

Gang-Gang Project Aug 2023



Dear Gang-gang friends ... an update for you.

Where have our Gang-gangs been lately?

An interesting pattern seems to have emerged this year.

.... in the summer of 2021/22 Gang-gangs were regulars in certain areas - which we identified as hotspots. This past summer of 2022/23 they were *not* commonly reported in those areas.

...but this changed in about May this year. Reports started coming in - from across the Shire - that the Gang-gangs had turned up again in these hotspots, and in some number. And I am still getting reports. Thank you everyone!

What that information seems to tell me (for this year at least) is that 1. Gang-gangs did spend the winter here on our coast 2. they do favour certain places. Let's see how the next season unfolds so keep sending in your observations.

Breeding season begins soon

It's starting now, and we again want you to identify nest trees for this breeding season. Please keep an eye on your Gang-gangs and if you think they are preparing a nest hollow, let us know.



Margie at South Durras recently spotted Gang-gangs checking out the same successful nesting hollow that she identified last year. (photo Margie)

Feathers!

Margie at South Durras continues to star, finding and sending Gang-gang feathers to the DNA project in the ACT. If Gang-gangs are regulars at your place please look out for feathers. Info about that project is on the next page.

Bird baths - it's now very dry; time to keep your birdbaths full (and regularly look around them for feathers). Photo: Nick



Gang-gang talk at Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens

Citizen Science Matters Seminar Saturday, August 19, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

I and Dr Michael Mulvaney (ACT) are giving talks on Gang-gangs during Science Week at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens Garden.

The event free but you need to book a spot..... go to the gardens website erbg.org.au to make a booking. The event is being hosted by the Budawang Coast Atlas of Life.

Request for Gang-gang feathers from ACT

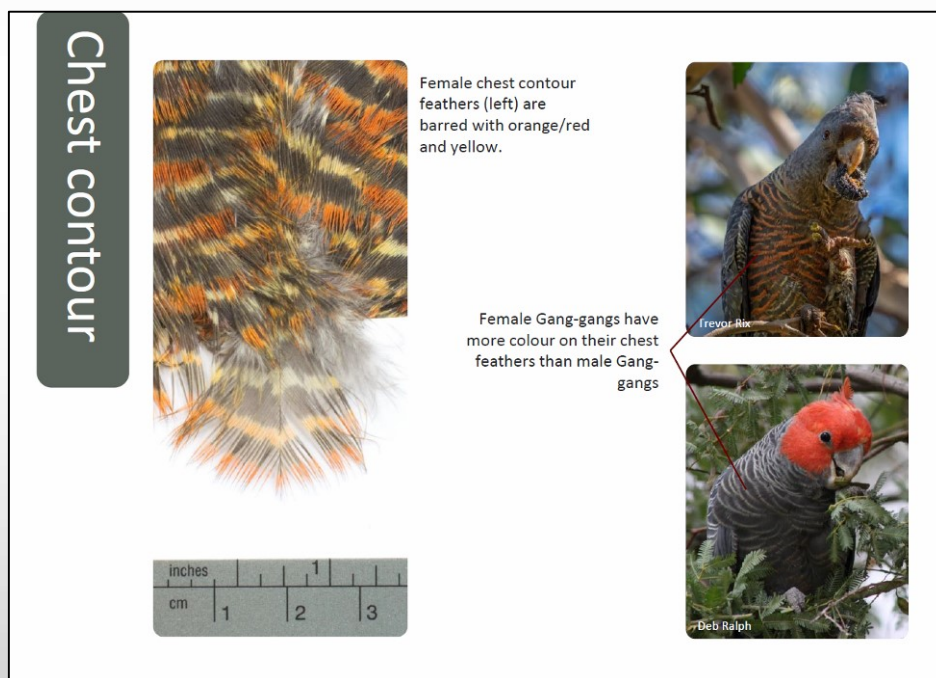
Message from Stacey Taylor to the Eurobodalla Gang-gang gang ...

Stacey is asking for help to collect Gang-gang feathers for genetic analysis to look at population isolation. Preliminary work by ANU suggests their genetic diversity is comparable or poorer than other threatened parrots.

So, please collect any Gang-gang feathers that might fall your way. Plenty of tips on collection and storage from Stacey available at:

<https://www.environment.act.gov.au/nature-conservation/conservation-and-ecological-communities/gang-gang-cockatoo-feather-collection-project>

On that website is a **brilliant** [Gang-gang Cockatoo feather identification handbook](#)



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Til next time, Susan