

TRIP TO AUSTRALIA July - Sept 1992

Crucial info: Dart Board should be 173 cm high (bull's eye)  
and 2.73 m from the throwing line

27 July. Left BWI on United's 10:35 Flight to San Francisco via Chicago. Arrived in SF at ~ 1430. Spent the next several days conferring w. Bill Carmen (he will be delayed in his departure for several days, due to saga in his house-buying. He now plans to leave on Sunday, 9 Aug; will arrive in Perth on Tuesday, 11 Aug). Reviewed manuscripts, bought supplies, etc.

1 Aug Left SFO on United #817 at 21:15. 2 hr layover in Honolulu, 2 hr. in Auckland, so didn't arrive in Sydney until ~ 09:30 on 3 July

3 Aug. Had a very close connection in Sydney (had to clear customs + immigration here, carry luggage to Australia Divines desk - where I waited in line for ~ 25 min - then take shuttle bus from international terminal to domestic terminal. I made it with ~ 10 min. to spare; my bags didn't arrive in Perth until the next flight). 4 1/2 hr. flight to Perth, with nice view of Mt. Kosciuszko (much snow) and Mt. Gambier before we crossed the Great Australian Bight. Arrived in Perth at 14:40 local time, to rainy skies.

4 Aug Bought supplies, unpacked, & checked in at the CSIRO Lab.

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Midland, WA

5 Aug. More organizing at CSIRO of Midland/  
Perth area.

Purchased specialized batteries for my  
Sennheiser microphone at:

SIOMAR BATTERY IND.  
15 COLRAY ST.  
Osborn Park

(N. of Perth - take Tonkin hwy to Morley  
Rd - W. to Main, S. to Scarborough  
Beach - Then N. on Frohisher to  
Colray, a short Cul-de-Sac street)

Also purchased an inexpensive cassette recorder  
for playback (\$67<sup>00</sup>), a butane refill unit  
for my portable soldering iron, more food etc.

Perry de Rebeira fixed me up with a banding kit.

6 Aug left Helena Valley at 10:00 and  
drove E to Kellerberrin. Weather still very  
unsettled - numerous showers separated by  
clearer conditions. Strong, gusty westerly winds.

I stopped briefly along the Avon R. in Northam.  
Not a tremendous amount of waterbird activity,  
but I noted 4-5 Australasian Grebe, ~10  
EURASIAN COOT, 2 Pacific Black Duck, 2 Mute Swan.  
Welcome Swallows numerous over the river + grassy bank.  
Brown HE common in trees and shrubs.

Other spp seen along highway between Northam  
and Kellerberrin: White-faced Heron (1),  
Black-shouldered Kite (2), Nankeen Kestrel (2),  
Austr. Raven (many), Austr. Magpie (sev.), Magpie-  
Lark (many), Jalah (many), Pt. Lincoln Ringneck  
(many).

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6 AUG - cont'd

Lots of water in the salt-pan areas - I made a detour of ~15 km N. of the hwy, leaving viz the Mt. ~~Am~~ Ann Rd, and looping back to the hwy at ~~Tambora~~ <sup>Sunderlin</sup>. Huge areas of saltbush ponds and creeks (all flowing west), but practically devoid of waterbirds (a single White-faced Heron was the only exception). Willie Wagtails along rd, which went through mostly cleared country without major patches of heath or woodland. Tree martins common also, and several groups of Black-faced Woodswallows seen.

7 AUG - sunny, calm, cool morning (no frost last night).

I drove SW to the top of the rise at the middle of Weeds Reserve. Birds fairly active, and I heard or saw the following in the area around the cross-track on the S. side of the paved rd just NE of the crest:

Maggie, Galah, Pt. Lincoln Parrot, Pallid Cuckoo,  
Yell-r. Thornbill, Weebill, Sung HE, Brown HE,  
White-eared HE, Grey Shrike-Thrush, Rufous Whistler,  
Western Warbler, Willie Wagtail, Common Bronzewing,  
Grey Butcherbird, Tree Martin, Yell-Th. Miner,  
Striated Pardalote, Blk-faced Cuckoo-shrike,  
Austr. Raven, Crested Pigeon, Grey Fantail.

Recorded a Grey Shrike-Thrush song on a 30 sec endless loop to use in playbacks.

Just SW of the cross-track there was a lot of v. active singing by Rufous Whistlers. Investigation revealed that 2 unbanded ad ♂♂ were actively vying for supremacy.



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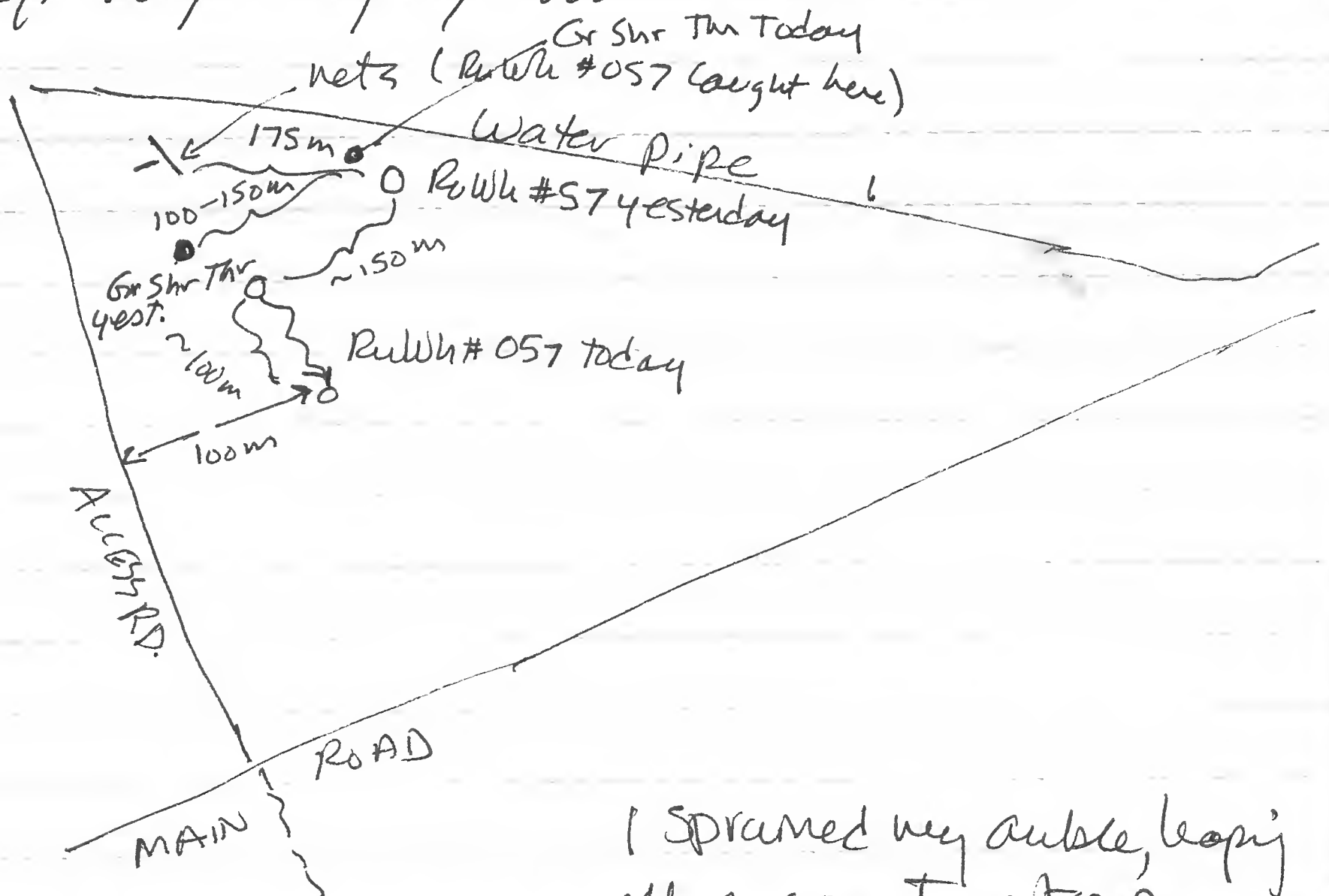
10 AUG - cont'd

In the P.M. Denis + Penny each set up 10 nets with their Earthwatch volunteers. Conditions very windy, cold - & not much success. Then, at dusk DAS caught 2 babblers, one of which I tagged

White-browed Babbler (retrap) # 056-93099 mauve/net-RT.  
Doodlakine Rd x Angle Rd  
large-sized transmitter # 015 (Setting 1-7-2.2)

Other spp seen here during PM: BR-sh Kite, Galah, Pt. Linc. Ringneck, Weebill, Gr Fantail, W. Wagtail, White-b. Swallow, Tree Martin, Y-T Miner, Singing HE, W-br. Babbler, Br-headed HE, Red Wattlebird

11 AUG. I located Gr Sh Thrush and ♀ Ru Wh in covered reservoir area. Both had moved ~100m from yesterday's fixes, but were definitely hanging about the same area.



I sprained my ankle, leaping off a granite outcrop.



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11 Aug (cont'd)

I drove to DAS banding site at corner Angle Rd + Doodlakine Rd, where he had caught a Red Wattle bird. I put transmitter # 820 (lg.) on this bird - Initial setting was 3-12-1.5, which does not correspond to supposed tuning (should have been either Ch 1-1-0 or 4-3-?). Signal was sharp & strong when I released bird, but I immediately lost the signal. I can't figure out what was going on - I tried sweeping through all the channels, but nothing worked.

I picked up the signal from Babbler #015 I tagged here yesterday - he was 225 m S. Jct. Angle Rd along Doodlakine (E. side), nr. the S. end of dense brushy habitat that appears suitable for babblers.

Two Banded Lapwings in paddock along Brown Rd between Mission and Doodlakine roads. Several Richard's Pipits along roads.

I stopped at the top of the crest of the main rd. in Weeds and searched for the R. Wh and W. Wh I tracked in this area last week. Both were located, but had moved just SW of the crest, such that I couldn't get a signal until I started down that side.

The R. Wh (#253) seems to have an enormous territory. Today I tracked him at least 150-200 m SW of DAS banding site #1 (his previous furthest point SW of nesting site). This is well out into the Casuarina heath - w. very scattered clumps of small E. drummondii.

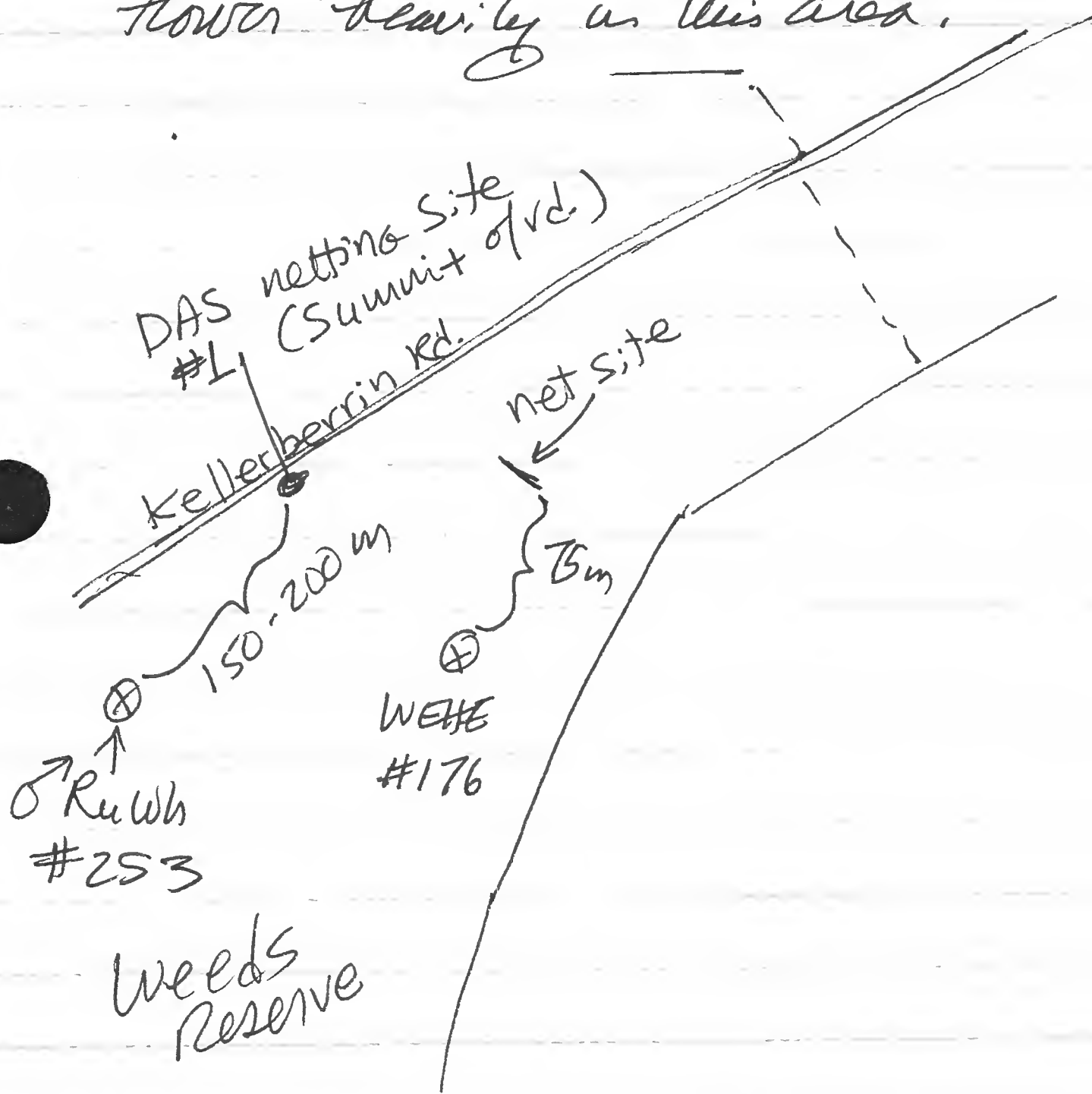
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11 Aug - cont'd

The bird was right in the middle of the reserve - not near the main road or the paddock boundary. Activity sphere extends clear up to the cross track to the NE.

The White-cared ITB (#176) was closer to banding site - 75-100m SSW in an area of mixed heath, low eucalypts. So far, this bird has always been found within 100m of banding site. Hakea coruscoides beginning to flower heavily in this area.



Visited DAS banding site <sup>EW</sup>#28 along Dodd Lake Rd. N. of Brown Rd. Spotted ♂ RuWh banded Red/Blue-left Mauve/wet. - RT.

(originally banded at this site ~~in~~ in Nov '88) was called "Kwek" at this time, so must have been less than 2 yrs. old.

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12 August Brown Rd. <sup>2.8</sup> km E. Jct. with

~ 9:30 AM Doodlakine Rd (EW#37E)

Perry de Rebeira 91 new banding birds here.

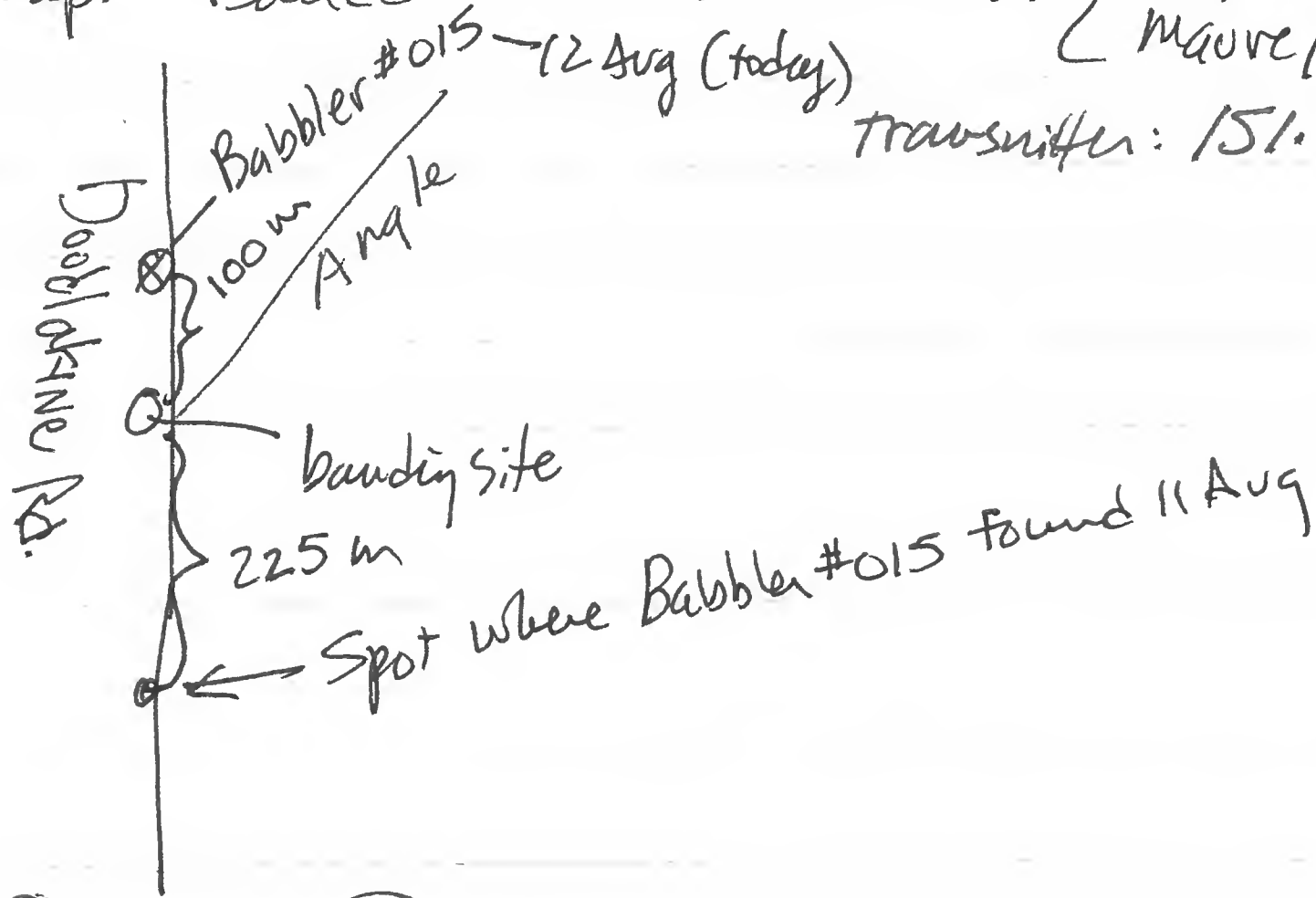
I used my tape to call in an adult ♂ Pufous Whistler.  
Transmitter # 385 (Setting 3-10-3) (new bird)  
band # 033-64569 (net/mauve-left; OR/Blue-right)

→ (note: babblers seen 0.8 km N. of dog bags. of EW#32)

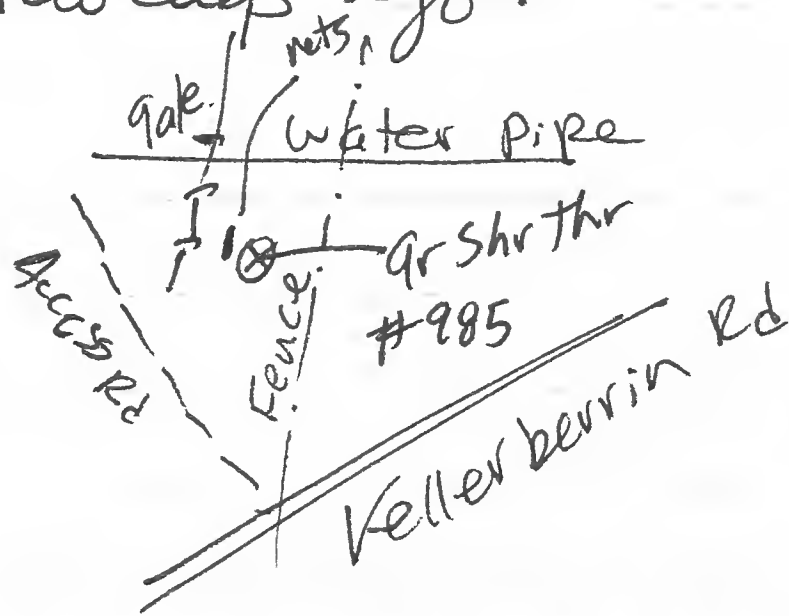
10:15 I drove to EW site #32 on Doodlakine Rd

at Jct. with Angle Rd. Heard Grey Shrike Thrush  
calling - set up a net, put on a playback tape, and  
caught bird within ~ 3 min.

new capt - Banded # 051-52399 { Lt. green/wh-left  
mauve/metal-right  
transmitter: 151.220



Weeds Reserve - NW Corner - Covered Reservoir area  
gr shr thrush #985 located v. close to  
site where I'd set up my 2 nets + captured ♀ Puff  
a few days ago.

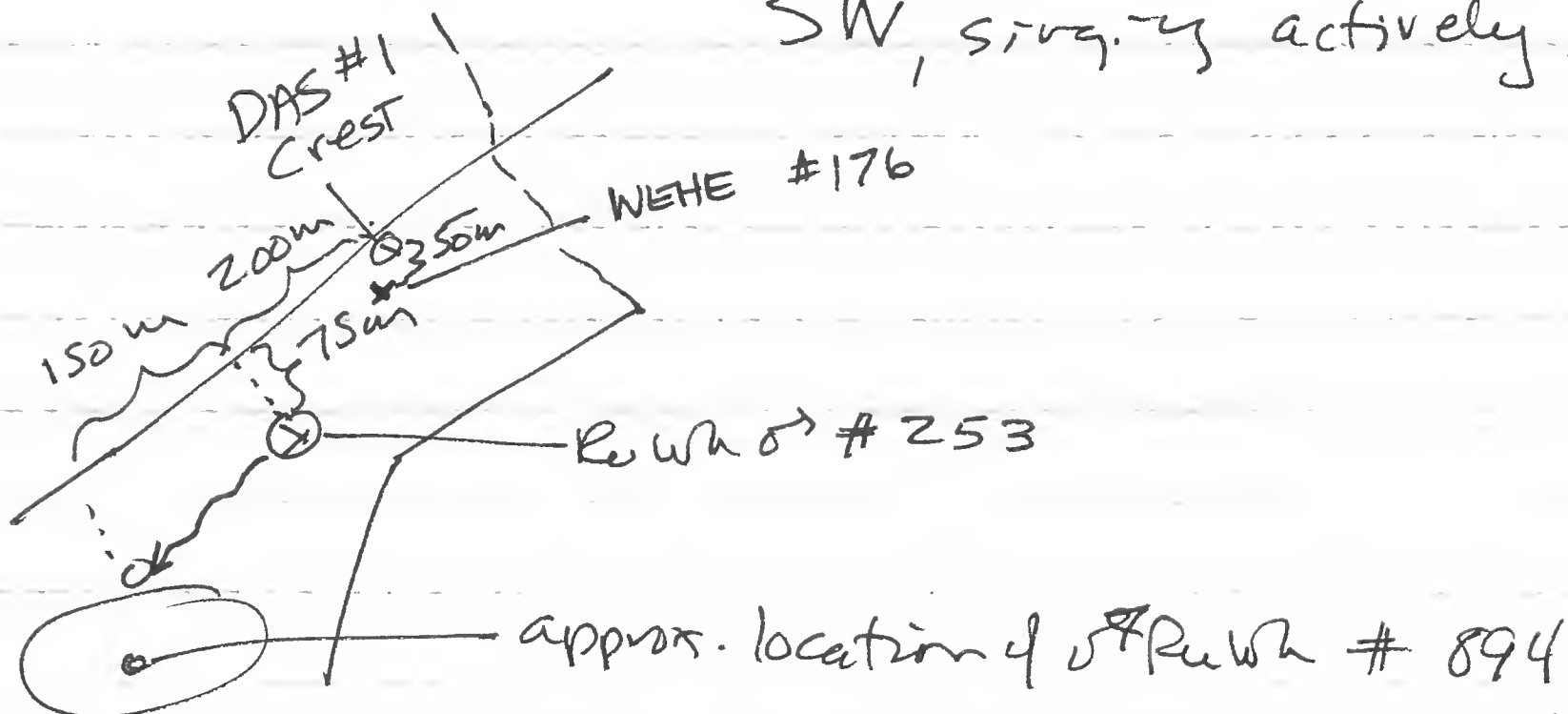




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12 AUG - cont'd

15:00 ♂ Rowh # 253 located ~75 S. of paved rd, 200m SW of crest in weeds. Moved another ~150m SW, singing actively.



15:10 WEHE # 176 located in interior of Weeds SW of crest in rd. ~50m SW of spot where ♂ Rowh # 253 located on 10 Aug (i.e., DAS site #1). (Area of heath - E. drummondii, Casuarina scrub)

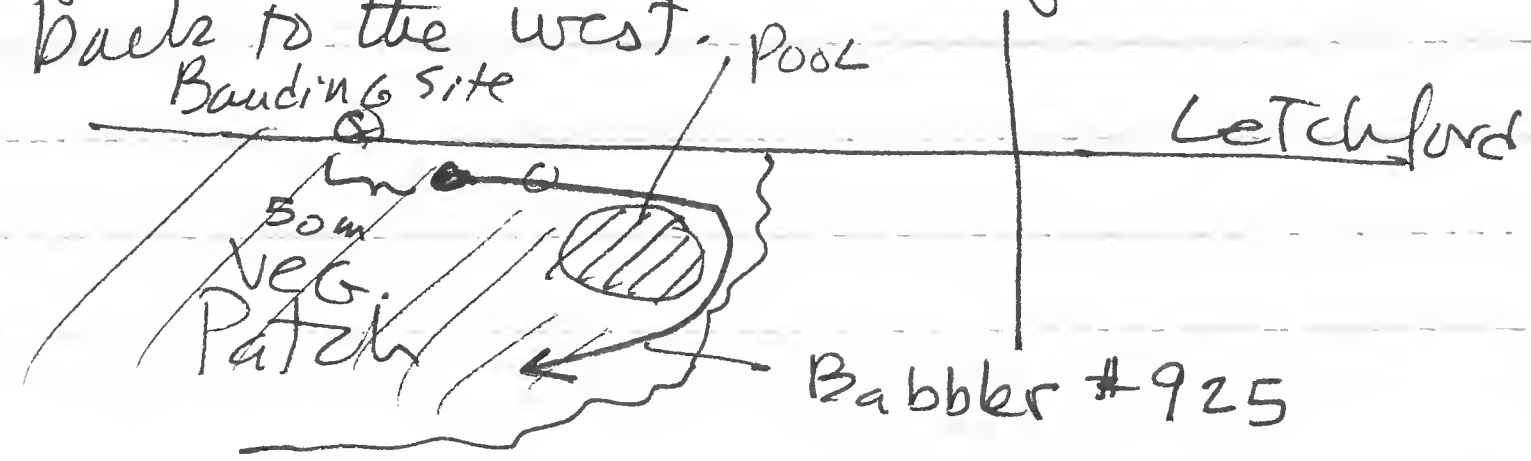
15:30 For the first time since I tagged him on 7 Aug 92 I detected ♂ Rowh # 894. I didn't get a clear fix on the faint signal, but bird was in the interior of the reserve, SW of the crest by ~300 - 400m I would estimate.

150.925  
16:30 I tagged a Babbler captured by DAS's crew at site on hetchford Rd, 300m W. of main Trayning - Kellerberrin Rd (EW # 36).  
Band # 051-52400 (Mauve/wet-RT; green/green-left)  
transmitter # 925 (ch 1, B 3, f 5.0)

13 Aug Same location - another Babbler  
Band # 051-72205  
(Mauve/wet-RT; 1 green/Mauve-left)  
151.125 Transmitter # 125 (ch 1, B 12, f 1.6)

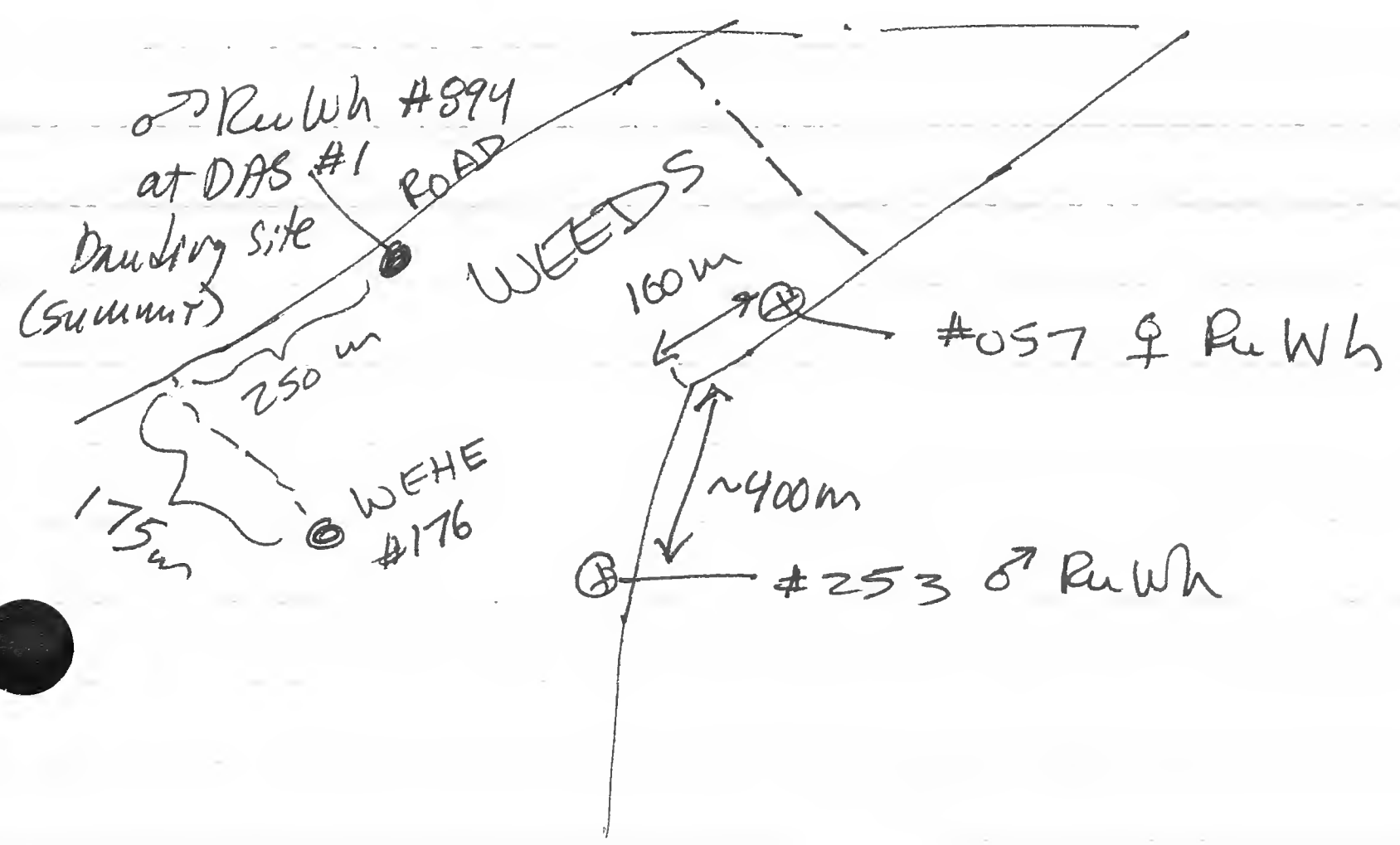
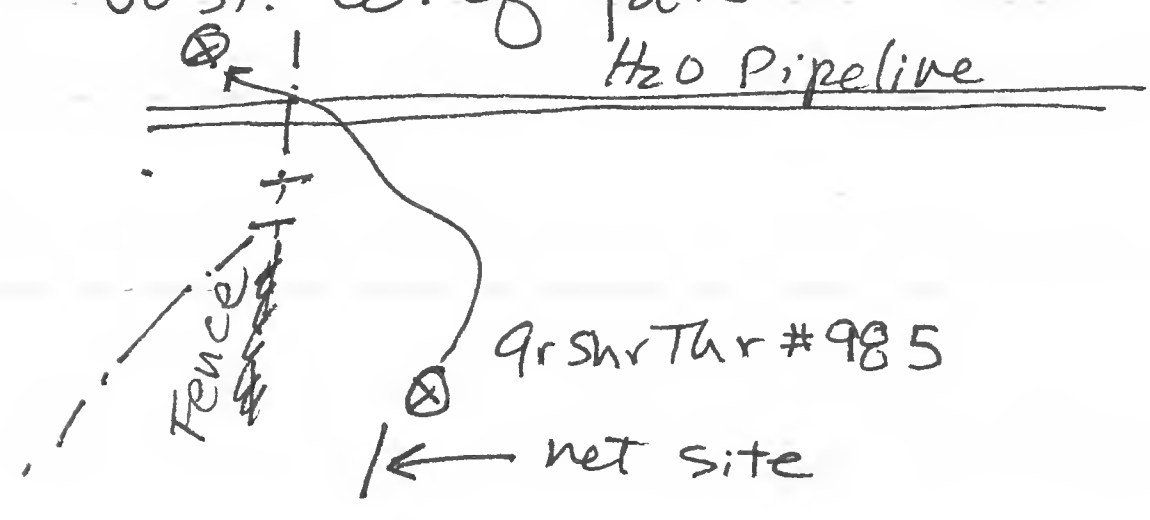
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13 Aug - cont'd. I got a fix on Babbler # 925 (tagged here yesterday) on S. side of rd. nr. E. edge of patch - started ~ 50m E. of banding site - moved E. ~ 100m, circled small pond to the south edge of patch, then moved back to the west.



Weeds Reserve - NW corner (covered res. area)

Grey Shrike Thrush # 985 followed from near ♀ RuWh net site, NW across pipeline to a pt. just w. of gate.



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13 Aug - cont'd

Drove into Midland to pick up Bill Carman, stopping for a few minutes in Northam to sit by the Avon R. ~ 1/2 mi. W. of bridge. Lots of water birds:  
~ 24 Mute Swan, ~ 50 Austr. Coot, ~ 20 Black Duck,  
~ 12 Grey Teal, 2 Hardhead, 3 Austr. Pelican,  
1 Silver Gull, 1 Little Pied Cormorant. Along banks were several Austr. Ravens (repeatedly chased by the Silver Gull), sev. Bronze HE, Singing HE, Rufous Whistler, many Welcome Swallow OH.

Picked up Bill at ~ 1515, and immediately drove back to Kellerberrin.

14 Aug. Patch along Letchford Rd ~ 1/2 way between Kellerberrin Rd. and Doodlakine Rd

Perry's group had good success netting today and we put transmitters on 4 birds here:  
recapt. White Browed Babbler Band # 051-72106  
left - met/mauve right - mauve/orange  
Transmitter # 162 (ca 2-band 1-freq. 3.5)

Rufous Whistler ♀? or imm.? (new capture)  
left - met/mauve right - or/or  
Band # 033-64571  
Transmitter # 834 (1-1-0.5)  
(heavily streaked throat + breast)

Singing Honeyeater (new capture)  
left - met./mauve right - green/orange  
Band # 033-64572  
Transmitter # 945 (1-3-2.5)



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14 Aug - cont'd

Patch along Hetchford rd betw. Keller. Rd & Doodlakine

ad ♂ Rufous Whistler (recapt.)

#033-64103

Transmitter #286 (setting: 2-6-2)

DAS was banding along Haandennin Rd, ~~1 km N.~~  
1 km N. of Keller Rd. Jct. We put transmitters  
on 2 Singing Honeyeaters here:  
(EW site #19)

recapt. Singing HE Band #034-28861

Transmitter #945 (setting 1-4-3.5)

left - added - mauve/or RT - mauve/metal

New Singing HE Band #034-28905

left - mauve/green RT - mauve/metal

transmitter #854 (setting 1-1-0)

released 10:20

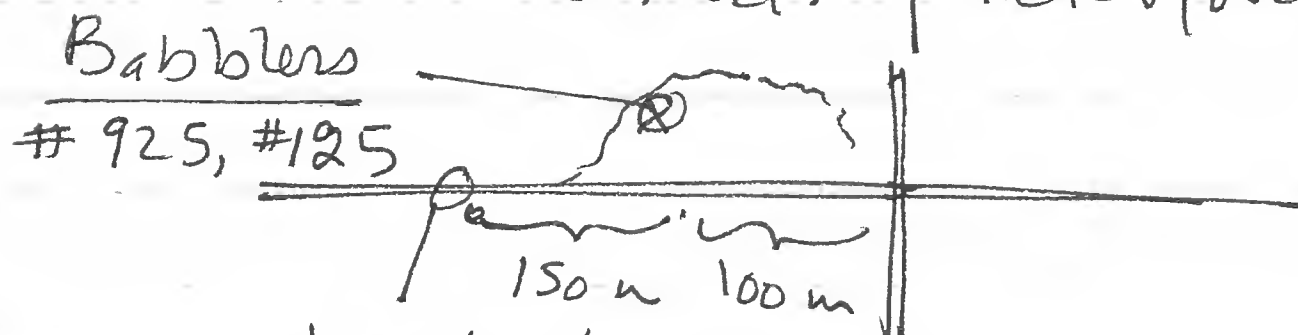
Checked Babblers along Hetchford Rd W. of Keller. Rd

Both #925 and #125 in same group, found

N. of rd in small patch ~150 m NE banding

site (nr. well site) at N. edge of patch at

~100 m W. Jct. of Hetchford Rd x Kellerberrin Rd



banding location

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9 Aug Weeds

between the Casuarina/Jam/Sandalwood woodland near the track and the Sabur Gum/Wandoo/mallee woodland ~150 m SW of there - 2 birds repeatedly flew back and forth in close pursuit - loudly singing, facing off with stretch-bob displays that show the white breast to maximum advantage and (in at least one instance) tumbled ~~the~~ attack in a low (~3m) tree.

I started to set up a mist net at the edge of the low woodland near the Cross Track, and caught one male Ruf. Whistler before I'd even opened the net all the way!

I returned to the CSIRO cottage and fitted this guy (a 3+ ♂) with a transmitter:

#894 - med. size - [150.894 MHz]

Band: 1, Ch: 2; freq. 3.7

Numbered band #034-39501 (new)

color bands: net/wh-RT; Red/Red-left

measurements: flattened wing - 93 mm; head-bill - 35.4 mm

wt - 23.1 gm

I set up a second net ~200-250 m further to the SW, in the general area of the "dogleg" turn in the boundary of Weeds, but closer to the main road than to the pasture side.

First location in mallee w. tall eucalypts attracted bird w. playback - he got into and out of net; I moved net ~100 m further SW into mallee and caught the same bird almost instantly (using playback).

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7 Aug - cont'd Weeds Reserve

This was almost certainly the second ♂  
from the 2 I saw fighting earlier -  
unbanded 3+ male netted at 1430 hrs.

Transmitter (medium size) # 253 (151.253 MHz)  
Settings: Band - 2, Ch - 5, Freq. - ~~0.7~~ 0.7

Numbered band (new) # 034-39502  
Color bands: met/wh - RT; Red/wh - left  
flattened wing - 98; hd-bill - 38.0; wt - 26.2 gm  
plumage worn - sl. molt on back.

