



Queensland Coast Count

Pied / Torresian Imperial Pigeons Torres Strait Pigeons



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



When? Birdlife target dates for 2024 are November 15, 16 and 17. If those days are unsuitable for you, any nearby dates can be substituted. It's most valuable if you repeat your count on 2 or 3 successive days, and/or repeat your count in mid-December and mid-January. If you counted the same site previously, please 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. 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/PIP.

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

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

If no 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 TIPs (flying from sea to land), count these birds **separately** using Page 4 and 5. If unable to count them, add a note about in-coming TIPs on page 3.

If you have passing TIPs that DON'T CROSS the coast, add a note about passing TIPs on page 3.

If possible **please take photos** of your counters and site, and send photos with your count sheets.

Please add up column totals, then scan/photograph your count sheets and email to Julia.Hazel@jcu.edu.au or use postal mail to Dr Julia Hazel, PO Box 1406, Townsville QLD 4810

Questions? Contact Julia Hazel by email julia.hazel@jcu.edu.au or text 0407 431 382.

Results? Please write your email address clearly on the count sheet so we can contact you about count data. After collating all count data, we will update the map of results on pipwatch.net.

Thank you very much for participating!

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

Count Site: _____

Date: _____

On this page only count PIPs that cross the shoreline **FROM LAND TO SEA**. please continue until too dark to see pigeons

5:30 to 5:45 PM		5:45 to 6:00 PM		6:00 to 6:15 PM		6:15 to 6:30 PM		6:30 to 6:45 PM		6:45 to 7:00 PM	
number	direction	number	direction	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: _____

On this page only 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		5:15 to 5:30 PM	
number	direction	number	direction	number	direction	number	direction	number	direction	number	direction
Column totals											

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

Count Site: _____

Date: _____

On this page only count PIPs that cross the shoreline **FROM SEA to land** please continue until too dark to see pigeons

5:30 to 5:45 PM		5:45 to 6:00 PM		6:00 to 6:15 PM		6:15 to 6:30 PM		6:30 to 6:45 PM		6:45 to 7:00 PM	
number	direction	number	direction	number	direction	number	direction	number	direction	number	direction
Column totals											

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Page [] TIP/PIP count

Count Site:

Date:

This page can be used if you need more space to record large numbers of pigeons

Please fill in time (15-minute block) for each column

please continue until too dark to see pigeons

number	direction	number	direction	number	direction	number	direction	number	direction	number	direction
Column totals											

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