

SEASONAL PATTERNS IN ABUNDANCE OF WATERFOWL (ANATIDAE) AT A WASTE STABILIZATION POND IN VICTORIA

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The seasonal abundance of waterfowl on a waste stabilization pond at the Western Treatment Plant, Victoria, Australia, was studied over two years. The abundances of species that are considered to be highly dispersive, such as the Pink-eared Duck *Malacorhynchus membranaceus* and Grey Teal *Anas gracilis*, were erratic and inconsistent across the two years. For other species, such as the Australasian Shoveler *Anas rhynchos*, Black Swan *Cygnus atratus*, Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa* and Australian Shelduck *Tadorna tadornoides*, more consistent patterns were observed each year. Most species used the site during what would be expected to be their non-breeding season. Australian Shelducks appeared to use the site as a late-spring/early-summer moulting refuge.