By the time I returned this bird to the  
site (1530 hrs), I had caught a White-  
eared Abregeter in the same net (no playback).  
This was a recap. of a bird first netted  
at Wimwera gate on 18 June 91, then  
recaptured near this spot in Weeds on 21 Oct 91.  
Band # 033-64313 (mauve/metal - left)

I attached a medium-sized transmitter  
# 176 (151.176 MHz)  
Settings: Band 2, Ch. 2, Freq. 1.7

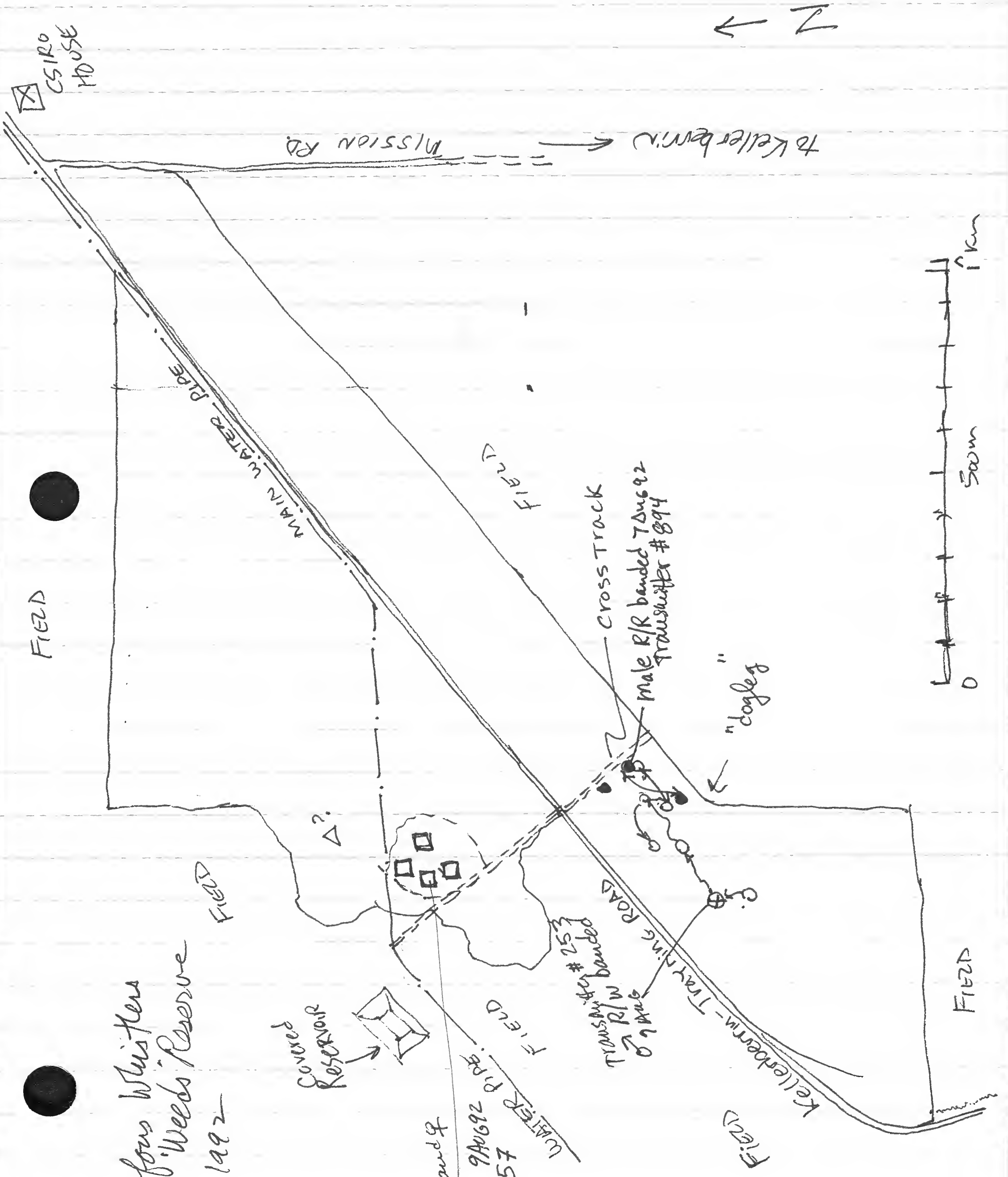
8 Aug. Cool cloudy mod. breeze. Rain started ~ 2 PM,  
became steady ~ 3:30 PM.

I tried to locate the 3 birds I fitted with  
transmitters yesterday. RW # 894 could  
not be found in a fairly wide search  
from banding site # 2, 300 m SW  
cross track, NE from cross track ~ 500 m  
to water pipe cut-in, along pipe W. to  
reservoir area, then back SE to the  
cross track.



Rufous Whistlers  
on Weeds Reserve  
1992

♂ and ♀  
♀ R/Ble 9 AUG 92  
Trans # 057



♂ R/W banded  
Trans # 253

Male R/R banded 7 Aug 92  
Transmitter # 894

Covered  
Reservoir

"dogleg"

FIELD

MAIN WATER PIPE

FIELD

Cross Track

FIELD

FIELD

0 500m 1km

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WEEDS Reserve

8 AUG - cont'd

Only Weistlers seen or heard in this area were a pair JUST E. of the reservoir in the usual area around the debris-stream granite outcrops S. of the water pipe, and (possibly) a neighboring male that called briefly from just N. of the water pipe in this same area.

I also found PuWh with transmitter # 253 almost precisely at the banding site ~ 150m W. of the "dogleg" corner in weeds. I followed this bird to the NE ~ 200m to the grove of lg. Salmon gums where I first saw this male and male # 899 chasing and displaying yesterday. He then circled back toward the banding site. When I first picked this bird up this morning, he was ~ 50m SW of net location. This was about as far SW as I heard him yesterday also.

The ~~singing~~ White-eared HE turned up just S. of the banding site - moved around within a rather small radius (~ 75m). A second un-tagged White-eared HE was in the same area - maybe my bird's mate.

New birds seen today - sm. flock of Varied Sittellas in the area just E. of the reservoir on the N. side of the main rd - m. w. border of wooded area of "weeds". Mixed flock w. Weebills and Y-R T-bills - Pr. of PuWh seemed to periodically join in the fray as well.

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Weeds Reserve

9 Aug. weather mild, cloudy, windy in AM;  
in PM, became cooler and rained steadily  
from ~ 2 PM on. Miserable.

However, in morning I returned to cross-track  
area of Weeds and used a playback to  
lure a Grey Shrike Thrush into one of the 2  
nets I had left set up there from yesterday.  
Bird was singing ~ 100 m away as I drove up,  
and he crashed into the net within 5 min.  
after I started the playback. This was  
a veteran ♂ that had first been captured  
at Weeds #1 (DAS roadside spot) in Oct '89,  
then retrapped by ~~me~~ near cross-track in Oct '91.

Band # 050-92085 3+ male Captured 09:15  
White/metal - left leg; White/orange - right leg  
I replaced the worn + brittle orange band

I attached a large-sized transmitter (#985)  
Settings: 1-6-2.0

hd-bill = 51.1 mm; Flattened wing - 122 mm; wt - 63.6 gms

I returned across the road to the covered  
reservoir area at NW corner of Weeds, and set  
up 2 nets in the territory of the pr. of Rufous  
Whistlers I observed yesterday. Very windy by  
now, and hardly ideal netting conditions.  
I could hear the ♂ singing ~ 100 m S. of nets,  
and when I put on the playback tape both ♂'s ♀  
quickly approached, but hung back a few m.  
Nets were in an area of open York-jam-  
Hakea - Sandalwood woodland.



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9 Aug - cont'd Weeds Reserve

Male was giving only desuetory short bursts of song - he stayed up near top of small trees (~ 3-4 m above ground), while ♀ remained quiet at lower levels (~ 2 m). After ~ 10 minutes of suspense, the ♀ finally swooped toward the tape recorder and was captured. (left nets up and playback going while) took her back to the CSIRO house for processing.

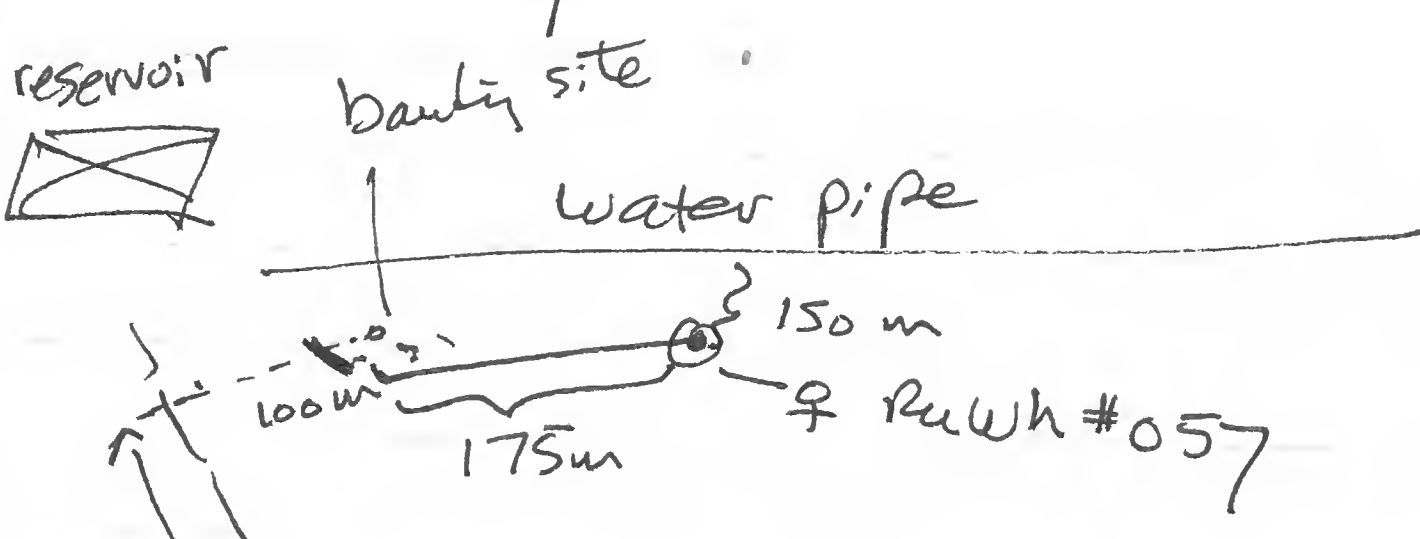
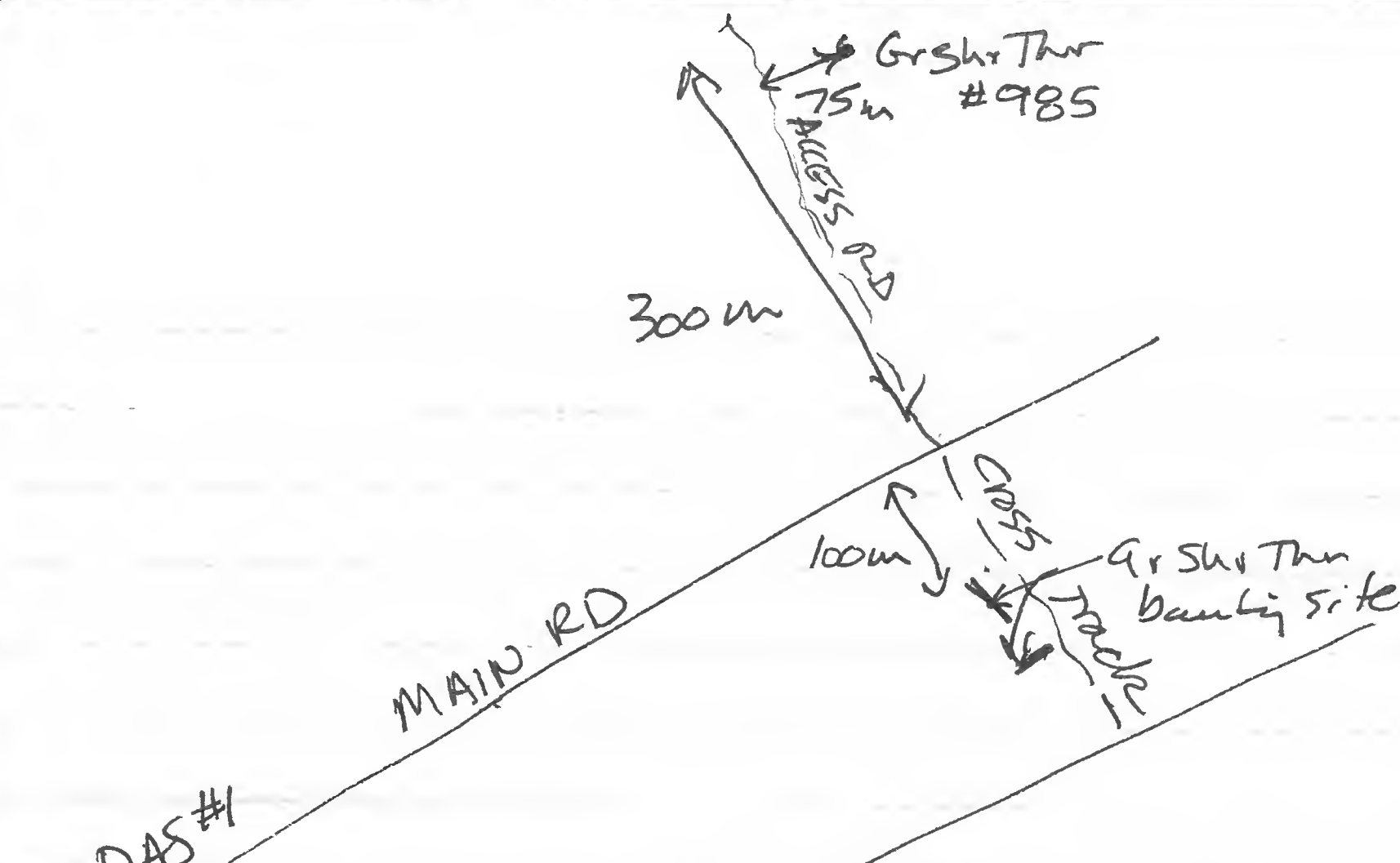
ad ♀ Rufous Whistler (new) captured 11:30  
band # 034-39503; net/wh-RT; Red/D.Blue-L.  
Transmitter (med. size) #057

Settings: Ch 1, B 9, Fr 1.5

hd-bill - 38.1; wing flattened - 98 mm; wt - 26.6 gm

I released ♀ back at the site at 12:30, by which time weather conditions were really deteriorating - cooler, high winds, light rain. Male was still hanging around giving occasional short song, but not in net when I got there. Instead, I had captured an entire flock (6) of Yellow-rumped Thornbills. Given the rapidly worsening weather, I simply released them instead of bringing them back to the house for banding. Rain heavier by 1:00 PM. I closed these 2 nets, and returned to the cross-track area to close those 2 nets as well. There I found a thoroughly startled Port Lincoln Parrot, which I released without banding.

Rain and wind heavy now, and stayed so for the remainder of the afternoon. I reviewed manuscripts and dried out.



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10 Aug. Weeds Reserve

I returned to top of the grade - Cross-Track, DAS #1, and Covered Reservoir areas to search for radio-tagged birds. I also left 2 nets open at reservoir site (NW corner of Weeds) alternating RuWh and Gr Sh Thrush playbacks - responses from nearby birds, but no captures. I located 4 of the 5 birds I've tagged:

♂ RuWh #253 - first picked up near banding site, then moved WSW almost to the rd (DAS banding site #1) and continued parallel to rd ~100m to end of eucalypt woodland (beginning of huge Casuarina patch) before doubling back. I also heard this bird at the far NE end of the Salmon Gum grove, in the area where he and 2nd ♂ were fighting the first day I observed him.

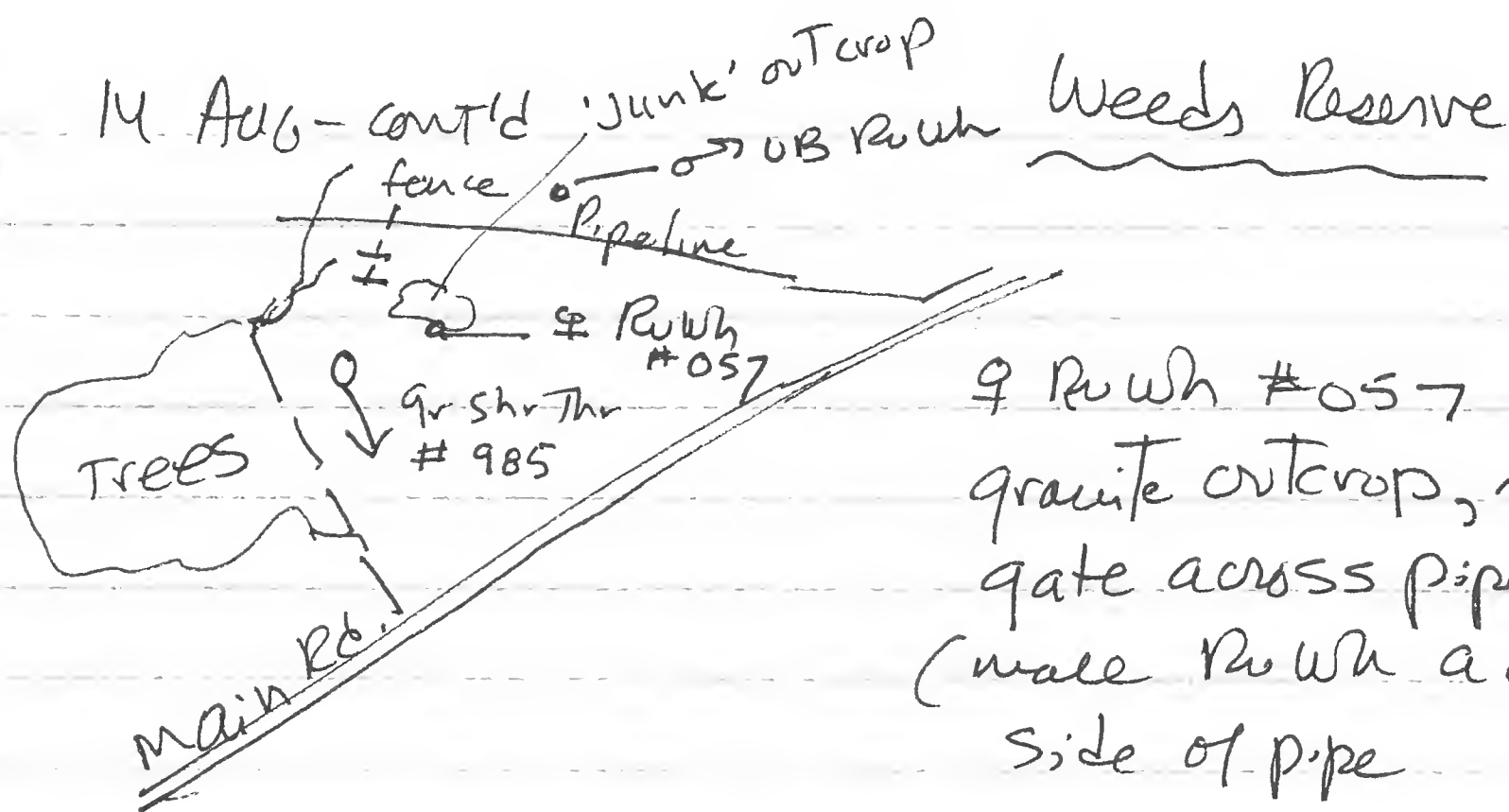
~~Striped HE~~ White-eared HE #176 - ~500m S. of net site where banded - moving W. another WETE.

Gr Shrike Thrush #985 - banded 2/3 of the way across Weeds on Cross Track was picked up in territory of RuWh #253, 300m NNW main rd via access rd to reservoir, and ~75m into York Gum woods on E. side of access rd.

only "missing" tagged bird was ♂ RuWh #894, which I've not seen since he was tagged.



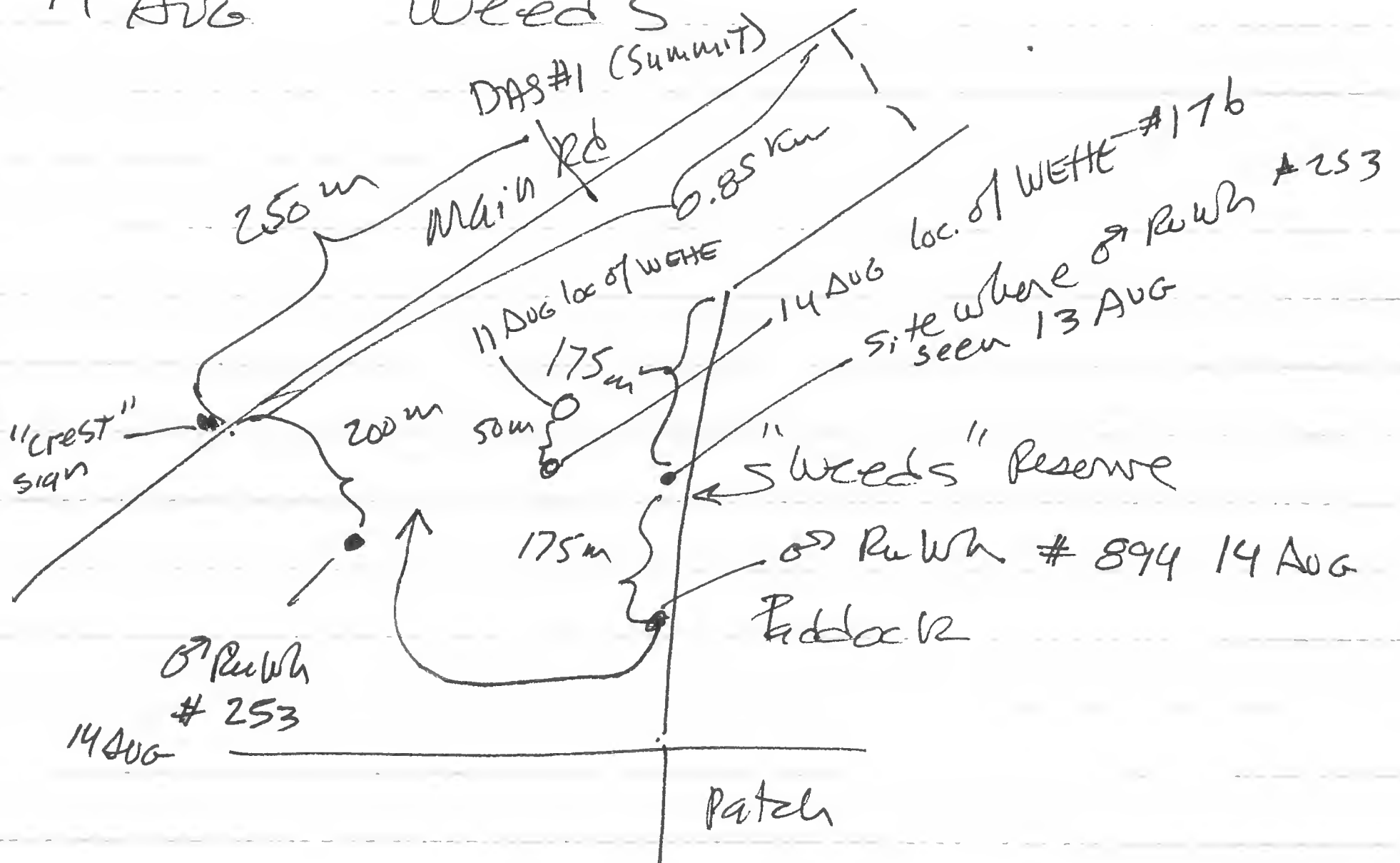
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♀ RuWh #057 nr. "Junk"  
granite outcrop, ~50m SE  
gate across pipeline Rd.  
(male RuWh across on N.  
side of pipe)

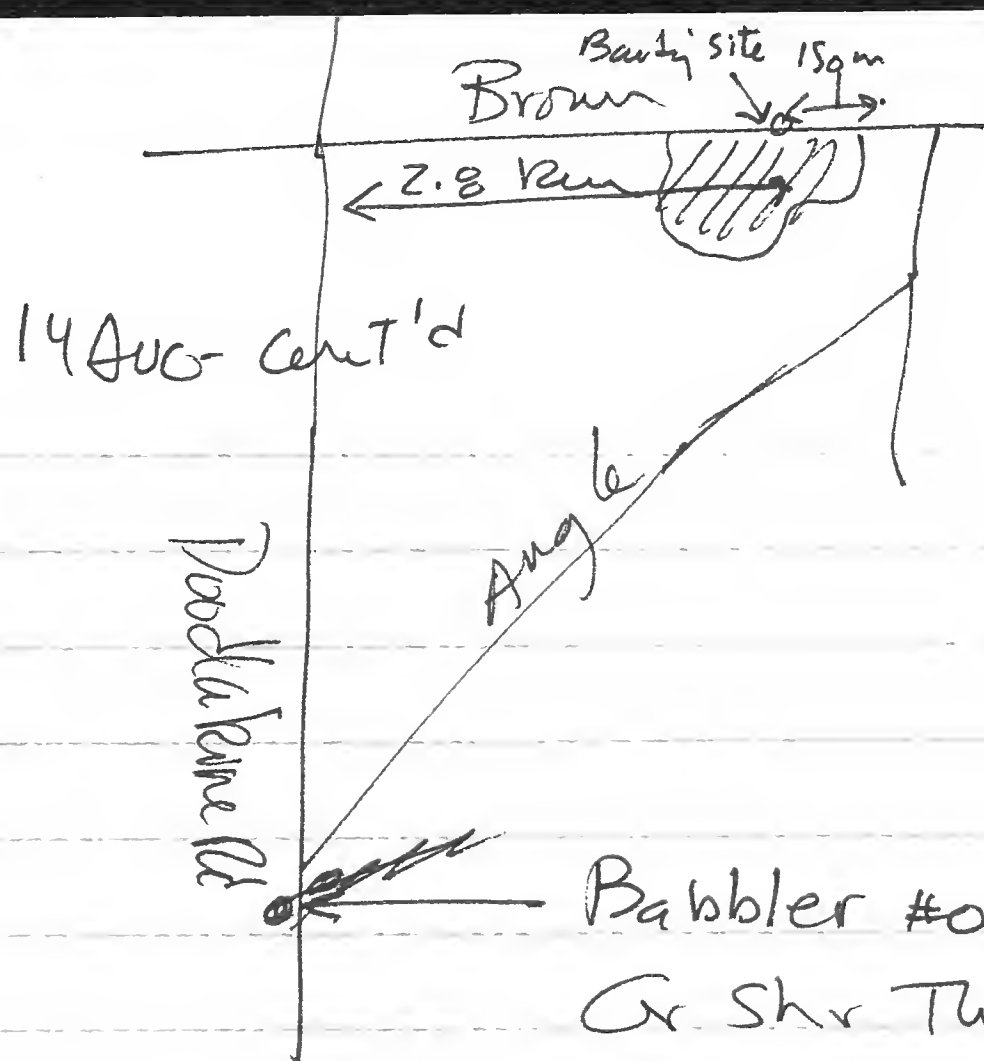
14 AUG

Weeds



DAS captured Spiny-cheeked Hoveyater # site #1  
(Summit of Weeds) banded at 15:35  
Band # 051-72208 (new)  
left - Red/Red Right - White/metal  
transmitter # 018 (setting: 1-7-3.1)

1 caught a Gehyra variegata gecko under  
sheet of corrugated metal on granite outcrop in  
NW corner of Weeds (cov. res. area).

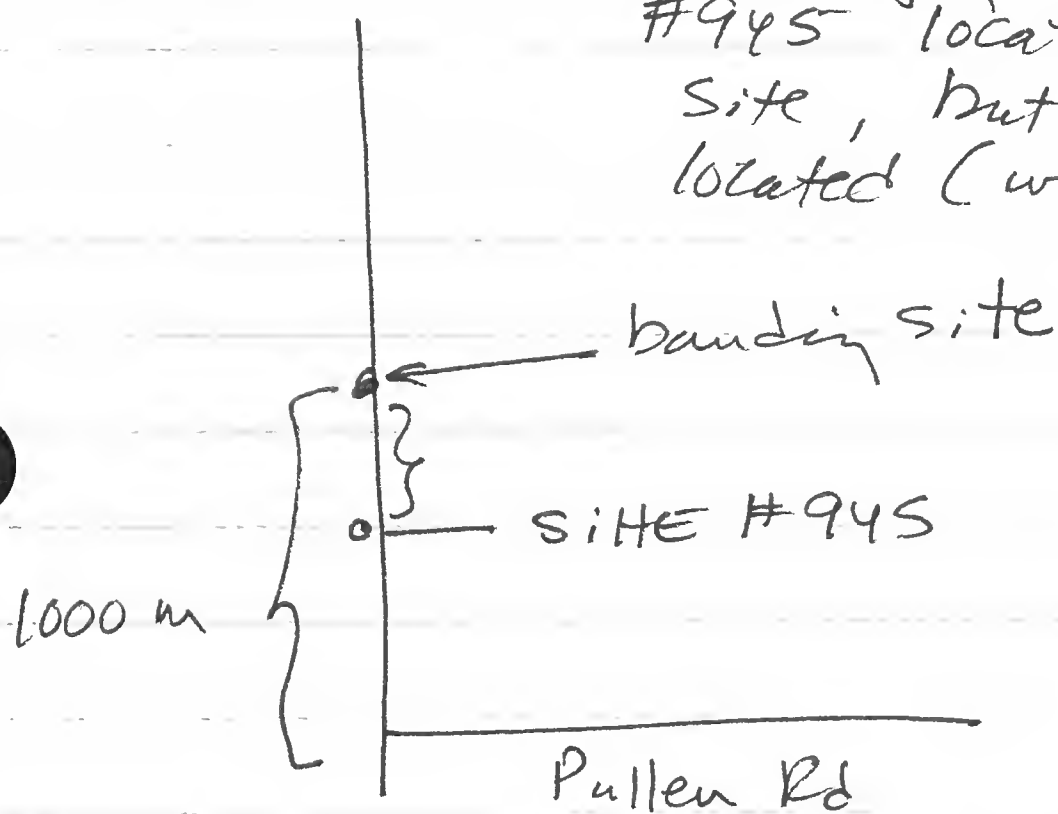


no birds located  
♂ R. Whistler tagged  
along Brown Rd 2.8 km  
E. Jct. Doodlakine Rd

Babbler #015 at banding site #32  
Or Sh. Thr heard here, but no  
signal.

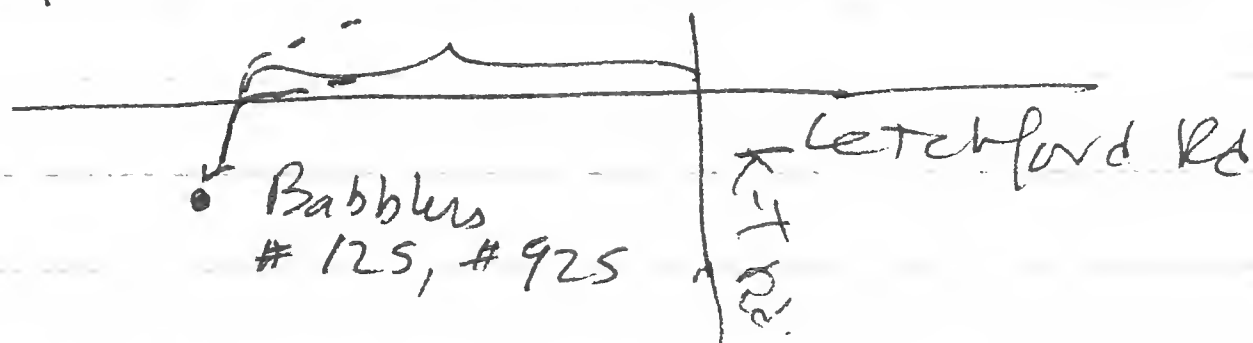
15 Aug. We returned to Huandennig Rd.  
Site where Singy HE's banded yesterday.

#945 located ~125m S. of banding  
site, but #854 could not be  
located (we searched to 1 km S. of  
banding site, and 2.6 km  
N. of banding site)



Lots of tadpoles in granite  
pools on E. side of  
Huandennig Rd ~2 km  
N. of banding site.  
Clustered in tight groups  
of several dozen. Fat,  
mottled ~~est~~ color pattern  
body ~1.5 cm long.

We located the 2 babblers on Letchford Rd just N. of  
Kullerberrin Rd - crossed to S. side of rd ~450m  
W. of Jct. w. Kull. Rd. Both in same group



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15 Aug - cont'd DAS Dandy at weeds site #1  
(Summit). We got 2 more years from  
him for tagging:

09:30 Singing HE Band #?

left - Red/Red RT - Mauve/Wet.

Transmitter # 141 (Setting: 1-12-3.5)

White-eared HE Band #?

transmitter # 375 (Setting: 2-10-0 OR  
2-9-4.5)

Doodlakine x Argle Rd

Babbler # 015 ~ 50m N. of banding site,  
Just S. of driveway that cuts through  
vegetated corridor on W. side of rd.

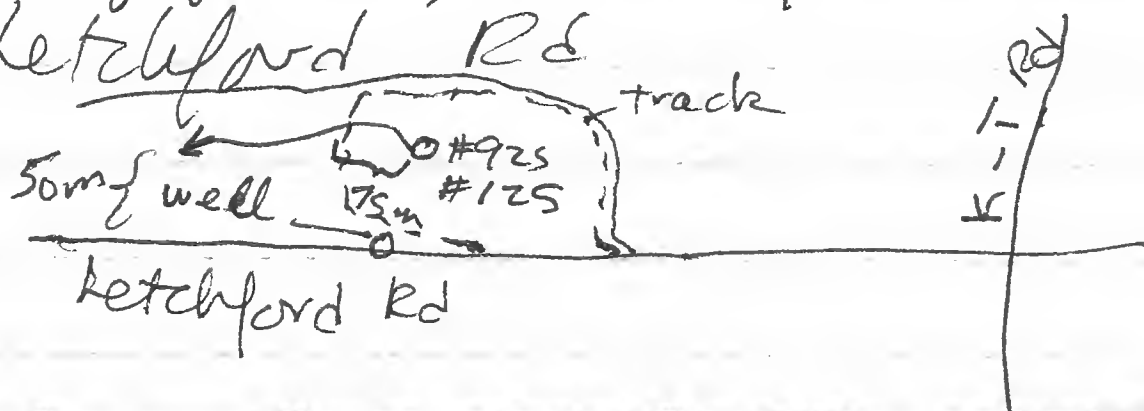
No sign of grey Shrike-Thrush - ~~no~~ banded  
here 12 Aug. or Red-wattlebird banded 11 Aug.  
rain starting at ~ 12:30

Rained, heavily at times, all afternoon.

16 Aug. Black-tailed Native Hen and Brown Falcon  
seen in morning along Pullen Rd as we drove W.  
toward Huandennina Rd.

Singing HE #945 tagged 14 Aug located 25m  
S. of yesterday's location (S. HE #854 not found)

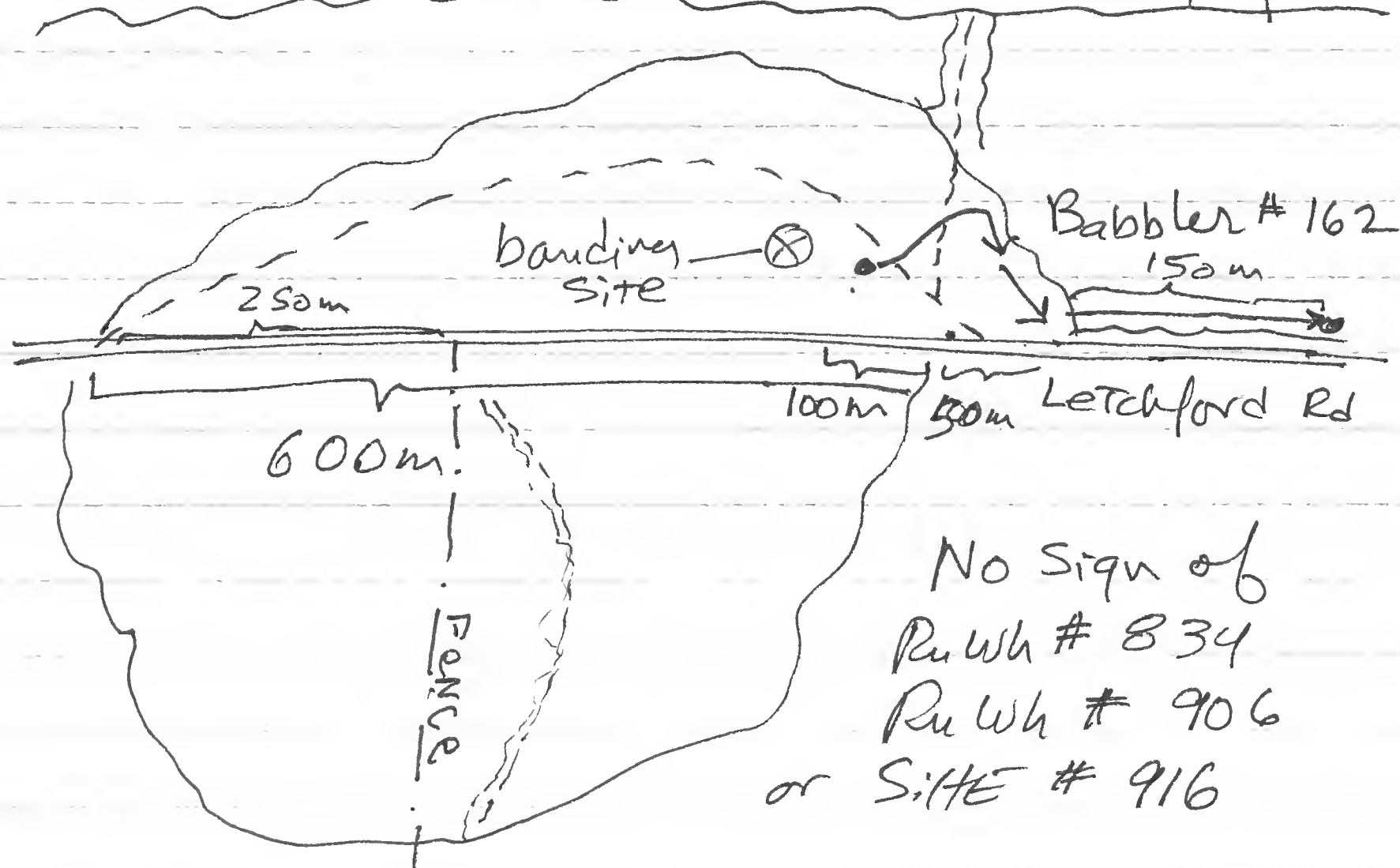
W-br Babbler #925, #125 found together at  
E. edge of patch, N. side of rd. N. old well  
on Ketchford Rd





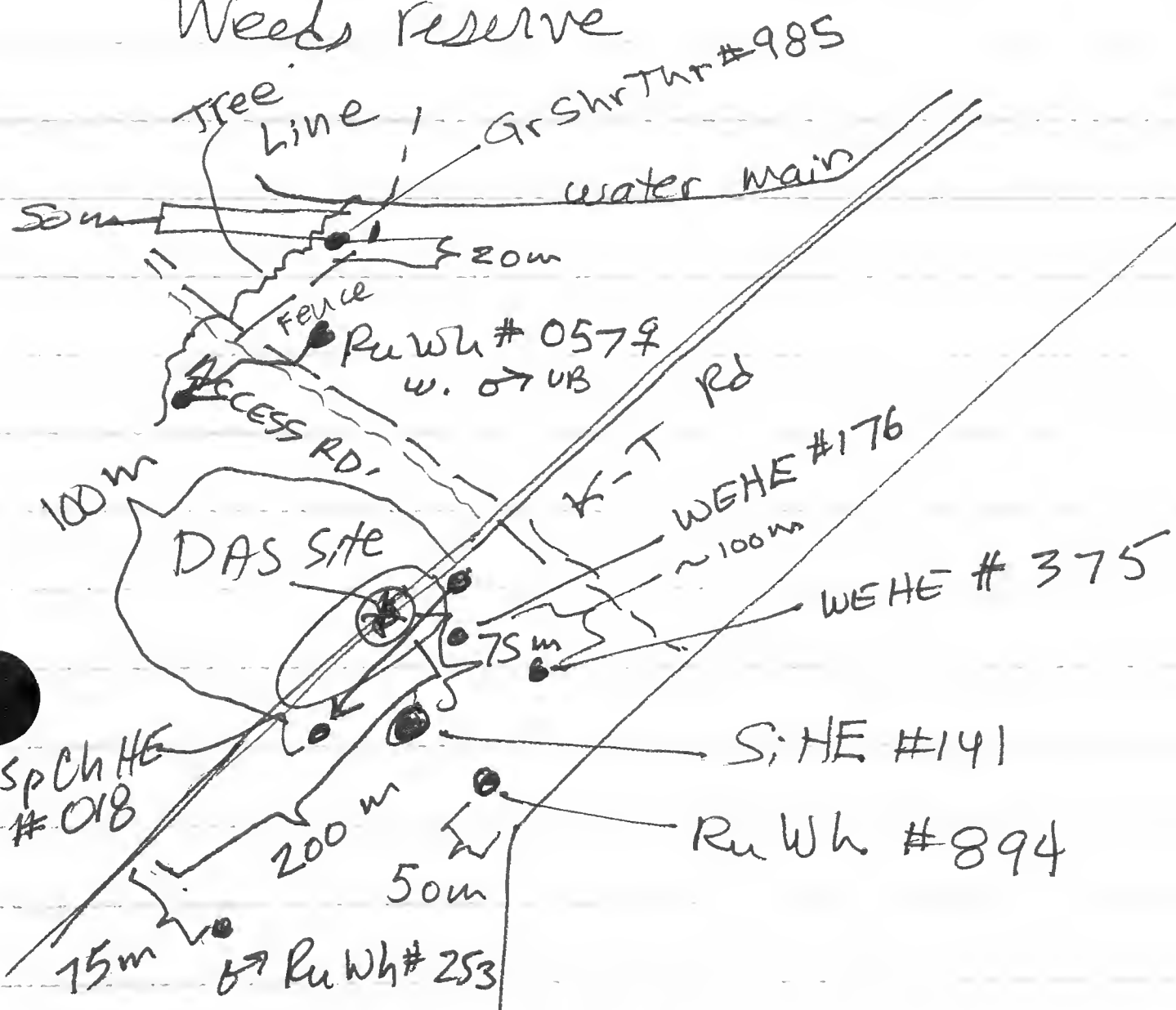
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16 Aug - cont'd "Perry's Patch" along Letchford Rd betw. Doodlakine and Keller-Trayning Rd



Birds seen here: R-C Robin, Shiny Bronze-Cuckoo, Weebill, Willie Wagtail, ~~Shiny~~ Wh-br Babbler, Ruf. Whistler, Gr. Shrike-Thrush, Tree Martin, Galah, Pt. Lincoln Ringneck, Austr. Raven, Y-R Thornbill, Western Warbler, Grey Fantail, Cr. Bellbird

Weeds Reserve



all 8 birds tagged at Weeds were located today

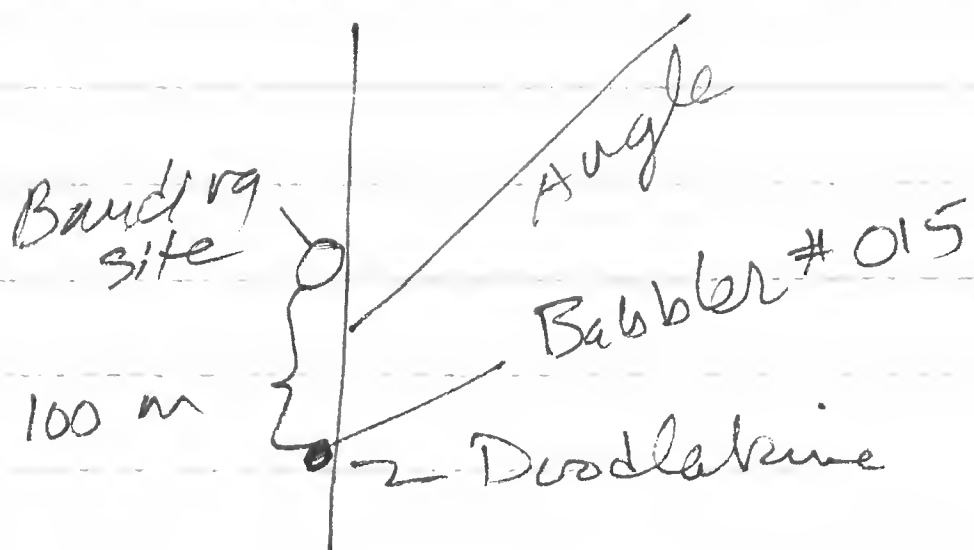
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16 Aug Brown Rd 2.8 km E. Jct Doodlakine Rd

(cont'd)

No sign of RW wh # 385 banded 12 Aug 92

Doodlakine Rd x Angle Rd



Wh Br Babbler found

No sign of Yu Shu Thr or RWattle.

