FAUNAWATCH

Volunteer Observer Registration Form

Name

Please detach & send to WPSQ Sunshine Coast PO Box 275 Caloundra Q4551 retain remainder of form as reference guide to completing survey forms

Address	
	P/C
Phone No. (h)	
	(m)
email	
	areas of specialised knowledge
() Birds	() Frogs () Reptiles
	() Mammals () Fish
() Spiders	() Cicadas
() Other Insect	s () Other - please specify
Are there any pa	articular locations that you are
	n a regular basis?

The information may be given away or stored in retrieval systems, but not sold or used for profit by any individual, organisation, commercial enterprise or federal, state or local government agency. It is our intention to use the information to protect, restore and maintain the integrity of biological diversity in native ecosystems and to enable community participation in the management of our natural resources.

OBSERVER DETAILS

Name and phone number. If a group then give details of person completing the survey form.

CELL NUMBER

Required for ALL forms. Use a new form for each cell surveyed. Each cell is one mile square as shown on the 1:100000 topographical maps. If the number is unknown give clear details of location of survey.

FROM/TO DATE

Indicate sighting period if more than one day

SIGHTINGS DATA

The following fields are entered for each sighting record. Where the data repeats from one record to the next, ditto or squiggle lines may be used.

DATE

Required for each sighting, or ditto previous.

VEGETATION TYPE (VEG)

Types and qualifiers have been defined. These may change as you move around the cell. A type may be used without a qualifier, but please use both if possible.

U urban (Urban gardens, ovals, built-up areas etc.)

Ug urban grassed area (few trees & shrubs)

Ut urban trees & shrubs

Uc urban construction (built-up)

A agriculture

Ac agriculture, crops

Ao agriculture, orchards

Ap agriculture, pastoral

P plantation (excludes orchards)

N no vegetation

O other than rainforest

Ot non-rainforest, mainly trees

Os non-rainforest, mainly shrubs

Og non-rainforest, mainly grass

Or non-rainforest, rushes & sedges

Oa non-rainforest, aquatic vegetation

R rainforest

TOPOGRAPHY (TOP)

Types and qualifiers. Type only may be used.

U undulating or flat

Uu undulating, unknown type of gentle slope

Ud undulating, downs (open rolling)

Uf undulating, flood plain, alluvial plain

Up undulating, pans, inland clay or salt flats

H hilly (including cliffs & mountains)

Hu hilly, unknown type of slope or hill

Hs hilly, cliff, ledge, outcrop, crevice, gorge

Hc hilly, coastal rocky headland

Ht hilly, top or crest of mountain/ridge

Hp hilly, plateau

C coastal (excludes ocean)

Cp coastal, clay/salt pans on coast, tidal flats

Cd coastal, unknown type of coastal/beach dune, recent dune or low coastal hill

Ch coastal, fossil coastal dune, high dune

Ci coastal, small island

Cr coastal, reef

Cs coastal, shoreline, beach (rock, sand, mud)

S sand areas inland

M margins of freshwater

Mb banks of lakes, streams or permanent rivers

Mg gully, drainline ravine, gorge, outwash, occasionally flooded

Mc channel bed of distributary which is permanently flooded

W water (ocean, lakes & swamps)

Wu water, unknown type of swamp

WI water, lake, dam, lagoon, river, freshwater

Wf water, freshwater swamp, soak or marsh

 $\mathbf{W}\mathbf{s}$ water, salt water, marsh or swamp

Wo water, ocean, salt water body

Wg water, gilgai, melon hole, sink hole

RAIN(R)

F fine, no rain

S showers, short duration, variable intensity

R rain, continuous or lengthy duration

TEMPERATURE (T)

C CoolM MildF Frost

WIND (W)

C Calm, smoke rises vertically, < 3 knots

B Breeze, felt on face, branch moves,

< 27 knots

W Wind, whole trees in motion, > 27 knots TIME(T) - 24 hour clock

indicate start & end times where applicable

SPECIES NAME

common name, scientific name or code

LIVING STATUS (D/A)

D dead **A** alive

METHOD OF IDENTIFICATION (S/H/B/E)

S seen H heard B both

E evidence – tracks, scats, etc, add comment

HOW MANY SEEN (MIN/MAX)

Enter number seen, this may be an estimate, use maximum for estimates of large flocks

JUVENILE (JUV)

If confident of seeing juvenile enter Y or number of Juveniles, else blank

REPRODUCTION (REP)

Indirect evidence of breeding
 In indirect, sitting on nest
 Ig indirect, gathering material
 Im indirect, mating/copulating
 Ib indirect, building nest

D Direct evidence of breeding
De direct, eggs or shell in nest
Dy direct, young in nest/fed
Dc direct, young being carried

FEEDING (FEED)

If the animal observed is eating something please use the following codes

P Plant

A Animal

COMMENTS

Any general, useful comments/observations

THE FAUNAWATCH PROGRAM

The Faunawatch Program is a fauna monitoring system which has been designed and developed by Sunshine Coast community volunteers

Fauna sighting information supplied by volunteers is entered into a computer based system (*SunMonitor&SunSpecies*) for recording and analysis. The information for each sighting includes details of the vegetation and topography along with weather details and the numbers of each species identified.

(For more details see survey form instructions).

The data is mapped onto a grid numbering system and entered into the computer. Analysis of the data is achieved by use of the computer programs that have been developed.

As data is entered a more complete picture can be obtained of the diversity of fauna within the area, and enable all concerned to make better-informed decisions with respect to our environment.

WPSQ Caloundra will be managing and promoting this program within the Sunshine Coast.

If you would like to participate in this program in any way, complete the observer registration form and send to WPSQ Sunshine Coast & Hinterland PO Box 275 Caloundra Q4551.

If you have any queries contact project coordinators Keith and Teresa Hickman, ph 54930068 or email faunawatch@wildlife.org.au

SunMonitor&SunSpecies databases remain the property of the Sunshine Coast communities of Caloundra, Maroochy, Noosa.





REGISTRATION FORM

