

**Birds Australia CONGRESS**  
**13-15 August 2010, Townsville**  
**Provisional Program**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**18.00**

*Registration*

**19.00**

Welcome and opening reception

Opening by Alison Russell-French, President, Birds Australia.

Keynote address by Professor Stephen Williams, JCU

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**09.00**

Allan Briggs:

'Species in ecosystems or ecosystems without species'

Graham Harrington, Cameron Fletcher and Justin Perry:

'Habitat or species? Alternative conservation priorities in the context of the Carpentarian Grasswren'

Brigita Hansen, Jenny Lau, Richard H Loyn, Peter Menkhorst & Danny Rogers:

'Assessing estuarine condition for birds'

**Morning tea**

Sally Whatmough: 'The effects of urban expansion on the habitat and distribution of the Black-throated Finch'

Peter Buosi:

'Black-throated Finch: Review of ecology and threats'

Tony Grice:

'The Black-throated Finch Recovery Team - actions, achievements & challenges'

**Lunch**

Richard Jordan & Danae Moore:

'Newhaven Wildlife Sanctuary - a long-term bird survey project in the arid zone'

Danny Rogers:

'Discovery of the main staging posts of two Red Knot subspecies on threatened tidal flats in China'

Josephine MacHunter & Richard H Loyn:

'Sampling regimes for monitoring birds at the bioregional scale in Victoria'

**Afternoon tea**

Tony Dymond:

'Richmond Woodlands IBA'

Amanda Freeman:

'Recovery of bird communities in Acacia-dominated secondary forest'

Justin Perry:

'Bioacoustics and sensor networks - the next logical step in monitoring birds for conservation in Australia'

**19.00**

*Congress dinner*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**09.00**

Judit Szabo & Stephen Garnett:

'Trends in the status of Australian birds'

Stephanie Lemm, & Sarah Jacob:

'Management of seabirds on the Great Barrier Reef - increasing resilience in a changing climate'

April Reside, J VanDerWal, JJ Watson & AS Kutt :

'Predicting the effects of changing fire regimes on tropical savanna birds using species distribution modelling'

**Morning tea**

Peter Menkhorst:

'Re-introduction of the helmeted Honeyeater - spreading the risk for Victoria's bird emblem'

Malcolm Turner, Peter Driscoll, Sarah Salmon & Andrew McDougall:

'Disappearing seabirds on the Gt. Barrier Reef'

Discussion Panel - chair Stephen Garnett.

**13.00**

*Close & Lunch*

Program subject to change.