

The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

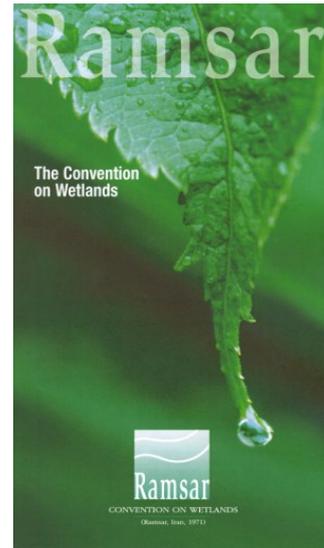
World Wetlands Day 2010

This Years Theme

"CARING FOR WETLANDS"



Field and Game Australia
Metropolitan Branch



Habitat Conservation Info Report No.1/2010

Subject: Replacement, Repairs, Maintenance of Nest Boxes to Create Artificial Tree Hollows for Native Birds next to the Darebin Creek in the City of Whittlesea, Victoria, Australia.

Purpose: The following report is aimed to inform, educate and promote partnerships and alliances with people and groups from all walks of life.

World Wetlands Day Held: Sunday 31 January 2010

Weather: A perfect day

Commenced Working Bee: 9-15am – **Completed** 11.35am

Background

What is Ramsar?

The Convention on Wetlands, signed in Ramsar a city of Iran, in 1971, is an intergovernmental treaty which provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources. The event is held each year on the 2 February around the world.

Log on to Ramsar and find out more about how you can assist our wetlands today. (www.ramsar.org)

Volunteers attending working bee: Peter Gusatto, Anthony Rutter, Nicholas Rutter, Lidia Rutter, Stephanie Rutter, Gabrielle Rutter, Felicity Rutter, Todd Hunter and John Caven.

General Report

Our short program for the morning was to replace and repair parrot nest boxes at Norris Bank Parklands in Bundoora, Victoria, Australia. As we arrived parrots flew over our heads squawking madly.

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*A Rainbow Lorikeet (*Trichoglossus haematodus*) perched outside parrot nest box No.119*

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Young Rainbow Lorikeets recently hatched in parrot nest box 119

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Rainbow Lorikeet objecting to our presence

Boxes replaced 154, 161, 27, 121, 25, 26, 127 and 30 all others serviced with fresh wood shavings to enhance breeding.

Summary

Since Field and Game Australia were formed in 1958 members have enjoyed a proud history of wetland restoration. Field and Game Australia undertake voluntary conservation projects using its own financial and human resources. These may involve water control structures, revegetation, vermin control, waterfowl counts and nesting boxes.

What will you be doing to heighten awareness of the value of wetlands in 2010-11.

“Don’t just talk about Habitat Conservation get out there and do it”

Until next time.

Regards,

John Caven
Conservation Officer/Secretary,
Metropolitan Branch

Mission Statement

Field and Game Australia is a voluntary organisation formed by hunters. We partner with Government and the community in the management and sustainable utilisation of Australia's wetlands for future generation by protecting game habitats through conservation. We promote responsible firearm ownership, ethical hunting and clay target shooting. (www.fga.net.au)

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