

# AVIAN POPULATION CHANGES IN A DEVELOPING URBAN AREA IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA OVER AN EIGHTEEN YEAR PERIOD

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Annual capture and recapture rates of a number of bird species obtained over an eighteen year period in an area cleared for urbanization, have shown changes in populations which are considered related to development in the area. The increase in the number of honeyeaters in particular, implies they have benefitted from the proliferation of nectar-producing native plants in some residential gardens. Other discrete changes in the avian population are also described.