

# **CENSUSES AND BREEDING RECORDS OF THE MAGPIE GOOSE *Anseranas semipalmata* ON THE COASTAL WETLANDS OF CENTRAL QUEENSLAND**

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A resident but fluctuating population of Magpie Geese was recorded on the central Queensland coast during twice monthly counts on 13 wetlands between February 1987 and December 1989. The mean population on these wetlands in 1987 was  $1\ 225 \pm 136SE$  ( $n=23$ ), in 1988  $771 \pm 132SE$  ( $n=25$ ), and in 1989  $2\ 848 \pm 290SE$  ( $n=27$ ). Successful breeding was recorded in 1988 and 1989 on four wetlands dominated by *Eleocharis* spp. with goslings, fledglings and immature Magpie Geese observed amongst adult flocks on these wetlands.