Wheatbelt. But to start with, we are looking to focus in the central and SW Wheatbelt.



## HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

### Survey

- Experienced birdwatchers are needed to carry out 20 min x 2 Ha surveys at each site. Data will be logged in Birdata.
- Landholders are welcome to survey their own farms too.
- We will be providing training on birding and Birdata.

### Register your farm

We are looking to re-connect with the historical farms. But we also want to include new ones too. Certain prerequisites have to be met.

- Birdata is an online database managed by BirdLife Australia.
- You can use it to store and explore bird observations.
- its easy to use and has a app and web version.



## HOW DOES IT WORK?

### Join

Join as a surveyor or landholder or both filling up a quick form.

### Sites

Sites at a given property have to be registered too following a habitat assessment.

### Connect

Properties are connected with surveyors by location and availability.

### Survey

We count the birds each season within a time window and log sightings into Birdata.



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