The National Malleefowl Recovery Team

Notes from Liz Kington for SWAN field day at Toodyay, 26 August 2017

The National Malleefowl Recovery Team in partnership with Melbourne University and the National Environmental Science Programme (NESP) has been developing a large national experiment to determine how to best manage Malleefowl across Australia. The Malleefowl Adaptive Management Predator Control Experiment (the AM Project) is the only land based adaptive management experiment in Australia (the attached diagram demonstrates the scope). This project has a strong community commitment and each year training is available to new volunteers, ensuring compliance with the already well-established national Malleefowl monitoring program.

Nationally, each year, several thousand mounds are monitored by volunteers/ citizen scientists to measure how successfully the Malleefowl are breeding. The National Malleefowl Database stores this information as well as data from about 3 million hectares of predator controlled land.

Dr Liz Kington has been contracted as the WA Project Officer. Her work will involve making sure that the Adaptive Management project gets the data it needs from the field through community and government monitoring of Malleefowl mounds in the chosen paired sites. She is also assisting the Malleefowl preservation communities, spreading the word about this important project and sourcing future Adaptive Management project funding.

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