



**Wednesday
17th August
2016
Mount Hope**



Malleefowl Monitor Training

Monitoring Malleefowl will not in itself save them, but it is an extremely important tool in understanding how the species is going. If there was a sudden crash in any population, we need to be aware of the situation ASAP. Annual monitoring is also essential if we are to understand long term trends that may vary due to many factors including climate change.

Malleefowl exist right across Australian so we need to ensure everyone is monitoring in the same way. Over many years we have developed a method of monitoring Malleefowl that doesn't upset the birds, doesn't place more demands on the people doing the work than necessary and is scientifically robust.

We have developed a system that uses modern technology and is easy to use. Volunteers are supplied with smartphones with our own monitoring app installed.

At the training we will show you how to use the equipment and we will visit several mounds and go through the real thing!

Apart from learning how to take part in this important Citizen Science project, you will be mixing with lots of very knowledgeable Malleefowl people.

Please RSVP by 29-7-16 to Graeme Tonkin
graeme@malleefowl.net.au

**Wednesday 17th
10.00am -12.00pm**
at the Public Hall,
Mount Hope

- We will look at the National database and talk about where all the data goes
- everyone gets to play with smartphones and learn how we use them in the field

**1.00pm -4.00pm
Travel to Site.**

- We will use GPS to navigate to Malleefowl mounds
- At the mound we will practice the best monitoring methods and how to use the smartphones to record data

BBQ lunch supplied.

Note that we will be walking through sometimes heavy bush. Ensure that you have good walking shoes and clothing to protect yourself from scratching and sun...sounds fun doesn't it?

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