# A Preliminary Vertebrate Fauna Survey of Millstream Chichester National Park Naturebank Envelopes-Narrina Gorge and Ashburton

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Amphibolurus longirostris photo M.A. Cowan



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## **Executive Summary**

A terrestrial vertebrate fauna survey was undertaken over a period of seven nights from the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013 to the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2013 at two potential NatureBank sites in the vicinity of Python Pool, Millstream Chichester National Park. Remote camera traps within the same area were established on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2013 and remained in operation until the end of the survey in September 2013. Data collected from this work incorporating frogs, reptiles, mammals and birds is presented here along with records for the National Park extracted from reports and electronic database sources including those of the Western Australian Museum, the Department of Parks and Wildlife and Atlas of Living Australia.

This work identified a total of 110 species, including two frogs, 35 reptiles, 54 birds and nine mammals, within the survey area. Six of these species (five reptiles and one mammal) were the first documented occurrences within the National Park, although almost certainly most have been observed in the past but remain unrecorded in the literature or online databases. None of these species are range extensions, with all species occurring within the range of their known distributions.

Within the National Park there are records for at least 20 species of conservation significance including 13 species of birds, four species of mammals and three reptiles. Ten of these are priority-listed species, four are threatened and seven, all birds, are migratory. Of these conservation significant species only two were recorded during this survey and they were *Dasyurus hallucatus* (Northern Quoll) and *Merops ornatus* (Rainbow Bee-eater), with the former listed as threatened under state and national legislation and the latter protected under international treaties for migratory birds. Neither of these species were recorded within or utilising the primary areas proposed for infrastructure development and are unlikely to be adversely affected by the scope of the proposed developments at either site.

Of the two proposed development sites, Narrina Gorge and Ashburton, the Narrina Gorge site has the highest species richness although much of this was associated with Narrina Creek. The Narrina Creek area would provide considerably better opportunity for viewing native species, particularly for birds, than the relatively small creeks immediately adjacent and bordering parts of the Ashburton envelope.

### 1. Introduction

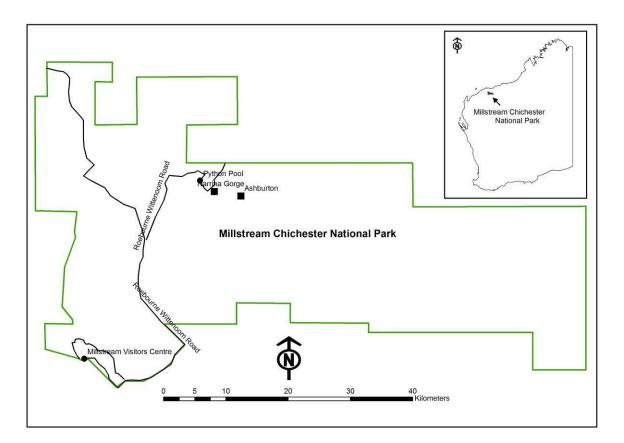
Naturebank sites are aimed at developing ecotourism accommodation opportunities in an environmentally sensitive manner within Western Australia's conservation estate. The identification of prospective locations is coordinated and managed by the Department of Parks and Wildlife in conjunction with Tourism WA. The Millstream Chichester National Park has been identified as a prospective location for such development opportunities, specifically within an area towards the northern perimeter of the National Park. Here two locations have been identified as being potentially suitable for a Naturebank development site and these are the Narrina Gorge and Ashburton envelopes. Locations for these within the National Park are identified in Figure 1. Both sites are within close proximity of the well known tourist attraction of Python Pool, with Narrina Gorge (21° 21' 5" S, 117° 15' 44") approximately 3 km to the southeast in a direct line and Ashburton (21° 21' 15" S, 117° 18' 0" E) approximately 6.5 km, slightly south of east. Both sites are within the Pilbara Bioregion of the Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation of Australia (IBRA) as defined by Thackway and Cresswell (1995). However the sites are situated in different subregions of the Pilbara IBRA with the Narrina Gorge site in the Chichester Subregion and the Ashburton site in the Roebourne Subregion.

The area of both envelope options are dominated by relatively open and flat spinifex (*Triodia* spp.) plain on sandy substrates. The Narrina Gorge area is the more complex of the two options, having a greater density of eucalypts, particularly towards the southern margin of the envelope, as well as being interspersed with shrubs (see Davis, 2013 for detailed vegetation descriptions) and having low rocky outcropping and a stony mantle primarily towards the western and eastern margins of the plain. The proposed Narrina Gorge envelope also includes a section of Narrina Creek with its steep banks of riparian vegetation comprising large eucalypts and dense grassy understorey. Rocky outcropping including large boulder piles of deep red iron rich rock occurs on the margins of the Creek at a number of locations but particularly on the north-eastern margin of the development envelope (see Figure 2a). The Ashburton area also borders a drainage line along the entire length of the north-western edge of the envelope, and while a much smaller system than that in the Narrina Gorge envelope, it still comprises a riparian zone with a more diverse and denser tree and shrub layer than the adjacent plain.

For sites to become available for development it is necessary to have pre-release clearances that meet environmental and cultural objectives. One of the environmental clearances required is that of a preliminary fauna assessment to 1) provide an inventory of species present within the development envelope and 2) identify species that occur or are likely to occur and have threatened, specially

protected, or priority conservation status under state and/or Commonwealth legislation and that may be adversely impacted on by any development of the area.

The work reported on here was targeted at terrestrial vertebrates and birds with a trapping program undertaken at both Narrina Gorge and Ashburton proposed development envelopes.



**Figure 1**. Map showing position of potential Naturebank locations (solid squares) within the Millstream Chichester National Park. Inset map shows position of the Park within Western Australia.

#### 2. Desktop Assessment

Records were collated for the entire Park from Atlas of Living Australia (2013) along with the records from the WA Museum database (Western Australian Museum, 2012), from NatureMap (Department of Parks and Wildlife, 2013) and the Johnstone and Burbidge Pilbara bird database (Johnstone and Burbidge, 2013).

A number of written sources were also examined for additional records (Burbidge, 1971; Ecologia, 1999; Gibson and McKenzie, 2009; Doughty *et al*, 2011). An inventory from these sources is presented in Appendix B (frogs, reptiles and mammals) and Appendix E (birds).

The earliest records of collections in the Western Australian Museum (WAM) databases for reptiles, birds and mammals for the Millstream Chichester National Park area date back to 1958 when W.D.L. Ride led a Museum expedition to the Hamersley Range (Ride, 1959). While other expeditions to the area had occurred earlier (e.g. Gregory, 1884; Whitlock, 1923) there appears to be few collections from these; although, there are a number of observational records of birds in Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) database form the Historical Bird Atlas (Birds Australia, 2013) dating back to 1922 and presumably a result of the Whitlock expedition. In September of 1969 the Department of Fisheries and Fauna undertook a survey of the area (Burbidge, 1971) however the records from this work accounts for relatively few species of the known fauna (Appendix B). A number of other individuals and organisations have contributed additional species information through the fauna collections of the WAM over the ensuing years but post the Hamersley expedition the most significant collections appear to have been those made by the late G. M. Storr (Curator of Herpetology at the WA Museum, 1962-1986) between 1961 and 1962 followed by the Department of Parks and Wildlife's (DPaW) Pilbara Biological Survey between 2002 and 2007(George et al., 2009; Doughty et al., 2011).

The focus of most of this historic work has been towards the south-western corner of the Park in relatively close proximity to the larger permanent waters of the Fortescue River such as at Deep Reach and Crossing Pool. Python Pool, which is close to the Naturebank envelopes (Figure 1), has been a focal point for more limited sampling while three of the thirteen Pilbara biological survey sites within the Park are within a few kilometres of the Naturebank sites. Ten sites along a linear transect closely aligned to the Dampier - Paraburdoo rail corridor were surveyed in September 1999 (Ecologia, 1999).

