

Appendix D

The Whistler

Annual Report for 2011

Two volumes of *The Whistler* were published during 2011. Volume 4 was dedicated to the Threatened Species of the Hunter Region, whereas Volume 5 was a standard non-thematic issue. Both volumes contained 64 pages, which is the limit for the current production format.

Producing two volumes in one year is demanding and the support of all those involved in the production of *The Whistler* is acknowledged, with gratitude for the timeliness of their contributions. Similar gratitude is also due to a wide range of referees, whose efforts in suggesting improvements have as ever been warmly appreciated.

The Whistler 4 was widely distributed in the community targeting those responsible for the regulation and management of bird habitats in the Hunter Region.

It is encouraging that there were two new authors of papers in *The Whistler* 5 and a number of members made contributions to short notes. We continue to encourage more of these short articles. The chat exchanges of “Hunterbirding” demonstrate widespread curiosity among HBOC members about the behaviour of birds; the challenge is to get the more unusual of these observations into *The Whistler*. We ask all of the HBOC Committee to be ambassadors to this cause.

The plan for 2012 is to produce *The Whistler* 6 during the second half of the year. One paper and two short notes have been received already. Several papers have been pledged, but further material is required.

Mike Newman

Harold Tarrant

Joint Editors

8/1/2012