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Copping Landfill Bird Survey identifies 40 species

Scientists at AquaSci – the company tasked with environmental monitoring at the Copping landfill – also have an interest in birds. So, during a recent monitoring event they decided to undertake a bird survey onsite over two days, to better understand the ecological environment in which the landfill operates.

The survey identified 40 different species of birdlife, of which the Forest Raven and Kelp Gull were recognised as most prolific. Rarer species including the Flame Robin and Superb Fairywren were also spotted.

SWS Chief Executive, Christine Bell, said it was a great opportunity to better understand the ecology of the area in which the Copping facility operated.

“Southern Waste Solutions understands it operates among many different animal species and conducting this bird survey has increased our knowledge of exactly which species we are commonly encountering,” Ms Bell said.

“Some ecologically important plants require pollination by birds in order to successfully reproduce, so understanding which birds are present at the facility also assists with the ongoing care and maintenance of the 704ha site.”

The results of the survey were posted on the global bird tracking website, eBird, contributing to the local database and assisting with future conservation and education efforts.



SWS lends a helping hand to much loved Tasmanian zoo

Southern Waste Solutions has answered a call out from local Tasmanian Wildlife Park, Zoodoo, offering to provide an endless supply of pine trees from its Copping facility.

SWS Manager Operations, Mick Barker, said Zoodoo had recently called on Tasmanians to donate their used Christmas trees to be recycled and repurposed for its animals.

“After reading an article in the local paper appealing for people to donate their used Christmas trees, I contacted Zoodoo to offer them an endless supply from our pine plantation at Copping,” Mr Barker said.

“Until now, they have had to rely on left over Christmas trees for their pine needle treat, making it a relatively rare one.

“Now all they have to do is complete our induction to ensure safety and compliance and they can harvest trees throughout the year indefinitely.

“They were over the moon about the offer, and we anticipate they will begin harvesting in the coming months.”

Zoodoo Managing Director, Donna Cuttriss, told the Mercury the trees could be used to create enrichment for the animals.

“Pine trees are great as occasional forage treats for animals such as camels and kangaroos, while parrots and other birds use the needles as nesting materials,” she said.

SWS Chief Executive, Christine Bell, said she was proud to once again be able to give back to the community through the worthwhile initiative.

“An offer like this comes at little to no cost for SWS, but can provide immeasurable benefits to other community organisations,” Ms Bell said.

“We are always on the lookout for meaningful ways we can give back to the Tasmanian community, particularly in areas involving animals and the environment.

“Southern Waste Solutions is a passionate advocate of environmental sustainability and maintaining Tasmania’s clean green image.”



Fun fact! One person’s trash is another’s treasure

An employee at the Lutana facility recently stumbled across an old photo album full of images dating back to the 1800s.

Upon salvaging the album and sending it to historians at Libraries Tasmania, the book has proved to be of historical significance and has been added to the Archives collection.

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