While a relatively comprehensive species list now exists for the Park, detailed knowledge of the spatial occurrence of species within the Park remains relatively poorly known. The collated historic data for frogs, reptiles and mammals is presented in Appendix B and for birds in Appendix E. For frog and reptile species the list comprises of four frogs, one turtle, 16 geckoes, four legless lizards, six dragons, 30 skinks, nine varanids and 18 snakes. This totals 88 species however at least four skinks, one gecko and four of the snake species remain unverified within any collections. These unverified taxa are: *Ctenotus robustus, C. serventyi, C. schomburgkii, Lerista jacksoni, Strophurus elderi, Acanthophis pyrrhus, Antaresia stimsoni, Demansia psammophis and Suta punctata.* While the presence of all of these species is possible it is also possible for a few (the skinks in particular) that they have been confused with other similar species that are known to be present in the Park. Without confirmation through photographs or specimens lodged with the

WA Museum these will remain unresolved. For birds there are observational and specimen records totaling more than 156 species from 52 families. Many of these are associated with permanent water in the south-western part of the Park and therefore will likely be only occasional visitors to ephemeral water in other areas. For mammals there are records of one monotreme, ten marsupials, eight rodents, 14 bats and two introduced carnivores, Canis lupus dingo (Dingo) *and Felis catus* (Cat). Two of the marsupials are large macropods-*Macropus robustus* (Hills Kangaroo or Euro) and *M. rufus* (Red Kangaroo).

Of these species of fauna a number have special conservation status with, *Liasis* olivaceus barroni (Pilbara olive python), Falco hypoleucos (Grey Falcon), and Rhinonicteris aurantius (Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat) listed as vulnerable under both State (Wildlife Conservation Act 1950) and Commonwealth (Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999) legislation. Under the same legislation, Dasyurus hallucatus (Northern Quoll) and Rostratula benghalensis (Painted Snipe) are listed as endangered. Others given priority listing under State legislation are the reptiles Notoscincus butleri (Lined Soil-crevice Skink) (P4), Ramphotyphlops ganei (species of blind snake) (P1), the birds Ixobrychus flavicollis (Black Bittern) (P3), Ardeotis australis (Australian Bustard) (P4), Burhinus grallarius (Bush Stone-curlew) (P4), Neochmia ruficauda subclarescens (Star Finch)(P4) and Amytornis striatus (Striated Grasswren) (P4); the rodents Leggadina lakedownensis (P4) and Pseudomys chapmani (Western Pebble-mound Mouse) (P4); the bat Macroderma gigas (Ghost Bat) (P4). A number of birds are also listed under international treaties for migratory birds (schedule 3) and these include Vanellus tricolor (Banded Lapwing), Numenius phaeopus (Whimbrel), Philomachus pugnax (Ruff), Ardea alba (Great Egret), A. ibis (Cattle Egret), Merops ornatus (Rainbow Bee-eater) and Haliaeetus leucogaster (White-bellied Sea-Eagle).

# 3. Methodology

Pit trap lines were established at the Narrina Gorge and Ashburton envelopes to sample the broad habitat types. Thus at each site there was a pit trap line established on the spinifex dominated plain and another site established within the riparian vegetation associated with the drainage lines. Figure 2a shows the layout of traps relative to the footprint at the Narrina Gorge site with Figure 2b showing the layout at the Ashburton site. Sites P1 and P3 are the spinifex plain pit trap lines at Narrina Gorge and Ashburton respectively and sites P2 and P4 are the riparian vegetation pit trap lines at Narrina Gorge and Ashburton, respectively.

Each pit trap line consisted of an aluminium flywire fence approximately 50-60 m long and 30 cm high with the bottom few centimetres buried in the soil. At approximately five metres in from either end of the fence, and then at around 10 metre intervals, a pitfall trap was positioned with its opening centrally located under the fence and flush to the ground. The pitfall traps used were 250 mm wide by 400 mm deep plastic buckets (20 L) with six established along each trap line. Insulating material in the form of small polystyrene packing trays, along with

small amounts of soil and litter, were placed in the bottom of buckets to provide protection for trapped animals from both weather and predation. At each site six funnel traps were also established. These were set in pairs on either side of the aluminium fence line and located approximately centrally between two pit traps (Figure 3).

Associated at each pit trapping site was a line of Elliot traps (E1 to E4) consisting of 25 medium sized traps (type A). These were placed in lines (Figure 2a and 2b) with a spacing of 10 to 15 metres between each trap. Two additional Elliot trap lines (E5 and E6) were established at the Narrina Gorge envelope due to its larger extent and to ensure reasonable spatial coverage for this preliminary survey (Figure 2a). Due to the potential for species such as *Dasyurus hallucatus* to occupy or utilise Narrina Creek, four cage traps (C1-C4) were established (Figure 2a). Each Elliot trap and cage trap was baited with a small ball of universal bait-a combination of oats and peanut butter with the addition of finely chopped bacon. Bait was replenished as required and all traps were re-baited after three days. All traps were checked and cleared early each morning.

All pit trapping sites, including funnel traps, were established on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2013 and then operated for seven days/nights through to the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2013. Elliot trap lines E3, E4 and E5 were established on the 5<sup>th</sup> September while sites E1 and E2 along with cages C1-C4 were established the following day, 6th September, and finally E6 on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013. All traps were closed on the 11<sup>th</sup> September. Coordinate details traps at each site are given in Appendix D while a general habitat photo for each of the pit and Elliot trapping sites is provided in Appendix F.

Captured animals were identified to species level and had body mass (g), sex and reproductive status recorded. For reptiles, snout-vent length (mm) was also recorded with a plastic ruler, and for mammals additional measurements taken were cranium (mm) and pes length (mm) with a set of vernier callipers. A small mark from a paint pen or marker pen (xylene free) was applied to the outside of one ear for mammals and to the abdomen of reptiles so it was possible to determine recaptures over the trapping period.

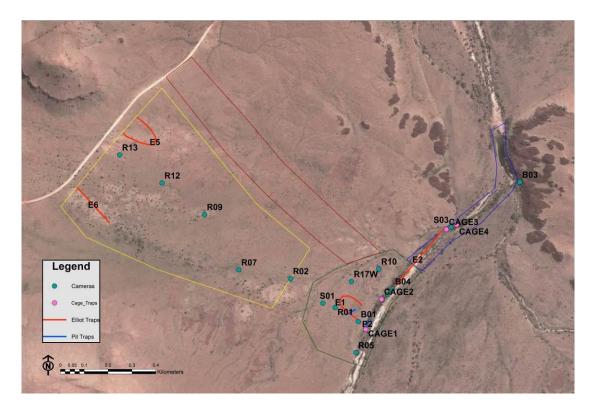
During the course of each day and during the process of checking traps a list of bird species seen and heard was collated for both the Narrina Gorge and Ashburton sites.

Prior to the trapping survey, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2013, 25 motion sensitive cameras were established across the two survey envelopes with 15 of these at Narrina Gorge and 10 at Ashburton. Their positions across the two envelopes are identified in Figures 2a and 2b. Each camera was attached to a 450mm tall plastic tent peg with the camera facing south to minimise optical aberrations from direct sunlight. The lens was directed at a slight angle towards the ground 1.5 to 2 m in front of the camera and a small amount of tuna oil was placed on the ground at this

position to act as an attractant for animals. These were left in situ until the final day of the field survey on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and were thus in position for 35 days.

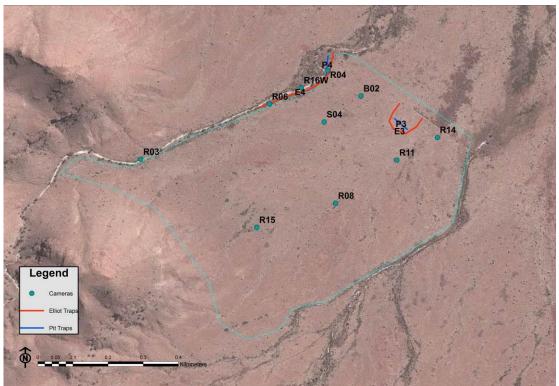
Species nomenclature for amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals followed that of the Western Australian Museum. The Western Australian Museum field guides were the primary source used for reptile species identification (Storr et al. 1983, 1990, 1999 and 2002) although natural history information was also sought from 'A Complete Guide to Reptiles of Australia' (Wilson and Swan 2008). Reference material for mammals was from 'The Mammals of Australia' (Van Dyck and Strahan 2008) and 'A Field Guide to the Mammals of Australia' (Menkhorst and Knight 2004). Bird identification was through a 'Field Guide to Australian Birds' (Morcombe 2004).