17 Aug. Kodj Kodjin Reserve

Perry de Rebeira's crew caught 2 birds for us at their banding site where tracks ~~the~~ cuts S. through reserve nr. NW corner.

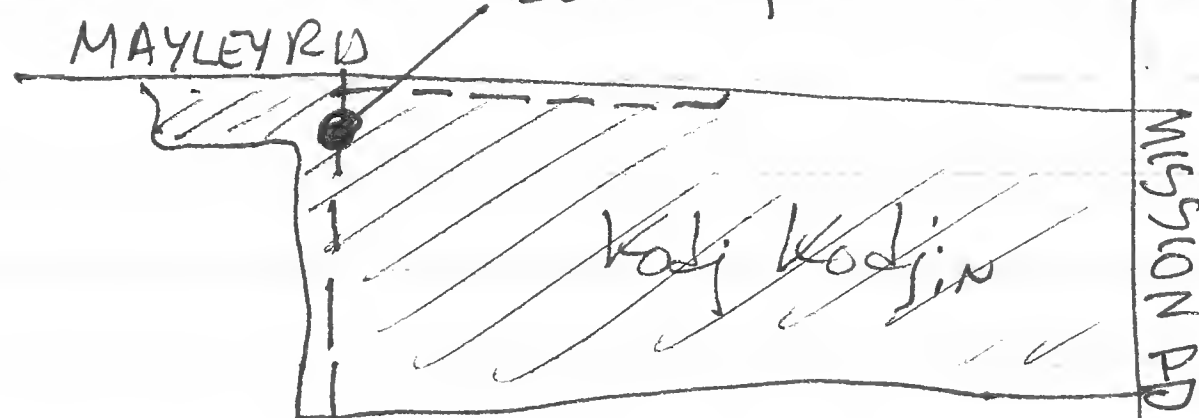
White-browed Babbler #884 (Setting 1-2-3)

Band # 051-72110 (Colors: green/W-rt; OR/met-left)

ad ♂ Rufous Whistler #975 (setting: 1-5-5.5)

Band # 033-64579 (Colors: Wh/R-rt; OR/met-left)

Banding site Babbler #884, RW wh #975

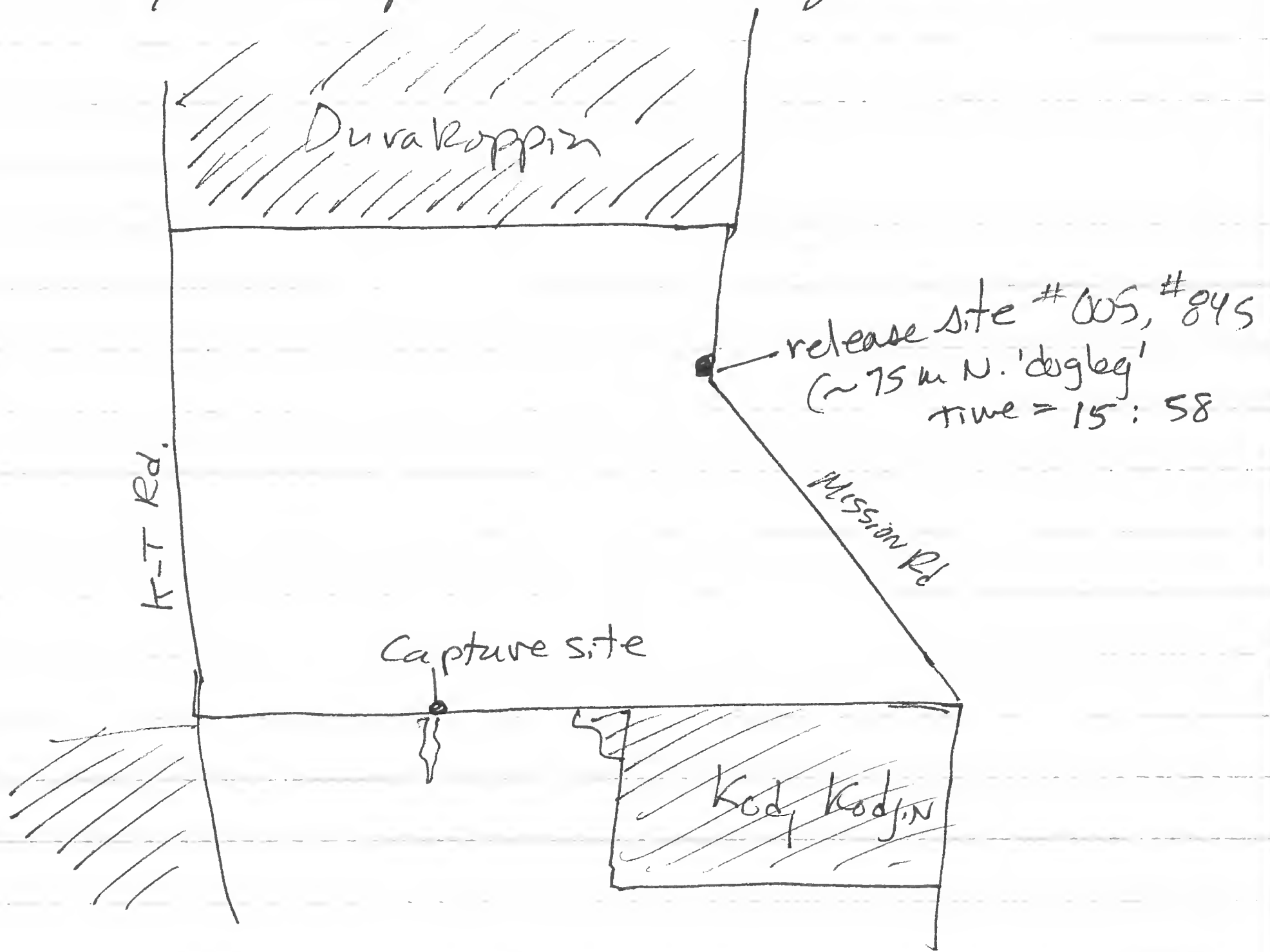


scrub just S. of driveway ~ 150m N. DAS banding site  
Corridor #1 - betw. KK and Durokoppin  
1m m. Rufous Whistler (new) netted by Bill + me  
Transmitter # 211 (setting: 2-3-3.5)  
Band # 034-39504 (Colors met/or-rt; Red/Blue-left)

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17 Aug (cont'd) Malesy Rd 600m W. NW corner  
of Kodj Kodjin (actually from private patch of  
bush that runs into Kodj Kodjin).

Bill + I netted 2 White-browed Babblers from a  
group of ~ 6 that seems to live in corridor  
and adjacent short stand of trees that goes S.  
into paddock. We displaced both birds to  
the "elbow" in Corridor #1 to see how ~~fast~~  
they would find their way home



White-browed Babbler

#005 (Setting 1-7-0.5)

Band # 051-73902 (colors: Met/mauve-r; w/w-l)

#845 (Setting 1-1-0.0)

Band # <sup>051-</sup>73901 (colors: Met/mauve-r; R/R-left)

Both birds immediately flew to narrow corridor on E.  
side of rd, then S. past dogleg and back into W.



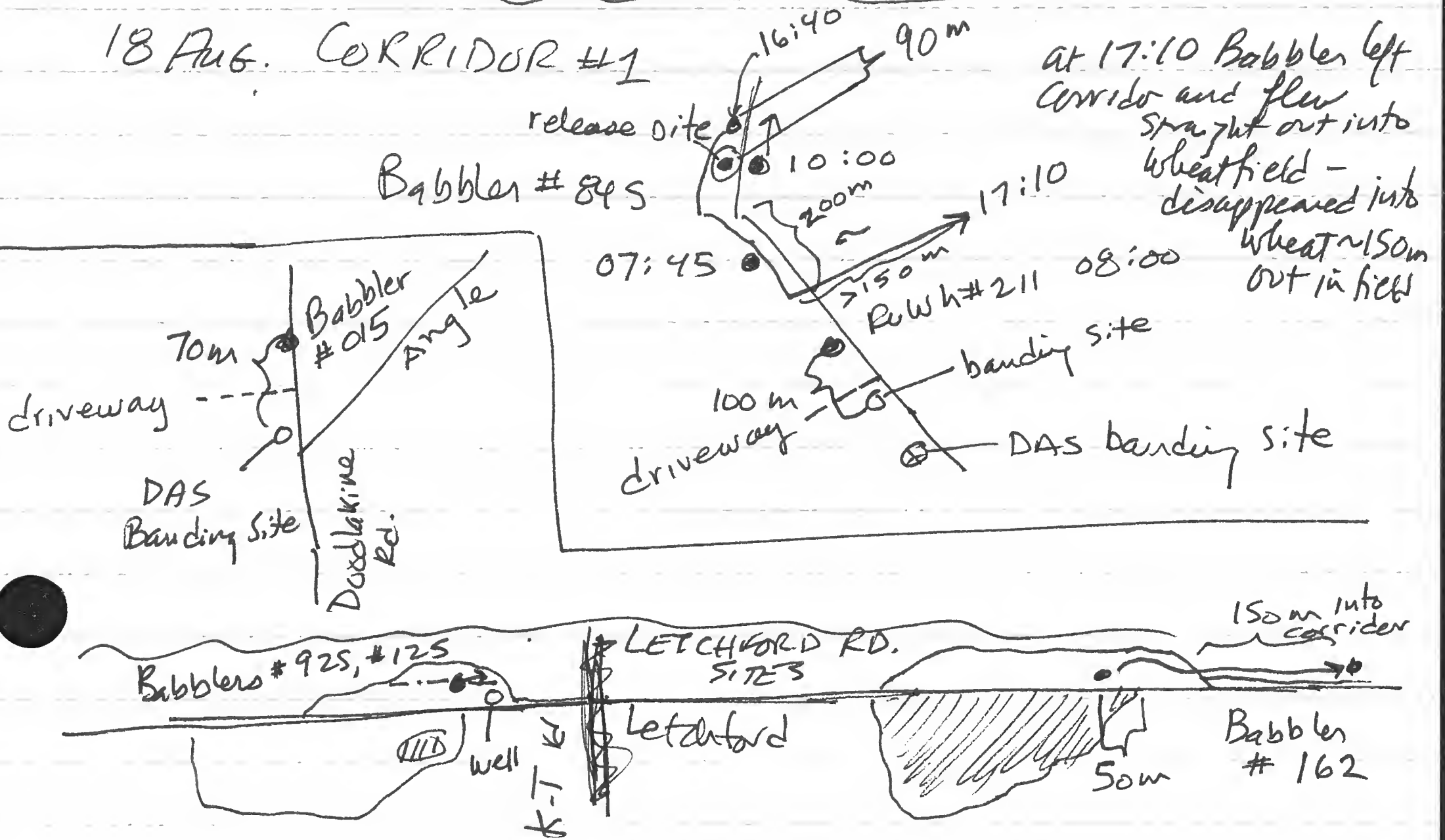
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Side of corridor. Both birds in heath/waltee for ~ 2 1/4 hr., but when we checked back at 16:45, #845 had moved N. of dogleg ~ 50m N. of release pt, and #005 could not be found.

18 Aug. CORRIDOR #1



Weeds

#894 - ♂ RW - NOT FOUND

#253 ♂ RW - 5m E. site where found 12 Aug

#375 WHEATED HE - 20m S. of place where WHE HE #176 sighted on 14 Aug

#141 Si HE - 20m N. of site where found 14 Aug

#018 Sp Ch HE - NOT FOUND

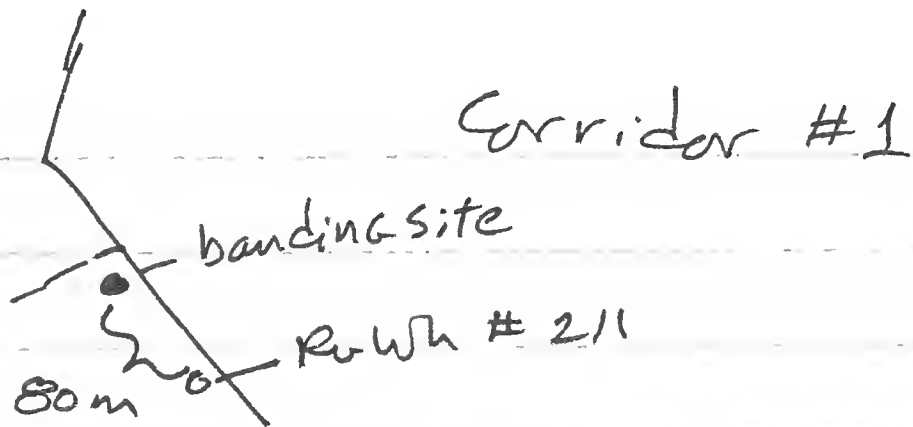
#176 - WHE HE - NOT FOUND

#057 - ♀ RW - 10m SW site where found 14 Aug (40m S. of gate nr. water line)

#985 Gr Sh Thrush - in bushes nr radio tower - outside main area of woodland

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19 August



2 new babblers netted from group W. of Kodj Kodj on Malay Rd (~600m), where 2 babblers for displacement exp. were netted.

Babbler

Transmitter # 034 (wed) (Setting: 1-8-3.5)

Band # 051-73903

(Dion's: 1-9-3.5)

Colors: met/mauve - RT. Blue/Blue - left

Babbler

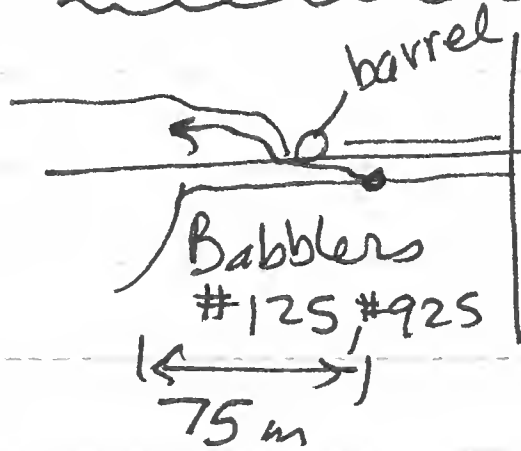
Transmitter # 875 (lg.) (Setting: 1-2-0.5)

Band # 051-73904

(Dion's: 1-3-1.5)

Colors: met/mauve - RT. Mauve/Mauve - left

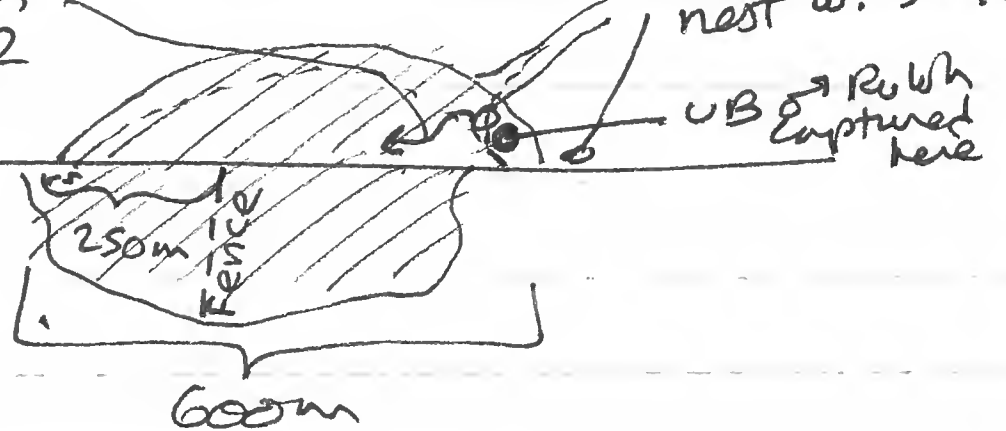
Ketchford Rd sites



Babblers #162

"Perry's Patch"

Willie Wagtail nest w. 3 eggs



ad ♂ Rufous whistler netted at far E. edge of N. side of "Perry's Patch"

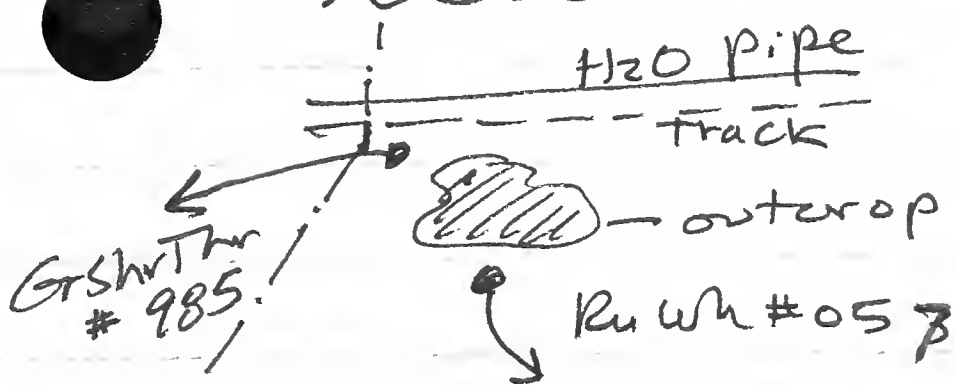
Transmitter # 906 (Setting: 1-3-2.0; Dion's: 1-3-4.5)

Band # 034-39505; Colors: met/mv - RT; mv/mv - left

Weeds Reserve (NW)

♀ R/W # 057 w. UB ♂ R/W at big granite outcrop w. junk on it. v. close to Gr Shr Thr site of 11 Aug 92

Gr Shr Thr # 985 just NW of outcrop - flew W. across fence.



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19 Aug - cont'd

NOT found: RWB #894

↑ WEHE #176

both banded  
on 7 AUG 92

80m

♂ RWB #253

♂ RWB (not seen) Aug. 09  
in the same place where  
♂ RWB #253 seen on 11 Aug

Weeds - cont'd

DAS site #1

150m

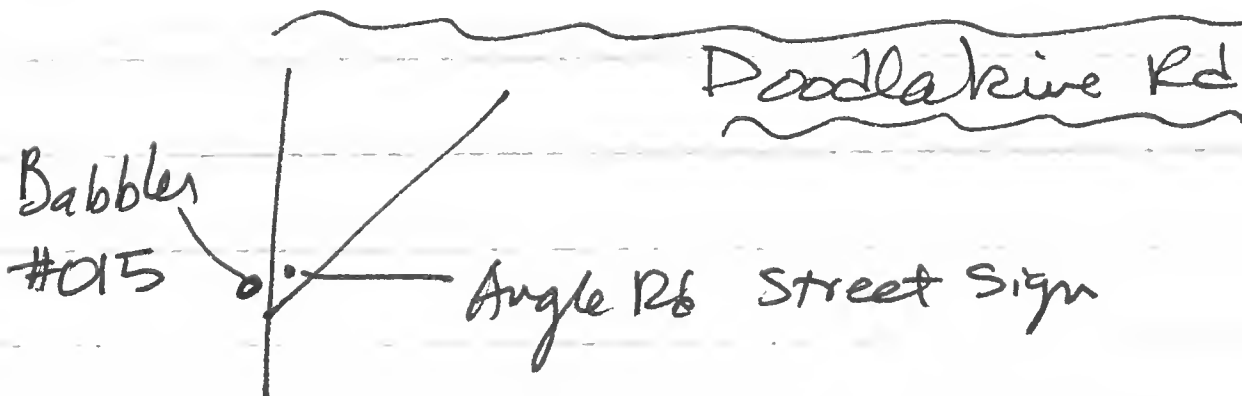
SpHE #018

SiHE #141

50m

WEHG #375

20m



20 Aug CORRIDOR #1

DAS banding crew captured 2 birds for us:

White-eared Honeyeater (new) Band # 033-64277  
colors: green/met-RT; Blue/Blue - left  
transmitter: #205 (2-3-3.5; Dion's: 2-4-5)

♀ (or imm.) Rufous Whistler (new) Band # 034-28915  
colors: green/met-RT; Red/blue - left  
transmitter #115 (1-11-4.1; Dion's: 1-12-4)

Kodj Kodj - NE corner

I captured a new ad ♂

Rufous Whistler Band # 034-28916

color: OR/met-RT Red/Red-left

Transm. #094 (1-10-3.5)

Maley

550m

Kodj Kodj

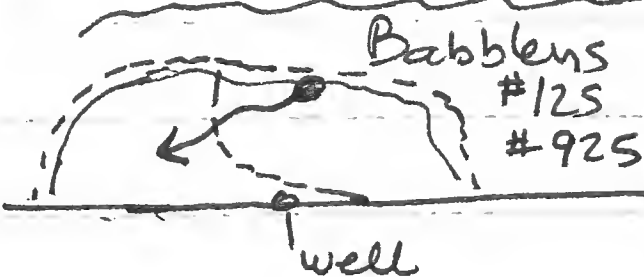
250m

ad ♂ RWB

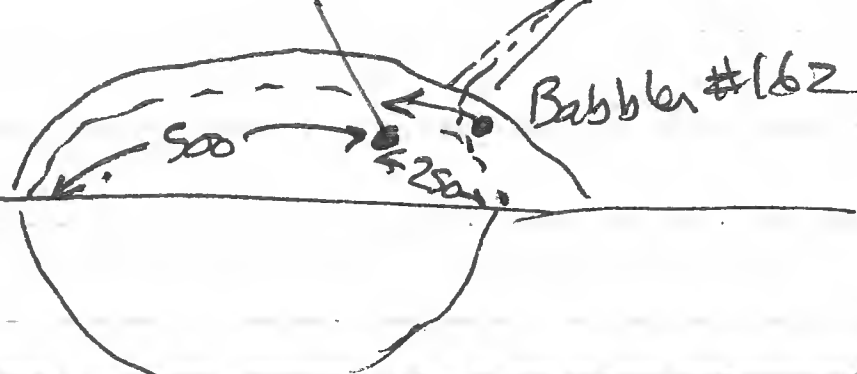
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Maley Rd. - 500m W. NE corner Kodj Kodj  
no babblers seen in usual area (#034, #875 not found)

Letchford Rd. localities



CSIRO banding site





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Wimmera Gate (EW# 9)

20 Aug - cont'd  
no - bird 1  
banded last yr. → Grey Shrike Thrush (recap) nested by Perry  
#051-52375 (~~I banded this bird  
last yr. at SW corner of Kodj Kodj -  
put a transmitter on it. Bird looks  
perfectly recovered now~~)

Color bands met/blue-left; R/R - Right  
hd. bill 53.4 wing chord - 130mm

Transmitter #935 (settings: 1-4-2.7 Dim's: 1-5-<sup>3.9</sup>)

At Weeds, Bill found 9r Sh Thrush nest. - one of pr.  
is carrying transmitter #985; other is banded, but w/o  
transmitter.

♀ RWSh also seen by Bill in usual area

WETE #375 - in same spot as on 17 Aug  
(WETE #176 <sup>2</sup> <sup>?</sup> not found - seen SW the #375 loc.  
on 14 Aug)

SiHE #141 - not found

SpchHE #018 " "

RWSh #894 " "

Kell-Trayning Rd ~ 400m N Jct. Laird Rd

Singing HE Band #034-28918 (new) DAS banded  
colors: Mv/Mv-left; Mv/met - rt.

Transm #195 (2-2-3.7)

21 Aug Same locality

Singing HE Band #034-28919 (new) DAS banded  
colors: Met/mv - rt. Red/Red-left

Transm #304 (2-7-1.9)

Wimmera Gate : Imm. Ref. Whistler (new)

colors: Mv/met-L banded #033-64593  
Or/green - rt.

transmitter: #244 (2-4-4.6); Dim's: 2-5-4.2

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21 Aug - cont'd Wimmera Gate - cont'd

White-br. Babbler Band # 051-72125

colors: met/mv - left; mv/green - rt.

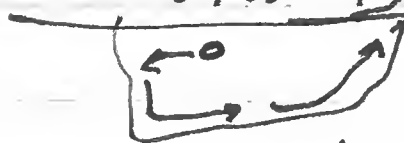
Transmitter: #135 (1-12-2+; Dion's: 2-1-4)

21-23 Aug

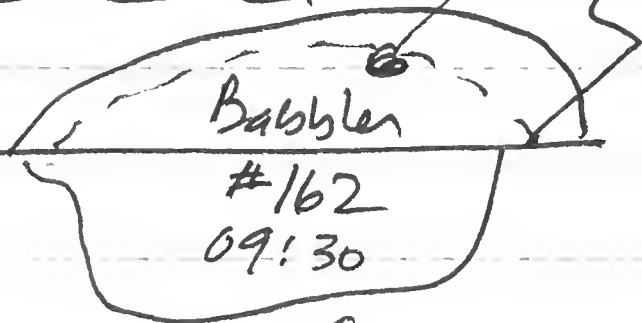
In Midland and Perth

24 Aug. Letchford Rd. localities ~~125m~~ ~125m

Babblers #125, #925  
09:00-9:30

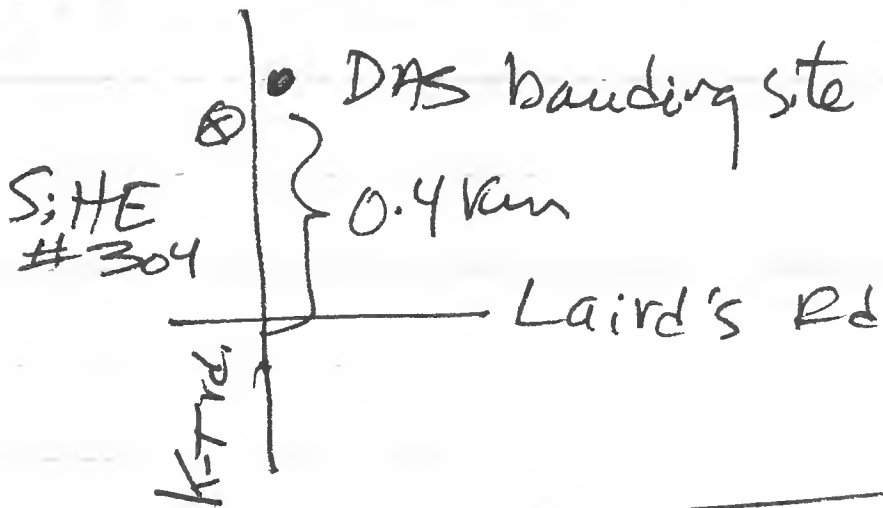


Babbler group covered  
essentially the  
whole patch system  
in ~15-20 min.



(Other 4 tagged birds  
NOT found)

Kellerberrin-Trayning Rd



CORR. DUR #1

Re WH #115

and WETE #205

NOT found

banding site

site on 20 AUG

Re WH #211

75m

100m

banding site

100m

Merley Rd

Babblers  
#034, #875

50m

Perry's  
banding site

Koly Kodjin

ad ♂ Re WH #975

Re WH #975

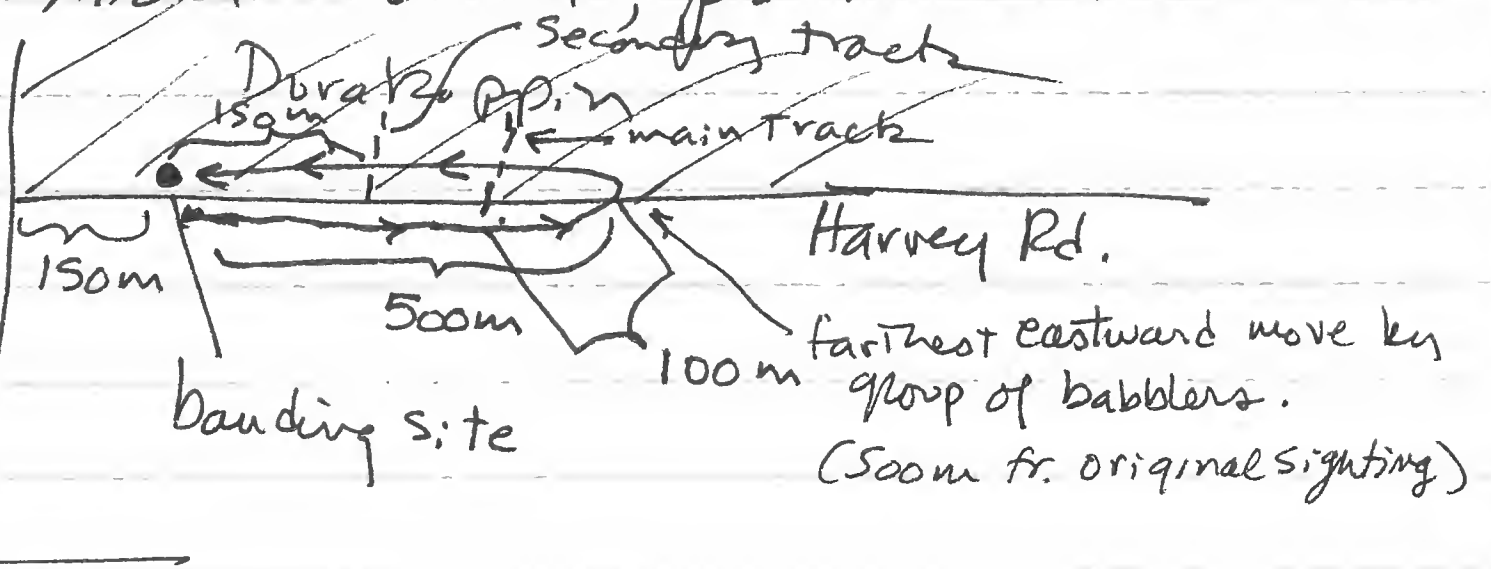
found u. nr. banding  
site (not seen  
before this)

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24 Aug - cont'd

Dorakoppin Reserve

We located a group of babblers at SW corner of Dorakoppin in Casuarina heath. We succeeded in driving 3 into a mist-net; put transmitters on 2 of these.



White-browed Babbler (new) Band # 051-73906

Colors: Red/Red - L; met/Blue - RT, 2-3  
Transm. # ~~102~~ (1-11-2, 3); Dion's: ~~1-9-F~~

White-br. Babbler (new) Band # 051-73905

Colors Wh/Wh - left; met/Blue - Right  
Transmitter # 045 (1-8-4; Dion's - 1-9-F)

White-browed Babbler (new) Band # 051-73907

Colors Blue/Blue - left; met/Blue - right  
No transmitter

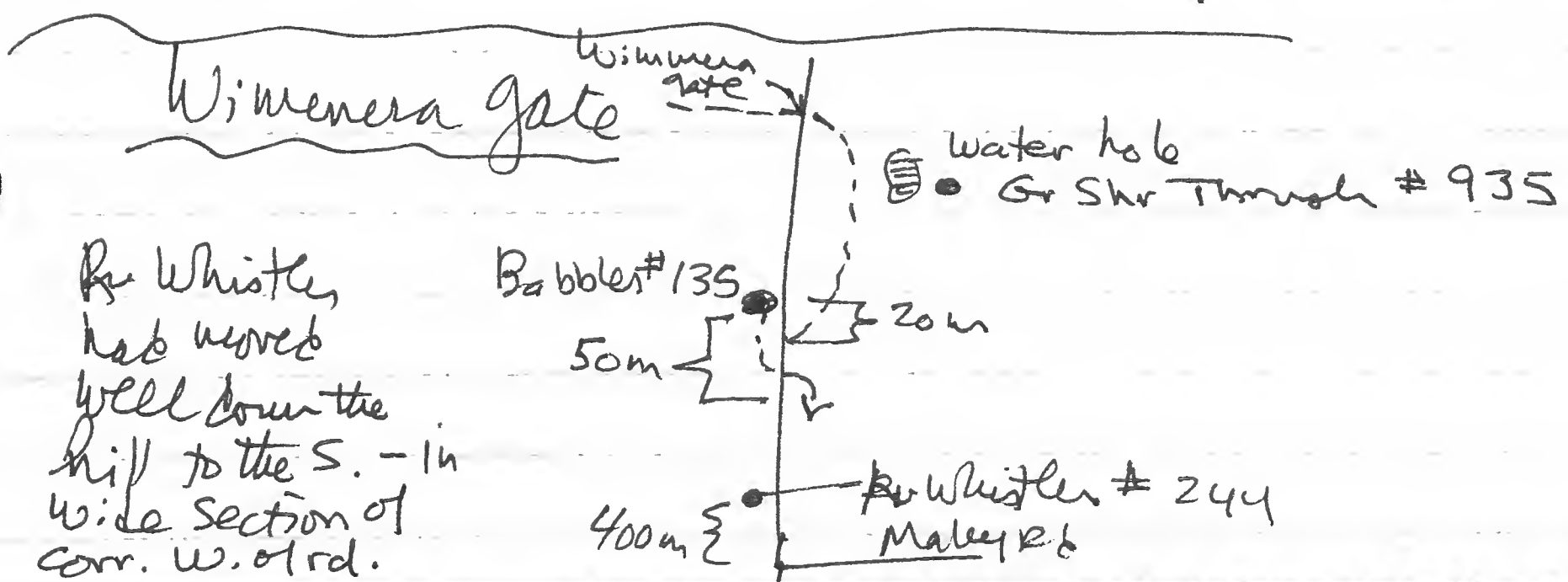
NOTE: This bird had large brood patch.

Singing Honeyeater (recapture) Band # 031-66565

(note: old-type band with nothing except number on it)

Colors bands: Blue/metal - RT; Red/Red - left

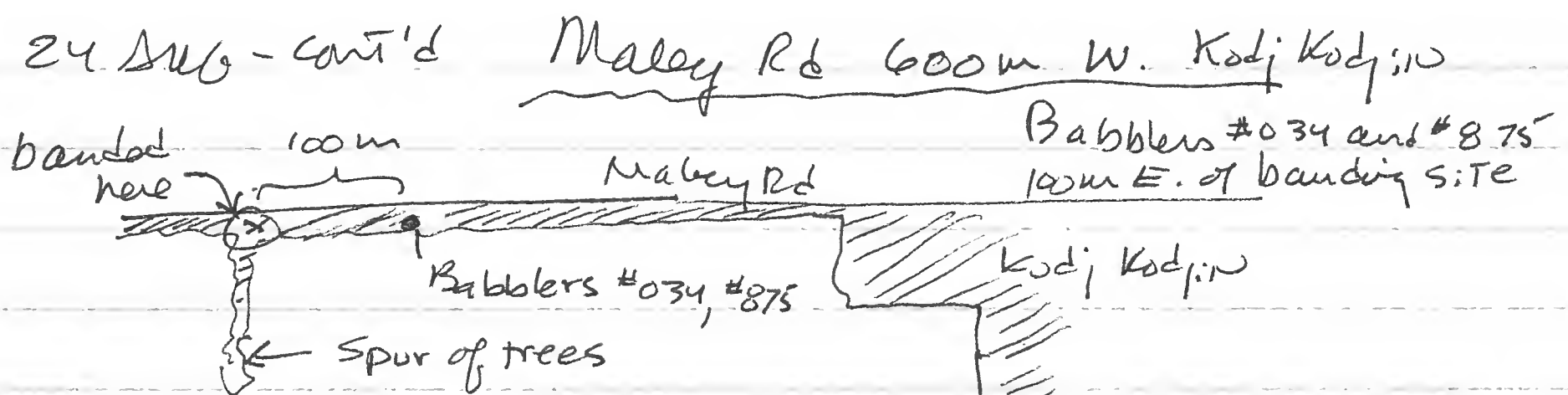
(note: red bands v. faded - I replaced them)





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25 Aug Doodlakine x Angle Rd (DAS site)

09:00 Babbler #015 at same spot as on 15 Aug - flew N. across driveway for ~50m. Gr Sh Thr #220 not found.

