



## Queensland Coast Count

### Pied / Torresian Imperial Pigeons Torres Strait Pigeons



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



**When?** Birdlife target date for 2021 is November 13. It's fine to substitute the closest date feasible for you. Ideal to repeat the count at your site in mid-December and mid-January if possible. If you counted the same site previously, try to count near the same day of the month each time.

**Where?** Choose your site anywhere on the coast from Gladstone to Cape York, keeping safety and comfort in mind. Counts are needed everywhere, not only places with lots of birds. Zero counts also provide important information. Extra valuable if you can organise friends to count at nearby sites.

Ensure you have a clear view of the shoreline so that you can count any PIPs/TIPs that **FLY OUT FROM THE LAND** heading offshore towards the islands where they roost and nest.

#### What to do?

Please print the data sheets (following pages) in advance. Fill in location and weather details.

From 4PM to near dark keep a continuous watch for TIPs/PIPs.

Count **OUT-GOING** PIPs as they LEAVE the coast, heading out to sea. Out-going TIP/PIP numbers are the most important part of the count. Don't mix them with non-outgoing PIPs.

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.

If you have in-coming PIPs (bird flying IN from the sea to land), count these birds **separately** using Page 4 and 5. If unable to count them, please add a note about in-coming PIPs on page 3.

If you have passing PIPs (birds that DON'T CROSS the coast), please add a note about passing PIPs on page 3.

Please add up column totals, then send your count sheets to Dr Julia Hazel, PO Box 1406, Townsville QLD 4810 or scan/photograph them and email to [Julia.Hazel@jcu.edu.au](mailto:Julia.Hazel@jcu.edu.au)

**Questions?** Contact Rebel Warren, our new count coordinator, phone 0407 914 318 or email [rebelwarren51@gmail.com](mailto:rebelwarren51@gmail.com)

**Results?** Please write your email address clearly on the count sheet so we can send you a report after count data have been collated. You can also see a map of results on [pipwatch.net](http://pipwatch.net).

**Thank you very much for participating!**

# Page 1 TIP/PIP count OUT-GOING (FROM LAND to SEA)

Count Site:

GPS:

Datum:

if known

Weather:

Date:

Observers:

Email / phone:

Count PIPs that cross the shoreline **FROM LAND TO SEA**.

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								

Column totals

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## Page 2 TIP/PIP count OUT-GOING (FROM LAND to SEA)

Count Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Count PIPs that cross the shoreline **FROM LAND TO SEA**. if possible continue while you can see - until dark ideal

5:15 to 5:30 PM		5:30 to 5:45 PM		5:45 to 6:00 PM		6:00 to 6:15 PM			
number	direction	number	direction	number	direction	number	direction		

Column totals

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## Page 3 - PIP/TIP count notes

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 site limits in words

If you had IN-coming PIPs (FROM SEA to land) that were not recorded on Pages 4 & 5 , please record information here.

If you had passing PIPs (NOT crossing the coast) please record information here.

Please record other species and your additional comments here.

## Page 4 TIP/PIP count IN-COMING (FROM SEA to land)

Count Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Count PIPs that cross the shoreline **FROM SEA to land**

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								

Column totals

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# Page 5 TIP/PIP count IN-COMING (FROM SEA to land)

Count Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Count PIPs that cross the shoreline **FROM SEA to land**

continue later if possible

5:15 to 5:30 PM		5:30 to 5:45 PM		5:45 to 6:00 PM		6:00 to 6:15 PM			
number	direction	number	direction	number	direction	number	direction		

Column totals

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