Species accumulation data was analysed for vertebrate captures from the pit-fall trapping survey only in Primer-E (Clarke and Gorley 2006) using the Jackknife 1 and Chao1 richness estimators, which are considered two of the best performers for analysing abundance data (Magurran 2004).

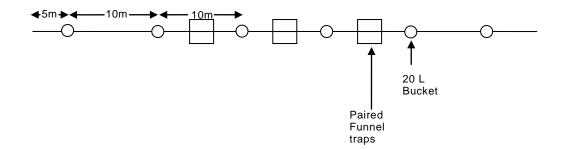


**Figure 2a.** Layout of both pit trap lines and Elliot trap lines along with cage traps and the position of the camera traps for Narrina Gorge envelope. The different coloured polygons outline proposed use areas: Green- NatureBank envelope, Red-

Access corridor, Yellow-Public camp ground, and Blue- Narrina Gorge river envelope.



**Figure 2b.** Layout of both pit trap lines and Elliot trap lines along with the position of camera traps for the Ashburton envelope (light green line).

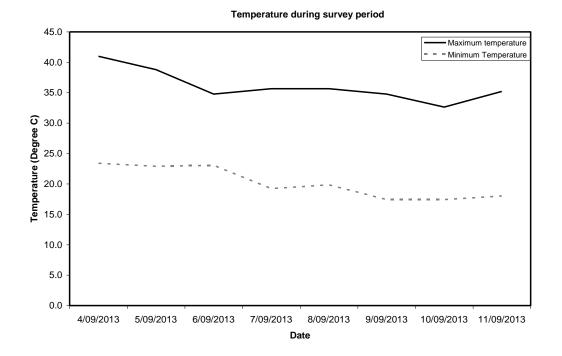


**Figure 3.** Drift fence and trap layout showing spacing and arrangement of each of the traps types. Spacing between each of the buckets was approximately 10 m with a pair of funnel traps positioned in between all but one pair of buckets.

## 4. Field Investigation

The timing of the survey was targeted for early spring as temperatures are generally high enough to promote good reptile activity. Temperatures data are

presented in Figure 4 and were warm - hot throughout the survey with maximum daytime temperature ranging from 32.6 to 40.1 °C (mean 36.1, SD 2.6) and minimum temperatures ranging from 17.4 to 23.4°C (mean 20.2, SD 2.6). There was no precipitation during the survey period.



**Figure 4.** Climate data from the 4<sup>th</sup> of September to 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2013 was recorded with temperature data loggers set up at our camp site within 3.5km of both survey areas.

Over the course of the survey there were 265 captures of frogs, reptiles and mammals, with 149 individuals caught in pits, 44 in funnel traps, 46 in Elliot traps, four in cages and the remainder were camera detections. The total number of species of ground vertebrates recorded for the survey was 46, with 39 of these identified through trapping and another seven recorded by motion sensitive cameras only. Captures in the different types of survey methods are as follows: pits recorded 32 species; funnels: 19 species; Elliot traps: eight species; cage traps: two species; and camera traps: 15 species. Many species were detected with multiple methods. However, funnel traps only accounted for a single species not detected by other methods while camera traps accounted for seven species and pit traps for 11 species exclusively. Between the two envelopes there were 18 species at Narrina Gorge not detected at Ashburton while only eight species at Ashburton were not detected at Narrina Gorge.

For the birds, 54 species from 30 families were recorded with six of these species detected only by remote camera. Bird species richness was again significantly

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higher at the Narrina gorge site, with 51 species present while there were only 24 species at Ashburton. There were 30 species of bird identified at Narrina Gorge not recorded at Ashburton while only three species recorded at Ashburton not at Narrina Gorge. These three Ashburton records were only made by motion sensitive cameras.

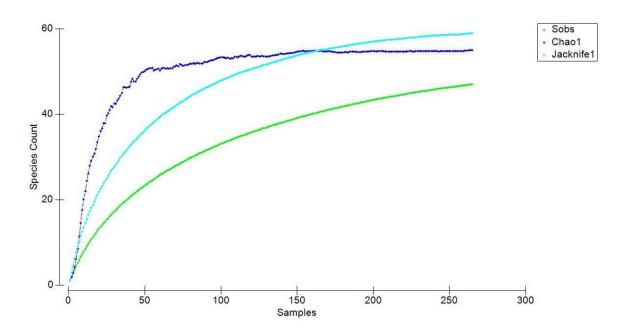
Of the mammals, only two species were relatively abundant and these were Pseudomys desertor (Desert Mouse) and Dasykaluta rosamondae (Kaluta) with 24 and 13 detections respectively. For both species, abundance was greatest at the Narrina Gorge site and primarily in association with the spinifex plain. For the reptiles, the most common species were Diplodactylus conspicilatus (Fat-tailed Gecko, n = 42) followed by *Lucasium stenodactylum* (Sand-plain Gecko, n = 25), Ctenotus grandis (Grand Ctenotus, n = 22), Ramphotyphlops ammodytes (a Blind Snake, n = 12) and *Ctenotus pantherinus* (Leopard Skink, n = 10). All these species were common at both sites other than R. ammodytes which was only detected once at one of the Ashburton sites. Again these species are primarily associated with the spinifex sandplain, apart from *C.grandis* which had a greater association with tussock grass areas of the riparian vegetation found in Site P2 and Site P4. Species regularly sighted were *Ctenophorus isolepis* (Military Dragon) observed at both envelopes on the spinifex sandplain, Amphibolurus longirostris (Long-nosed Dragon) was particularly common along Narrina Creek while Ctenophorus caudicinctus (Ring-tailed Dragon) was regularly sighted towards the north western extent of the Narrina Gorge envelope where low rocky outcropping occurs.

For three species of monitor lizards, V. giganteus (Perentie), V. eremius (Pygmy Desert Monitor) and V. panoptes (Yellow-spotted Monitor), this is the first time their presence has been documented at Millstream Chichester National Park. The known distribution for these species includes the Park, and their occurrence here is expected. These species have probably been anecdotally observed previously, but not officially recorded. Other species which had not been recorded prior to this survey are the skink *Ctenotus hanloni* (Nimble Ctenotus), the snake *Pseudonaja mengdeni* (Gwardar) as well as *Petrogale rothschildi* (Rothschild's Rock-wallaby), with the latter two species again likely to have been observed in the past. Introduced species present include *Mus musculus* (House Mouse), *Felis catus* (Cat) and *Canis lupus dingo* (Dingo), with the former two detected at both sites, primarily in the riparian vegetation, while *Canis lupus dingo* was only recorded on the one occasion by camera at the Ashburton site.

The conservation significant species, *Dasyurus hallucatus* (Northern Quoll), was caught in cage traps at Narrina Gorge and detected on six separate cameras (Appendix D) with four of these at Narrina Gorge and the other two at Ashburton. All of these detections were within the creek lines associated with each site. Only two birds of conservation significance were detected and these were *Burhinus grallarius* (Bush Stone-curlew) which is a Priority species and *Merops ornatus* (Rainbow Bee-eater) which is protected through international migratory bird agreements.

During the course of the survey and in the process of establishing cameras a number of foot traverses of the primary habitat types in both proposed development areas were made. During these any observed species or their sign was recorded. A particular target was any evidence of the priority listed species *Pseudomys chapmani* (Western Pebble-mound Mouse) however it remained undetected during the course of this field investigation.

When species accumulation data were plotted for the entire survey trapping captures, the graph was beginning to approach an asymptote (Figure 5). This permutated data was then compared against the Chao1 and Jacknife1 indicators, which are considered amongst the most robust species accumulation indices (Magurran, 2004). The results suggest that this work detected a high proportion of species likely to be present with 80% for Jacknife1 and 85% for Chao1 indices. At the individual Narrina Gorge or Ashburton site scale the predicted species proportion was generally a little lower with Ashburton having a predicted percentage of 65% for the Jacknife1 and 100% for the Chao1 while for Narrina Gorge it was72% for the Jacknife1 and 74% for the Chao1 estimator.



**Figure 5.** Species accumulation curves for species observed (Sobs) in green, for the Chao1 species richness estimator in dark blue and, for the first order Jacknife1 estimator in light blue.

