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The Whistler Report 2014

Sufficient copy was edited and formatted for a 64 page 2014 issue, number 8 in The Whistler series. Unfortunately it was not possible to complete the production for distribution to the membership within the 2014 calendar year, but has recently gone to print (February 2015).

As Editors we were pleased with the balance of articles, both the longer papers and short notes, which cover a range of species and aspects of bird study. It reflects well on the health of HBOC that its members continue to supply high quality information, which is of vital importance to the land managers of our region.

We approach 2015 with three pledged papers for volume 9, two of which already exist in advanced draft form. The third will involve a new author and continue the approach of having one paper dedicated to an in depth analysis of a single species' status.

The biggest challenge facing the Editorial team is engendering a club culture which sees submission of papers early in the year, allowing the editorial and production processes to be conducted in a more relaxed manner, without the pressure of end of year deadlines.

We thank Hunter-Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority for their financial support of Whistler 7 and are currently seeking their support for Whistler 8 under their new name Hunter Local Land Services.

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