

# FROGWATCH 2013



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Hello lovely people. Here comes a short and sweet autumn update on Frogwatch matters. Happy reading!!

*Your Frogwatch coordinator, Anke Maria Hoefler.*

## Ongoing monitoring of Frogwatch sites

Over the past decade a gradual shift of the breeding season to an earlier onset has been observed in many animal species in the ACT, including frogs. Therefore we encourage every FROGWATCH volunteer to submit their observations at any time of the year, especially mid-summer and late winter. The additional data will support an understanding of changes in frog breeding activities in our region AND will reflect species occurrence and abundance in the ACT and surrounding region more accurately.

## Frogwatch Census Reports

Thanks to the mammoth efforts and endless patience from our computer savvy volunteer Simon I have been able to analyse the Census results for 2010, 2011 AND 2012!! All three reports are just 36 maps away from publishing online. So please stay tuned for the arrival of this old freedom train!!

## More good news from the ANU

Martin Westgate and Ben Scheele, (ANU) have been working on the development of a frog call identification tool. While doing this they got really interested in the Frogwatch data and liaised with lots of other clever people for a multidiscipline approach, namely: Karen Ikin, Laura Rayner, Don Driscoll (all ANU), Will Osborne (UC), David Hunter (NSW threatened species officer), Nick Nichols (CSIRO). Preliminary results of the data is looking promising and is pointing towards the rocky road of publications!!! **How exciting is that??**



## New reptile zoo in Gold Creek

The old and very tired looking "Canberra Reptile Sanctuary" has been revamped and renamed by its new owners Peter Childs, Antony Pezelle and Karen Williams from Reptiles Inc.. The sanctuary is now the **Canberra Reptile Zoo**, with twice the number of animals, including lots of new species!! With a focus on education and awareness, the Canberra Reptile Zoo is the place to visit a number of Australia's many cold blooded animals, including geckos, lace monitors, crocs, pythons, pig nosed turtles, blue tongue lizards and a heap more! You can visit the Canberra reptile Zoo in Gold Creek Village, 29 O'Hanlon Pl, Nicholls ACT 2913. Opening hours are 10:00 am–5:00 pm 7 days a week. Phone:(02) 6253 8533.



This is it for today!

I wish you all a very hoppy Easter with plenty of time with your loved ones, much laughter, big sleep ins and warm sunshine on your skin!! OK some Easter eggs too!



*with  
lots of big smiles Yours  
Anke Maria*

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