#### 5. Discussion

Of the two primary habitat types (spinifex sandplain and riparian vegetation) existing in the potential development envelopes the sandplain is the more homogeneous and widespread across the landscape. The creekline areas contain more habitat complexity with greater variability in topography, vegetation structure and floristic diversity and, at certain times of the year the presence of water. This is particularly the case for the Narrina Gorge which is significantly large than the drainage lines associated with the Ashburton site and still contained standing pools of water during this survey.

The fauna caught within both envelopes was typical of what would be expected in these types of habitats within the Pilbara with the riparian areas of the creeklines having greater species richness than the adjacent spinifex sandplains. The fauna at both sites was comparatively rich with more than 42% of the total reptile fauna, 50% of the mammal fauna (excluding bats) and 35% of the bird faunas known for the Millstream Chichester National Park identified. These species richness results for reptiles and mammals compare favourably with those of other earlier surveys in the area with none documenting more species than were identified here, other than for bats during in the Pilbara Biological Survey (Appendix B).

For a number of the specially protected species identified as existing within the broader area of the Millstream Chichester National Park there is only limited suitable habitat present within either the Narrina Gorge or Ashburton envelopes. Of the vulnerable and endangered species, *Liasis olivaceus barroni* and *Dasyurus hallucatus* are the most likely species to make any significant use of the available habitat and this would be focused along the riparian zones associated with drainage lines, particularly that of Narrina Creek due to its greater complexity and size when compared with that of the Ashburton envelope. Rock piles, again along the periphery of Narrina Creek, could form core habitat for these two species and indeed D. hallucatus was detected in the riparian areas of the creeks at both sites as well as within these rock piles at the Narrina Gorge site. How many individuals this represents is not possible to determine but is probably very few due to the small extent of these habitats within either envelope. For the wading bird Rostratula benghalensis and the raptor Falco hypoleucos, while there are records of both species within the Millstream Chichester National Park, given the small footprint containing common habitat types along with neither species observed during our survey they should not be considered as a risk. Similarly Rhinonicteris aurantius, which may forage along creek lines, only roosts in caves of which there are none within the immediate proximity of either envelope.

Of the priority species *Ramphotyphlops ganei* is only recorded from the south-western corner within the Park and little is known of its habitat requirements other than it may be associated with moist gorges and gullies (Wilson and Swan, 2008). The skink *Notoscincus butleri* is generally associated with rocky substrates with spinifex, often along creek lines or watercourses (Wilson and Swan, 2008) and this species was recorded at three of the Pilbara Biological Survey sites within close proximity of the Naturebank envelopes. While the broad spinifex plains are unlikely to support this species there are areas along Narrina Creek that may. All five priority bird species recorded from the Park could potentially make occasional use of areas within the envelopes although only

Burhinus grallarius was recorded during our survey, and this was only in Narrina Creek at the Narrina Gorge Site. This species is considered at greatest risk in the more southern parts of its range where its abundance has likely been affected by habitat clearing and it remains vulnerable to fox predation (Johnstone and Storr, 1998). Widespread nomadic species like Ardeotis australis may forage on spinifex plains as may Amytornis striatus but this habitat has a massive extent throughout Australia's interior. For Neochmia ruficauda it is frequently associated with creek lines but is likely to forage in areas adjacent or in close proximity to permanent water. *Ixobrychus flavicollis* prefers areas of permanent water, often incorporating reed beds. For mammals, both rodents, Leggadina lakedownensis and Pseudomys chapmani, have the potential to occur within the foot prints although there are no records within the immediate vicinity of the envelopes and there were no detections of these species from the three Pilbara Biological Survey sites within close proximity of the survey sites. The last priority mammal, the bat Macroderma gigas, much like R. aurantius is dependent on caves or old mine shafts for roosting sites. It forages over broad areas and could not be considered likely to be impacted by development within either of the envelopes due to the distance from any potential roost sites and the wide availability of the habitat types.

Seven species of bird recorded from the Millstream Chichester National Park are protected under international treaties for migratory species (Schedule 3) and these species are identified in Appendix E. Of these only one was recorded during the survey and this was *Merops ornatus* (Rainbow Bee-eater) where a pair were recorded within the creekline area of the Narrina Gorge site. This species migrates towards southern areas of Australia from as far north as Indonesia from around September and October to breed (Johnstone and Storr, 1998).

There were a few records of *Felis catus* as well as a single record of *Canis lupus dingo* on remote cameras and these were always associated with the drainage tracts. This probably results from the relative ease of movement through these areas (open vegetation when compared to the dense spinifex) along with greater prey abundance and in the case of Narrina Gorge, the presence of water.

#### 6. Conclusions and Recommendations

Both the Narrina Gorge site and the Ashburton site have relatively rich faunas, although the majority of species identified are common and widespread in the sampled habitat types. Only two species of conservation significance were identified (*Dasyurus hallucatus* and *Merops ornatus*) and both of these were within the broad drainage tract of Narrina Creek at the Narrina Gorge site. *Dasyurus hallucatus* was also recorded by remote camera in the creek line at the Ashburton site. The records of *D. hallucatus* at the Ashburton site probably represent foraging activity and or a movement corridor as individuals disperse through the landscape as there appears to be no suitable refuge habitat within that proposed development envelope. The Narrina Gorge area however has two areas associated with the creek that may form more permanent habitat for *D. hallucatus*: the large rugged boulder hills at the northern end of

the Narrina River envelope as well as a smaller rocky outcropping midway along the same envelope (Camera S03 in Figure 2a). Similarly to the Ashburton site this creek line would likely support some foraging and general movement of the species as evidenced by our camera detections and cage trapping. While a pair of *Merops ornatus* were observed, also within the Narrina River envelope, they did not appear to be nesting and the sites where they were heard and seen perching were primarily on the opposite bank to the development site and towards the northern extent of the river envelope.

The sandplain sites had lower overall species richness than the riparian zones associated with each of the envelopes, particularly for reptiles, with only around half the number of species recorded. Birds also had greatest diversity in and around the riparian vegetation associated with the creeklines and this was particularly the case at the Narrina Gorge site as the size of the system, prevalence of taller vegetation, including large eucalypts, and nature of the creek bed ensures water will persist for more extended periods than at the Ashburton site.

Primary development within the alluvial outwash plain sites at either location could not be considered likely to have any significant detrimental effect on fauna we have been able to identify in this survey, beyond the immediate disturbance zone, and given the wide extent of this habitat type and the relative commonality of the species within it, this would not be considered of either local or regional significance at the proposed development scale. While the riparian zones are the more speciose areas and include the two conservation significant species identified, the limitation of proposed development within this to a walk trail within the Narrina River envelope would be unlikely to affect the prevalence or continued persistence of these species.

With further work and as part of a formal site environmental impact assessment process it will be necessary to undertake a review and risk assessment in relation to both formally listed invertebrate species as well as those groups considered short range endemics although there is no evidence to suggest that there are species likely to be adversely impacted present within either envelope.

To maintain the broadest natural biodiversity values at either of these locations it is recommend that primary developments focus on the spinifex alluvial outwash plain and provide a non-building buffer between it and the riparian zones of the creeklines. Obviously it will be important to minimise any effects to drainage within these areas and to ensure the continued naturalness of vegetation and water quality within the creeks.

Due to the prevalence of feral cats within both envelopes, the fact that they can have a significant negative impact on a range of native species and evidence suggesting that they often increase in abundance around development sites, it would be advisable for any site development to monitor numbers and implement some control actions. These same sorts of actions may also be necessary for *Mus musculus*, although care would have to be taken to ensure that this species was not confused with several species of native rodent known to occupy the areas. A management program to address *M. musculus* would also make any development site less attractive to snakes.

