

# BIRDLIFE NORTH QUEENSLAND

## Carpentarian Grasswren Survey 2017

### NEWSLETTER # 1

Welcome to our first Newsletter. I have conciously exposed email addresses with the ambition of maximising communication. I hope this doesn't upset anybody. Included in the group are confirmed and possible participants, collaborating organisations, people supplying special services and people who may simply just be interested. If you do not wish to receive future newsletters please let me know.

#### Dates.

10<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June with the possible extension into July.

#### Participation.

Volunteers are welcome to spend at least one week on the survey. Please arrive on a Sunday at an arranged destination for briefing and training. If at all possible please spend two weeks or more on the survey.

#### Reimbursement of expenses

We hope to be able to contribute towards vehicle expenses

#### Target areas ( see attached Map).

1. Calton Hills' properties to the west of Lake Julius. This is in collaboration with Southern Gulf's fire management plan. Need a helicopter).
2. China Wall. (NT Aboriginal Territory)
3. Riversleigh. (Possible link between southern & Boodjamulla populations)
4. Borroloolla ( final check to see if any survive)
5. Boodjamulla National Park (in collaboration with their fire management program).

We may have to drop everything for China Wall if the TOs say yes to a certain date.

#### Survey methodology.

Steve Murphy has kindly agreed to prepare maps of our target areas that show their fire history. (I am not sure how he fits everything into his hectic life but

this is a very generous gesture). Using this information we will be able to head for areas long unburnt. If these areas have suitable vegetation for grasswrens that is where we'll survey.

We will upload onto your phone a set program of calls and silences. If you haven't got a phone we will supply alternative equipment. We will sample the landscape as in previous surveys so that results are comparable. Where we find grasswrens we make some simple vegetation measurements. If you are a newcomer we'll train you. This takes about two hours.

ONCE YOU HAVE SIGNED ON YOU WILL BE FULLY COVERED BY BIRDLIFE AUSTRALIA'S INSURANCE POLICY

Information requested from you.

*(If there is any possibility that you may participate in this survey please supply the following details. This does not mean you are committed to participating).*

For insurance and permit application purposes please supply:

1. Your name and the name of any likely passengers.
2. Make, model, year, and registration number of your vehicle.
3. Your residential address and your postal address.

ALSO

4. Can you bring a GPS unit? If so what make and model.
5. Are you familiar with the "GO TO" and "MARK WAYPOINT" functions?
6. Do you have a mobile phone with Bluetooth facility that can play bird calls?

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS.?

Feel free!