

National Malleefowl Recovery Team 2015-16 Annual Update



This last year has been extremely productive for the Recovery Team as we strive to meet the National Recovery Plan objectives.

Two of our main objectives are to Monitor the species and also to pursue the Adaptive Management (AM) Project. Monitoring is essential to our understanding of how the species are faring. The AM Project is essential because we still don't fully understand what on ground actions will best serve Malleefowl in the future.

Malleefowl have been selected by Gregory Andrews, the Threatened Species Commissioner, as one of the 20/20 species under the National Threatened Species Strategy.

Training

Before we can do any monitoring we have to have an army of trained volunteer monitors (or citizen scientists). We have well over a hundred volunteer monitors assist every year.

We had our biggest ever training year. Eleven training events were conducted that included training for nearly 250 volunteers across the country.



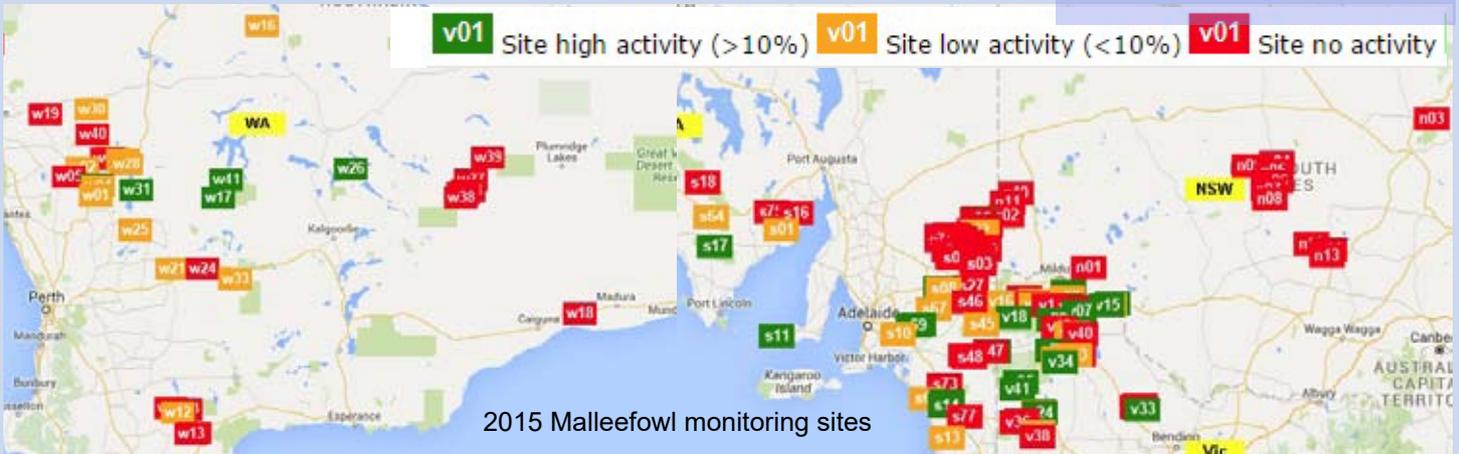
Just a few of the many volunteer training events run across the country in 2015.

We funded 20 people to attend a two day National Coordinator training session in Adelaide. Coordinators organise all of the equipment for our teams of volunteers.

Monitoring

We have 130 sites registered on the database but some land managers ask that their sites remain private. However there are enough shown here to grasp the scope of the 2015 monitoring effort. Note that some sites identified as 'Site no activity' may actually not have been monitored or the data uploaded to the database. This is the case for all sites in NSW.

This year we monitored over 3500 mounds, processed all the data and uploaded it to the national database

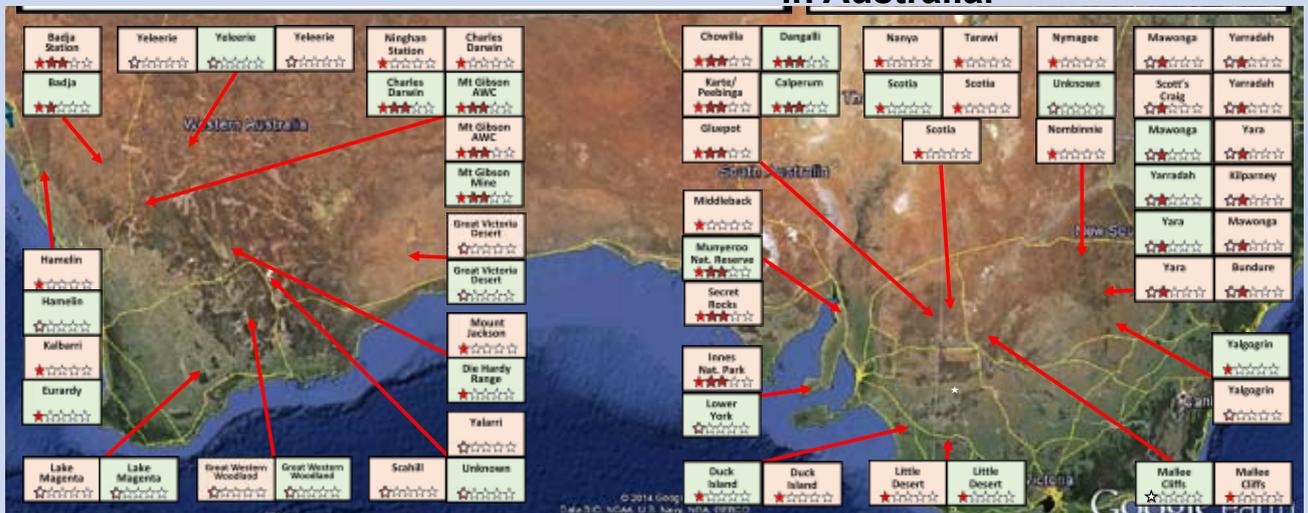


The Adaptive Management (AM) Project

The AM Project continues to gain momentum. We held the second round of talks with partners in Perth and Mildura (April 2016). The meetings were an excellent chance for the AM team to meet with partners and check that we are all heading in the same direction.

The Melbourne Uni paper 'AM Technical Report 2015' (available on the library page of our website) summarises the work accomplished over the past three years as the project moved from the conceptual and planning stage to the real thing; **“perhaps the largest experiment of it’s type in Australia.”**

The sites being developed for the AM Project



The Recovery Team receive no central core funding but rely on assistance from many organisations. We are very grateful to these organisations for their help in 2015-16.