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# 9. Appendices

# 9.1 Appendix A- Table of survey trapping results for terrestrial vertebrates.

	Narrina	a Gorge	Asht	ourton	Narrina	a Gorge
TAXON	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4	Site 5*	Site 6*
Hylidae						
Litoria rubella	-	+	-	-	-	-
Myobatrachidae						
Uperoleia russelli	-	+	-	-	-	-
Agamidae						
Amphibolurus longirostris	-	+	-	-	-	-
Ctenophorus caudicinctus	-	-	-	-	+	+
Ctenophorus isolepis	+	-	+	-	+	+
Pogona minor	-	-	+	+	-	-
Diplodactylidae						
Diplodactylus conspicillatus	+	-	+	+	-	-
Lucasium stenodactylum	+	+	+	+	-	-
Strophurus elderi	-	+	-	+	-	-
Gekkonidae						
Gehyra pilbara	-	-	-	+	-	-
Gehyra variegata	-	+	+	+	-	-
Heteronotia binoei	-	+	-	-	-	-
Pygopodidae						
Delma pax	_	+	+	-	_	_
Lialis burtonis	-	-	+	+	-	-
Scincidae						
Ctenotus duricola	+	-	-	+	-	-
Ctenotus grandis	-	+	-	+	+	-
Ctenotus hanloni	+	-	-	+	-	-
Ctenotus pantherinus	+	-	+	-	+	-
Ctenotus saxatilis	-	+	-	-	-	-
Egernia formosa	-	+	-	-	-	-
Glaphyromorphus isolepis	-	+	-	-	-	-
Lerista verhmens	-	-	-	+	-	-
Menetia greyii	-	+	-	+	-	-
Morethia ruficauda	+	+	-	-	-	-
Tiliqua multifasciata	-	-	+	+	-	-

	Narrina Gorge		Ashburton		Narrina Gorge	
TAXON	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4	Site 5*	Site 6
Varanidae						
Varanus acanthurus	-	+	_	_	_	_
Varanus eremius	+	<u>_</u>	+	_	_	_
Varanus giganteus	-	_	-	+	-	_
Varanus gouldii	+	-	-	-	-	-
Varanus panoptes	-	_	_	+	-	-
Varanus tristis	-	+	-	-	-	-
		·				
Elapidae						
Furina ornata	-	+	-	-	-	-
Pseudechis australis	-	+	-	-	+	-
Pseudonaja mengdeni	-	+	-	+	-	-
Vermicella snelli	-	-	-	+	-	-
Typhlopidae						
Ramphotyphlops ammodytes	+	+	-	+	-	-
Ramphotyphlops grypus	+	+	-	-	-	-
Dasyuridae						
Dasykaluta rosamondae	+	-	+	+	-	-
Dasyurus hallucatus	-	+	-	-	-	-
Ningaui timealeyi	+	-	-	-	-	-
Macropodidae						
Macropus robustus	-	+	-	+	-	-
Petrogale rothschildi	-	+	-	-	-	-
Muridae						
Mus musculus	-	+	-	+	-	-
Pseudomys desertor	+	-	+	+	+	+
Pseudomys hermannsburgensis	+	-	+	-	-	-
Zyzomys argurus	-	+	-	-	-	-
Species of Frogs	0	2	0	0	0	0
Species of Reptiles	11	2 19	10	18	5	2
Species of Mammals						
Individuals of Frogs	4	5	3	4	1	1
Individuals of Reptiles	0	8	0	0	0	0
······································	65	54	32	50	7	2

\* designates sites where only Elliot traps were used.

_	Museum Records	Fisheries and Wildlife	Ecologia Fauna Survey 1999	Pilbara Biological Survey	Adjacent Pilbara Biological Survey Sites	NatureBank Survey	Conservation Code
Taxon							
Hylidae							
Cyclorana maini	+						
Litoria rubella	+		+			+	
Myobatrachidae							
Pseudophryne douglasi	+						
Uperoleia saxatilis	+		+			+	
Cheluidae							
Chelodina steindachneri	+	+					
Agamidae							
Ctenophorus caudicinctus	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Ctenophorus isolepis	+	+		+		+	
Ctenophorus nuchalis	+			+			
Amphibolurus longirostris	+	+	+	+		+	
Pogona minor	+		+	+	+	+	
Tympanocryptis cephalus	+						
Diplodactylidae							
Diplodactylus conspicillatus	+		+	+	+	+	
Diplodactylus elderi			+				
Diplodactylus galaxias	+			+	+		
Diplodactylus mitchelli	+			+			
Lucasium stenodactylum	+		+	+	+	+	
Lucasium wombeyi	+			+	+		
Oedura marmorata	+						
Rhynchoedura ornata	+		+	+			
Strophurus elderi	+	+		+		+	
Gekkonidae							
Gehyra pilbara	+		+			+	
Gehyra punctata	+			+	+		
Gehyra purpurascens	+						
Gehyra variegata	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Heteronotia binoei	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Heteronotia spelea	+						
Nephrurus wheeleri	+						

# **9.2** Appendix B- Terrestrial vertebrates recorded in Millstream Chichester National Park.

	Museum Records	Fisheries and Wildlife	Ecologia Fauna Survey 1999	Pilbara Biological Survey	Adjacent Pilbara Biological Survey Sites	NatureBank Survey	Conservatior Code
Taxon							
Pygopodidae							
Delma elegans	+	+	+				
Delma nasuta	+						
Delma pax	+		+			+	
Lialis burtonis	+	+				+	
Scincidae							
Carlia munda	+		+	+			
Carlia triacantha				+			
Cryptoblepharus buchananii	+	+		+			
Cryptoblepharus plagiocephalus	+						
Cryptoblepharus ustulatus	+						
Ctenotus duricola	+		+	+	+	+	
Ctenotus grandis	+		+	+	+	+	
Ctenotus hanloni						+	
Ctenotus helenae	+		+	+			
Ctenotus pantherinus	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Ctenotus robustus *							
Ctenotus rubicundus	+		+	+			
Ctenotus saxatilis	+		+	+	+	+	
Ctenotus serventyi *							
Ctenotus schomburgkii *			+				
Cyclodomorphus melanops	+	+	+	+			
Egernia cygnitos	+						
Egernia formosa	+					+	
Egernia pilbarensis	+						
Eremiascincus isolepis	+	+	+	+		+	
Lerista bipes	+						
Lerista flammicauda	+			+			
Lerista jacksoni *				+			
Lerista muelleri	+	+	+	+			
Lerista verhmens	+			+		+	
Menetia greyii	+			+	+	+	
Menetia surda	+			+			
Morethia ruficauda	+		+	+	+	+	
Notoscincus butleri	+		+	+	+		P4
Tiliqua multifasciata	+		+			+	
Varanidae							
Varanus acanthurus	+		+			+	
Varanus brevicauda	+		+	+	+		
Varanus bushi	+						
Varanus eremius						+	
Varanus giganteus						+	

	Museum Records	Fisheries and Wildlife	Ecologia Fauna Survey 1999	Pilbara Biological Survey	Adjacent Pilbara Biological Survey Sites	NatureBank Survey	Conservation Code
Taxon							
Varanus gouldii	+	+				+	
Varanus panoptes						+	
Varanus pilbarensis	+						
Varanus tristis	+	+				+	
Boidae							
Antaresia perthensis	+		+				
Antaresia stimsoni *			+				
Liasis olivaceus subsp. barroni		+					Threatened
Elapidae							
Acanthophis pyrrhus *			+				
Brachyurophis approximans	+						
Demansia psammophis *							
Demansia rufescens	+						
Furina ornata	+					+	
Parasuta monachus	+						
Pseudechis australis	+					+	
Pseudonaja mengdeni						+	
Suta fasciata	+						
Suta punctata *		+					
Vermicella snelli	+					+	
Typhlopidae							
Ramphotyphlops ammodytes	+					+	
Ramphotyphlops ganei	+			+			P1
Ramphotyphlops grypus	+			+		+	
Ramphotyphlops pilbarensis	+		+				
Tachyglossidae							
Tachyglossus aculeatus	+						
Dasyuridae							
Dasykaluta rosamondae	+	+	+	+		+	
Dasyurus hallucatus	+					+	Threatened
Ningaui timealeyi	+		+		+	+	
Planigale kendricki	+		+	+	+		
Planigale tealeai *			+	+			
Pseudantechinus roryi	+						
Pseudantechinus woolleyae	+						
Sminthopsis macroura	+		+	+	+		
Macropodidae							
Macropus robustus	+	+	+			+	

