## BA Atlas Co-ordination Report for 2009

Atlas activities continued as normal with only passive promotion for most of the year (i.e. those committed to the activity continued). Although the Atlas related articles in The Whistler do provide valuable demonstration of the Atlas at the personal project level the problem is the lack of use of data generated by the general membership and the inability to provide feedback that their efforts are worthwhile.

Mid year an approach was made to BA to get a summary of the entire Hunter Region database. Following receipt of this data a small project team has been formed (Alan Stuart, Peter Struick, Ian Martin and Emma Graham have been co-opted) and within this group the enthusiasm is enormous. Our aims for 2010 are ambitious and include the use of summary Atlas data in the Bird Report, publication of distribution maps for Woodland Threatened Species in The Whistler and regular information on the Atlas through maps as part of "Bird of the Evening", newsletter articles, the website and presentations.

Already a campaign to accelerate the processing of all 2009 survey data is in full swing which should at least partially address the apparent decrease in 2009 survey data.

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