

PIED CURRAWONGS AND SEED DISPERSAL

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Pied Currawongs congregate around the city of Armidale, New South Wales, in autumn and winter. Five observation periods showed that Pied Currawongs fly a regular route from a roost in the Armidale State Forest to town feeding areas. Birds fed extensively on berries of many ornamental and hedge plants during the day and returned to the roost in the late afternoon. Pied Currawongs regurgitate undigested material including seeds. Viable seeds of *Pyracantha* and *Crataegus monogyna* were recovered from regurgitated pellets. The implications of this diurnal movement is discussed with respect to seed dispersal.