Toyon	Museum Records	Fisheries and Wildlife	Ecologia Fauna Survey 1999	Pilbara Biological Survey	Adjacent Pilbara Biological Survey Sites	NatureBank Survey	Conservation Code
Taxon							
Macropus rufus Petrogale rothschildi		+	+			+	
r oli ogalo roli loomal							
Muridae							
Leggadina lakedownensis	+		+	+	+		P4
Mus musculus	+	+	+			+	
Rattus rattus	+						
Pseudomys chapmani	+		+	+	+		P4
Pseudomys delicatulus	+		+				
Pseudomys desertor				+		+	
Pseudomys hermannsburgensis	+		+	+		+	
Zyzomys argurus	+		+			+	
Emballonuridae							
Saccolaimus flaviventris				+			
Taphozous georgianus	+			+			
Hipposideridae							
Rhinonicteris aurantius							Threateneo
Rinnoniciens aurantius							meatenet
Megadermatidae							
Macroderma gigas				+			P4
Molossidae							
Chaerephon jobensis				+			
Mormopterus beccarii				+			
Tadarida australis				+			
Pteropodidae							
Pteropus alecto	+	+					
Vespertilionidae							
Chalinolobus gouldii	+			+			
Nyctophilus bifax daedalus	+			+			
Nyctophilus geoffroyi				+			
Nyctophilus timoriensis	+			•			
Scotorepens greyii	+			+			
Vespadelus finlaysoni	+			+			
Canidae							
Canidae Canis lupus dingo	+	+				+	
camo iupuo unigu	+	Ŧ				Ŧ	
Felidae							
Felis catus						+	

Taxon	Museum Records	Fisheries and Wildlife	Ecologia Fauna Survey 1999	Pilbara Biological Survey	Adjacent Pilbara Biological Survey Sites	NatureBank Survey	Conservation Code
No. Reptiles and Amphibians from all sources =88 % Reptiles and Amphibians	72	18	34	37	17	37	
recorded % of WA Museum records for	82 100	20 25	39 47	42 51	19 24	42 51	
Reptiles and Amphibians	4	25 0	47	0	24 0	2	
No. of Frogs from all sources=4 No. of Turtles from all sources= 1		-	_	-	•	_	
	1	1	0	0	0	0	
No. of Lizards from all sources= 65	55	15	28	35	17	29	
No. of Snakes from all sources=18	12	2	4	2	0	6	
No. of Mammals recorded from all sources =36	24	6	13	19	5	11	
% of Mammals recorded	67	17	36	53	14	31	
% of WA Museum records for Mammals No. of Monotremes from all	100	25	54	79	21	46	
sources=1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
No. of Dasyurids from all sources=8	7	1	5	4	3	3	
No. of Macropods from all sources=3	1	2	2	0	0	2	
No. of Rodents from all sources=8	7	1	6	4	2	4	
No. of Bats from all sources=14 No. of Carnivores from all sources=	7	1	0	11	0	0	
2	1	1	0	0	0	2	

\* Species that are unconfirmed.

Order	Scientific Name	Vernacular	Narrina Gorge	Ashburton	Comment / Conservation Code
ANSERIFORMES	Anatidae				
	Anas superciliosa	Pacific Black Duck	x		
CHARADRIIFORMES	Burhinidae				
	Burhinus grallarius	Bush Stone Curlew	х		P4
	Charadriidae				
	Elseyornis melanops	Black-fronted Dotterel	x		
CICONIIFORMES	Ardeidae				
	Ardea novaehollandiae	White-faced Heron	x		
	Ardea pacifica	White-necked Heron	x		
	Nycticorax caledonicus	Rufous Night Heron	x		
	Pelecanidae				
	Pelecanus conspicillatus	Australian Pelican	x		
COLUMBIFORMES	Columbidae				
	Geopelia cuneata	Diamond Dove	x	x	
	Geopelia striata	Zebra Dove	x	x	
	Eremiornis carteri	Spinifexbird	x	x	
	Ocyphaps lophotes	Crested Pigeon	x	x	
CORACIIFORMES	Halcyonidae				
	Dacelo leachii	Blue-winged Kookaburra	x		
	Todiramphus sanctus	Sacred Kingfisher	х		
	Meropidae				
	Merops ornatus	Rainbow Bee-eater	x		Schedule 3. Migratory bird protected under an international agreement.
CUCULIFORMES	Cuculidae				
	Cacomantis pallidus	Pallid Cuckoo	x		
	Centropus phasianinus	Pheasant Coucal	x		
	Chrysococcyx basalis	Horsefield's Bronze- Cuckoo	x	x	
FALCONIFORMES	Accipitridae				
	Accipiter cirrhocephalus	Collared Sparrowhawk		x	
	Aquila audax	Wedge-tailed Eagle	x		(within 1 km)

# **9.3** Appendix C- Table of survey results for birds.

Order	Scientific Name	Vernacular	Narrina Gorge	Ashburton	Comment / Conservation Code
	Circus assimilis	Spotted Harrier		х	
	Elanus caeruleus	Black-shouldered Kite	х	х	
	Falconidae				
	Falco berigora	Brown Falcon	x		
	Falco cenchroides	Australian Kestrel	x		
GALLIFORMES	Phasianidae				
	Coturnix ypsilophora	Brown Quail	x		
PASSERIFORMES	Acanthizidae				
	Smicrornis brevirostris	Weebill	x		
	Artamidae				
	Artamus personatus	Masked Woodswallow	x	х	
	Cracticus nigrogularis	Pied Butcherbird	x	х	
	Cracticus tibicen	Australian Magpie	х		
	Campephagidae	51			
	Coracina novaehollandiae Corvidae	Black-faced Cuckoo- shrike	x	x	
	Corvus orru	Toressian Crow	х	x	
	Estrildidae		X	X	
	Emblema pictum	Painted Finch	x		
	Taeniopygia guttata	Zebra Finch	x	x	
	Hirundinidae	Zebra mien	X	~	
	Petrochelidon ariel	Fairy Martin	x		(nests observed)
	Maluridae				
	Malurus lamberti	Varigated Fairy-wren	х	х	
	Megaluridae	<b>c</b> ,			
	Geophaps plumifera	Spinifex Pigeon	х	х	
	Meliphagidae	1 0			
	Gavicalis virescens	Singing Honeyeater	х		
	Ptilotula keartlandi	Grey-headed Honeyeater	x		
	Lichmera indistincta	Brown Honeyeater	x	x	
	Manorina flavigula	Yellow-throated Miner	х	х	
	Ptilotula penicillatus	White-plumed Honeyeater	x	x	(Breeding)
	Monarchidae				
	Grallina cyanoleuca	Magpie-lark	x	x	
	Motacillidae				
	Anthus australis	Australian Pipit	x		
	Pachycephalidae				

Order	Scientific Name	Vernacular	Narrina Gorge	Ashburton	Comment / Conservation Code
	Colluricincla harmonica	Grey Shrike-thrush	х		
	Oreoica gutturalis	Crested Bellbird		х	
	Pachycephala rufiventris	Rufous Whistler	х		
	Pardalotidae				
	Pardalotus rubricatus	Red-browed Pardalote	х		
	Ptilonorhynchidae				
	Ptilonorhynchus maculatus	Western Bowerbird	x		
	Rhipiduridae				
	Rhipidura leucophrys	Willie Wagtail	х	х	(Breeding)
PHALACROCORACIFORMES	<b>Phalacrocoracidae</b> Phalacrocorax sulcirostris	Little Black Cormorant	x		
PSITTACIFORMES	Psittacidae				
	Cacatua roseicapilla	Galah	х	х	
	Cacatua sanguinea	Little Corella	х	х	
	Melopsittacus undulatus	Budgerigar	x	х	
	Platycercus zonarius	Australian Ringneck	х		(Likely)
STRIGIFORMES	Strigidae				
	Ninox novaeseelandiae	Boobook Owl	x		