09:25 NE corner of Kodj Kodjin reserve

Re Whistler #094 ~ 150m W. of banding site

09:35 Corridor #1 (between Kodj Kodjin + Durrakoppin)

4B White-eared HE ~ 50m S. of spot where babblers seen yesterday (ca. 500-600m S DAS banding site) evidently there are 2 groups of babblers in Corridor #1 one group hangs out just N. of DAS site; the other quite a bit south.

Re Whistler #211 in same Casuarina thicket where found 18 Aug (just N. of driveway through veg, ~ 25m N. of banding site)

4 Pacific Herons on pond in paddock opp. this area

10:15

Durrakoppin East - SW portion

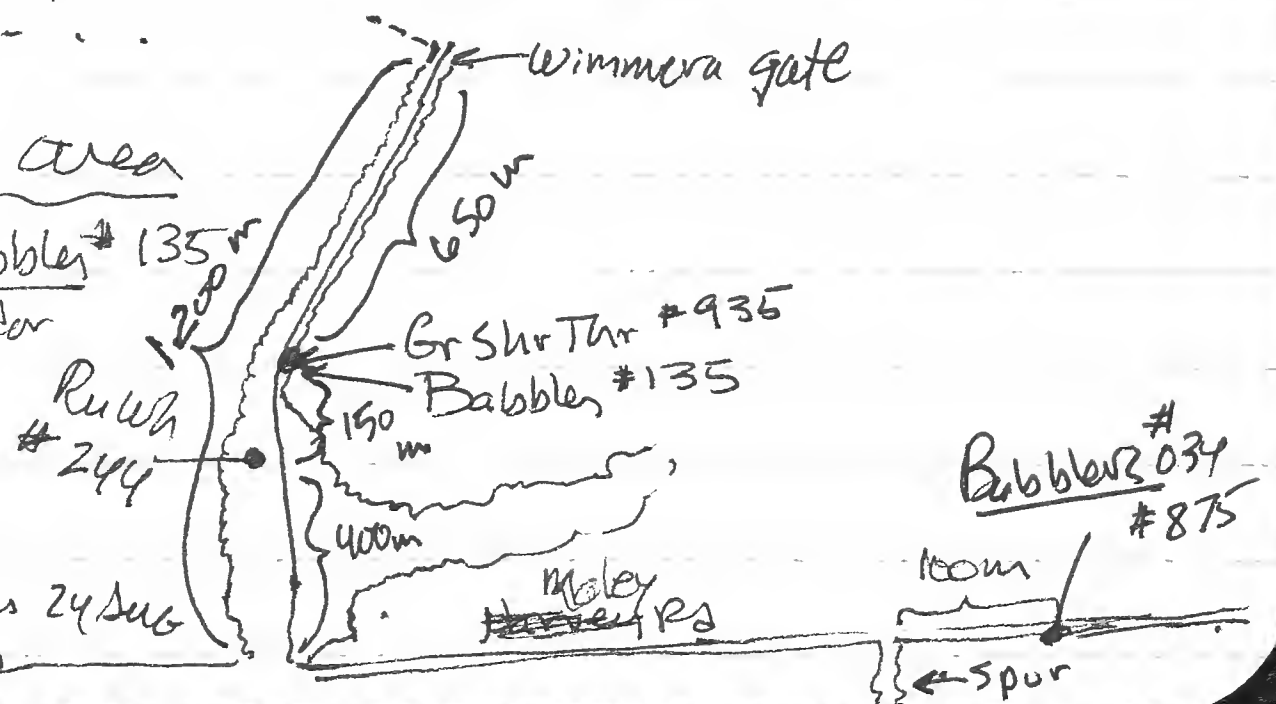
Babblers #045 and #102 along Trayning rd ~ 50m N. Jct. w. Harvey rd - tall Casuarina bushes here.

10:30

Wimmera Gate area

Gr Sh Thr #935 and Babblers #135 in same area where corridor swells into patch at curve in the rd S. of Wimmera gate ~ 500m

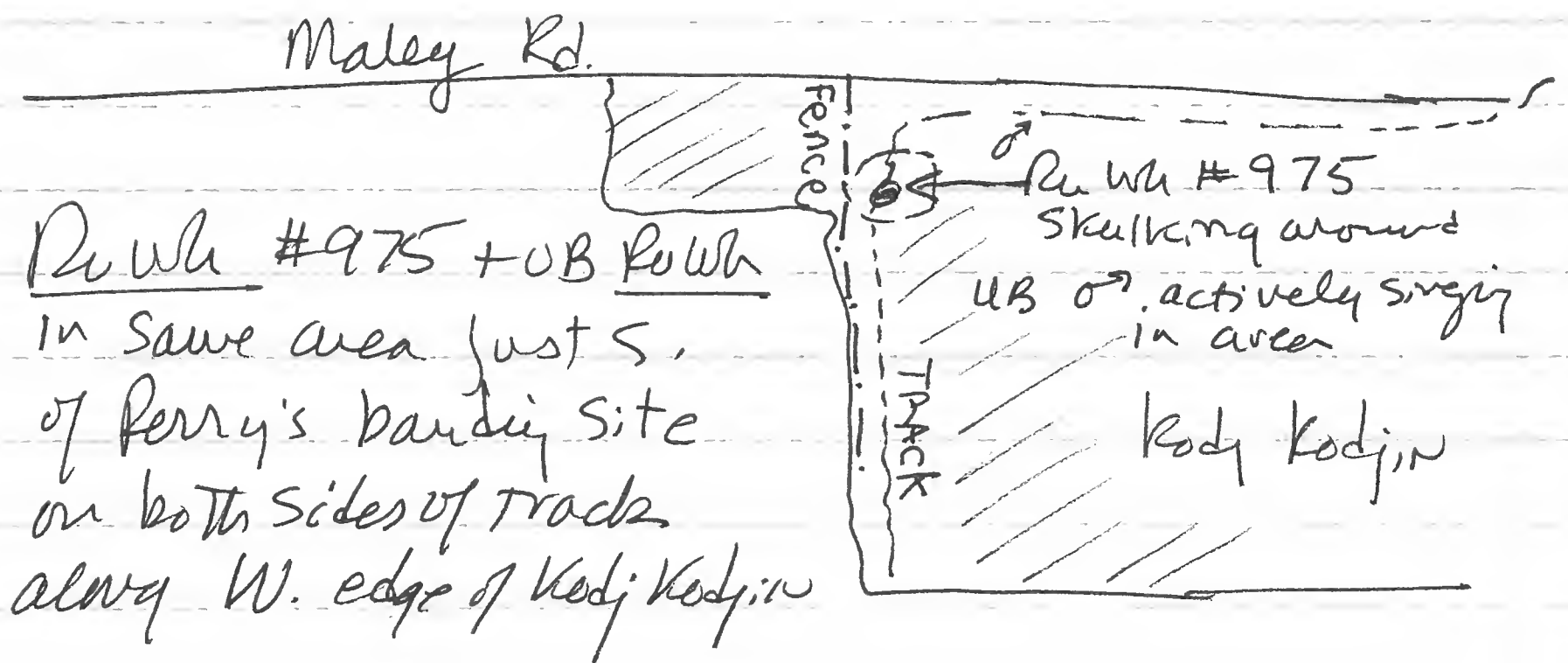
Re Wh #244 in same area as 24 Aug (bushy expansion of veg)



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25 Aug - cont'd

Maley Rd - Kodj Kodjin



Trayning Rd ~ 400m N. St. Laird's Rd

SITE #304 ~ 40m S. of site where present 24 Aug  
(no sign of SITE #195)

Letchford Rd. just W. St. w. Trayning Rd

Babblers #125, #925 feeding at N. edge of rd. ~ 20m  
W. of old well; moved westward ~ 50m along road margin.

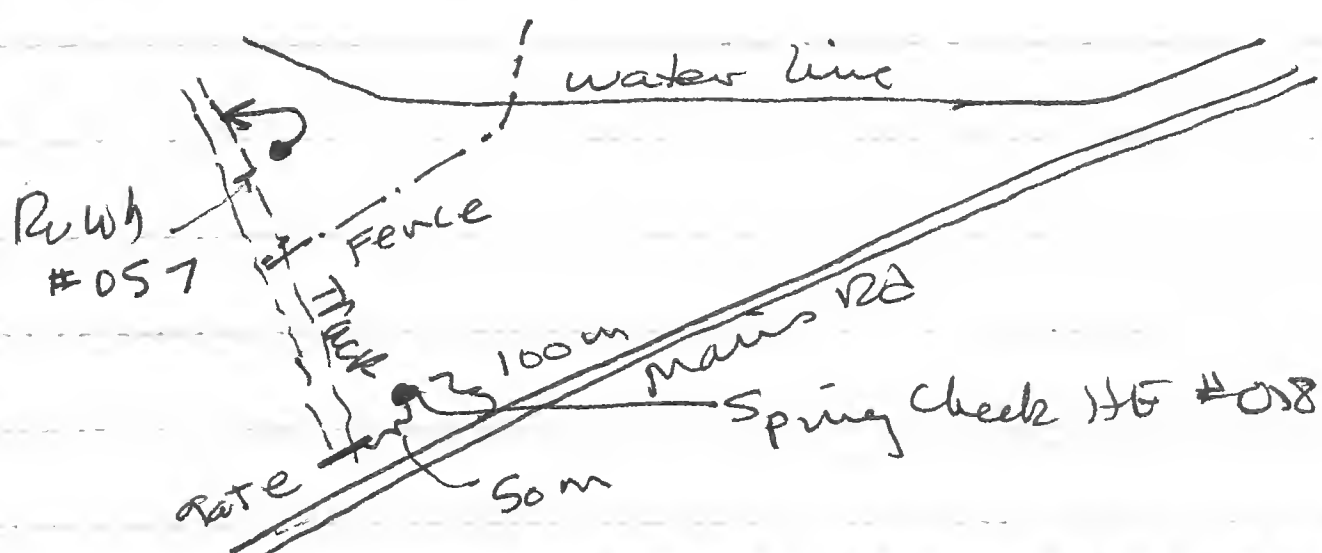
Letchford Rd between Trayning & Doodlakine Rds (Perry's Paddock)

Babbler #162 ~ 50m E. of E. border of paddock on  
side of rd in corridor.

NW. section of 'Weeds' Reserve (nr. tower)

Nest of Grey Shrike Thrush #985 predated - eggs  
gone, no disturbance of nest cup. No sign of either  
adult. Nest in hollow of broken-off Eucalypt  
trunk (diam ~ 0.5m) ~ 1m off ground.

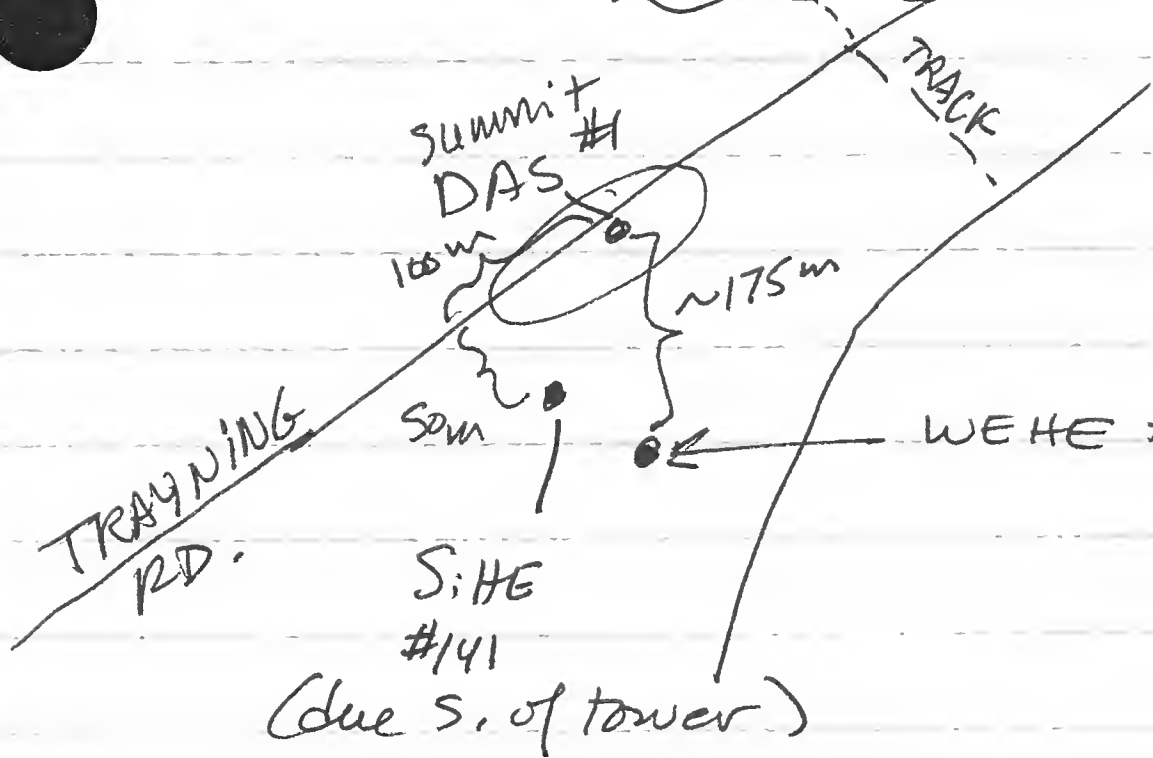
♀ Re. Wh #057 in same area as usual



Spring-check HG  
Just into N. side of  
Weeds beyond gate

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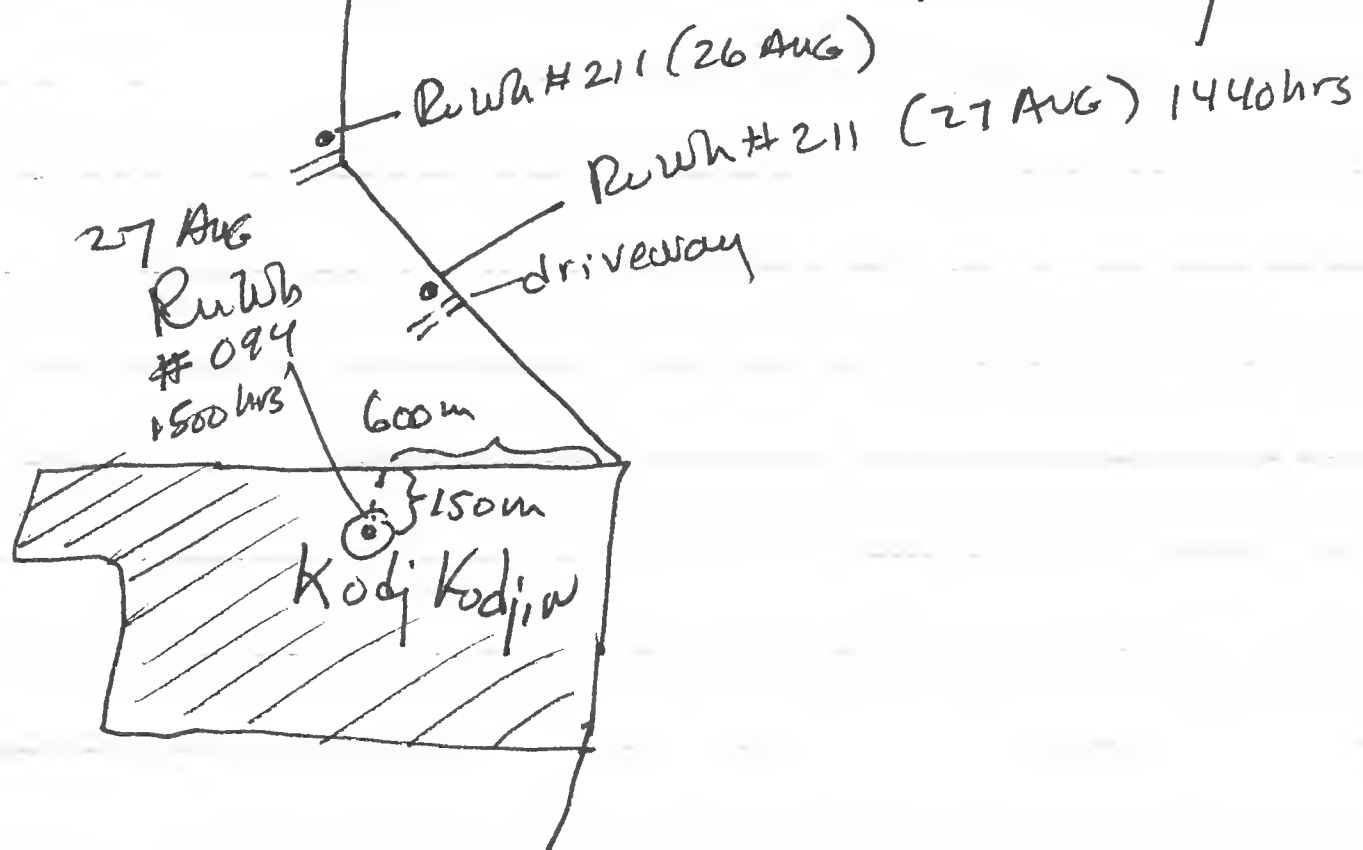
25 Aug Weeds - Summit Area



3 'oldest' birds tagged  
(RWH #894, RWH #253,  
WEHE #176)  
NOT found - tagged 7 AUG 92

WEHE #375 (100m S. of site  
where found 19 Aug)

26-27 Aug DION'S tracking data





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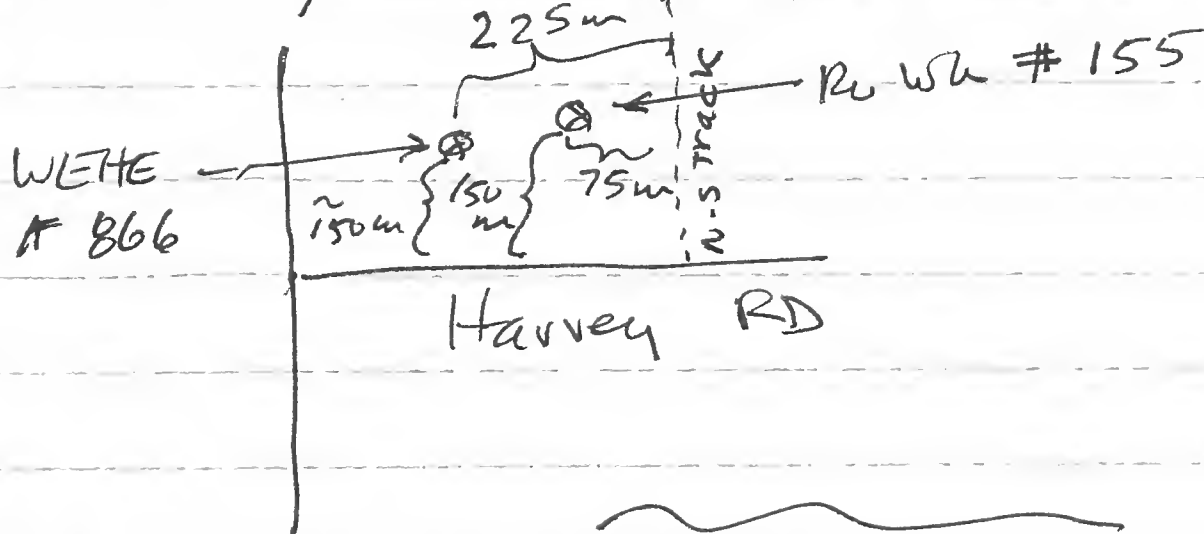
26 Aug. S. end Durakoppin Reserve (East)

I resighted a ♂ Ru Wh I had captured last year: R/R-R/T met/Blue-left

This bird had been captured on 12 Sept 91 and fitted with a radio transmitter. It was followed for 9 days, always staying in the area around the N-S track, near the bottom of Durakoppin East. Bill and I set up a couple of mist-nets in Casuarina-woodland area W. of the N-S track, and ~100-150m N. of Harvey Rd. Using the playbacks of Ru Wh and Gr Shr Thr, we caught the Whistler and a White-eared TE (Gr Shr Thr approached, but wouldn't go in nets - for now, at least).

09:45 White-eared Honeyeater (new) Banded #034-39506  
color bands: met/blue-RT; wh/wh-left  
Transmitter (med) #866 (Setting: 1-1-3.5)

ad ♂ Rufous Whistler (recap.) Band #033-64355  
10:30 Color bands: met/blue-left R/R-right  
Transmitter (<sup>LG</sup> ~~med~~) #155 (Setting: 2-1-3.6)



Maley Rd. W. of Kody Kodjin

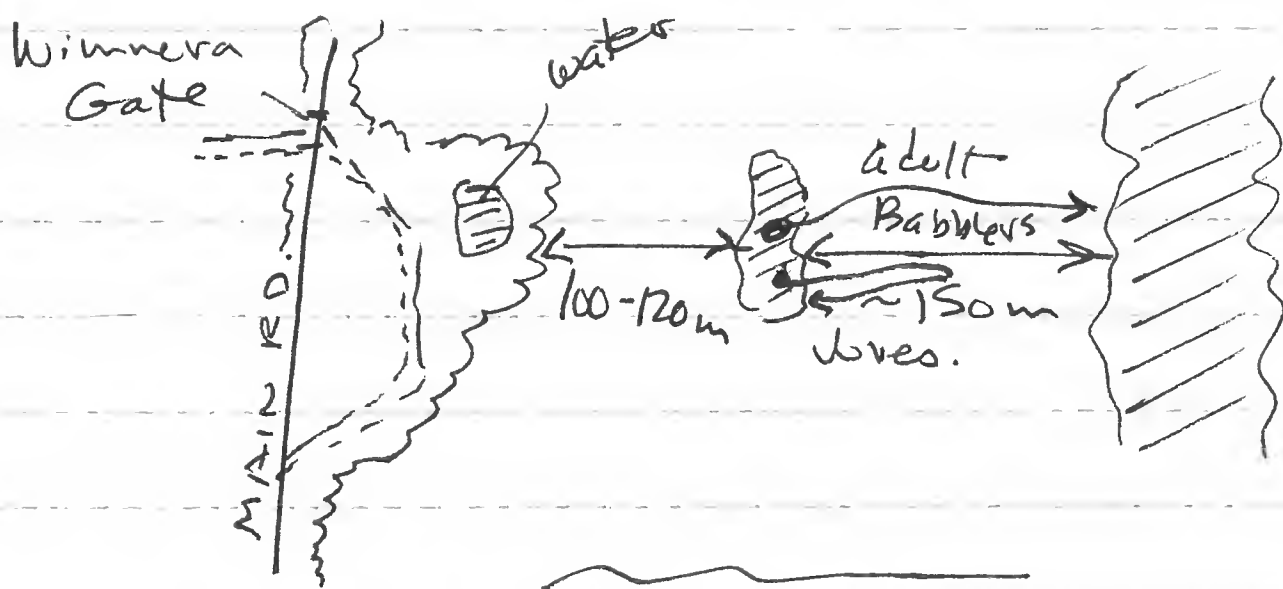
Babblers #034 and #875 were ~75m E. of the S-heading spur of trees where they were banded

S. of Wimmera Gate Cr Shr Thr #935 in Casuarinas on E. side of rd 600m S. Wimmera; <sup>and crossed rd into hilly patch</sup> moved 200m further S. T

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26 Aug - cont'd Wimmera gate - cont'd

White-br Babbler #135 - strong signal detected intermittently, but we couldn't pinpoint it - no babbles seen or heard. We walked E. across paddock to sparse melaleuca/casuarina/Jam patch of ~ 0.5 ha - group of 8 babbles here, but none were banded or emitting signal. Two were obviously short-billed (immatures). All but these 2 flew further E. across 150m paddock to large strip of brushland. Juves flew halfway across paddock, landed on short, grazed grass, then returned to their original patch. They and the adults called back and forth across intervening paddock, but juves stayed put at the E. margin of the small patch.



### Summit of Weeds Reserve

Site # 141 ~ same location as on 25 Aug

White # 375 - NE corner of sandy patch

Sp CH # 012 - on N. side of rd just inside gate to access rd for town/reservoir

Ru Wh # 057 - 150m N. of same gate, some E. of access rd

Gr Shv Th # 985 NOT found

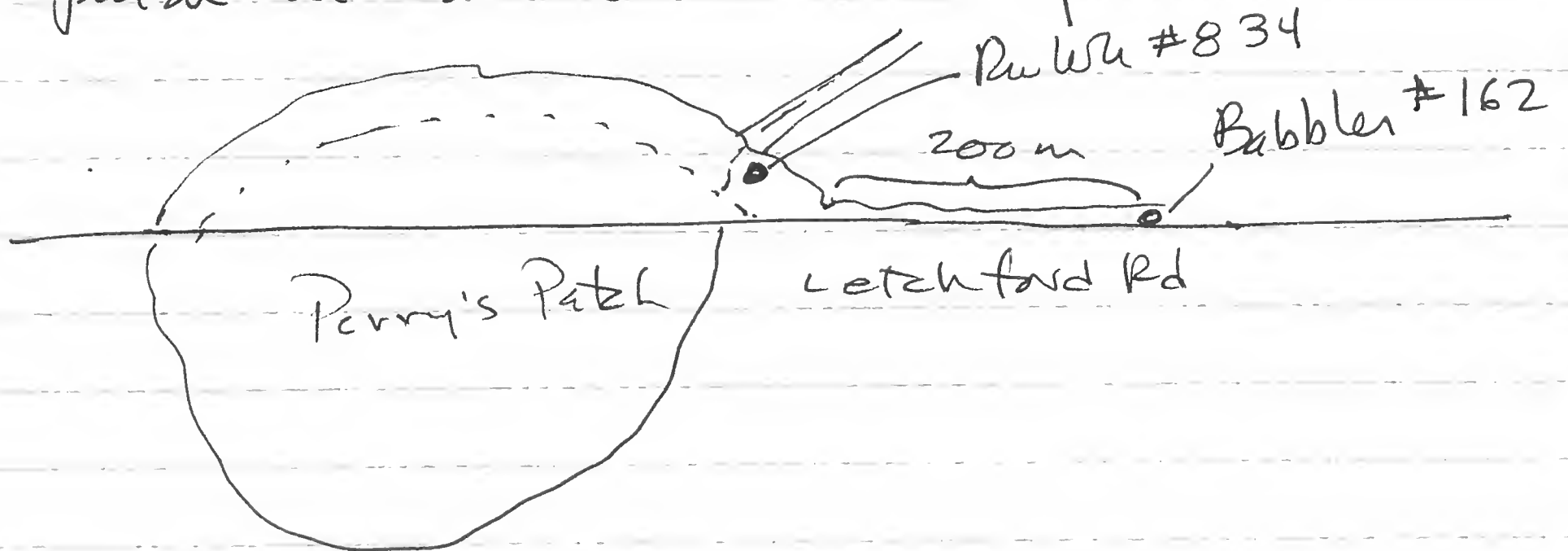
Keeleburn - Trayning Rd 0.5 km N Jct  
Laird's Rd. Site # 304 100m N. of  
where seen 25 Aug

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26 Aug - cont'd

Letchford Rd JUST W. Jct K-Trapping Rd  
Babblers # 125 & # 925 in usual area on  
N. side of rd - 75 m W. of well at W. edge  
of patch.

"Perry's Patch" on Letchford rd betw. K-T and Doodl.  
♀ RWWh # 834 spotted for the first time since  
banded more than a week ago. Transmitter  
still working. Babbler # 162 ~ 200 m E. of  
patch in cowider on W. side of rd.



Doodlakine Rd x Angle Rd

Babbler # 015 across from N. exit rd off Angle  
30 m from location on 15, 25 Aug.

NE corner Volj Kodj in

RWWh # 094 ~ 600 m S. corner, ~100 m W.  
Corridor #1 (Mission Rd)  
imm. RWWh # 211 - ~ 400 m S. of dogleg  
(~ 500 m N. of banky site)  
(WHITE # 205 and RWWh # 115 Not found)

END for 26 Aug

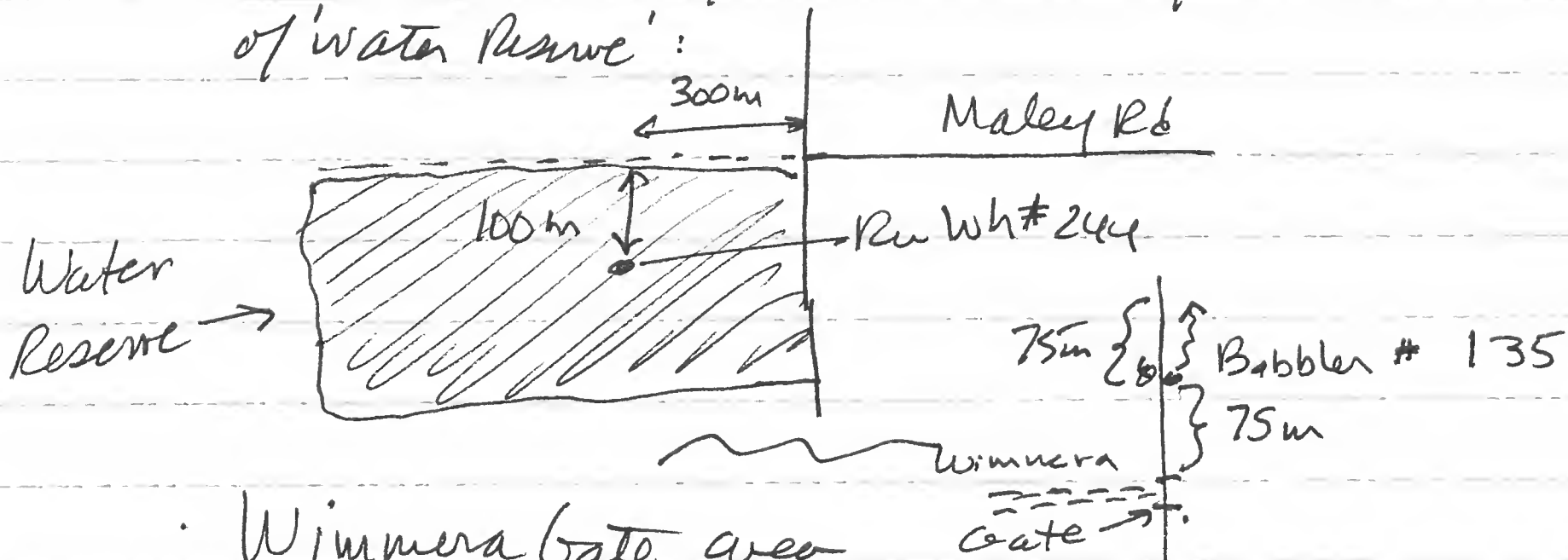


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27 August Maley Rd 0.5 km W. Kody Kodyin  
Babblers # 034 and # 875 ~ 50m E. S-extending  
spur of trees.

"Water Reserve" at W. end Maley Rd (off main rd.)

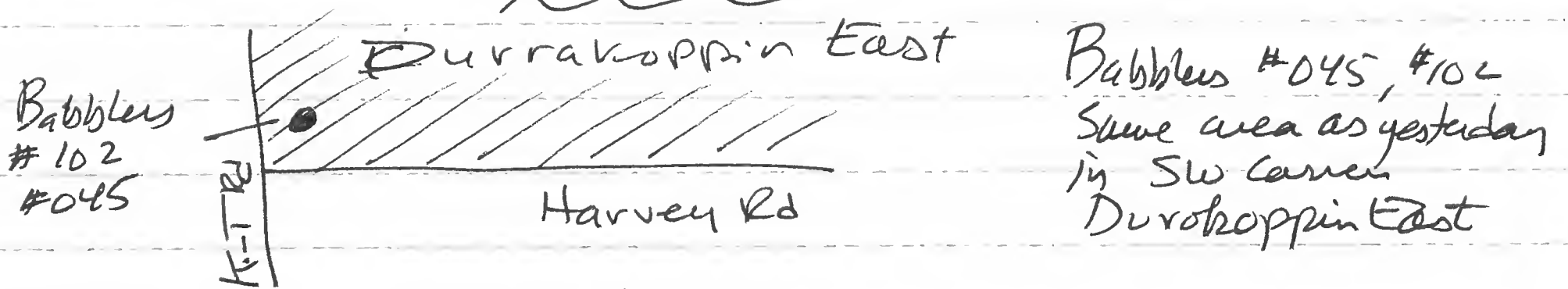
Perch # 244 (tagged at Wimmera gate) at NE corner  
of 'water reserve':



Wimmera Gate area

Babbler # 135 75m N. of  
Wimmera Gate - moved ~ 75m N.

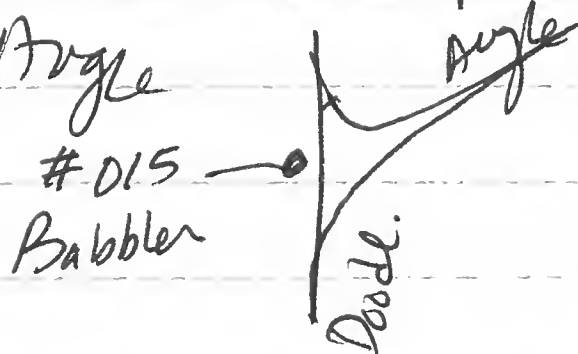
Gr Shr Thr # 935 - 75m N. of  
25 Aug location (S. of Wimmera)



Corridor # 1. Perch # 211 gave brief, soft song  
Just N. of driveway, ~ 100m W. of banding site for him.

Doodlakine x Angle Rd

Babbler # 015 on W. side of Doodl. Rd between  
two exits off Angle



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27 Aug (cont'd) SW corner Durvakoppin East - 150m N.  
14:20 Western Yellow Robin (new) Harvey Rd, just E.  
main N-S track  
Transmitter # 356 (2-9-0.5)  
Banded: #025-01701 colors: R/R-L met/blue-RT

16:00 Corridor #1, 200m N. DAS banding station  
White-browed Babbler (retrap)  
Band # 050-93090 colors: LG/met-R; R/R-L

This bird first captured 25 Apr 91 at ~~the~~ DAS  
Corridor #1 site; recapt. there 26 Apr 91, 17 June 91,  
21 Aug 91 (I think this is same bird I put a

NO <sup>↑</sup> that was transmitter on - I tagged a recapt. babbler there  
051-52550 on 21 Aug, but I also captured a couple at the  
21 Aug 91 same time that I did not tag), 29 Aug 91, 20 Apr 92.  
Transmitter: #087 (1-10-2.0) ↑

This was the one  
transmitter # 877  
on 29 Aug

16:50 SW corner Durvakoppin East, 50m N. Harvey Rd  
and 100m W. main N-S track

4d ♂ Grey Shrike-Thrush (1st capt. in this area <sup>retrap</sup> of radio-tagged bird  
10 Sept 90; <sub>Wimmera Gate Wimmera Gate</sub>)  
recapt. 20 Oct. 90, 16 July 91

Band # 050-93059

Colors: met/Blue-RT; Red/Red-left

Transmitter: #995 (1-6-3.5)

28 AUG

~~27~~ Corridor #1 (Mission Rd. betw KK and Dorok.

Babbler # 087 - 50m N. of banding site

RuWh # 211 - ~75m N. of driveway, 125m N.  
banding site.

Kodj Kodjin (NE corner)

RuWh # 094 - 400m W. of Mission Rd, ~150m  
S. Maley Rd.

~~Maley Rd~~ W. of Kodj Kodjin (NW corner)

Babblers # 884 and RuWh # 975 NOT found



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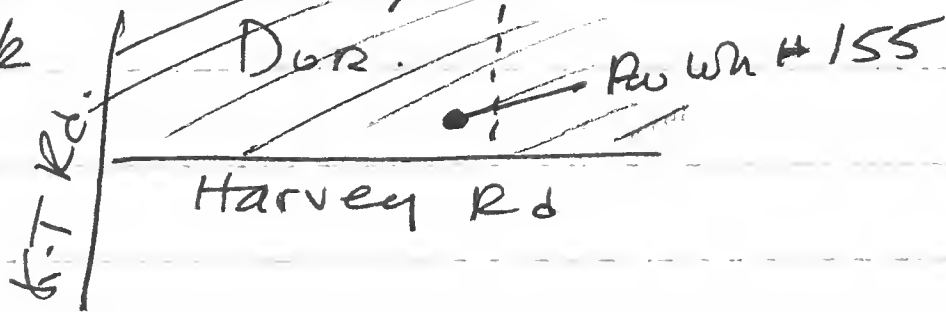
28 AUG - cont'd Maley Rd 600m W. Koly Kolyin  
Babblers # 034 and # 875 at S. end of tree line  
That extends S. from Maley Rd (banding site)  
note: Grey Shrike Thrush also in tree spur

"Water Reserve" at Jct K-T Rd x Maley Rd.  
R. Wh # 244 in same general area as  
yesterday, but ~ 100m farther S. into reserve.

Wimmera Gate area Gr Sh Thr # 935 same area as  
on 27 AUG. Strong signal from Babbler # 135  
at Summit suddenly cut out. No babblers seen.  
Could be in another patch across paddock to the east?

SW Dura Koppin East

→ R. Wh # 155 just N. Harvey Rd (~ 50m) and  
~ 50m W. of N-S. Track



We did not find Gr Thr Thr # 995, W-y Robin # 356,  
WEHE # 866, but searched v. briefly due to rain.  
Also no sign of Babblers # 045 or # 102  
at corner Harvey Rd x Kellub.-Traying Rd, but we  
searched only v. briefly.

Returned to Midland ~ 15:00. Bill left for  
Calif. on the 01:20 flight on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

29 Aug I drove to Manjimup to see the  
Browns. Noted Red-rumped Parrots,  
Silvereyes, Golden Whistler, Brown Thornbills,  
White-breasted Robin, Spoonbill among others



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30 Aug Returned by an extremely circuitous route to Kellenkerin from Manjimup  
Manjimup → Bridgetown → Boyup Brook → Wagin →  
Dumbleyung → Dudinin → Kulin →  
Corrigin → Shackleton → Kellenkerin.  
Saved about one hour and 100 km over the Manjimup → Midland → Kellenkerin route, but there was a good deal of uncertainty due to my lack of a good map. Nice drive. Arrived ~ noon.

Maley Rd 600m West Koly Kedjin  
Babblers # 054 and # 875 ~ 125m E. of banding site [tree spur].

Water Reserve Ru Wh # 244. 200m S. of N. border and ~150m W. of 28 Aug position

Wimmera Gate  
Gr Sh Thrush # 935 - 250m S. Wimmera gate

Babbler # 135 not found - no babblers seen

Durakoppin East  
Babblers # 645 and # 102 ~ ~~100m~~<sup>50m</sup> W. of banding site  
(near Stake A 2200)

Gr Sh Thr. # 995 - ~ 200m N. of Babblers

W. yellow Robin # 352 - ~ 100m S. banding site  
(~ 50m E. of N-S Track, 100m N. Harvey Rd)

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1 Sept. SW corner Durakoppen East  
WETE # 866 ~ 200m NE site where W.Y. Robin  
banded, on east side of N-S track.

