

### Pied/Torresian imperial pigeons Torres Strait pigeons

PIP/TIP/TSP = different names for the same birds!



#### When?

From 4PM to 6PM on any day(s) during November and December 2014. Time period extended this year due to unusually delayed nesting by PIPs. New sites and repeat counts will be extremely helpful.

#### Where?

Choose your site(s) anywhere on the coast between Gladstone and Cape York, keeping safety and comfort in mind. If you can organise friends to count at nearby sites, that would be ideal

Ensure you have a clear view of the shoreline so you can see any PIPs/TIPs that fly from land out to sea, heading towards their island breeding colonies. Count sites do not have to be places with lots of PIPs/TIPs. Zero counts also provide important information.

#### What to do?

Please print count sheets (the next 3 pages) to take with you. Then fill in location details. If possible get a GPS position too. Record wind strength, wind direction, sun, cloud, rain etc

From 4PM to 6PM keep a continuous watch for PIPs. Fine to continue later if sufficient visibility.

Count PIP/TIP numbers as they leave the coast and note approximate direction they are heading.

For each 15-minute time period, use a new column on the count sheet.

If no PIPs/TIPs are seen in any time period, write zero (don't leave blank).

If your watch gets interrupted, mark X in the time period you were unable to watch.

Record any extra details and comments on the last page.

Please send your count sheets to Dr Julia Hazel ó details on count pages.

#### Questions?

Please contact: [julia.hazel@jcu.edu.au](mailto:julia.hazel@jcu.edu.au) or text/phone: 0407 431 382

#### Results?

After collating the data, Julia will email a report to counters, if your email address is written clearly on the count sheet please. A report will also be posted on [pipwatch.net](http://pipwatch.net).

**Thank you very much for participating!**

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Count Site:

GPS:

Datum:

if known

Weather:

Date:

Observers:

Email / phone:

On p1 & 2 record only PIPs that cross the shoreline heading out to sea. For other PIPs and other species, please use page 3.

4:00 to 4:15 PM		4:15 to 4:30 PM		4:30 to 4:45 PM		4:45 to 5:00 PM		5:00 to 5:15 PM	
number	direction	number	direction	number	direction	number	direction	number	direction
<b>Column totals</b>									

Please send completed pages to: [Julia.Hazel@jcu.edu.au](mailto:Julia.Hazel@jcu.edu.au) or PO Box 1406, Townsville QLD 4810 Phone: 0407 431 382

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Count Site:

Date:

continue later - optional

5:15 to 5:30 PM		5:30 to 5:45 PM		5:45 to 6:00 PM					
number	direction	number	direction	number	direction				
<b>Column totals</b>									

## PIP count - page 3 of 3

Count Site:

Date:

If other counts are being conducted near you, please note who is counting and where (approx) if possible.

Please add a sketch map of your site showing limits for sighting PIPs, or describe in words

If PIPs pass by without crossing the coast, please record details here:

Other species observed:

Notes and comments: