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Hello from the BirdLife Woodland Birds team,

We are very appreciative of everyone that was able to participate in the first of the 2018 biannual searches for Swift Parrots and Regent Honeyeaters on and around the weekend of the 19-20 May.  It makes a significant contribution to our knowledge and understanding of these two critically endangered species.  Some of you have searched your local patch of bush or made a visit to a nearby reserve.  A few have travelled up to hundreds of kilometres as part of a regular pilgrimage to multiple locations.  And everything in between.  A big thank you to all.

We also appreciate those that have already either (i) informed a regional coordinator of their search results from a priority location, or (ii) have directly let us know here at BirdLife (woodlandbirds@birdlife.org.au) following a search at both priority and non-priority locations.  This includes people letting us know of both positive sightings of the two target species and, just as importantly, the details of searches that were unsuccessful.

From a quick review of the data that we’ve received so far, some interesting trends appear to be emerging.  We are soon to commence a more detailed analysis of the data – and an update report will be prepared and distributed to you all in advance of the August 2018 survey period.  (For your diary, this next survey period is to be held as per usual on the first weekend in August, and up to a week either side).

However, we suspect that there are more searches that were conducted over the May survey period that we are not yet aware of.  We therefore don’t want to commence the analysis and reporting from the May surveys until we’ve received as much data as possible.  If you have not yet informed us, or your regional coordinator, of the findings of your search locations and results, we ask that you do so by Sunday 24th June 2018 (or send us an email to let us know if you need more time).

For regional coordinators, could you please send us the compiled results by Wednesday 27th June (most of you have sent us this information already – thanks!).

* If you detected Swift Parrots during a search, please fill out and lodge the attached datasheet.

* If you detected Regent Honeyeaters during a search – or at any other time in recent weeks or months - please contact us as soon as possible on this email address, or call Dean on the freecall hotline (1800-621-056).  We also request that you fill out a datasheet, but letting us know by phone or email ASAP is a higher priority.

* If you did not detect either species during the search, please let us or your regional coordinator know of the basic details of the search.  While we encourage you to fill out a datasheet, it is also quite acceptable for you to just send an email with the details of when and where you searched unsuccessfully (we know we sound like a broken record, but it’s really important for us to know where searches were conducted without seeing any of the two target species.  It is far from a wasted effort to conduct an unsuccessful search, as frustrating as it can be!)

Thank you again for your participation and contribution.

Yours,

Chris, Dean and Mick

P.S. Although we don’t want to lose you, please feel free to send me an email if you’d like to be removed from our list of Woodland Bird contacts and supporters.

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