UB ♂ RW Wh moving around this area - This is  
where I captured & radio-tagged another ♂ RW Wh  
last week. Also an UB Gr Sh Thrush here.  
Foraging on the ground rooting through litter like a Thrush -  
caught a large larva which it repeatedly wiped  
against the ground.

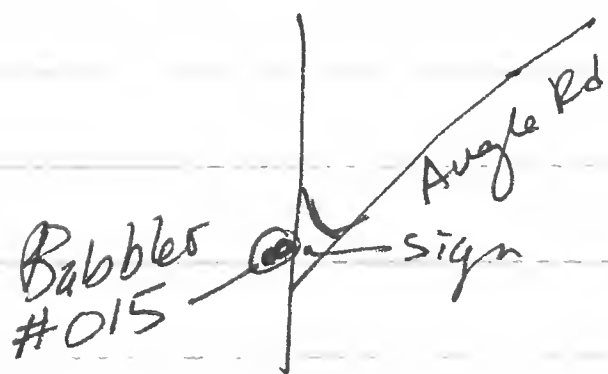
Pr. of Jacky Winters just S. of Robin banding site.  
Also: Elegant Parrots (pr. picking up nesting material from  
ground), Weebill, Br HE, Gr Fantail, Galah,

#356

WY Robin v. m. banding site - I clearly saw  
bands + transmitter. Bird feeding, acting normally.

Doodlakine x Argle Rd

Babbler #015 in group across rd. Turn street sign  
betw. two exits to Argle Rd



net set up on E. side of  
Doodlakine 2.85 km N.

Argle Rd Jct - area where I've

seen babblers (they were here again today) and  
heard a Shrike Thrush singing.

11:20 netted 2 Babblers after driving the flock a  
couple of hundred m. down the verge into the net.  
a few minutes later I got a ♂ Gr Shrike Thrush,  
who responded to a playback tape; Then 2  
Willie Wagtails, and a Yellow-throated Miner.

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1 Sept - cont'd Doodlakine Rd 2.0 km S. Jct.

Brown Rd (1.6 km S. Perry's EW site #30)

ad ♂ Grey Shrike-Thrush (retrap) 1st capt at EW #30  
(Perry's site 1.6 km N. of here); retrapped 26 Apr 91  
at EW #31, which is fairly near their site:

Band # 050-92168

Colors: mauve/wet - L w/orange - RT.

Transmitter (lg.) #065 (setting: 1-9-2.6)

White-browed Babbler (new)

Band # 051-73909 colors: LG/LG-L; <sup>wet/mv</sup>-R  
transmitter (wed) #396 (setting: 2-10-3.6)

White-browed Babbler (new)

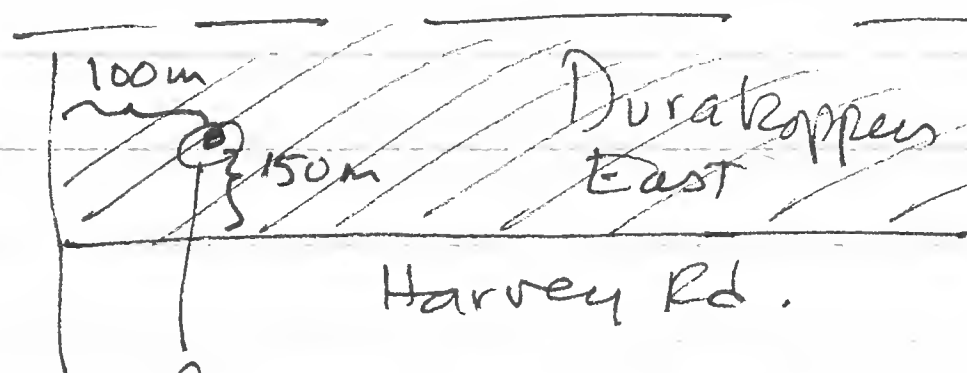
Band # 051-73908 colors: Or/Or-L; wet/mv-R  
(no transmitter) Sev. tail feathers lost

2 Willie Wagtails (both new)

(1) Band # 034-39507 colors R/R-L wet/mv-R

(2) " " 034-39508 w/w-R wet/mv-L

1 switched legs by mistake



Babblers # 045 and #102 in SW corner Doodlakine

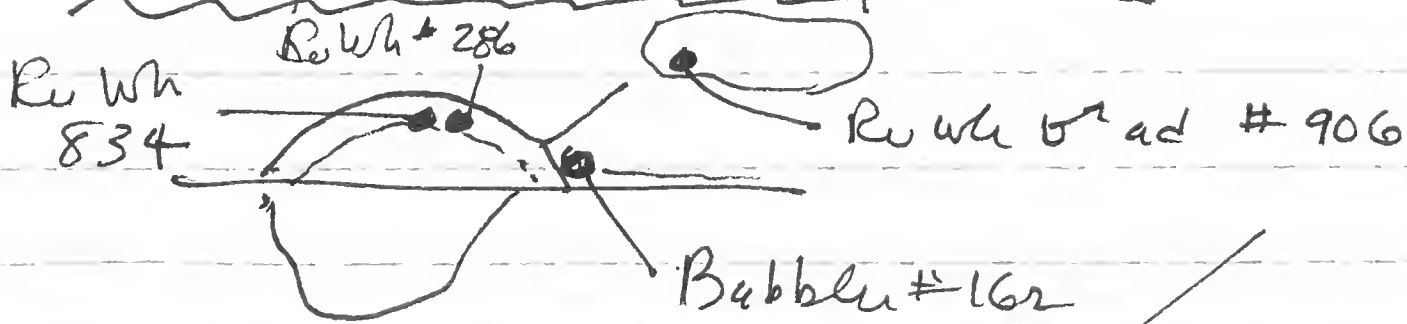


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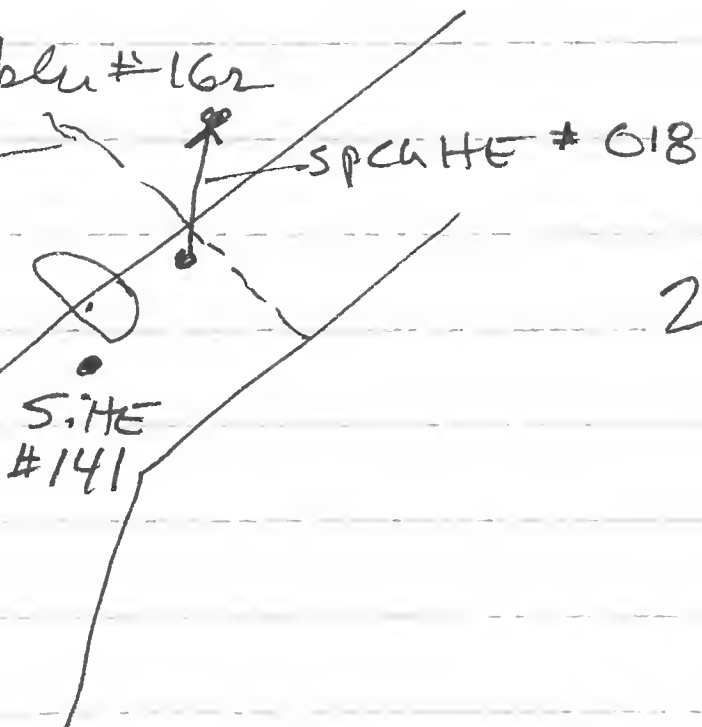
Summary of Dion Steven's Sighting, using  
lg. truck-mounted antenna

"Perry's Patch" - Letchford Rd



4 birds found

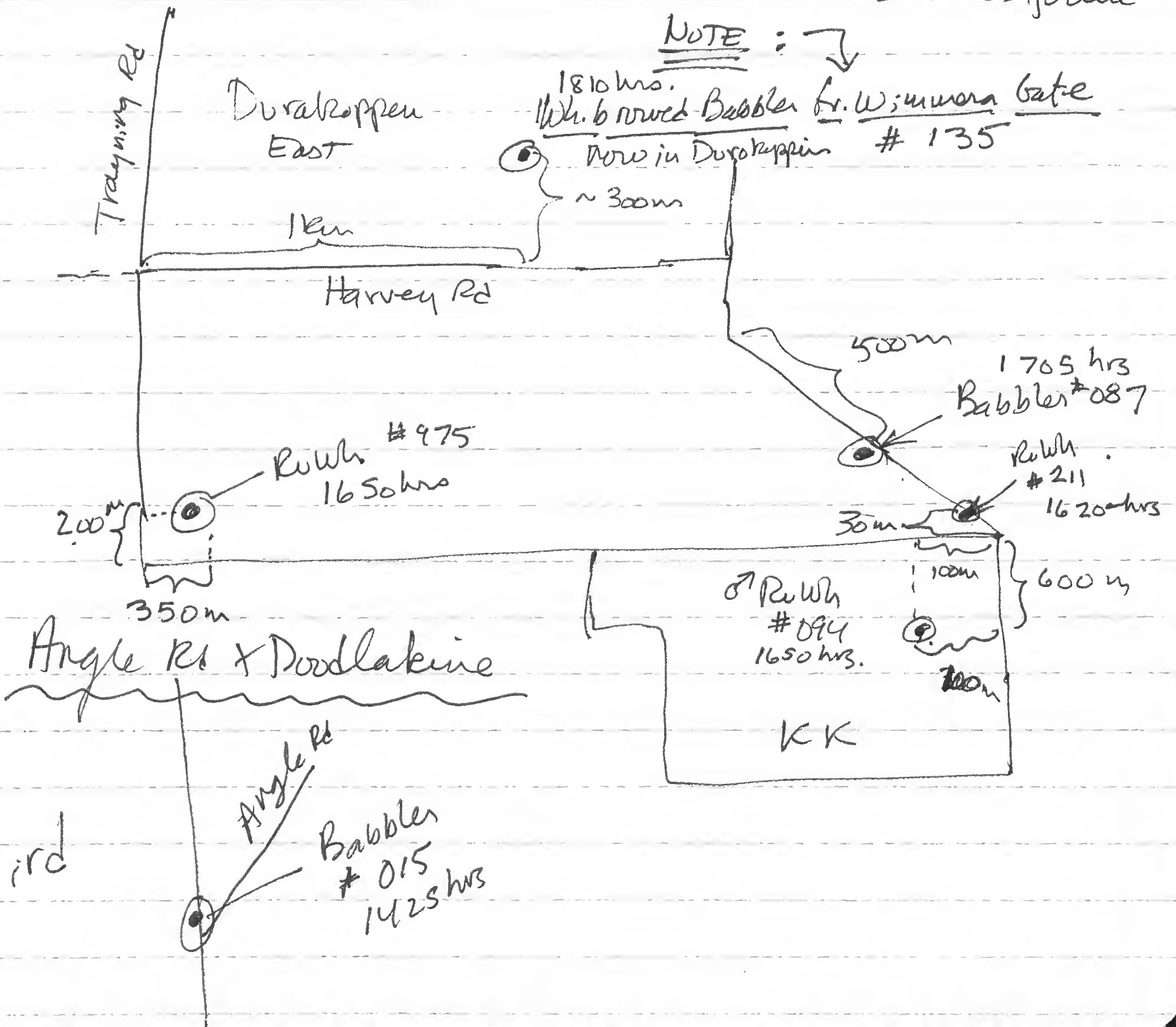
"Weeds" Reserve



2 birds found

Duraloppin East & Corridor + Koly Kudjin

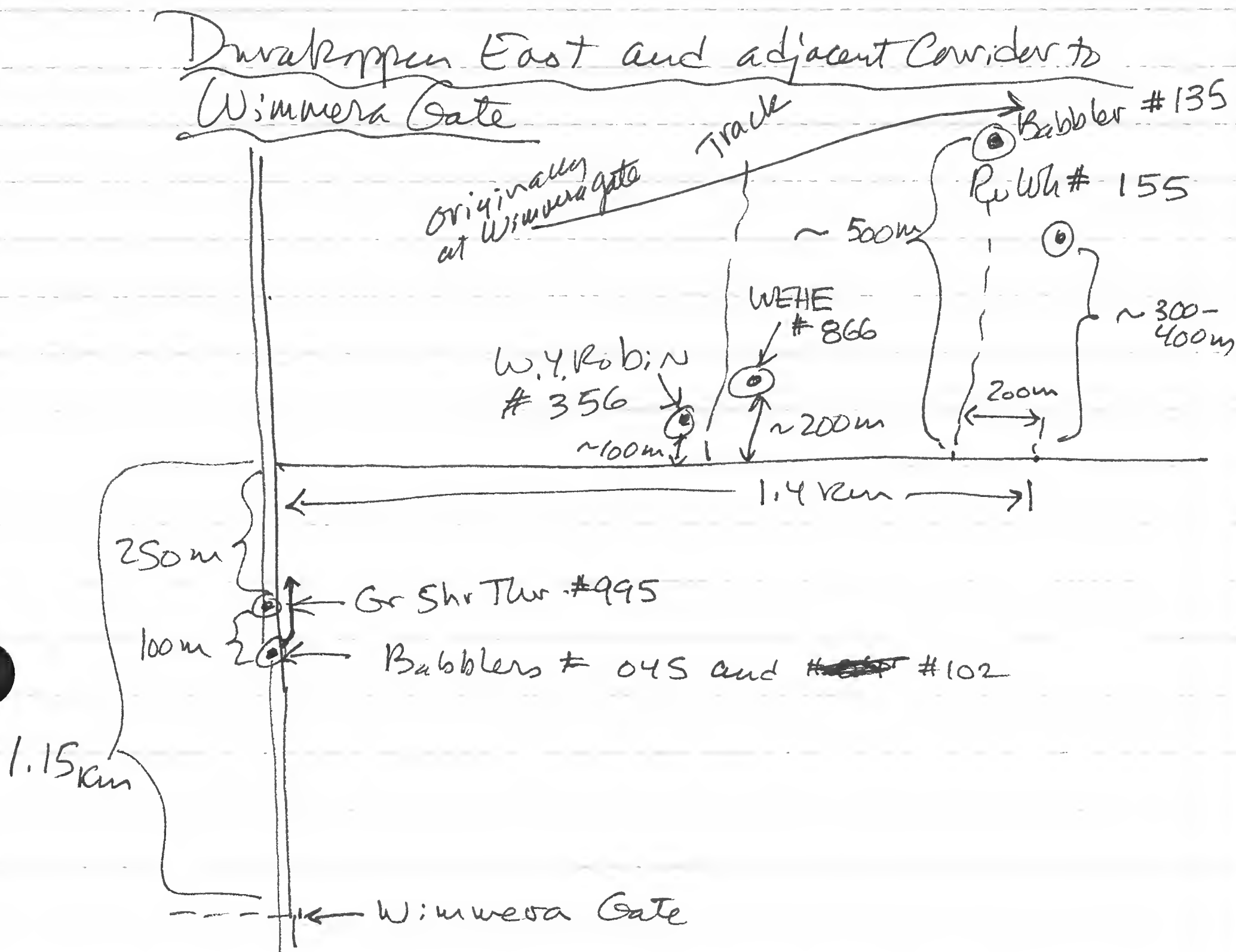
5 birds found



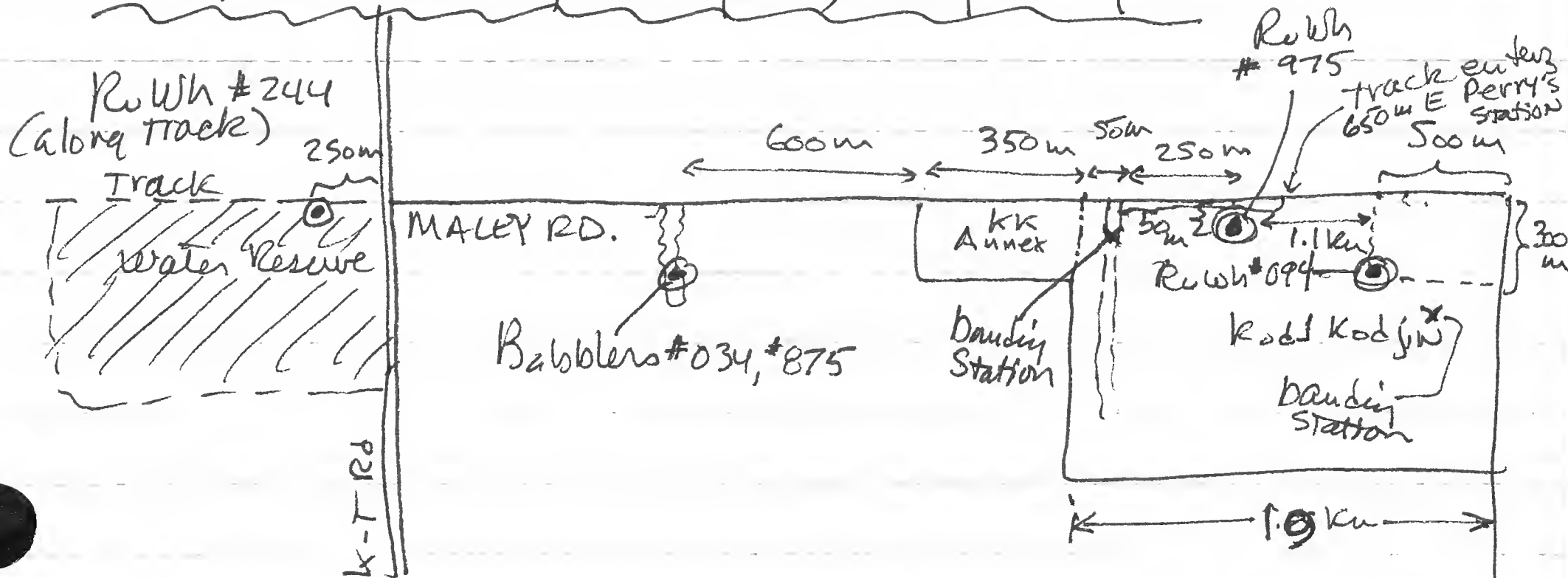
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Dion and I worked for a couple of hrs together locating birds in Durakoppin, Wimmera Gate corridor, and Water Reserve

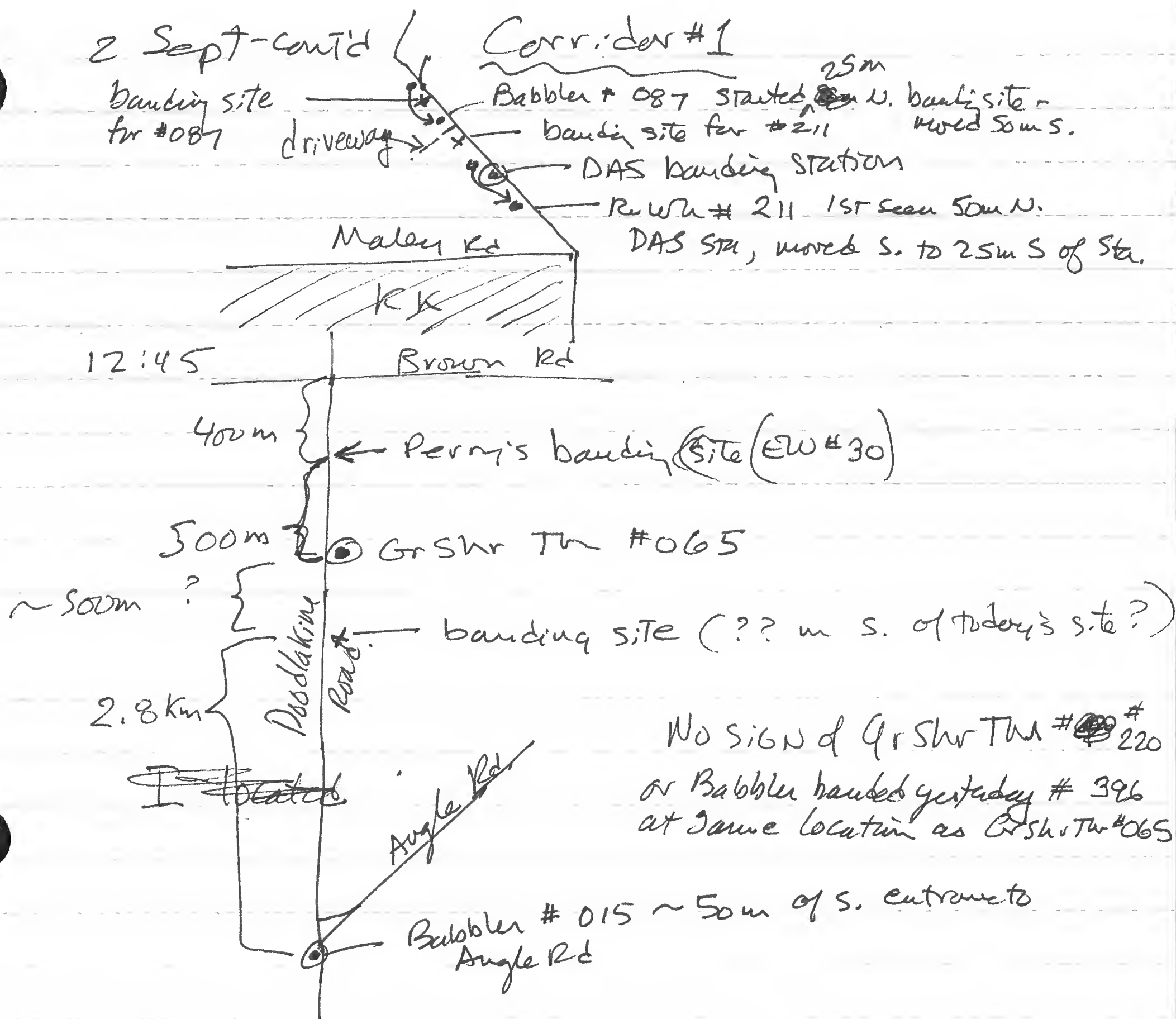


Water Reserve, Maley Rd, Kody Kodjin



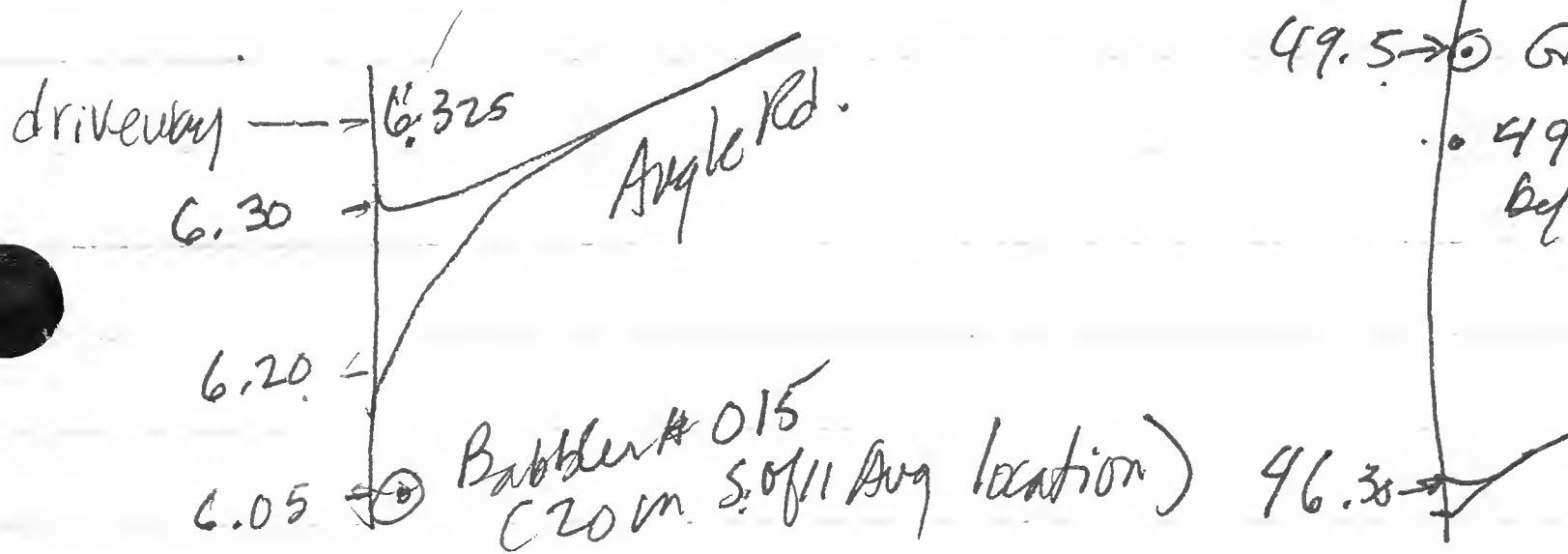
From pt. where #975 was located, I could clearly hear the signal from #094, 1.1 km to the east (downhill vantage).

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A 2<sup>+</sup> RWH was singing in Angle x Doodlakine area  
I set up a net & called him right in w. playback,  
but he escaped the net before I could grab him.

3 Sept. Doodlakine Rd. between Angle Rd & Mc Bolt Rd  
at least 3 Black-tailed Native Hen, 2 grey teal, 2 MT. Duck  
in overflow where water runs across paved rd into shallow pool



49.5 → Gr Shw Thr #065 here yesterday

49.0 banding site day before yesterday

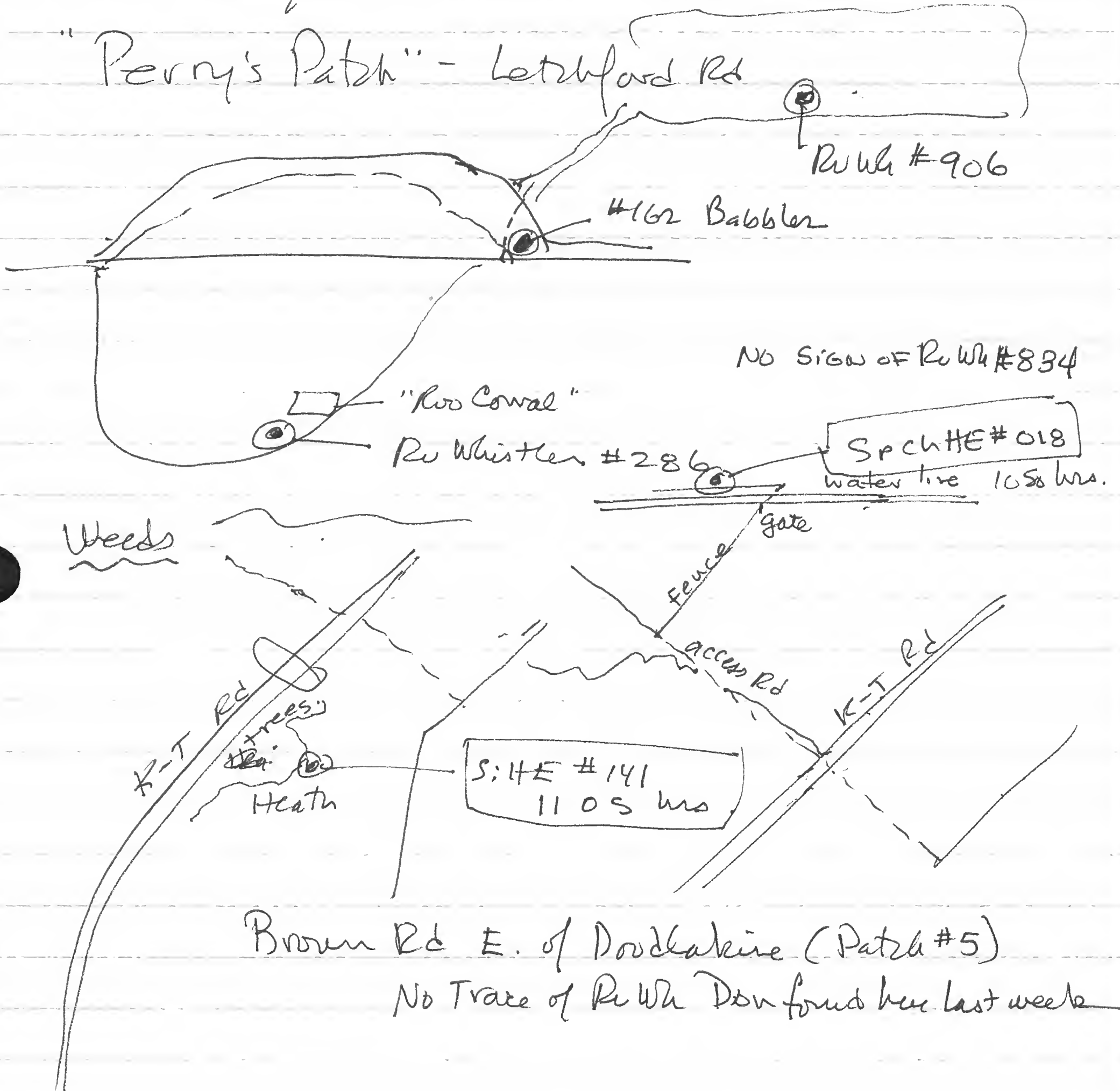


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2 Sept. Summary of Dion Stasou's sightings

(early A.M. Dion + I worked together - see my notes for Duvakoppen and Water Reserve)

"Perry's Patch" - Letchford Rd

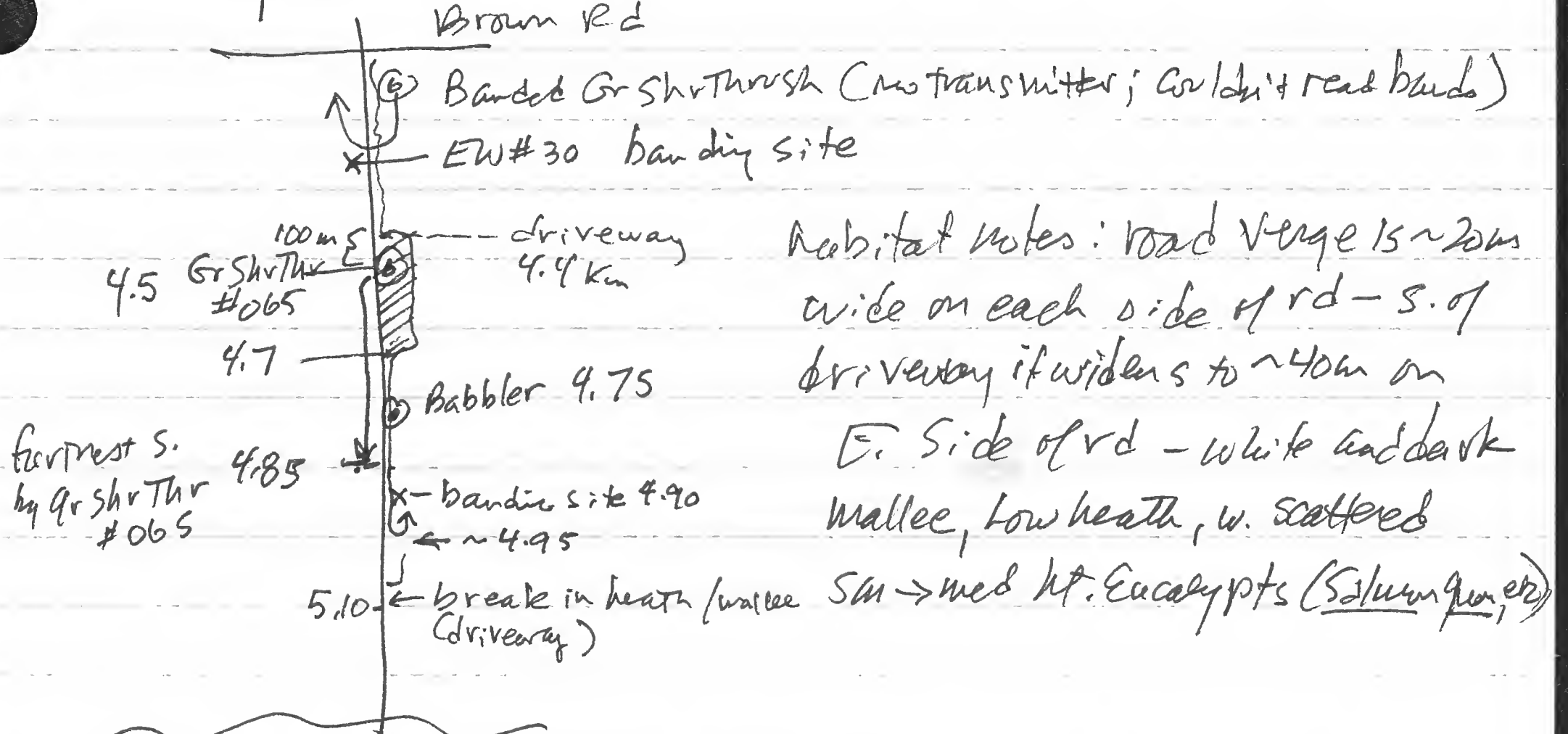


Brown Rd E. of Doodlakine (Patch #5)

No Trace of RWH Dion found here last week

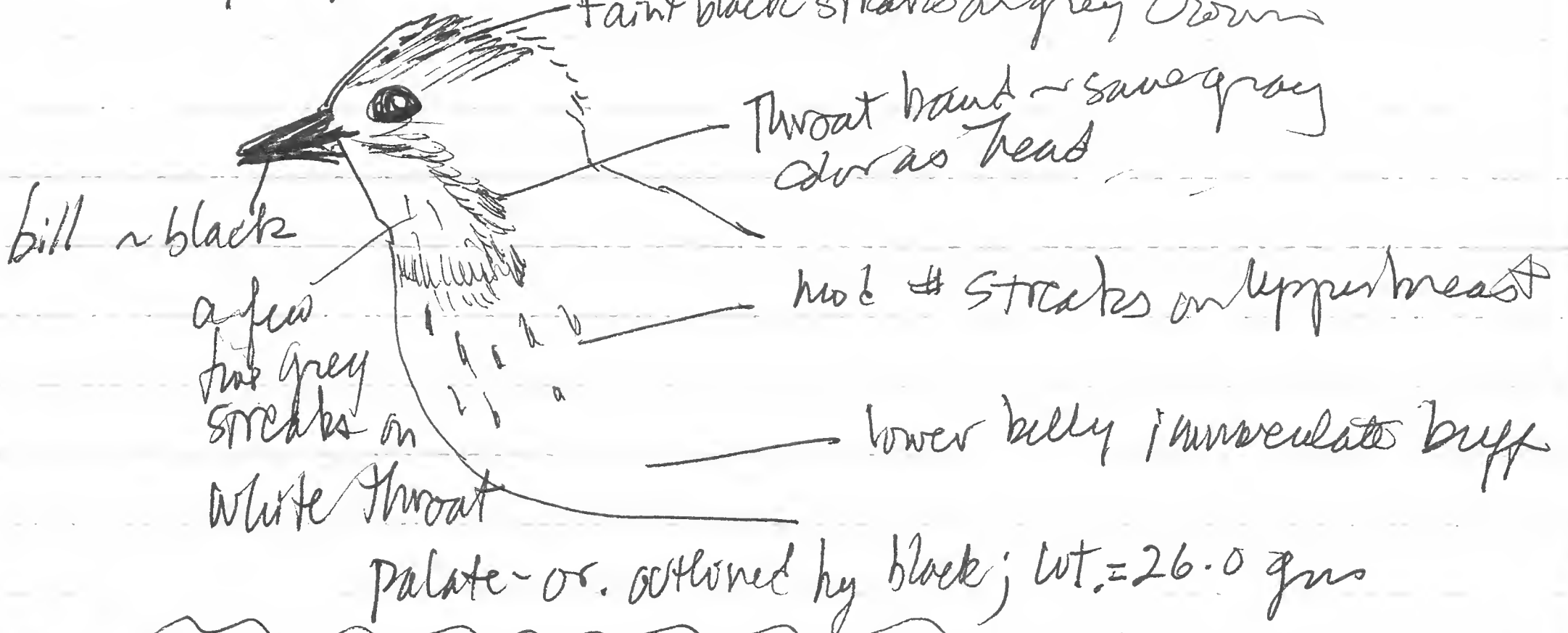
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14:25 I captured the subad. ♂ RuWh I almost caught yesterday at Angle Rd. x Doodlakine Rd. Rufous Whistler  
(New) Band # 034-39509 colors: met/mv-R; R/R-L  
Transmitter: 151.406 (2-11-0.8)  
released 15:05

Ⓞ Capture site ~ 500m S. Jct Doodlakine x Angle Rds.



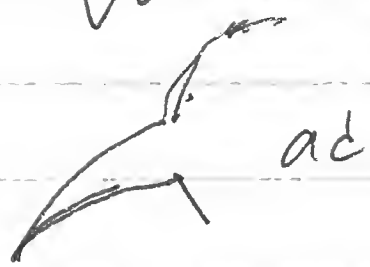
"Perry's Patch" along Ketchford Rd betw. Doodlakine & K-T Rd

Babbler #162 in a group of 7 Babbler, in open corridor on N. side of rd. 400m E. of E. border of N. side of patch. Scattered gums w. few bushes, grassy as; lots of deadfalls +

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(cont'd) brushpiles, which seem to be main object of attention for Babblers. At least 2 birds in group are Short-billed juveniles (I've seen 2 other groups with juvs. this week). Bills are very different



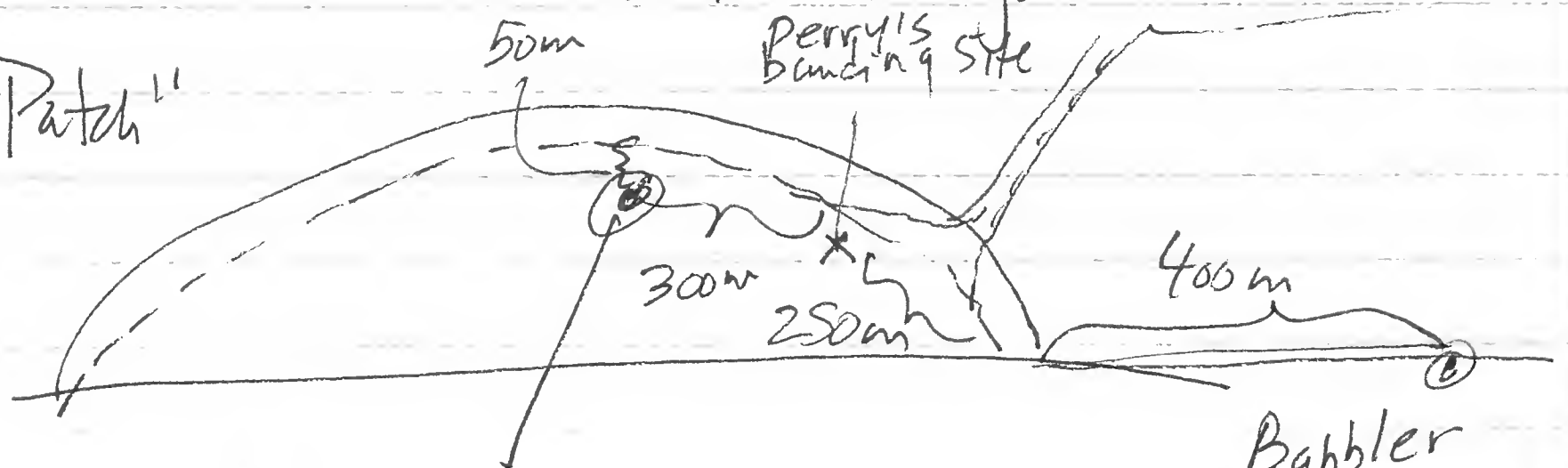
ad



Juve

Babblers pry at bark flakes, hop on ground, ascend to ~7-8 m in gum trees.

