

NAME/ID:

LOCATION (including dam if multiples):

START/FINISH DATES:

## FARM DAMS BIRD OBSERVATIONS: SPRING 2018

Use this sheet as an alternative to the **Birdata** app OR just use it for additional sightings when observations have not been planned (while hanging out the washing?), as well as filling in **Birdata** on your phone at other times. We would still like at least four 20 minute observations at each dam up to November 30<sup>th</sup>, regardless of how you record your sightings, but there is no maximum length/number of times—get into it if you are keen!

Species listed below are all in the bird guide provided. While the **Birdata** app requires that you enter sightings (including zeros!) at each observation time, this sheet is written so that it can be filled in for ALL your sightings over the spring period—just add to the boxes as you go.

You can enter data from this sheet on the Birdlife **Birdata** website yourself (see guide), or just return it to the EMRC in the supplied reply-paid envelope, after November 30. Additional sheets may be downloaded as .pdfs from the EMRC website. Stay tuned to receive updates and another sheet for autumn 2019.

### KEY

<sup>1</sup> **RF** is reliability factor for identifications. Place '1' if not certain (e.g. just a glimpse), '2' if some identifying features were seen on an individual, '3' for a certain ID, '4' for repeated clear IDs of the same individual(s).

<sup>2</sup> Add letter code (A to H) for **BEHAVIOR TYPES** (slightly modified from *Birdata* app) as they are observed (may be more than one):

**A) Nest with eggs:** eggs observed in nest;

**B) Nest with young:** young observed in nest;

**C) Adult(s) on nest:** adults observed incubating/brooding but contents not sighted;

**D) Young out of nest:** chicks have left the nest but not yet fledged;

**E) Recently fledged young:** juveniles no longer dependent on adults.

**F) Nest building/courtship behavior:** building nest, males and females interacting as pairs;

**G) Feeding behavior:** birds foraging, feeding on water-plants, diving or wading with head entering water.

**H) Resting:** birds sleeping, roosting, or just floating around.

<sup>3</sup> Number of times seen over observation period – keep a tally up to, say, 10 then just add '+' for the rest.

<sup>4</sup> Total seen – just need an estimate (e.g. few, 10, hundreds). Fill in at the end of the observation period.

<sup>5</sup> Anything that might help us interpret the observations. If you have more notes than can fit, feel free to include extra pages when you return the form (don't forget to say which species you are referring to).

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Swamp Harrier					
Australasian Grebe					
Hoary-headed Grebe					
Great-crested Grebe					
Blue-billed Duck					
Pink-eared duck					
Blue-billed Duck					
Black Swan					
Australian Shelduck					
Hardhead					
Australian Shoveller					
Pacific Black Duck					
Mallard					
Grey Teal					
Chestnut Teal					
Freckled Duck					
Musk Duck					
Aust. Wood Duck					
Aust. Reed Warbler					
Little Grassbird					
Nankeen Night Heron					
Cattle Egret					
White-necked Heron					
Great Egret					
White-faced Herron					
Little Egret					
Australian White Ibis					
Straw-necked Ibis					
Yellow-billed Spoonbill					
Glossy Ibis					
Australian Pelican					

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Pied Stilt					
Red-necked Avocet					
Black-fronted Dotterel					
Banded Lapwing					
Red-kneed Dotterel					
Common Sandpiper					
Common Greenshank					
Wood Sandpiper					
Australasian Darter					
Little Pied Cormorant					
Great Cormorant					
Little Black Cormorant					
Buff-banded Rail					
Australian Spotted Crake					
Baillon's Crake					
Spotless Crake					
Purple Swamphen					
Dusky Moorhen					
Black-tailed Native-Hen					
Eurasian Coot					
OTHER SPECIES					

<sup>5</sup> COMMENTS

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