

CONGRESS PROGRAM 13 - 15 August 2010, Plaza Inn Hotel, Townsville
Hosted by Birds Australia North Queensland

Friday 13th

- 18.00 - 20.30** **Registration** (bar and complimentary fingerfood).
- 18.45 – 18.50** **Welcome by Alan Gillanders, Convenor, BANQ**
- 18.50 – 18.55** **Opening by Alison Russell-French, President, Birds Australia**
- 18.55 – 19.25** **Keynote Address by Prof. Stephen Williams, JCU**

“Conservation of Australian birds in a changing climate: impacts, challenges and adaptation”

- 19.25 – 19.30** **Presentation of the 2009 Serventy Medal to Dr. Carla Catterall by Alison Russell-French, President, Birds Australia.**
- 19.30 – 19.50** **Address by 2009 Serventy medalist Dr. Carla Catterall,**

“Can forest bird communities be restored and how could we know?”

Saturday 14th

- 08.00 – 12.00.** **Registration.**
- Session 1** **08.45 – 08.50** **Introduction**
- 08.50 - 09.05** **Allan Briggs _ Conservation: Habitat or Species?**
- 09.10 – 09.25** **Graham Harrington – Monitoring: Habitat or Species?**
- 09.30 – 09.45** **April Reside – Modeling effects of fire on savanna birds.**
- 09.50 – 10.10** **discussion – chair Prof. Steve Williams**
- 10.10 – 11.10** **Housekeeping and Refreshments**
- Session 2** **11.10 - 11.25** **Sally Whatmough – Urban expansion on Black-throated Finch.**
- 11.30 – 11.45** **Peter Buosi – Black-throated Finch: ecology and threats.**
- 11.50 – 12.05** **Tony Grice – Black-throated Finch Recovery Team.**
- 12.10 – 12.30** **discussion – chair Dr. Justin Perry**
- 12.30 – 13.40** **Lunch**
- Session 3** **13.40 – 13.55** **Richard Jordan – Bird monitoring in the arid zone.**
- 14.00 – 14.15** **Danny Rogers – Migration staging posts for waders.**
- 14.20 – 14.35** **Josephine MacHunter - Monitoring birds at the bioregional scale.**
- 14.40 – 15.00** **discussion – chair Dr. Amanda Freeman**
- 15.00 – 15.40** **Refreshments**
- Session 4** **15.40 – 15.55** **Tony Dymond – Monitoring Richmond Woodlands IBA.**
- 16.00 – 16.15** **Amanda Freeman – Bird recovery in secondary rainforest.**
- 16.20 – 16.35** **Justin Perry – Monitoring birds acoustically.**
- 16.40 – 17.00** **discussion – chair Dr. Tony Grice**
- 19.00 – 22.00** **Congress Dinner Plaza Inn Hotel**
 Guest Speaker: Sean Dooley, Editor Wingspan.

Sunday 15th

	09.00 - 09.05	Introduction
Session 5	09.05 – 09.20	Peter Menkhorst – <i>Re-introduction as a conservation strategy.</i>
	09.25 – 09.40	Birgita Hansen – <i>Assessment of estuarine condition for birds.</i>
	09.45 – 10.00	Malcolm Turner – <i>Disappearing birds on the Barrier Reef.</i>
	10.05 – 10.20	<i>discussion – chair Alison Russell-French</i>
	10.20 – 11.00	Housekeeping and Refreshments
Session 6	11.00 – 11.15	Stephen Garnett – <i>Trends in Australian bird populations.</i>
	11.15 – 11.30	<i>discussion – chair Dr. David Westcott</i>
	11.30 – 12.30	<i>Synoptic Discussion Panel - chair Dr. Carla Catterall.</i>
	12.30 - 13.30	Lunch and close
	14.00 – 19.00	Excursions

- **All papers to be delivered strictly within 15 minutes followed by 5 minutes for a question and changeover between speakers. Each session has 20 minutes for discussion structured by the Chairperson.**