"Perry's Patch"



17:15

my Banding site: I caught 3 of a group of ~7 Wh-br Babblers by driving group of ~7 toward net. 1 escaped, one was a recaptured individual (Band # 051-52563 mv/met-L I added mv/mv color bands to Right leg. (Captured 16 Aug 1991 by Perry's crew at this site) released 17:50

② White-browed Babbler (new)

Band # 051-73910 colors: met/mv-R; R/wh-L  
Transmitter # 079 (151.079) setting: 170-0  
released 17:45

I put on a RWWh playback, and quickly captured a pair of Rufous Whistles

① Ad ♀ Rufous Whistler (retrap)

Band # 033-64168

colors: grey (=mv) / met-L; 2 Green/Blue-R

↑  
changed for a fresh name band  
(1st captured here - EW #29 - 18 Oct 90)



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3 Sept - cont'd "Perry's Patch" - cont'd

ad ♂ <sup>Recap</sup> Rufous Whistler ~~(#116)~~ Band # 033-64347

met/mv - RT Red/D. Blue - left

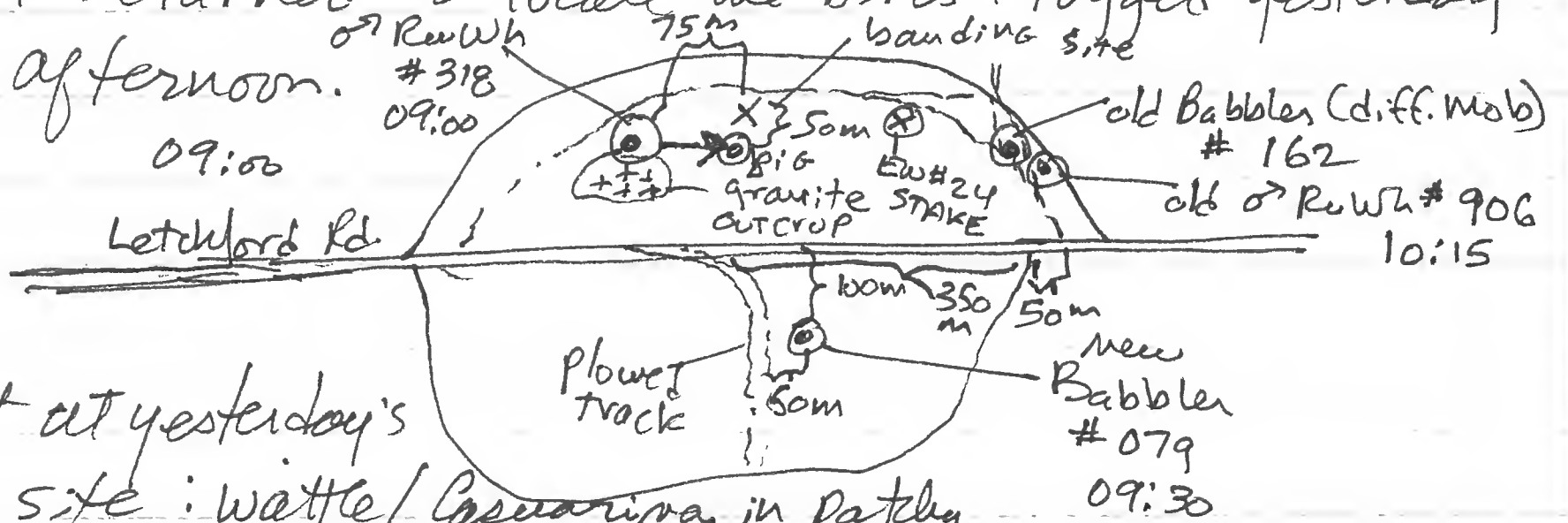
↑  
faded - replaced ISI.

I attached transmitter #318 (set: 2-7-3.6)  
released 18:10

(1st capt. here - EW #29 - on 15 Aug 91 - 2M age  
at that time - I attached a Radiotransmitter to  
him at that time)

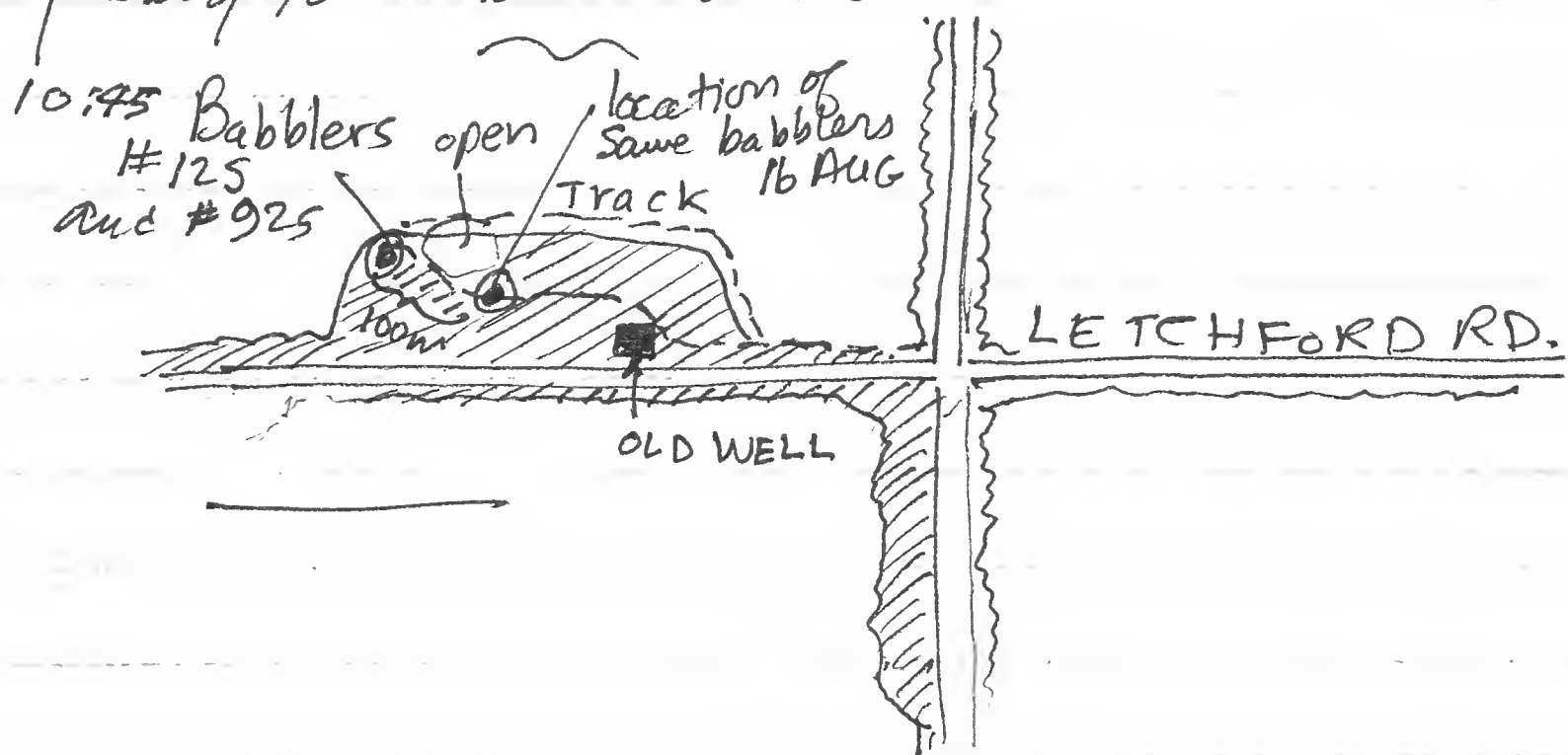
4 Sept. "Perry's Patch" on Letchford Rd.

I returned to locate the birds I tagged yesterday  
afternoon.



habitat at yesterday's  
banding site: wattle/Casuarina in patchy

Thickets 2.5-4m tall, w. scattered mallee and York gums  
6-8m tall. Open understory in areas between clumps of shrubs -  
fairly easy to walk around here.

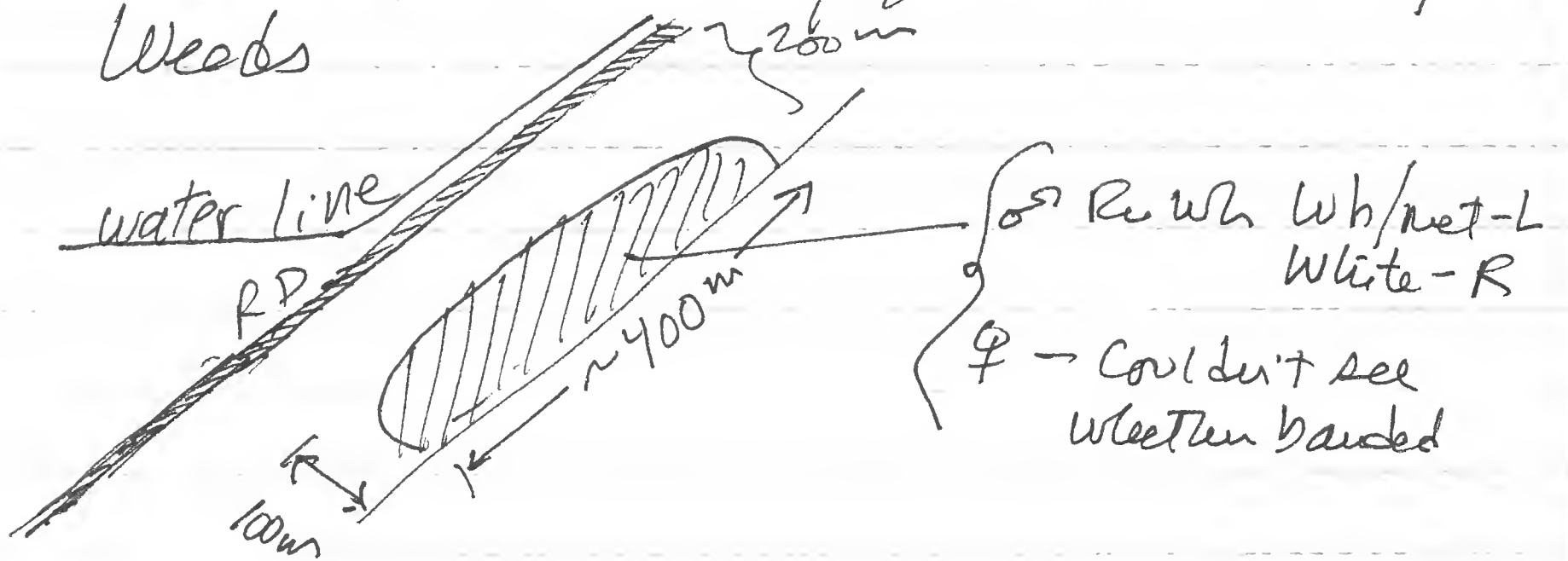


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Weeds Reserve

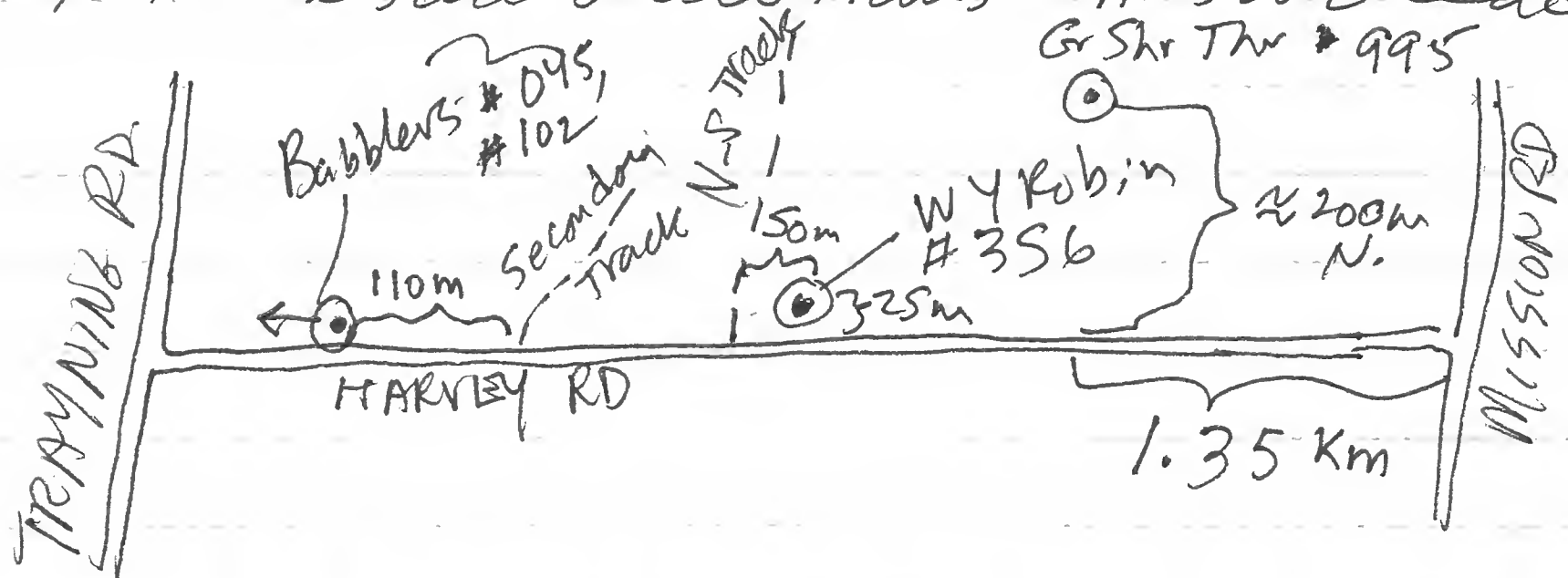
Scouted around in preparation for Perry deReberna's banding trip tomorrow of the next day. Fair amount of activity SE of rd. opposite the point where the water main cuts away. Pair of Rufous Weistlers covering a long stretch (~400m) of the SE border of Weeds



NW corner of Weeds - nr. Reservoir  
The long-"missing" Grey Shrike Thrush #985 was sighted W. of the access rd in open woods of Salmon Gum Woodland ~50m from the open paddock around the tower + reservoir. Transmitter still attached, but no signal being emitted. No signal from ♀ RWG #057 either, though I couldn't see her or her mate.

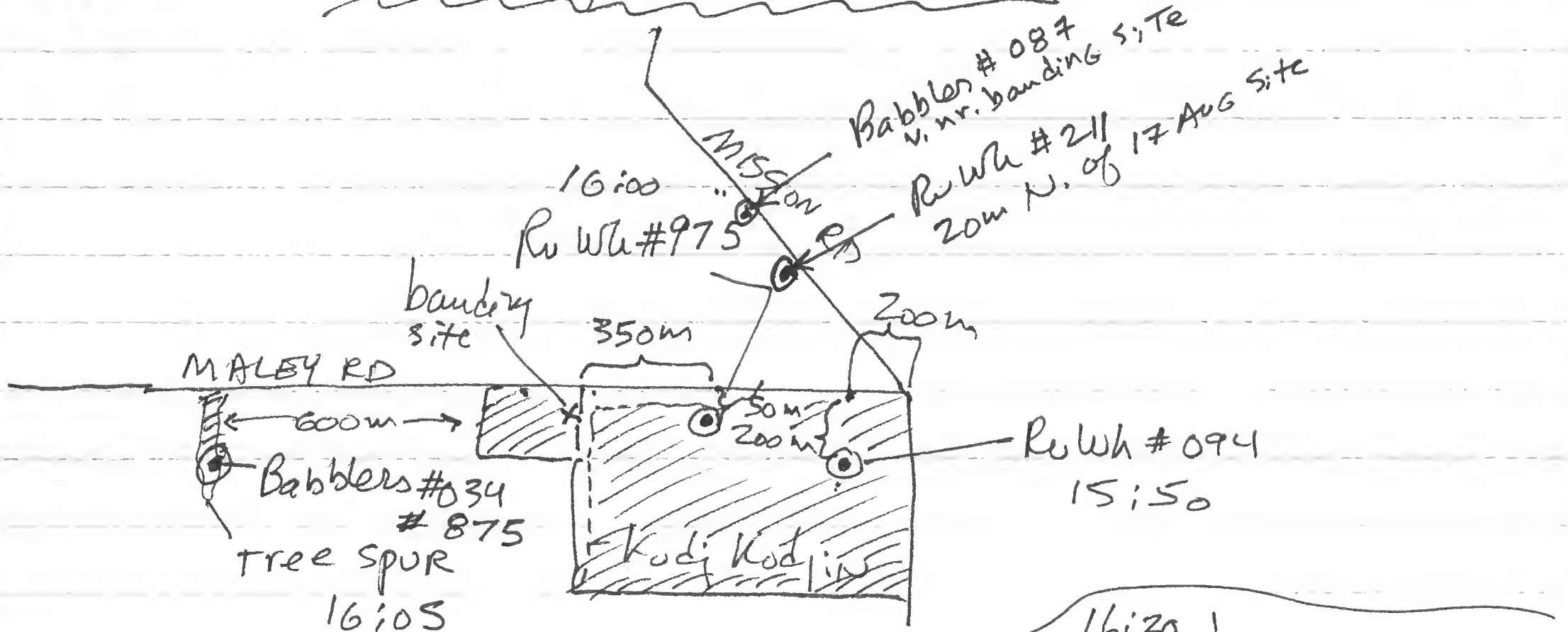
I checked the summit of Weeds for S:HE #141, WEHE #375, Spch HE #018. NOTHING.

I think all Weeds transmitters are dead.

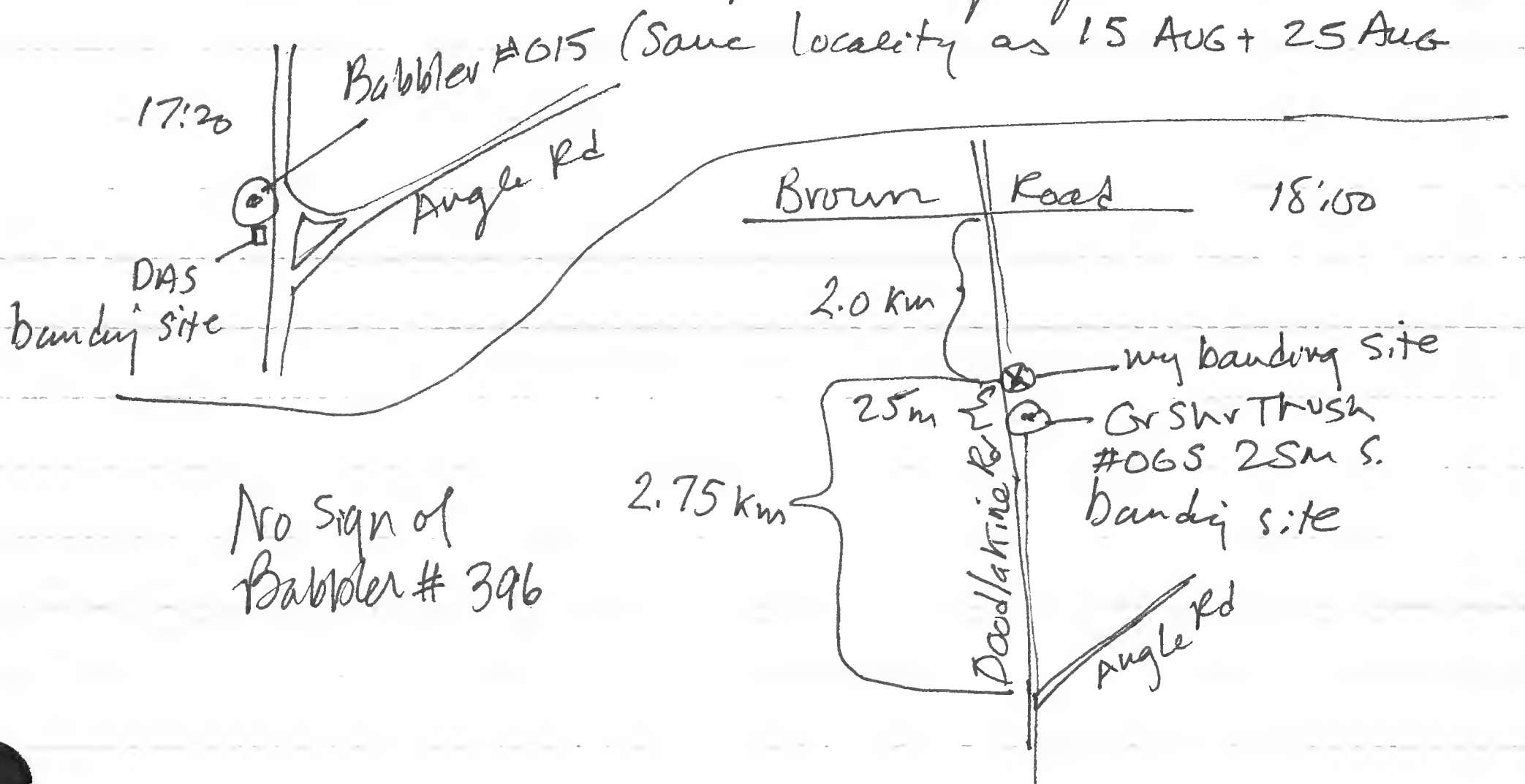


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4 Sept - cont'd CORRIDOR #1 (MISSION RD)  
and Kodj Kodjin Reserve



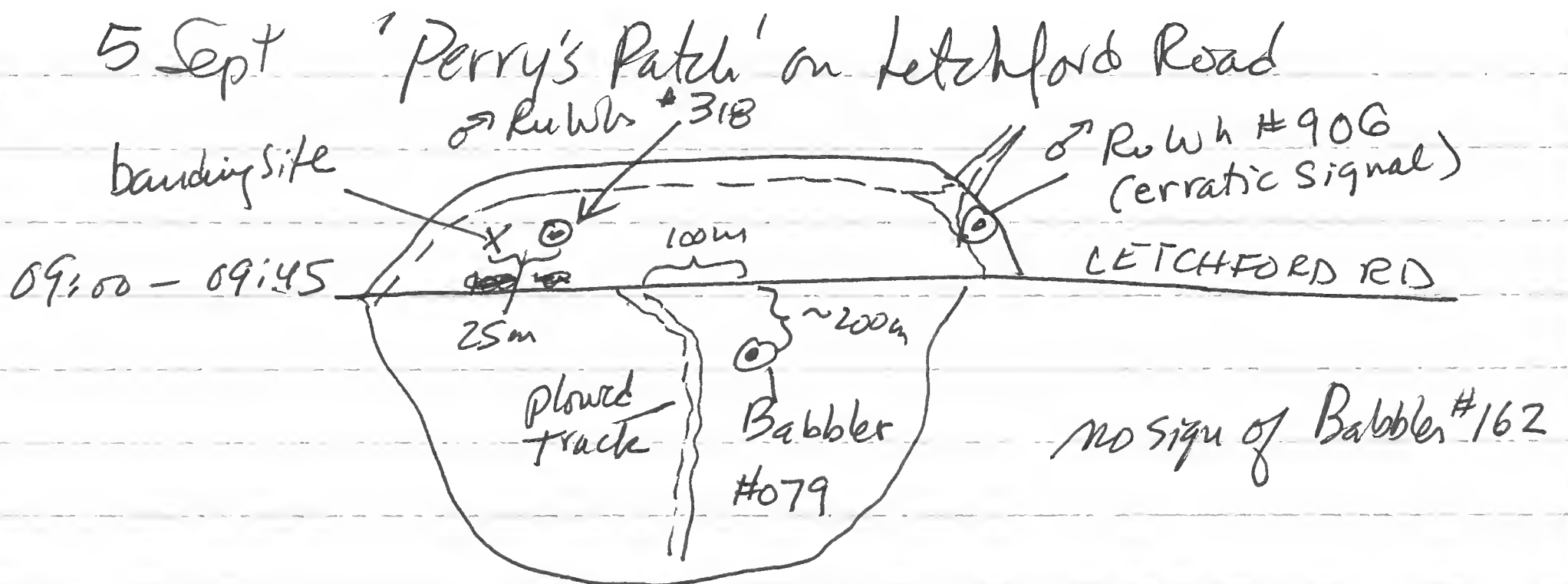
Got a brief, strong signal fr. #244, but it quickly faded, then disappeared. Seemed to be close to track in same area where Dion and I saw the bird a couple of days ago.



No sign of Babbler #396



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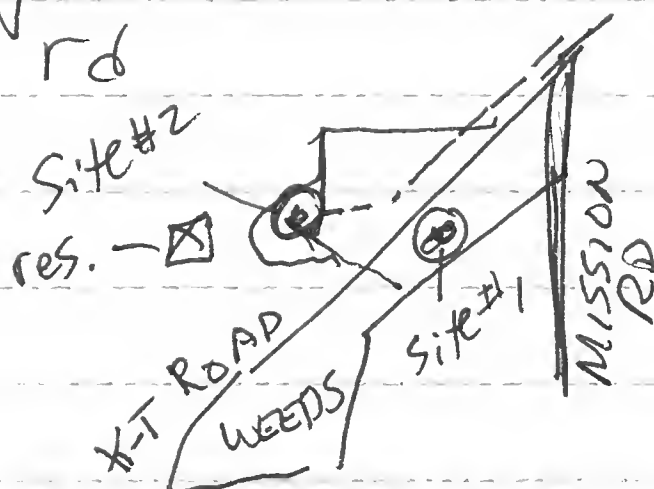
Doodlakine Rd. 2 km S. Jct Brown Rd  
10:55 Gr Shrike #065 50m S. of banding site (W. side of Doodlakine Rd.)

No sign of Babbler #396 (or any other babblers)  
— (Echidna on rd, 200 m N. of site)

NOTE EW #31 banding site stake is 500m S. of my banding site, at place where drainage crosses rd.

11:15 Angle Rd Jct (2.8 km S. my banding site; 4.8 km S. Brown Rd) Babbler #015. 30m S. DAS banding site on W. side of rd. Red Wattlebird seen nearby, but I couldn't see if it was banded. No signal from transmitter.

Perry & Alma de Rekeira and Rod Smith are meeting today in Weeds on my behalf. Two sites — the NW corner of the reservoir, and the main part of Weeds SE of paved road and opposite the point where the water line heads away from rd



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5 Sept - cont'd Although there were both Shrike-Thrushes and Whistles at both sites, the only one of these spp. captured was the ♀ #057\* on which I'd put a radio-transmitter on 9 Aug. Transmitter still attached, but dead. It was starting to peel off, and I used super-glu remover (acetone-based) to tease the transmitter all the way off. I didn't replace it, as the skin looked pretty raw where the old transmitter had been attached. General catch of birds was disappointing at both sites - a total of ~ 20 birds, mostly Thornbills (all 3 spp), Weebills. Most interesting catch was a Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo.

Rec'd with receipt. #057 w. dead transmitter

\* #057 captured at spot where ♀ Shrike-Thr #985 sighted on 10 Aug.

Black-tailed Native Hen seen along Letchford Rd just east Kellerberrin - Trayning Rd. (3) and on Brown Rd 1 Van E. Doodlakine (4-6).

6 Sept.

07:00 Group of Wh-br. Babbler seen along the main Kellerberrin - Trayning Rd ~ 200m S. Jct. Letchford Rd. No signal from the transmitters I'd placed on 2 Babblers just W of K-T rd on Letchford Rd, so I think this is a separate mob.

While I was locating Babbler #125 and #925 in their usual patch on W. side of Letchford Rd I heard a Rufous Whistler singing



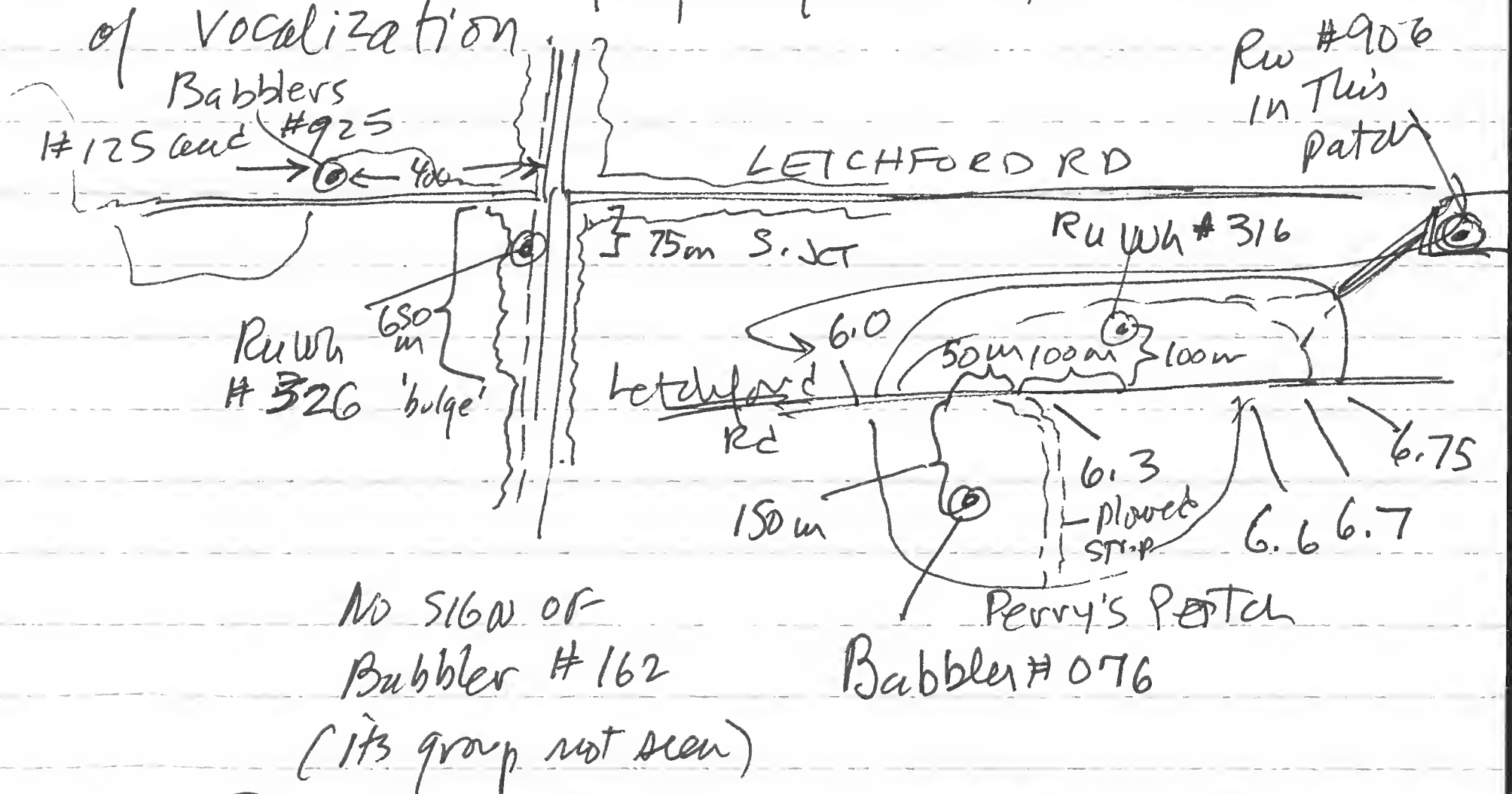
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6 Sept - cont'd  
along Kellerberrin-Trayning Rd just S. of the  
Letchford Jct. Bird was in a "bulge" of vegetation  
on the W-side of the rd - ~ 25m wide strip  
of Acacia and Santalwood woodland (cut 2-3m)  
with scattered mallee to 8m tall. I set up a  
net, started my playback loop, and caught  
bird within a minute's time.

Rufous Whistler (new) 1 imm. ♂

Band # 034-39510 (cdors: Lgr/R-L  
Transmitter # 151.326 (med) Met/AV-R)  
(setting 2-8-1.5)

Bird had been singing frequently, but short bursts  
of vocalization



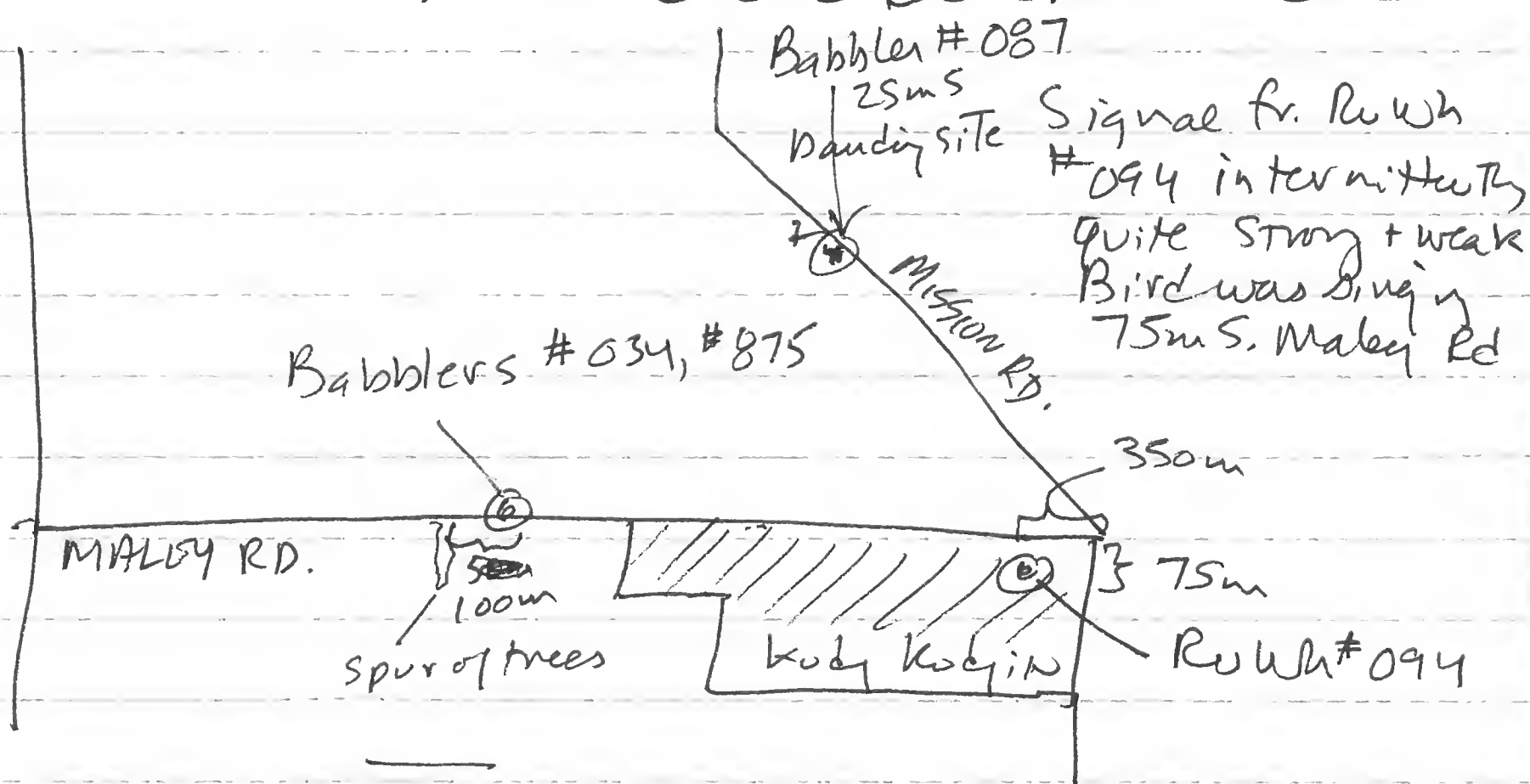
Wimmera Gate - group of Babblers seen here, but  
no signal - I couldn't see whether or not  
they were banded, or whatever. No signal  
from Babbler #135, Grshr Thr #935, or RuWh #294  
(all tagged at Wimmera gate 21-22 Aug)



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6 Sept - cont'd Malay Rd - Kodj Kodjin Corridor #1



NW Corner Dura Kopper West - Remy's group had moved down here from Weeds in mid-morning. Most nets in a clump of White Mallee - Melaleuca about 100-200m from the point where the track along the W. side of the reserve leaves the main rd. and crosses the water line. RuWh and gr sh. Thr calling - I tried RuWh tape first, but bird wouldn't come closer than ~150m. Then put on Grey Shrike-Thrush tape, and very quickly caught a subad. ♂ Gr Sh Thr.

♂ subad.

11:45 Grey Shrike-Thrush (new) Band # 051-72126

photos of white mallee

colors: 1) Blue/L. green - L DBL/met - RT.

Transmitter # 150.956 (1-5-2+) med.

released 12:25.

12:30 Imm. Golden Whistler (new) <sup>Came in to RuWh playback!</sup>

Band # 033-64395 colors: BL/met-L / BL-R

Transmitter # 151.294 (med) (2-6-3.4)

released 12:45

photos

color notes: Throat pale grey faintly speckled w. sl darker flecks; breast + belly pale buff; dorsum grey; edges of primaries rufous; yellow bill; black bill

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6 Sept - cont'd

Small intensely blue wildflower is called "Blue Squill"

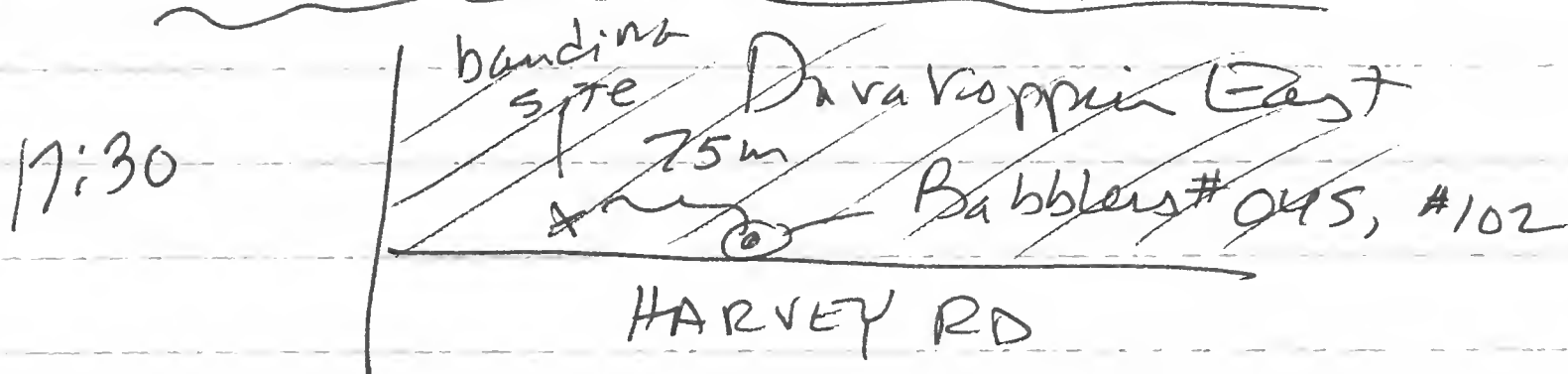
note: at 2 different netting sites, White-eared HE approached net and vocalized agitatedly when I played Rufous Whistler tape. Stayed too high in white mallee to get caught.

14:30 no sign of Babbler # 015 at Jct. Angle x Doodlakine Rd. No sign of PWh # 406 - I searched ~ 1 km in both directions on Doodlakine, and along Angle Rd.

Doodlakine Rd 2 km S. Brown Rd

15:00 No sign of recently banded Babbler (# ) or Shrike Thrush (# ), however, I did see a group of ~ 6-7 Babbles ~ 100m S. of the banding site - no signal from there. NOTE: at least 2 short-billed Joves with this bunch.