Group	Vernacular	Species	Camera Number
Reptiles	Long-nosed Dragon	Ampibilourus longirostris	R16W
	Giant Desert Skink	Ctenotus grandis	R04
	Giant Desert Skink	Ctenotus grandis	R06
	Leopard Skink	Ctenotus pantherinus	R02
	Leopard Skink	Ctenotus pantherinus	R04
	Leopard Skink	Ctenotus pantherinus	R17W
	Crevice Skink	Egernia formosa	R05
	Bearded Dragon	Pogona minor	R04
	Bearded Dragon	Pogona minor	R08
	Bearded Dragon	Pogona minor	R16W
	Bluetongue Skink	Tiliqua miltifasciata	R04
	Bluetongue Skink	Tiliqua miltifasciata	R06
	Bluetongue Skink	Tiliqua miltifasciata	R07
	Pygmy Desert Monitor	Varanus eremius	R04
	Perentie	Varanus giganteus	R03
	Gould's Goanna	Varanus gouldii	R09
	Gould's Goanna	Varanus gouldii	R17W
	Yellow-spotted Monitor	Varanus panoptes	R03
	Yellow-spotted Monitor	Varanus panoptes	R16W
	Black Tree Monitor	Varanus tristis	B03
Birds	Collared Sparrowhawk	Accipiter cirrhocephalus	R03
	Pacific Black Duck	Anas superciliosa	S02
	White-faced Heron	Ardea novaehollandiae	B04
	White-faced Heron	Ardea novaehollandiae	S02
	White-necked Heron	Ardea pacifica	B04
	White-necked Heron	Ardea pacifica	S02
	Bush Stone-curlew	Burhinus grallarius	B04
	Pheasant Coucal	Centropus phasianinus	S02
	Western Bowerbird	Ptilonorhynchus maculatus	B04
	Western Bowerbird	Ptilonorhynchus maculatus	R03
	Western Bowerbird	Ptilonorhynchus maculatus	S02
	Western Bowerbird	Ptilonorhynchus maculatus	S03
	Spotted Harrier	Circus assimilis	R11
	Torresian Crow	Corvus orru	B04
	Torresian Crow	Corvus orru	R04
	Torresian Crow	Corvus orru	R13
	Torresian Crow	Corvus orru	S02

# 9.4 Appendix D- List of species recorded with motion sensitive cameras

Group	Vernacular	Species	Camera Number
	Pied Butcherbird	Cracticus nigrogularis	S02
	Diamond Dove	Geopelia cuneata	B04
	Diamond Dove	Geopelia cuneata	R03
	Diamond Dove	Geopelia cuneata	R06
	Diamond Dove	Geopelia cuneata	R16W
	Diamond Dove	Geopelia cuneata	S02
	Spinifex Pigeon	Geophaps plumifera	R03
	Spinifex Pigeon	Geophaps plumifera	R16W
	Spinifex Pigeon	Geophaps plumifera	R17W
	Magpie-Lark	Grallina cyanoleuca	B04
	Magpie-Lark	Grallina cyanoleuca	S02
	Rufous Night Heron	Nycticorax caledonicus	B04
	Rufous Night Heron	Nycticorax caledonicus	S02
	Willie Wagtail	Rhipidura leucophrys	B04
	Willie Wagtail	Rhipidura leucophrys	R11
	Willie Wagtail	Rhipidura leucophrys	R16W
	Willie Wagtail	Rhipidura leucophrys	S02
Mammals	Dingo	Canus lupus	R03
	Kaluta	Dasykaluta rosamondae	R02
	Kaluta	Dasykaluta rosamondae	R06
	Kaluta	Dasykaluta rosamondae	R11
	Kaluta	Dasykaluta rosamondae	R15
	Kaluta	Dasykaluta rosamondae	R17W
	Kaluta	Dasykaluta rosamondae	S04
	Quoll	Dasyurus hallucatus	B03
	Quoll	Dasyurus hallucatus	R03
	Quoll	Dasyurus hallucatus	R05
	Quoll	Dasyurus hallucatus	R16W
	Quoll	Dasyurus hallucatus	S02
	Quoll	Dasyurus hallucatus	S03
	Cat	Felis catus	B01
	Cat	Felis catus	B04
	Cat	Felis catus	R03
	Cat	Felis catus	R04
	Cat	Felis catus	R05
	Cat	Felis catus	R09
	Cat	Felis catus	R12
	Cat	Felis catus	R16W
	Cat	Felis catus	S02
	Cat	Felis catus	S03

Group	Vernacular	Species	Camera Number
	Euro	Macropus robustus	B01
	Euro	Macropus robustus	B04
	Euro	Macropus robustus	R03
	Euro	Macropus robustus	R06
	Euro	Macropus robustus	R11
	Euro	Macropus robustus	S02
	Euro	Macropus robustus	S03
	Euro	Macropus robustus	S04
	Mouse	Mus musculus	R05
	Mouse	Mus musculus	R11
	Rothschild's Rock Wallaby	Perogale rothschildi	B03
	Desert Mouse	Pseudomys desertor	R04
	Desert Mouse	Pseudomys desertor	R12
	Desert Mouse	Pseudomys desertor	R17W
	Sandy Inland Mouse	Pseudomys hermansburgensis	R16W
	Common Rock Rat	Zyzomys argurus	R05

Order	Scientific Name	Vernacular	Comment
Anseriformes	Anatidae		
	Anas gracilis	Grey Teal	
	Anas superciliosa	Pacific Black Duck	
	Anseranas semipalmata	Magpie Goose (Pied Goose)	
	Aythya australis	Hardhead	
	Cygnus atratus	Black Swan	
	Dendrocygna eytoni	Plumed Whistling Duck	
Caprimulgiformes	Aegothelidae		
	Aegotheles cristatus	Australian Owlet-nightjar	
	Caprimulgidae		
	Eurostopodus argus	Spotted Nightjar	
	Podargidae		
	Podargus strigoides	Tawny Frogmouth	
Charadriiformes	Burhinidae		
	Burhinus grallarius	Bush Stone-curlew	P4
	Charadriidae		
	Charadrius melanops	Black-fronted Dotterel	
			Schedule 3. Migratory bird protected under an international
	Charadrius veredus	Oriental Plover	agreement.
	Erythrogonys cinctus	Red-kneed Dotterel	
	Vanellus tricolor	Banded Lapwing	
	Haematopodidae		
	Laridae		
	Larus novaehollandiae	Silver Gull	
	Recurvirostridae		
	Himantopus himantopus	Black-winged Stilt	
	Rostratulidae		
	Rostratula benghalensis	Painted Snipe	Schedule 1. Endangered
	Scolopacidae		
	Numenius phaeopus	Whimbrel	Schedule 3. Migratory bird protected under an international agreement.
			Schedule 3. Migratory bird protected under an international
	Philomachus pugnax	Ruff	agreement.
	Tringa hypoleucos	Common Sandpiper	

# **9.5** Appendix E- List of birds recorded from Millstream Chichester National Park.

Order	Scientific Name	Vernacular	Comment
Ciconiiformes	Ardeidae		
			Schedule 3. Migratory bird
	Ardea alba	Great Egret	protected under an internationa agreement.
	Ardea garzetta	Little Egret	agi contenti
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			protected under an international
	Ardea ibis	Cattle Egret	agreement.
	Ardea intermedia	Intermediate Egret	
	Ardea novaehollandiae	White-faced Heron	
	Ardea pacifica	White-necked Heron	
	Ixobrychus flavicollis	Black Bittern	Р3
	Nycticorax caledonicus	Rufous Night Heron	
	Threskiornithidae		
	Platalea flavipes	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	
	Threskiornis molucca	Australian White Ibis	
	Threskiornis spinicollis	Straw-necked Ibis	
Columbiformes	Columbidae		
	Geopelia cuneata	Diamond Dove	
	Geopelia striata	Zebra Dove	
	Geophaps plumifera	Spinifex Pigeon	
	Ocyphaps lophotes	Crested Pigeon	
	Phaps chalcoptera	Common Bronzewing	
	Phaps histrionica	Flock Bronzewing (Flock Pigeon)	
Coraciiformes	Coraciidae		
	Eurystomus orientalis	Dollarbird	
	Halcyonidae		
	Dacelo leachii	Blue-winged Kookaburra	
	Todiramphus pyrrhopygius	Red-backed Kingfisher	
	Todiramphus sanctus	Sacred Kingfisher	
	Meropidae		
			Schedule 3. Migratory bird
	Merops ornatus	Rainbow Bee-eater	protected under an internationa agreement.
	Centropodidae		
	Centropus phasianinus	Pheasant Coucal	
	Cuculidae		
	Chrysococcyx basalis	Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	
	Chrysococcyx osculans	Black-eared Cuckoo	

