

Frogsheet Winter 1999

From The President

The society has lost one of its most conscientious workers with the sudden death of Lockyer co-ordinator Carol Lorenzen. Carol gave freely of her experience to make the community in which she lived, aware of the need to understand the environmental value of frogs and other wildlife.

The contribution of Queensland Museum staff to the planning and running of the Frog Symposium in February was not acknowledged in the last Frogsheet. Provision of the venue and expertise of several staff members ensured the successful smooth running and presentation of the program. Thank you to Dr. Rosemary Murray for editing the presentation papers.

Toowoomba naturalists hosted a frog workshop that was well supported. Co-ordinator David Hills is keen to encourage local residents to develop an interest in frogs of their areas. Other members have been kept busy speaking at various functions.

Happy frogging,

Ruth Wait

Executive Committee

New Members

Area Co-ordinators

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By the Frog Pond - for junior readers

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Contributions

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- Ashgrove - Jenny Holdway
- Pine Rivers - Laraine Dodd
- Redlands - Leanne Marshall
- Toowoomba - Dave Hills
- Yeronga - Peter Green

Brisbane Frog Survey

Adelotus brevis - Tusked Frog

Colonies were found in low numbers (which is normal for this species) in 30 of 119 areas surveyed. It was most common in the catchment that drains the South East slopes of the Brisbane Forest Park. Annerley, Bardon, Enoggera, Kenmore Hills, Stafford, The Gap and the Brisbane Forest Park were the most productive areas.

Most of the records were from streams with good water quality in the upper reaches with some small established colonies existing in well vegetated backyard frog ponds. Populations also exists in the Greenslopes, Coopers Plains, Holland Park, Moorooka, Tarragindi areas. Very few observations outside the areas stated. Locally common but generally should be considered rare.

Assa darlingtoni - Australian Marsupial Frog

No records during our survey; a high altitude rainforest species historically recorded from Maijala NP, cannot realistically be called a Brisbane species.

Crinia parinsignifera - Beeping Froglet

Recorded from 27 areas mostly centered in the less urbanised South West Brisbane. Algester, Bellbowrie, Berrinba, Burbank, Capalaba, Carindale, Karawatha Forest, Mackenzie, Moggill and Parkinson were the areas that contain sizable colonies. Urbanisation certainly affects this species adversely; undeveloped large areas of woodland with flooded depressions with associated native grasses are the main requirements of this species. It was not recorded in areas north of the river. In twenty years time the species will only be found in areas like Karawatha Forest, major greenbelt areas are required if once abundant and common species of Brisbane fauna continue to remain as listed species within our city boundaries.

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