Spent a couple of hrs w. Peay + Co  
SW Corner Dura Koppin East



No sign of other 4 tagged birds in SW

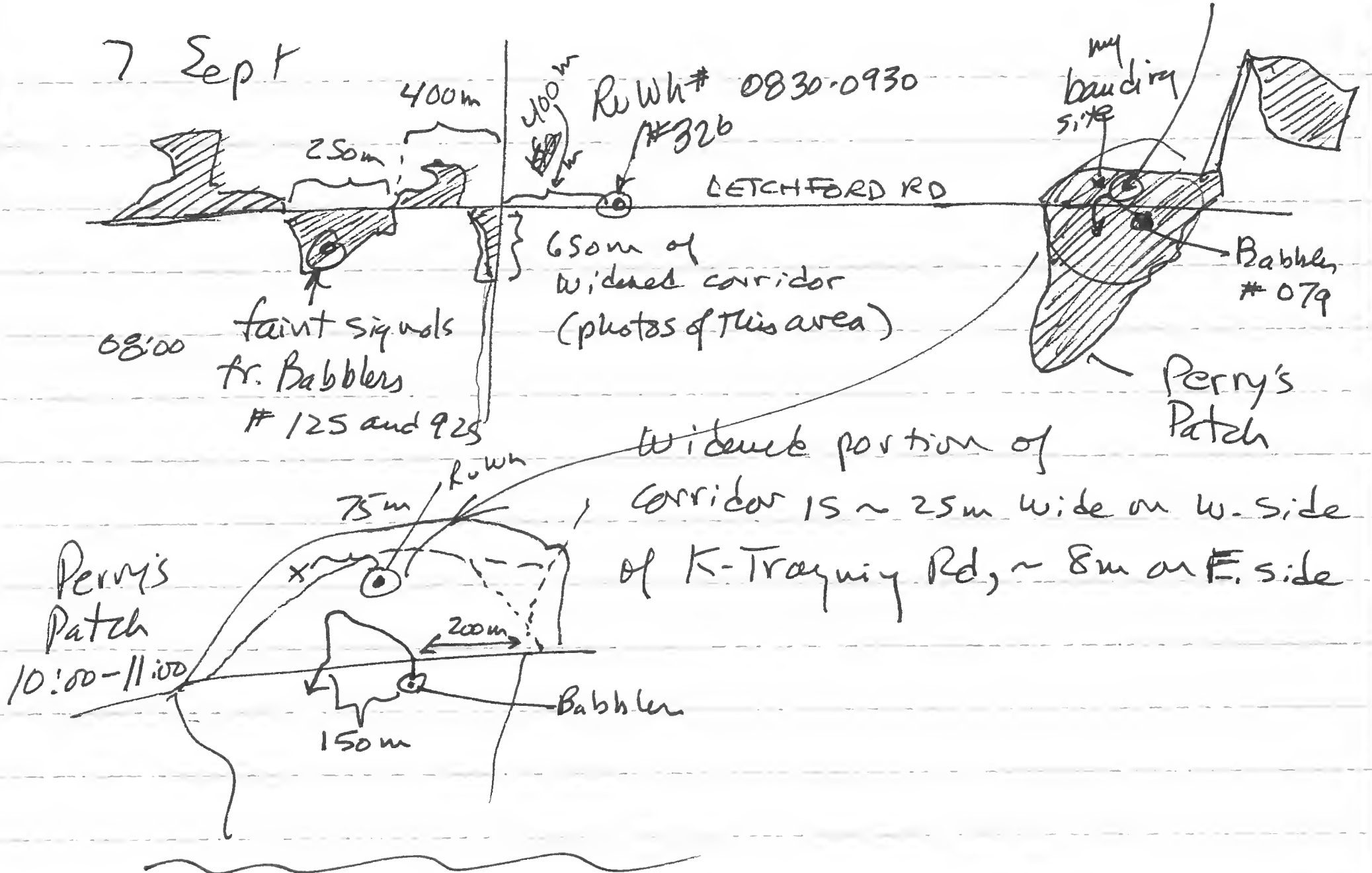
Dura Koppin: G SW TH # 995, WYR # 356, WBE # 866,  
Ru Whistler # 155.



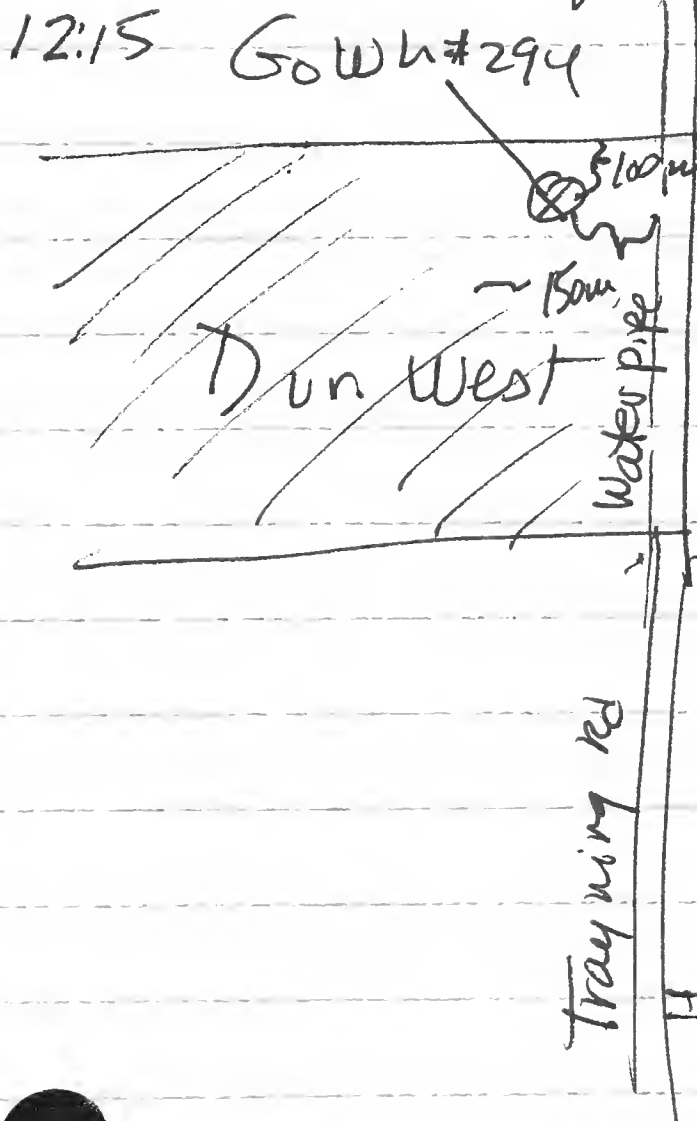
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#318  
RWH# ~~318~~

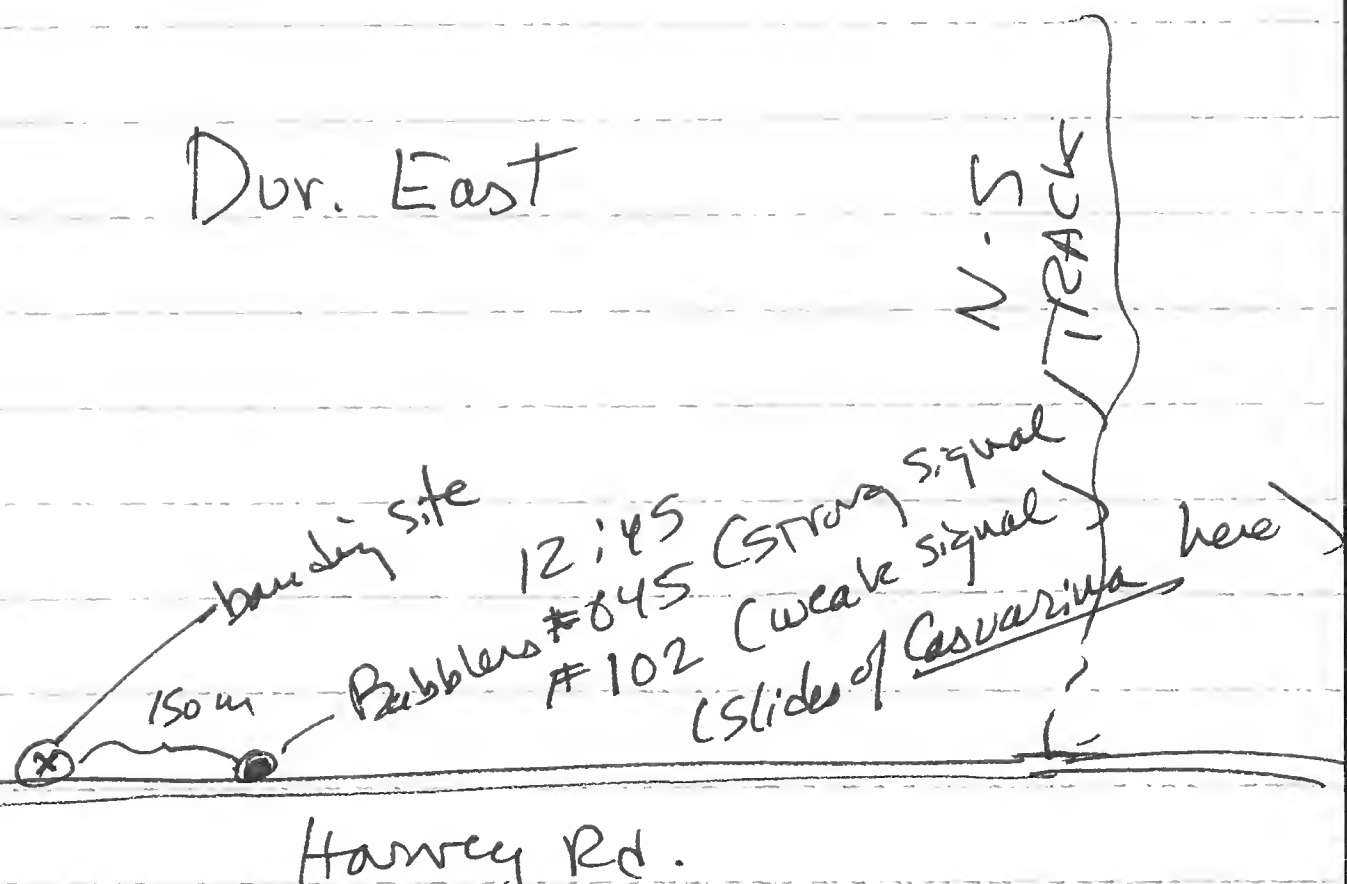
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NE corner Duracoppin West - Golden Whistler #294  
within 100m of banding site in white wallee/melaleuca  
no sign of Grey Shrike-Turkeys trapped here yesterday



SW corner Duracoppin East



13:00-13:30. No sign of trapped Gosh. Tur, BWH,  
WETE or WY Robin along N-S Track where they were  
banded. UB ♀ WY Robin feeding a fledged Brown,  
mottled young - on ground giving v. soft thin, high pitched  
peeping call. Ⓜ Fledgling fluttered off when I approached.



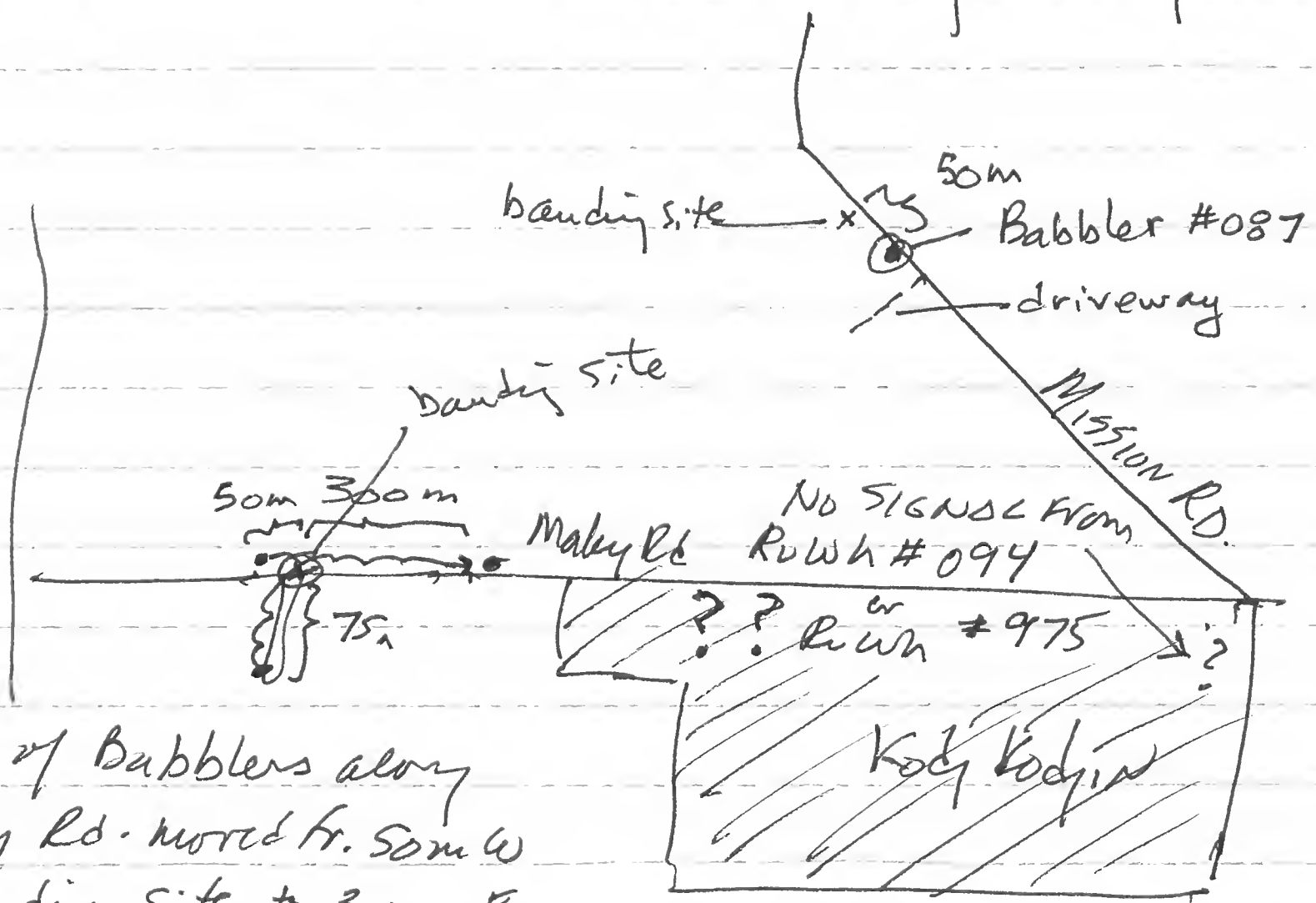
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9 Sept - cont'd

'mystery' Honeyeater brood in shell in its nest -  
olive brown color, small size make Brown Honeyeater  
the best possibility - nest in Melaleuca ~ 0.75 off ground.  
Young had already hatched by 27 Aug (when  
I first saw them), so are at least 12 days old -  
still not ready to fly, by the looks of them.  
Brown, white-capped, and Singing HE all calling nearby.

Corridor #1: ♂ Imm RWB singing ~ 100m W. of  
dogleg turn - I put up a net and tried to lure  
him in with playback tape, but he stayed  
well back and shut up while I was playing  
tape. This is right at ~~the~~ DAS banding site #2

Babbler #087 located 50m S. of banding site



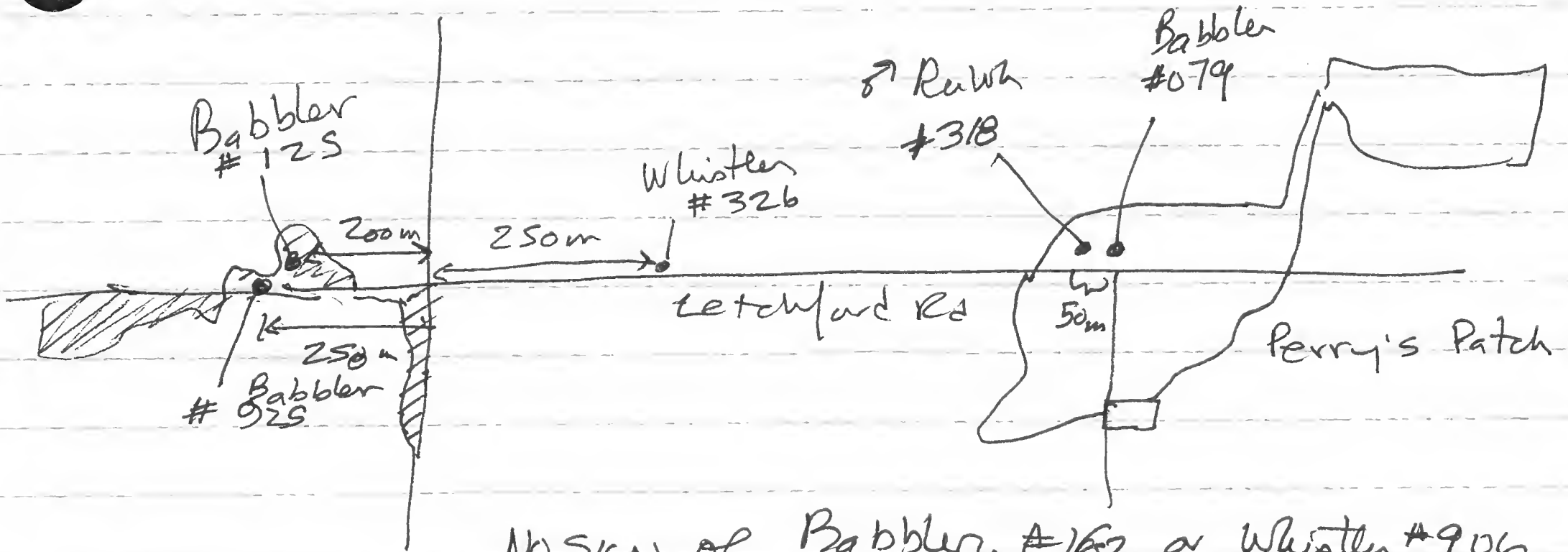
Group of Babblers along  
Maley Rd. moved fr. 50m W  
of banding site to 300m E,  
and also went S. ~ 75m  
to the end of the spur of trees.

got a clear look at # 8.75 (Mr/Mr-left), who  
still is wearing a transmitter, but no signal.

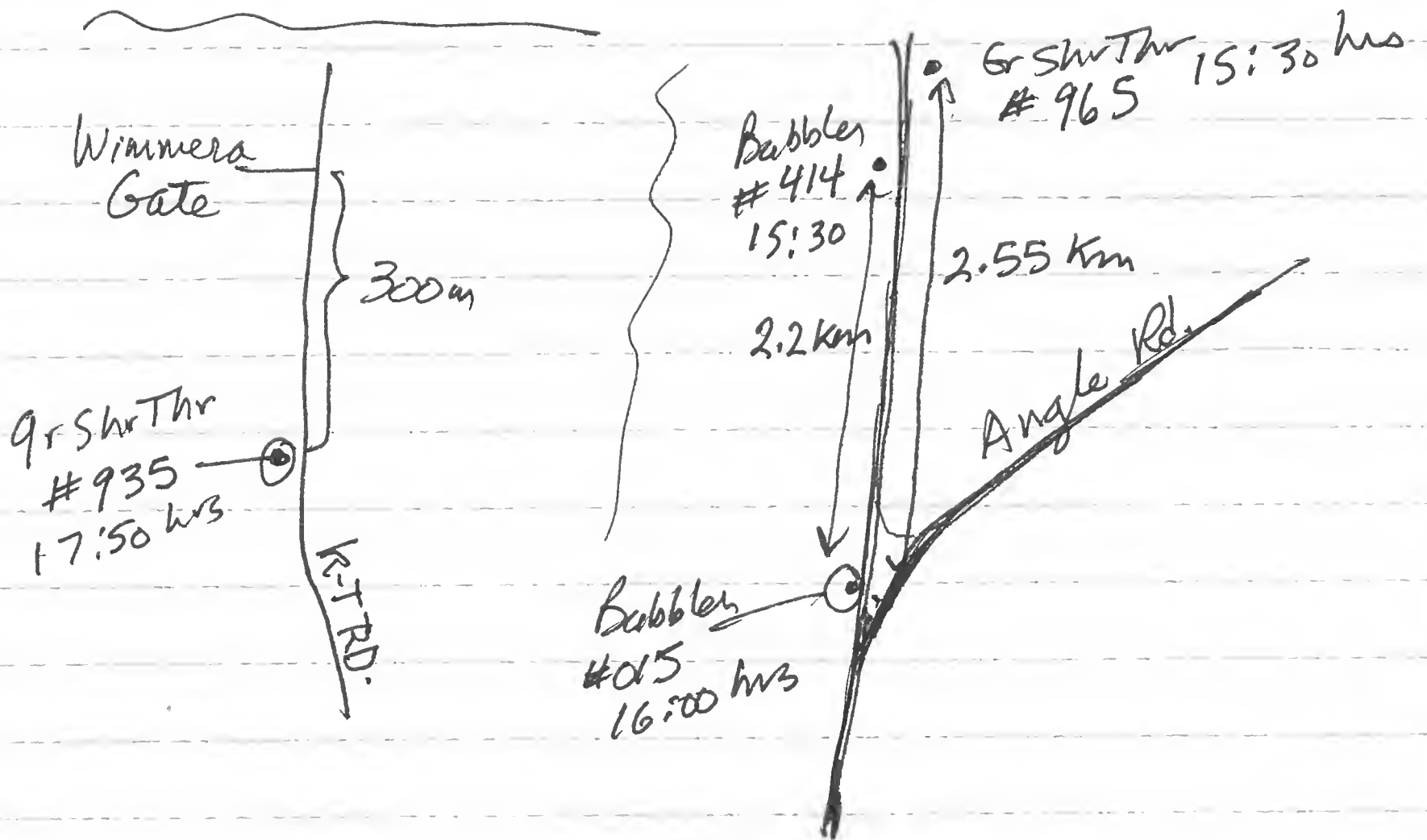
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Rob Doupe is student helper

8 Sept DION'S sightings of radio-tagged birds



NO SIGN of Babbler #162 or Whistler #906  
("DEAD")



8 Sept - cont'd

3 Babblers netted from a group <sup>of 6-7</sup> just a few m. S. of site on Doodlakine Rd where I netted 2 a couple of weeks ago. However, I suspect this is a different mob - The 2 retraps were first captured at EW #31, ~ 400m S. of this site (and 450m S. my original banding site). Two more birds in today's mob were Short-billed juveniles (I briefly had one in the net - noted its wrinkled yellow gape before it escaped). I hadn't seen the radio-tagged bird for several days, and in fact hadn't been able to find ~~the~~ any Babblers at all until yesterday.

The facts that (1) no signal was picked up from today's mob, and (2) at least 5 of the 6-7 birds were definitely not from the original group, suggests that this latest group has infiltrated north along Doodlakine Rd. as the original group bugged off (perhaps further north, towards Perry's banding spot on Brown Rd).

retrap Babbler Wh/Wh - RT; Met/mv - left

Band # 050-90323

I attached ~~new~~ <sup>small</sup> sized transmitter # 414 (2-11-3.0) to this bird. Orig. capt. at EW #31 (400m S. of here) on 26 April 1990.

retrap. Babbler R/LG - RT; Met/mv - left

Band # 050-90340 1st Capt. 26 April 1990 EW #31

New Babbler R/D Blue-L Met/mv - RT.

note on juve Babblers: They tend to lag behind group - hesitant about crossing openings, stay higher in dense vegetation - I only netted the one ind. after a



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lengthy period of chasing it up and down the corridor.  
This behavior may explain why we haven't netted  
These little buggers before.

Echidna seen along the road verge (E. side)  
~ 200 m N. of banding site - near where I saw  
one on the rd (same individual?) a few days ago.

13 Black-tailed Native Hens around a farm dam on  
Broom Rd, ~ 1 km E. Jct w. Doodlakine Rd.

8 Sept - Packing up day for me at Kellerberrin  
0930 - photos of sand leather at top of "Weeds"

0945 photos of Wandoo Woodland along N. border  
of Dorekoppin East (Broom Rd)

10:15 photo of corridor along Doodlakine Rd.  
looking south from my last banding site there.

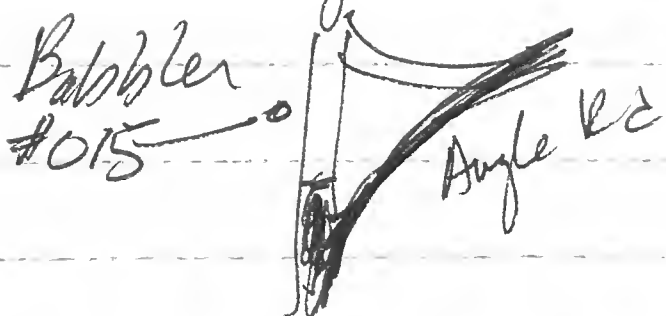
10:30 Gr Sh. Thrush #065 located on E. side  
of rd ~ 250m S. of banding site. UB bird  
on nest nr. banding site. I couldn't see  
whether nest had eggs or young.

10:45 New Babbler found ~ 350m S. of banding

12.8 site (~ 75m N. EW # 31) in dense  
bushes on W. side of rd., just N. of creek  
crossing rd.

12.9 EW # 31 stake

15.2 Angle Rd Jct. - Babbler # 015 still <sup>(11:05)</sup> ticking

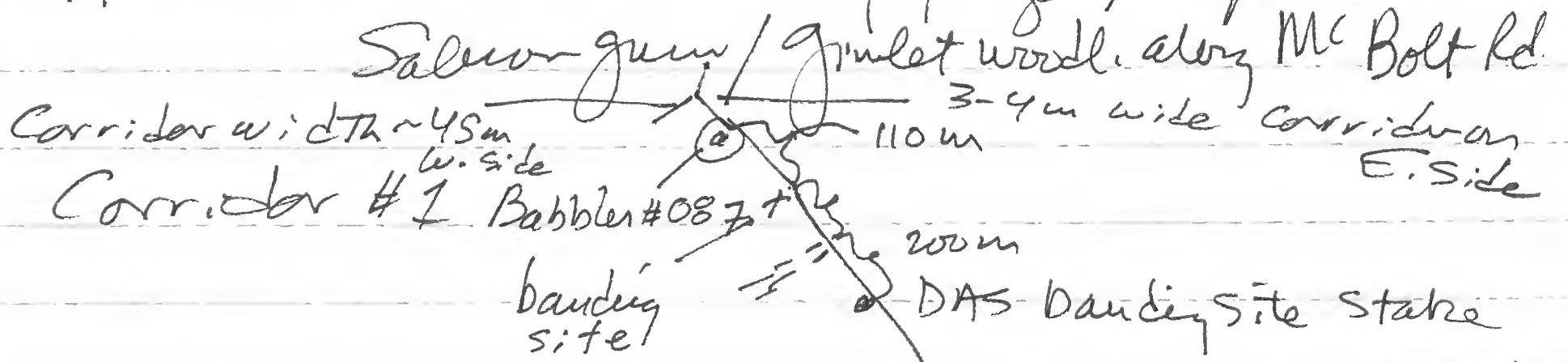


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11:15-11:25 Aerial slides of grazed, degraded

Salvage gum/gumlet wood along Mc Bolt Rd.  
Corridor width ~ 45m w. side  
Corridor #1 Babbler #087 +  
banding site



Photos of Corridor  
Just N. dogleg

Sw Canon Durakoppin East - ~~WY~~ WY Robin #356  
Seen w. transmitter, but no signal.

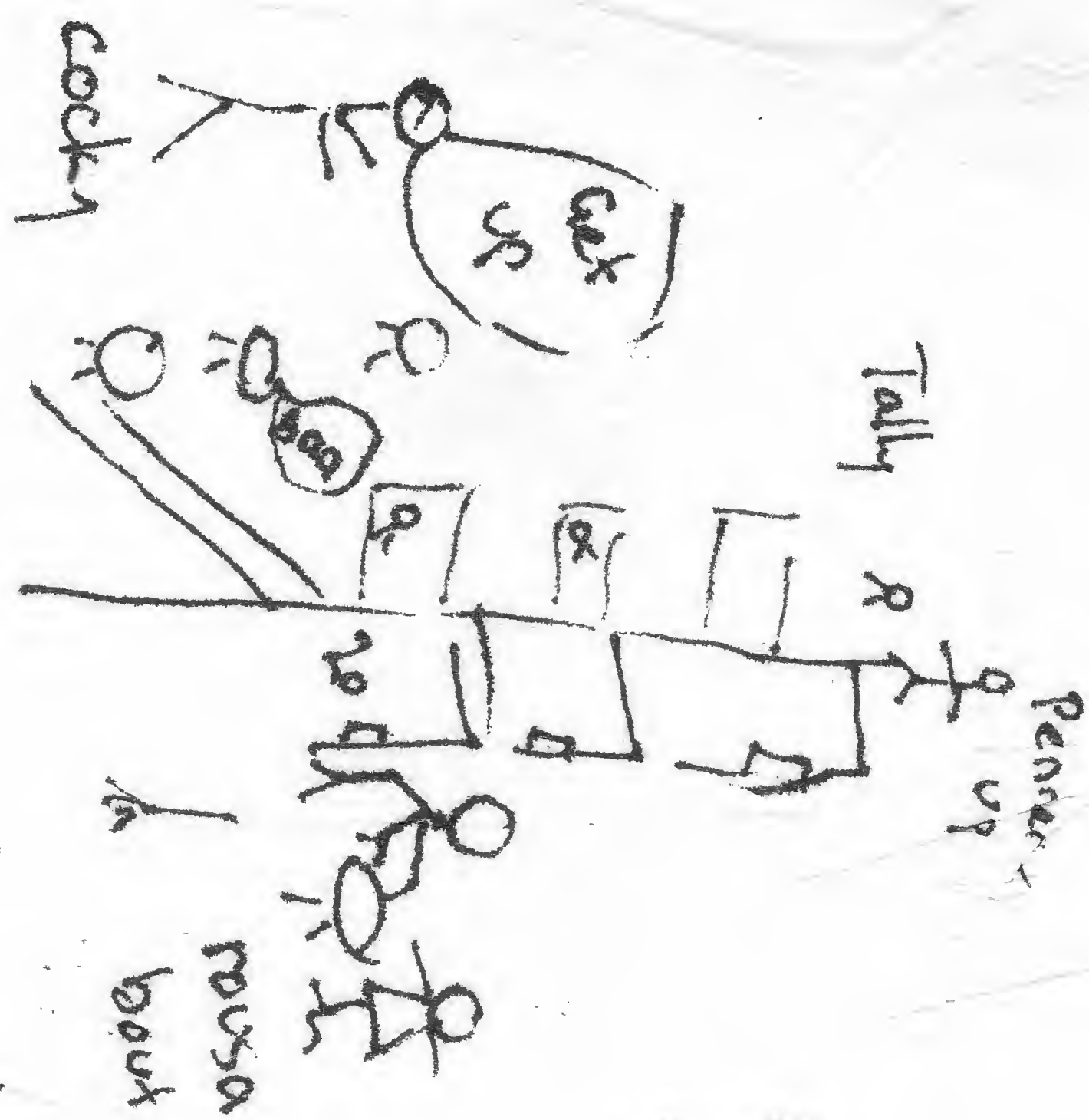
Dion, Graham Arnold, & Rob Dupé (local uni. student) showed up - Rob will be tracking my birds, using Dion's neck-mounted receiver.

I cleaned up car, house, self; packed up & left the CSIRO house ~ 15:30 hrs. The end of another Wheatbelt Field Season.

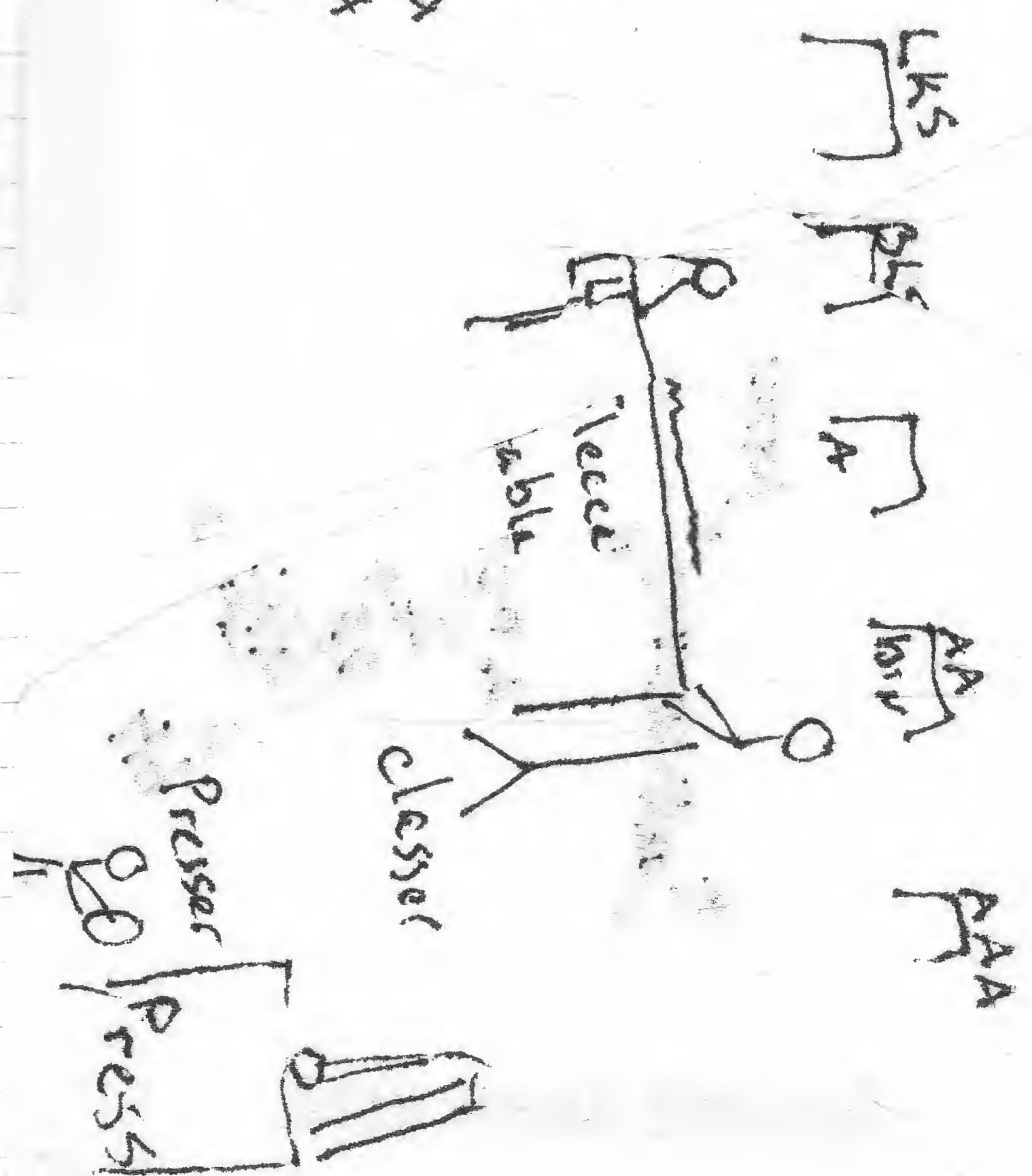
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9-11 in Midland at CSIRO laboratory

12 Sept. Left Perth domestic terminal on 07:00 flight to Cairns via Alice Springs. Excellent Ansett flight, with lots of Aussie scenery. We flew E. over the Darling Range, just N. of Kellerberrin. At one point I looked out the window and identified Perry's Patch, the Letchford x Trayning Rd patch, and other all-too-familiar landmarks I'd been explaining at ground level for weeks.



AS per explanation of 1 seat-wake on Ansett, Jill (a shearer/cook)



LAYOUT OF SHEEP-SHEARER'S OPERATION



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From the air it is evident that extent of land clearing drops noticeably E. of Murrumbidgee - larger and larger remnant tracts of native vegetation, wider roads verges, more connectivity, etc.

Some big salt lakes just a few km NE of the CSIRO's Kellenberrin house.

The "center" (i.e., all but the coastal fringes) of Australia is red, dry, but far from uniform. Lots of open savanna woodland, often with taller, denser trees along dry water courses. Some large saline lakes - mostly dry, as far as I could tell.

Toward Alice Springs there are lots of sand dunes (E-W orientation) and hog-back rock outcrops.

Weather clouded up near Sydes Rock, but I think

I glimpsed the edges of the Olgas, just W. of there.

Alice Springs is pretty bleak-looking. Though there are some hogback ridges N. of the airport & town. From the air, you can see rows of native shrubs (grasses?) growing in parallel lines in apparently unfarmed, ungrazed country. A fellow passenger told me that there had been some early attempts to plow soil, plant pasture grasses. Whatever the reason, this is a fairly weird outcome.

Arrived in Cairns at - 1330 local time.

(2 hr. time diff from Perth). Rented new Corolla

from Avis (\$49/day w. 100 free km/day) and

drove N. ~ 20 km to Yorkys Knob, where I had a room reservation. Attractive rugged, green hills

W. of the highway, w. a relatively narrow coastal plain that is mostly given over to sugar cane cultivation.

I checked in at Villa Marine - nice, but expensive (\$80)

13 Sept. A 45 minute stroll around a block of uncut forest just in from the beach of Yorkys Knob produced some interesting birds.

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Yorkey's Knob, Cairns area, QLD

White-rumped Swiflets abund. overhead; G. Mynas ubiquitous and noisy throughout wooded neighborhoods just inland from the beach. Mistletoebird had a cute hanging nest w. 2 lg. nestlings right at the back edge of the beach in a web patch ~ 1 m above ground (a dangling "baby's booty" of a nest). Rainbow-bee-eaters were everywhere - every 10m or so there would be one perched on utility lines, if needed. I suspect these of wintering migrants from Temperate Australia.

I saw and heard several of the spectacular White Torresian Pigeon - in tops of emergent rainforest trees in uncleared block of forest. Yellow-bellied Sunbird common in planted shrubs, flowering bushes. Several Little-Cecrop-shrikes seen - noticeably smaller than


Black-faced C-S, with a high pitched squawky call that is quite different. White-throated Honeyeaters common - v. actively combing leaf clusters + branchlets in tall flowery eucalypts. Other spp: Bar-shouldered Dove, Spangled Drongo, Straw-necked Ibis, Sacred Kingfisher.

I left Yorkey's Knob ~ 0930 and drove back S. to the Cairns airport area, stopping to spend ~ 1/2 hr. walking on the very nice mangrove boardwalk just outside the terminal area. Few birds in evidence, but I did get a good look at my first Black Butcherbird, as well as a Sacred Ibis. Several diff. mangrove types are zonally distributed. furthest from the water are straight, smooth-barked, whitish mangroves with Rhizophora-like leaves (but smaller) and buttressed roots. ~~At least~~ These are fairly small trees (CH<sub>2</sub> = 5-8m) and almost give the appearance of a stand of young birch trees.



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An intermediate zone has a taller, somewhat rougher-barked species of mangrove with Avicennia-like ~~fine~~ pneumatophores. Finally there is a telephone-pole like stand of very tall, straight, unbranched mangroves of a third species - This one with Red Mangrove-like stilt roots. These are the tallest mangroves I've ever seen - they get to at least 25m ~~or more~~. The mud substrate is totally riddled by crab burrows and craters - mudskippers seen - also a v. abundant, quite large (ca 10 cm) spire-shaped snail which is stream all over the mud . Osprey circling creek.

I stopped for a half-hr. at the Cairns Esplanade, where (with the help of a visiting birder from New Zealand) I identified the following birds.

On grass lawns: Dom Pigem, Austr. Magpie-Lark (sev.), Masked Plover (3), Spice Finch (sev. flocks of 20-30 birds each), Willie Wagtail (sev.), Peaceful Dove (sev.); House Sparrow (sev.)