Order	Scientific Name	Vernacular	Comment
Falconiformes	Accipitridae		
	Accipiter cirrocephalus	Collared Sparrowhawk	
	Accipiter fasciatus	Brown Goshawk	
	Aquila audax	Wedge-tailed Eagle	
	Aquila morphnoides	Little Eagle	
	Circus approximans	Swamp Harrier	
	Circus assimilis	Spotted Harrier	
	Elanus caeruleus	Black-shouldered Kite	
	Elanus scriptus	Letter-winged Kite	
			Schedule 3. Migratory bird protected under an internationa
	Haliaeetus leucogaster	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	agreement.
	Haliastur indus	Brahminy Kite	
	Haliastur sphenurus	Whistling Kite	
	Hamirostra isura	Square-tailed Kite	
	Hamirostra melanosternon	Black-breasted Buzzard	
	Milvus migrans	Black Kite	
	Pandion haliaetus	Osprey	
	Falconidae		
	Falco berigora	Brown Falcon	
	Falco cenchroides	Australian Kestrel	
	Falco hypoleucos	Grey Falcon	
	Falco longipennis	Australian Hobby	
Galliformes	Phasianidae		
	Coturnix ypsilophora	Brown Quail	
Gruiformes	Gruidae		
	Grus rubicunda	Brolga	
	Otididae		
	Ardeotis australis	Australian Bustard	P4
	Rallidae		
	Fulica atra	Eurasian Coot	
	Gallinula ventralis	Black-tailed Native-hen	
	Gallirallus philippensis	Buff-banded Rail	
	Porphyrio porphyrio	Purple Swamphen	
	Porzana fluminea	Australian Spotted Crake	
	Porzana tabuensis	Spotless Crake	
Passeriformes	Acanthizidae		
	Gerygone fusca	Western Gerygone	

Order	Scientific Name	Vernacular	Comment
	Smicrornis brevirostris	Weebill	
	Alaudidae		
	Mirafra javanica	Horsfield's Bushlark (Singing Bushlark)	
	Artamus cinereus	Black-faced Woodswallow	
	Artamus leucorynchus	White-breasted Woodswallow	
	Artamus minor	Little Woodswallow	
	Artamus personatus	Masked Woodswallow	
	Campephagidae		
	Coracina maxima	Ground Cuckoo-shrike	
	Coracina novaehollandiae	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	
	Lalage tricolor	White-winged Triller	
	Climacteridae		
	Climacteris melanura	Black-tailed Treecreeper	
	Corvidae		
	Corvus bennetti	Little Crow	
	Corvus orru	Torresian Crow	
	Cracticidae		
	Cracticus nigrogularis	Pied Butcherbird	
	Cracticus tibicen	Australian Magpie	
	Cracticus torquatus	Grey Butcherbird	
	Dicaeidae		
	Dicaeum hirundinaceum	Mistletoebird	
	Grallina cyanoleuca	Magpie-lark	
	Rhipidura fuliginosa	Grey Fantail	
	Rhipidura leucophrys	Willie Wagtail	
	Estrildidae		
	Emblema pictum	Painted Finch	
	Neochmia ruficauda	Star Finch	P4
	Taeniopygia guttata	Zebra Finch	
	Hirundinidae		
	Cheramoeca leucosternus	White-backed Swallow	
	Hirundo ariel	Fairy Martin	
	Hirundo neoxena	Welcome Swallow	
	Hirundo nigricans	Tree Martin	
	Maluridae		
	Amytornis striatus	Striated Grasswren	P4
	Malurus lamberti	Variegated Fairy-wren	
	Malurus leucopterus	White-winged Fairy-wren	
	Stipiturus ruficeps	Rufous-crowned Emu-wren	
	Meliphagidae		
	Acanthagenys rufogularis	Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater	

Order	Scientific Name	Vernacular	Comment
	Sugomel niger	Black Honeyeater	
	Certhionyx variegatus	Pied Honeyeater	
	Epthianura tricolor	Crimson Chat	
	Ptilotula keartlandi	Grey-headed Honeyeater	
	Ptilotula penicillatus	White-plumed Honeyeater	
	Ptilotula plumulus	Grey-fronted Honeyeater	
	Lacustroica whitei	Grey Honeyeater	
	Lichenostomus virescens	Singing Honeyeater	
	Lichmera indistincta	Brown Honeyeater	
	Manorina flavigula	Yellow-throated Miner	
	Melithreptus gularis	Black-chinned Honeyeater	
	Motacillidae		
	Anthus Australia	Australian Pipit	
	Neosittidae		
	Daphoenositta chrysoptera	Varied Sittella	
	Pachycephalidae		
	Colluricincla harmonica	Grey Shrike-thrush	
	Oreoica gutturalis	Crested Bellbird	
	Pachycephala rufiventris	Rufous Whistler	
	Pardalotidae		
	Pardalotus rubricatus	Red-browed Pardalote	
	Pardalotus striatus	Striated Pardalote	
	Petroica cucullata	Hooded Robin	
	Petroica goodenovii	Red-capped Robin	
	Pomatostomidae		
	Pomatostomus superciliosus	White-browed Babbler	
	Pomatostomus temporalis	Grey-crowned Babbler	
	Ptilonorhynchidae		
	Ptilonorhynchus maculatus	Western Bowerbird	
	Sylviidae		
	Acrocephalus australis	Australian Reed Warbler	
	Cincloramphus cruralis	Brown Songlark	
	Cincloramphus mathewsi	Rufous Songlark	
	Cisticola exilis	Golden-headed Cisticola	
	Eremiornis carteri	Spinifex-bird	
	Zosteropidae		
	Zosterops luteus	Yellow White-eye	
Pelecaniformes	Anhingidae		
	Anhinga melanogaster	Darter	
	Pelecanidae		

Order	Scientific Name	Vernacular	Comment
	Pelecanus conspicillatus	Australian Pelican	
	Phalacrocoracidae		
	Phalacrocorax carbo	Great Cormorant	
	Phalacrocorax melanoleucos	Little Pied Cormorant	
	Phalacrocorax sulcirostris	Little Black Cormorant	
	Phalacrocorax varius	Pied Cormorant	
Podicipediformes	Podicipedidae		
	Tachybaptus novaehollandiae	Australasian Grebe (Black- throated Grebe)	
	Podiceps cristatus	Great Crested Grebe	
	Poliocephalus poliocephalus	Hoary-headed Grebe	
Psittaciformes	Psittacidae		
	Cacatua roseicapilla	Galah	
	Cacatua sanguinea	Little Corella	
	Calyptorynchus banksii	Red-tailed Black Cockatoo	
	Melopsittacus undulatus	Budgerigar	
	Nymphicus hollandicus	Cockatiel	
	Platycercus varius	Mulga Parrot	
	Platycercus zonarius	Australian Ringneck (Ring-necked Parrot)	
Strigiformes	Strigidae		
	Ninox connivens	Barking Owl	
	Ninox novaeseelandiae	Boobook Owl	
	Tyto alba	Barn Owl	
Struthioniformes	Casuariidae		
	Dromaius novaehollandiae	Emu	
Turniciformes	Turnicidae		
	Turnix velox	Little Button-quail	

Trap site	Datum	Latitude	Longitude
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Pit 3 & Elliot	WGS84		
Line 3		-21.3539	117.3013
Pit 4 & Elliot	WGS84		
Line 4		-21.3523	117.2992
Elliot Line 5	WGS84	-21.3446	117.2545
Elliot Line 6	WGS84	-21.3471	117.2524
Cage 1	WGS84	-21.3527	117.2636
Cage 2	WGS84	-21.3516	117.2642
Cage 3	WGS84	-21.3490	117.2666
Cage 4	WGS84	-21.3488	117.2670
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#### **9.6** Appendix F- Site coordinates from trapping locations and remote cameras.

#### 9.7 Appendix G

Camera R11

Camera R12

Camera R13

Camera R14

Camera R15 Camera R16W

Camera R17W

Camera S01

Camera S02

Camera S03

Camera S04



Site P1/E1



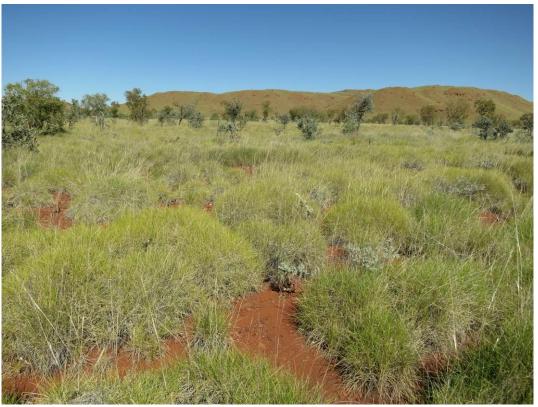
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Site P3/E3



Site P4/E4



Site E5