On mud flats, mostly loafing: Little Egret (1), Intermediate Egret (4-5), Rozell Spoonbill (1), Sacred Ibis (~20), Terek Sandpiper (3-4), Red-necked Stint (100+), Great Knot (20-30), Whimbrel (~25), E. Curlew (3-4), ~~W. Curlew~~ Curlew Sandpiper (~6), Greenhawk (3), Bow-tailed Godwit (~10), Ruddy Turnstone (~6), Black-winged Stilt (1), Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (~100), Bill-billed Tern (5), Caspian Tern (~10), Silver Gull (~100), Austr. Pelican (~50)



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I left Cairns ~ 10:30 and drove S. on hwy 1 past Innisfail to the little crossroads of El Arish, where I turned E. toward Mission Beach. Most of the drive to this point had been sugar cane country, with the occasional patch of bananas. Nice jagged hills in the background, including Queensland's tallest peak Bartle Frère (~1600m). Between El Arish and Mission Beach, however, the road winds through ~15km of rugged hills covered with coastal rainforest. The best section of this is encompassed by Tam O' Shanter State Park, which is peppered with "Cassowary Crossing" signs. Although I hadn't planned to stop (I was dressed in shorts and flip-flops and T-shirt), I parked at the first sign indicating a rainforest trail and took a sometimes muddy, occasionally steep (not good flip-flop terrain) loop trail. And, as luck would have it, I surprised an adult male (?) Cassowary about half way along the track. The startled bird crashed loudly into the forest, running very fast; then he stopped, ~25m into not-too-dense woods, and calmed down. Made some deep, rumbling noises, preened a bit, then began feeding - picking his way daintily through the woods, pecking occasionally at the ground in chicken-like fashion. I watched the bird for ~10 minutes before it finally disappeared into the forest.

Other birds were hard to see, though there was a moderate amount of vocalizing, considering the late hour (noon - 13:30). Spectacled Monarch and Spotted Catbird definitely I.D.'d. Shrike-Thrush sp. vocalizing (see notes for 15 Sept).

Note: droppings of Cassowary are large, blackish, amorphous "cow-pie" like scats, with lots of large whitish

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Seeds about the size and appearance of hickory Chestnuts.

I drove on into Mission Beach (only about 5 km past the State Park, and checked in at the Mission Beach Village, a very nice, new-looking motel a block in from the extensive beaches. Large room w. ceiling fan, refry., etc. cost \$55/night (Austr.)

14 Sept - I spent the whole day on a trip to the Barrier Reef. Boat with ~ 20 fellow passengers and a crew of 3 left Dunk Point marina (just N. Mission Beach) at 8:30 AM for the 2½ hr cruise to the reef (A high-powered Catamaran cruise boat does the trip in under an hour, but would have cost twice as much - \$98 vs. \$49). I didn't realize one had to go quite so far offshore to get into good coral. Evidently, Dunk Is. & the other nearby "Family Islands" once had some nice coral, but agricultural runoff & siltation has ruined those reefs.

The destination was a tiny sand bore known as "Dog Cay", I believe. Less than an acre in size, pure sand, without even a blade of grass. The thing is, however, surrounded by a square mile or so of patch reefs. I took 2 snorkeling excursions, and was impressed by the diversity of fish and the spectacularly colorful corals and other inverts. Lots of indigo-blue starfish and staghorn corals, as well as blue sponges. I didn't list the fish at the time, but I saw many species of angelfish and butterflyfish, as well as Percula Clowns, Saddle Clowns, Cleaner



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Wrasse, Foxface, Heniochus, several kinds of triggerfish (including Hama-hama), many Parrotfish, Pacific Tangs, Orange Boxfish, various gobies, Coral trout, a couple of large "cod" (= grouper) spp, etc. Cone shells were ~~every~~ everywhere, as were live cones in the shallows around the Sand Cag. Almost all seemed to belong to one species - a medium-sized, thick-shelled white species with faint brown markings. I collected a few shells, but they weren't primo specimens. On the way out, we trolled 2 fishing lines with large plugs as lures - caught a nice mackerel tuba that weighed ~6-7 kilos. I scarfed up a few slices of fresh sashimi.

No crown-of-thorns starfish, but the crew told us that they occur in occasional plague proportions (every one is expecting a surge in their numbers in the next couple of years). The crew of this boat killed over 4,000 crown-of-thorn starfish on this one bit of reef during the last outbreak in the mid-80's.

Virtually no birds except a few Silver Gulls and Gull-billed Terns were seen on this trip. A single Brown Booby circled the bay while we were there. We returned to the Clump Point dock at 1730.

15 Sept. Rainforest walking track at Tam O' Shanter State Forest - I got up at 0600 and was on the trail by 0640. This is ~1 km further east than the loop trail where I saw the Cassowary a couple of days ago. This trail heads south from the El Arizh Rd, and eventually intersects the highway to Tully (6 km walk) and



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Tam O' Shanter State Park - cont'd

Liwalla State Forest (4 km). Trail is fairly level, and tends to follow a ridge line, with a couple of bridges crossing side canyons in the 2-3 km stretch I walked. Birds were quite active and vocal from the time of my arrival till about 09:00, after which activity markedly dropped. I had trouble getting good looks at many birds that I heard, but by the time I knocked off at 9:50 I had I.D.'d most of the common calling species, I think.

Eastern Whipbird, Chowchilla, and Spotted Catbird all were abundant. Other common spp. were ~~Brown~~ <sup>Rufous</sup> Shrike-Thrush, Grey Whistler, Lesser Honeyeater, Dusky Honeyeater, Thick-billed Scrubwren, Wompoo Pigeon.

Species seen only once or twice included Brown Fantail, Superb Fruit-Dove, Emerald Dove, Brush-Turkey, Barred Cuckoo-Shrike, and Koel.

~~Victoria's  
Kipkebird~~

Cassowary droppings common along the trail, but I didn't see any birds today.

Species notes:

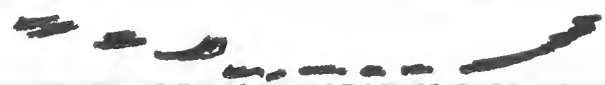
Grey Whistler - fairly common, once I pinned down its call, but very difficult to get a good look at. I only saw one bird really well - looked like a female Golden Whistler, but browner, with a distinct white "eyelid" visible at some distance. Call is loud and fairly harsh, with a hesitant, disjointed quality. Basically, a series of distinct introductory notes (the 3rd of these generally slurred, followed by a typical whistler "weeet")

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Entire call takes ~ 4-5 seconds, and  
can be written

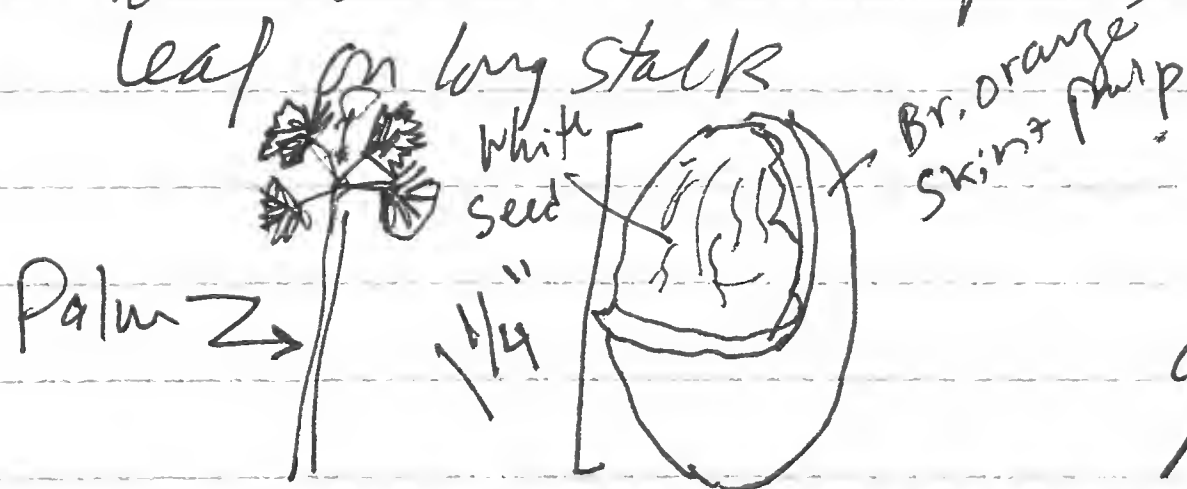
Eet-Eet-weet - chewuck - chewuck-wee<sup>ed</sup>



5 sec.

<sup>Refers</sup>  
The ~~Brown~~ Shrike Thrush is quite small  
(in same size as white-breasted whistler)  
and whistler-like in behavior. Forages  
arboreally, rather than in litter as gr shr  
Thrush often does. Often seen in 2's (prs)  
and much easier to get a good look at  
than was the grey whistler. Seen poking through  
tangles of leaves, exploring leafy boughs, etc.  
Lots of dual vocalizations - either prs.  
or territorial conflicts, it's hard to say.  
Call is shorter, harsher, less melodic than  
typical gr shr thr vocalizations - sometimes  
resembles the high-intensity "squawk"  
and bubbly vocalizations of gr shr Thrush.  
Color is warm rufous (like a tree creeper).

Cassowaries feeding extensively on an orange-colored  
fruit with a chestnut-sized seed. Pulp is only ~ 1/8"  
thick and rather tough, but nice mellow fruity  
smell to it. I think this is the fruit of a locally  
abundant rainforest palm that grows to ~ 15m  
tall. Smooth-barked species with rounded.



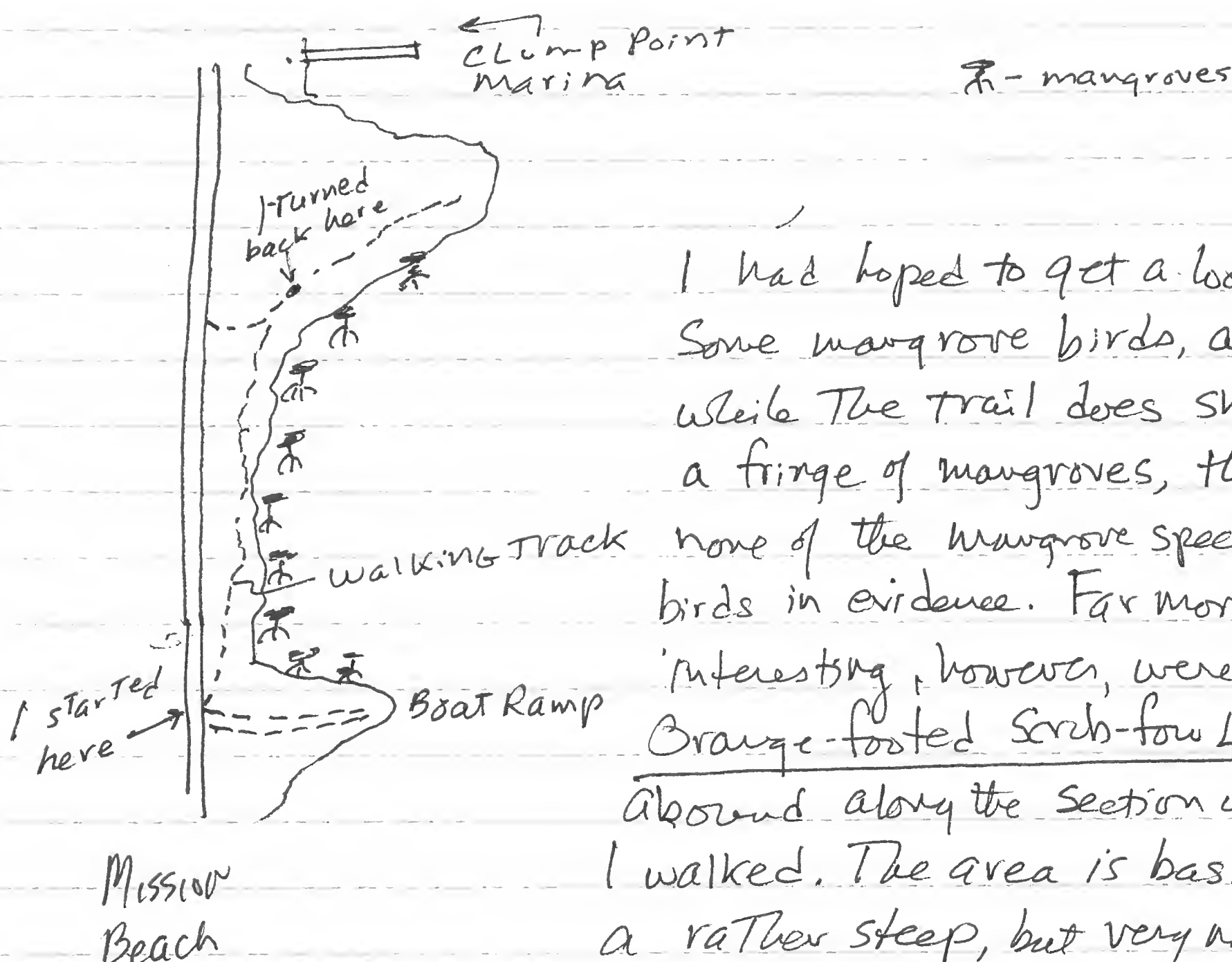
Every pile of  
Cassowary droppings  
seen here and on the  
other trail on 13 Sept  
had these seeds in it.



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16 Sept Mission Beach area

Took it pretty easy today - reading, swimming, photographing the Mission Beach scene, etc. I did take a couple of interesting walks. The first was along the walking track which goes along the shore between Mission Beach and Clump Point Marina (ultimately, the track goes on to Clump Point peninsula, but I didn't go that far).



I had hoped to get a look at some mangrove birds, and while the trail does skirt a fringe of mangroves, there were none of the mangrove specialty birds in evidence. Far more interesting, however, were the Orange-footed Scrub-fowl, which abound along the section of trail I walked. The area is basically a rather steep, but very narrow, slope between the road and the

shoreline - quite rocky, and well-forested with sand-boulder shoreline covered with figs, mangroves, & other trees. I saw a minimum of 8 scrub-fowl along a stretch of perhaps 1 km, and heard several others scampering through the dry leaf-litter. They are big, heavy-bodied birds that remind me of quinea fowl in size & body proportions. They are shyer than Brush Turkeys, and keep well away from the observer. However, because much of the area, especially near the shore, had little in the way of shrubs, I got excellent views



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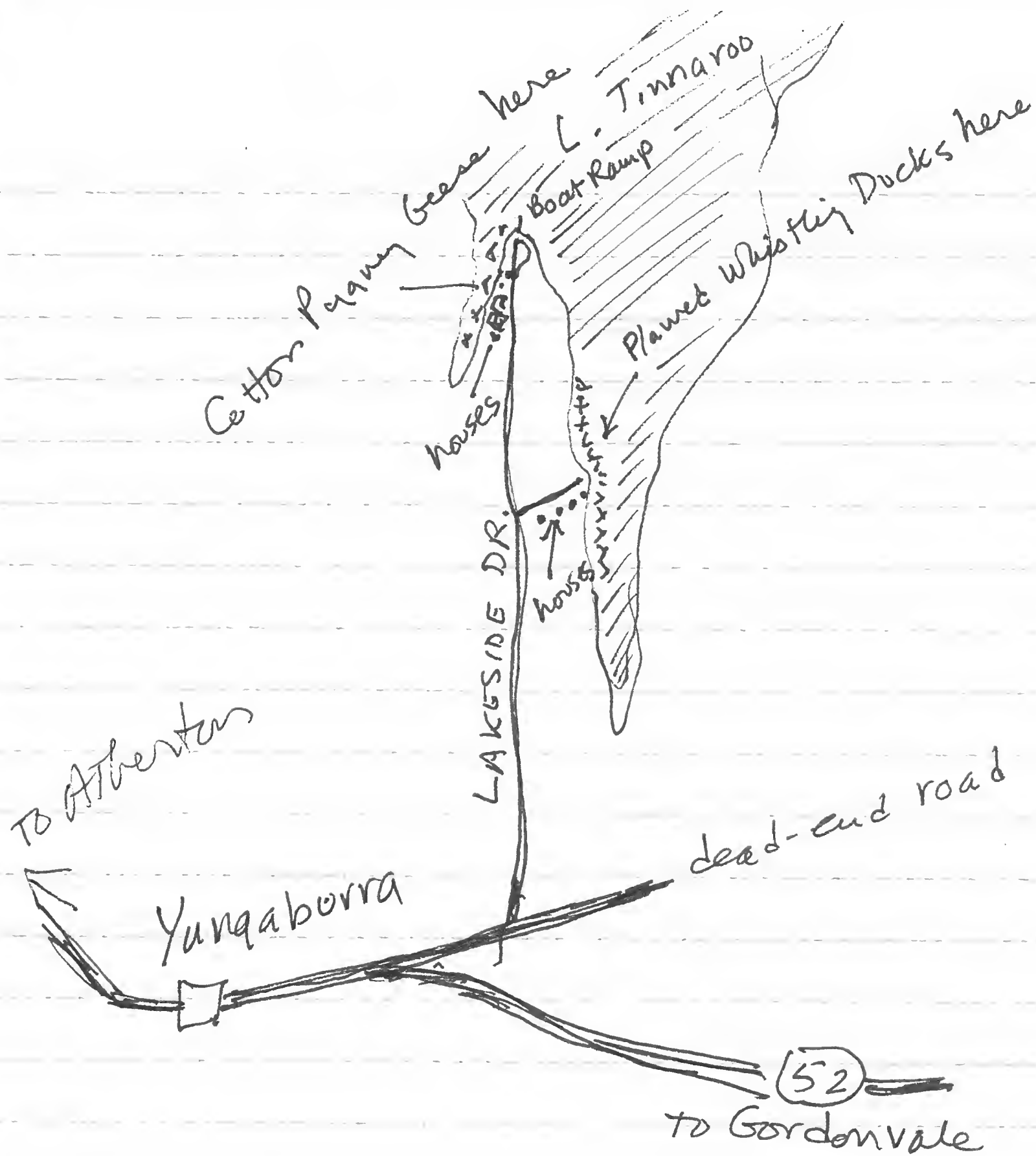
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of the scrub-fowl. They are quite strong fliers, and look much bigger when they take flight. I found one of their mounds right on the track - a huge pile of leaf litter & soil, perhaps 5-6m in diameter and 1.5 m high - Three or four deep holes were scooped out at scattered points - maybe the scrub fowl helping young to hatch, or maybe predators digging in? (Tracks of large goannas were common in the beach sand).

Not much additional bird life to report here - the ubiquitous Green Figbirds were present in small numbers in the forest, and flocks of Rainbow Lorikeets were working the large red blossoms of a tree growing along the roadside where the trail begins.

Late in the afternoon I spent an hour or so in the Licuala State Forest Park, along the road between Mission Beach and Tully. It turns out that Licuala is the genus of the large fan-palm that abounds in the mid-story of the local forest (see my notes for 15 Sept). According to signs in the park, there are ~20 spp in the genus found in Asia, but only this one (the tallest) in Australia. There was a 1 km boardwalk trail through a dense stand of these palms, and I also walked for ~1 km along the main dirt track that enters the park from the highway. Birds were moderately common, but I saw nothing I hadn't already noted at Tam O' Shanter State Forest: Spotted Catbird, Thick-billed Scrub-wren, green Figbird, Brown Fantail, Little Shrike-thrush. Lots of Cassowary droppings, but most looked old. All had the same large seed sp. I'd noted earlier (plus smaller seeds ~ the size of cherry pits - also present in droppings at Tam O' Shanter).



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17 Sept. En Route Mission Beach - Cairns

Up at 0600, and on the road by 07:30.

I drove to El Arish, N. to Innisfail, then cut west on Palmerston "highway" (2-lane windy road) toward the Atherton Tableland. I stopped for a few minutes <sup>0900-0920</sup> in Palmerston National Park, which is a long, narrow strip of rich rainforest on the slope just below (E. of) the Tableland. Again, the birds closely resembled what I'd seen in Tam O' Shanter (Little Shrike-Thrush, Figbird, Spotted Catbird, Thick-billed Scrub-Wren, Spectacled Monarch, Leeuwin HE, etc.), but ~~I~~ did note White-headed Pigeon perched in emergent trees and flying oh; also a lone Sulfur-crested Cockatoo flew overhead. Silvereyes comm. in shrubby roadside vegetation; Golden Whistler heard. Pied-currawong in broken forest just W. of park, and as I broke out onto the largely deforested tableland itself, I noted Austr. Magpie (the first ones I've seen in N. Queensland), Magpie-lark, Pied Butcherbird, etc. Square-tailed Kites comm. around road - going after bits of carrion, and I saw a couple of them D.O.R.

About the only extensive areas of forest I saw once I got onto the tablelands were on emergent hills and ridges.

I made a brief stop at Lake Tinaroo, east of Atherton. This is a big reservoir in the midst of rolling pasture country. The water level was down fairly low, so muddy banks were exposed. I stopped at one place where a small road dead-ends at the southernmost arm of the lake - hundreds of Plumed Whistling Ducks were massed in several large groups along the bare shoreline, a few feet from the water. Hardhead swimming out in the lake.



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I drove on northward along the west side of the lake to a developed park site (picnic set-ups, boat ramp, a cluster of houses).

Here I found a couple dozen beautiful little Cotton Pygmy Geese. They are really small - notably smaller than Hardhead.

Lots of other water birds, especially in the sheltered inlets and arms of the lake. I noted the following totals:

~ 200 - 300 Pleasant Whistling Duck,  
~ 25 Cotton Pygmy Goose, ~ 20 Hardhead,  
~ 35-40 Black Duck, ~ 20 White Ibis,  
~ 20 Grey Teal, ~ 40 Austr. Coot, 2 Moorhen,  
~ 20 Purple Swamp-hen,  
2 Little Pied Cormorant, 1 L. Black Cormorant, 1 Intermediate Egret, 6 Austr. Pelican. Reed Warblers singing in tall marsh grass at lakeside, and I heard my first Pectoral Whistler in Queensland.

Unfortunately, time ran out as we went I didn't have time to explore the lake as thoroughly as I'd have liked. I also had to drive right past the turnoff to L. Barrine, a crater lake which has a reputation as an excellent birding spot. Made a very slow, winding descent from the Tablelands via hwy 52<sup>nd</sup> to Gordonvale, again passing through large forested sections on the slopes. Here, however, the predominant vegetation was rather open Eucalypt forest, rather than rainforest - perhaps reflecting edaphic conditions (slope here is very rocky - ledges of granite or sandstone). Back in Cairns by noon, and then to the airport & to Brisbane & Sydney.

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17 Sept - cont'd. Arrived Sydney at 17.30.  
Checked in at "Australian Sunrise Lodge",  
a modest little hotel on King St. in  
Newtown.

18 Sept. I was awakened by Red-whiskered  
Bulbuls singing on my tiny balcony.  
Song reminds me of a louder, slower  
White-eyed Vireo call (or maybe a Redfore-  
browed Peppershrike).



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Yorkley's Knob 2-6 Aug 1992

(within a few blocks of hotel)

Straw-necked Ibis	Wh. br Woodswallow
Austr. Pelican	Metallic Starling
Black Kite	Spangled Drongo
Whistling Kite	Mopie-lark
Brahminy Kite	Spice Finch
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	Comm. Nyna
Peaceful Dove	Figbird
Spotted Turtle dove	
Bar-shouldered Dove	
Rainbow Lorikeet	
Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	
Sulfur-crested Cockatoo	
Silver Gull	
Laughing Kookaburra	
Forest Kingfisher	
Saved Kingfisher	
Masked Lapwing	
Rainbow Bee-eater	
Welcome Swallow	
Varied Triller	
Willy Wagtail	
Leaden Flycatcher	
Restless Flycatcher	
White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	
Helmeted Friarbird	
Silver-crowned Friarbird	
White-throated HE	
Yellow HE	
Dusky HE	
Yellow-bellied Sunbird	
Mistletoe-Bird	



## Notes on birding in N. Queensland

(Local expert is John Crowhurst)

Motels in Cairns - Laguna (\$50/night)

Birds on Cairns Esplanade: Austr. Pelican, Little Egret, Intermediate Egret, Great Egret, Striated Heron, Austr. Ibis, Royal Spoonbill, Osprey, BK-breasted Kite, Whistling Kite, Brahminy Kite, Wh-bell. Sea Eagle, Buff-banded Rail, Bar-t. Godwit, Whimbrel, Far-eastern Curlew, Marsh SP, C. Greenshank, Terek SP, Common SP, Gray-t. Tattler, Ruddy Turnstone, Great Knot, Rufous-necked Stint, Sharp-tailed SP, Curlew SP, Broad-billed SP, Eur. Oyster-catcher, Asian Golden Plover, Gray Plover, Red-capped Plover, Mongolian Plover, Greater SP, Masked Lapwing, Silver Gull, Gull-billed Tern, Caspian Tern, Lesser Crested-Tern, Common Tern, Little Tern, Spotted Dove, Rainbow Lorikeet, Yellow HE, Wh-br. Woodswallow, Wh-b. Cuckoo-Shrike, Common Myna, Welcome Swallow, House Sparrow, Scaly-breasted Martin.

### Flecker

Cairns - Bot. Garden: L. Pied Cormorant, Pacific Bk Duck, Wh-f. Heron, Little Egret, Intermediate Egret, Austr. Ibis, Straw-necked Ibis, Brahm. Kite, Comb-cr. Jacana, Marsh SP, Gray-tailed Tattler, Sharp-tailed SP, Masked Lapwing, Peaceful Dove, Bar-shouldered Dove, Double-eyed Fig-Parrot, Rainbow Lorikeet, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Papuan Frogmouth, Austr. Swiftlet, Forest Kingfisher, Brown-backed HE, Black Butcherbird, Varied Triller, Common Myna

Mangrove access

Thompson Rd. at Edmonton - 15 km S. Cairns  
(Sun Scene Motel - \$35)

Mangrove area - Little Kingfisher, Mangrove Robin,  
Brahminy Kite, Scalp-br. Lorikeet, Channel-billed  
Cuckoo, Austr. Koel.

Lake Barrine National Park - 20 km E. Atherton  
(water-filled volcanic crater)

Austr. Grebe, Gr. Cormorant, Wandering Whistling Duck,  
Pacific Black Duck, White-eyed Duck, Austr. Kite,  
Orange-footed Scrubfowl, Austr. Brush-Turkey, Brownfai,il,  
Dusky Moorhen, Eur. Coot, Brown Cuckoo-Dove,  
Emerald Dove, Peaceful Dove, Topknot Pigeon,  
Tornesian Imperial Pigeon, Austr. King Parrot, Sulfur-cr.  
Cockatoo, Rainbow Lorikeet, Scalp-br. Lorikeet,  
Austr. Swiftlet, Azure KF, Forest KF, Pollardbird,  
Spotted Catbird, Tooth-billed Catbird., Red-backed Fairy Wren,  
Atherton Scrubwren, Brown Gerygone, Graceful HF,  
Yell.-spotted HF, Yell-faced HF, Mackay HF,  
Pale-yellow Robin, Bowers Shrike-Thrush, Chowdilla,  
Willie Wagtail, Reef Fantail, Bk-faced Monarch,  
Spectacled Monarch, Pied Currawong, Green Figbird,  
Ground Cuckoo-Shrike, Comm. Cicadabird, Silvereye,  
Crimson Finch, Mistletoebird, Olive-backed Sunbird.

Other good spots: Mary Creek Rd (N. of Mt. Molloy  
on rd to Mt. Carbine)

Julatten (betw. Mt. Molloy and Mossman)  
(Stop at Kingfisher Park in Julatten)

Caravan Park + Campground here

Good place to see Platypus - mags. are birders.

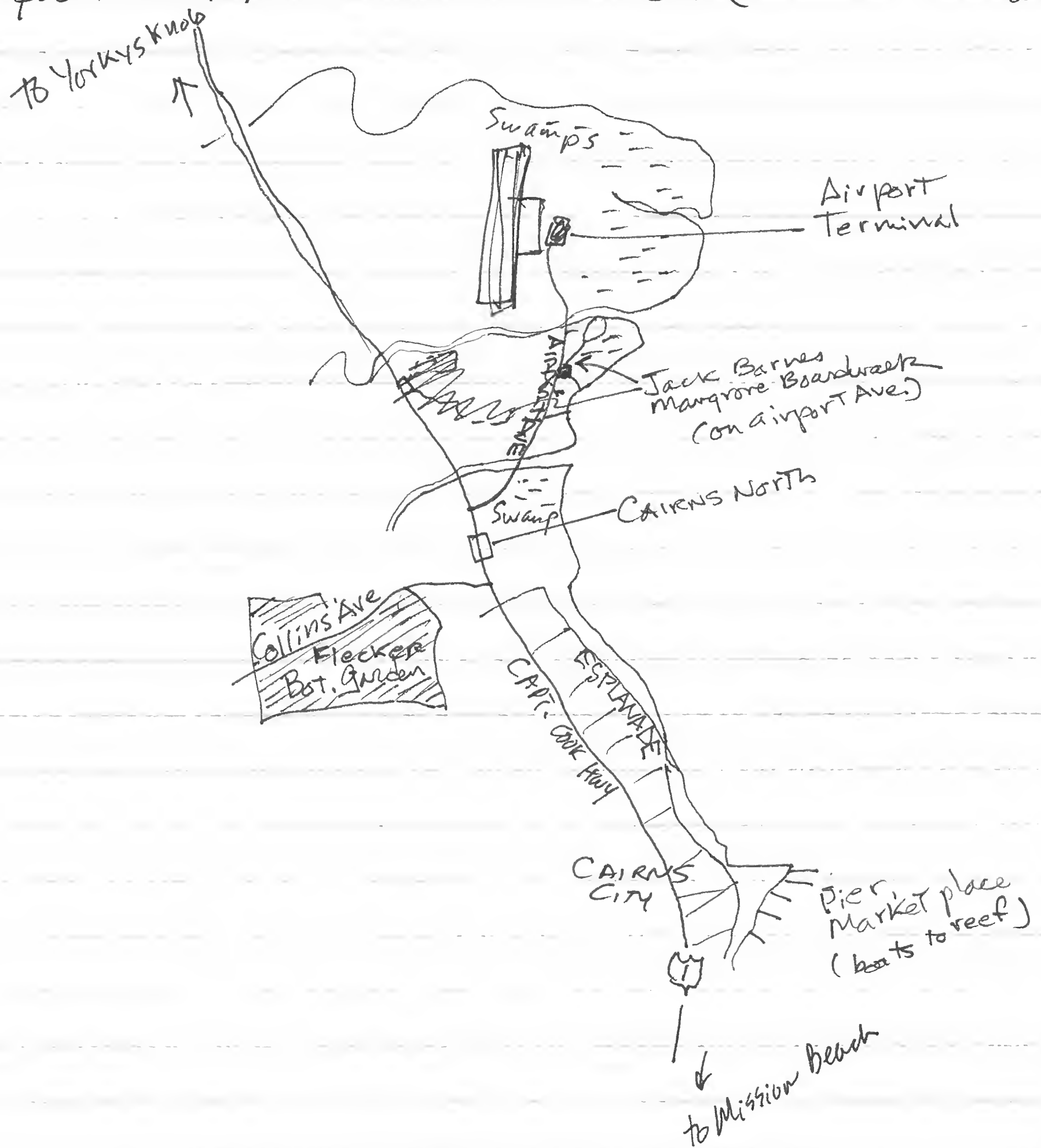
Good rainforest birds

Great Barrier Reef Trip:

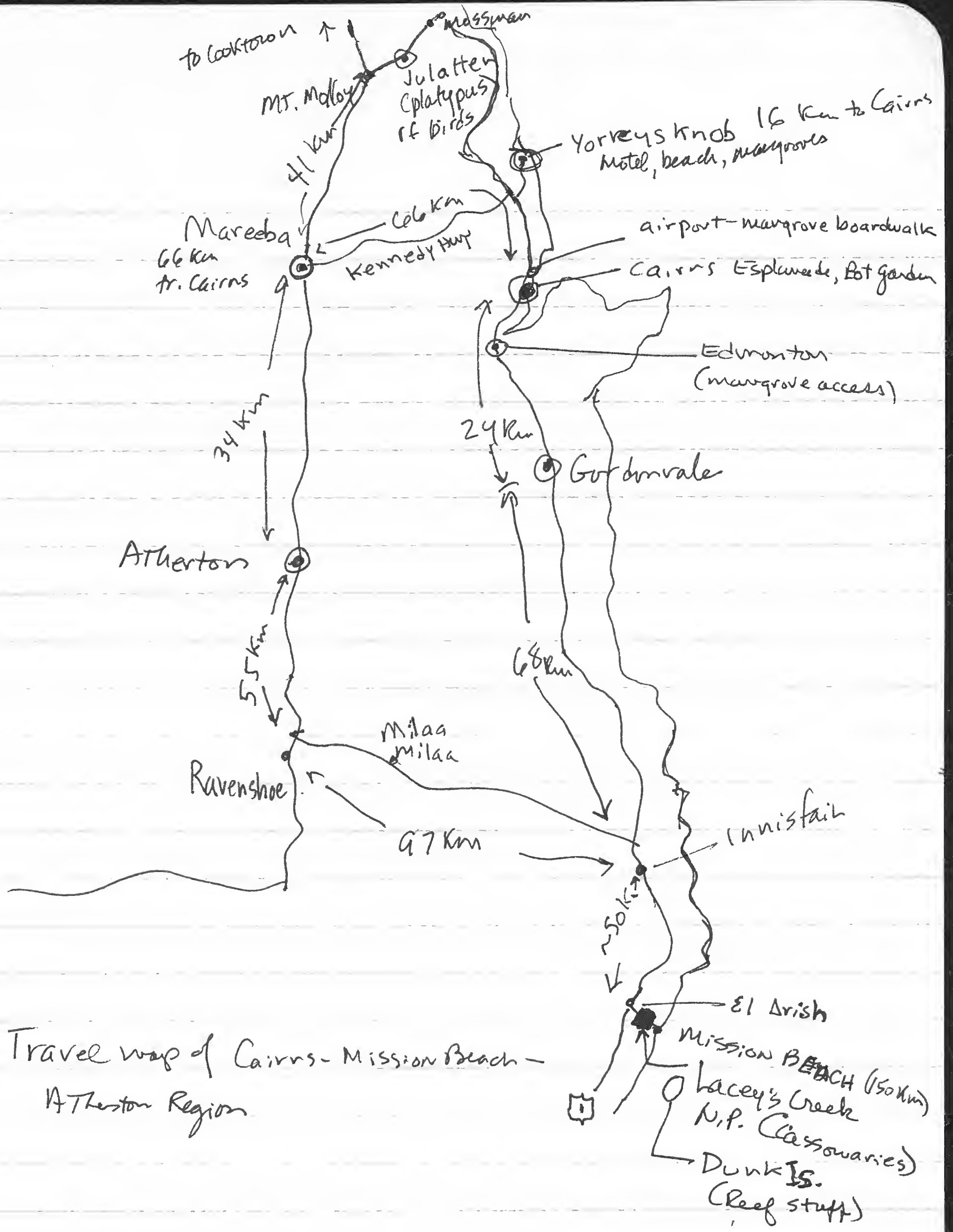
Great Adventures - Cairns - \$80 for a day trip, incl. food. Green Is. + Michaelmas Cay (good for sea birds)

Mission Beach - South of Cairns - The place for Cassowary. Lowland rainforest (No record of whistlers)

Note: Mission Beach is quite far south - past Innisfail and EZ Arish (~150km S. Cairns)







Travel map of Cairns - Mission Beach -  
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Bird list for Australia Aug-Sept 1992

1. Australasian Little Grebe - Northam, WA
2. Australian Pelican - "
3. Little Pied Cormorant - "
4. White-necked Heron - Kellerberrin area, WA
5. White-faced Heron - " " "
6. Mountain Duck - " "
7. Black Duck - Kellerberrin, Northam, Midland, WA
8. Grey Teal - Kellerberrin Area
9. Wood Duck - " " , Midland, WA
10. Black-shouldered Kite - " WA
11. Brown Goshawk - " "
12. Wedge-tailed Eagle - " "
13. Little Eagle - " "
14. Spotted Harrier - " "
15. Brown Falcon - " "
16. Nankeen Kestrel - " "
17. Painted Button Quail - " "
18. Black-tailed Native Hen - " "
19. Coot - Northam, WA
20. Banded Plover - Kellerberrin, WA
21. Silver Gull - Perth, Northam, WA
22. Domestic Pigeon - Kellerberrin, WA
23. Laughing Turtledove - " "
24. Common Bronzewing - " "
25. Crested Pigeon - " "
26. Carnaby's Cockatoo - Midland, WA
27. Galah - " , Kellerberrin, etc., WA
28. Long-billed Corella - Kellerberrin, WA
29. Red-capped Parrot - Manjimup, WA, Midland, WA
30. Port Lincoln Parrot - Midland, Kellerberrin, etc., WA
31. Mulga Parrot - Kellerberrin, WA
32. Elegant Parrot - " "
33. Pallid Cuckoo - Midland, Kellerberrin, WA

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34. Fantailed Cuckoo                      Midland, WA
35. Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo - Kellerberrin, WA
36. Shining Bronze-Cuckoo                      "                      "
37. Boobook Owl -                      "                      "
38. Tawny Frogmouth                      "                      "
39. Laughing Kookaburra - Midland, Manjimup, WA
40. White-backed Swallow - Kellerberrin, WA
41. Welcome Swallow - Midland, Kellerberrin, Manjimup, WA
42. Tree Martin -                      "                      "                      "                      "
43. Richard's Pipit - Kellerberrin, WA
44. Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike - "
45. Red-capped Robin -                      "
46. W. Yellow Robin -                      "
47. Jacky Winter -                      "
48. Golden Whistler                      " , Manjimup, WA
49. Rufous Whistler - Midland, Kellerberrin, WA
50. Grey Shrike-Thrush -                      "
51. Crested Bellbird -                      "
52. Grey Fantail -                      - Kellerberrin, WA
53. Willie Wagtail -                      "                      "
54. White-browed Babbler                      "
55. Weebill                      "
56. Western Warbler -                      " , Midland, WA
57. Broad-billed Thornbill - Kellerberrin, WA
58. Brown Thornbill - Manjimup, WA
59. Yellow-rumped Thornbill - Kellerberrin, WA
60. Chestnut-rumped Thornbill -                      "
61. Varied Sittella                      "                      "
62. Red Wattlebird - Midland, Kellerberrin, WA
63. Spiny-cheeked HE - Kellerberrin, WA
64. Yellow-throated Miner -                      "
65. Singing HE -                      "
66. White-eared HE                      "
67. New Holland HE                      "



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68. Brown-headed HE Kellerberrin, WA  
 69. Brown HE " Northam, WA  
 70. Striated Pardalote Kellerberrin, WA  
 71. Silvereye Manjimup, WA  
 72. Zebra Finch Kellerberrin, WA  
 73. Australian Magpie-lark "  
 74. Black-faced Woodswallow "  
 75. Grey Butcherbird "  
 76. Pied Butcherbird "  
 77. Australian Magpie "  
 78. Australian Raven "  
 79. Y-b. Spoonbill Manjimup, WA  
 80. White-breasted Robin " "  
 81. Hardhead - York, WA  
 82. Mute Swan - " "  
 83. Common Myna - Cairns, QLD  
 84. ~~Brown~~ Kite " "  
 85. Yellow-bellied Sunbird ~~at~~ Yorkey's Knob, Qld  
 (L) 86. Wh-throated Honeyeater "  
 87. White-rumped Swiftlet "  
 88. Spangled Drongo "  
 (L) 89. Torresian Pigeon "  
 90. Bar-shouldered Dove "  
 91. Mistletoe-Bird "  
 92. Sacred Kingfisher "  
 93. Straw-necked Ibis "  
 94. Sacred Ibis "  
 95. Osprey Cairns  
 (L) 96. Black Butcherbird "  
 (L) 97. ~~White-breasted~~ Little Cuckoo-shrike Yorkeys Knob  
 98. House Sparrow Cairns  
 99. Little Egret "  
 100. Intermediate Egret "  
 101. Eastern Curlew "

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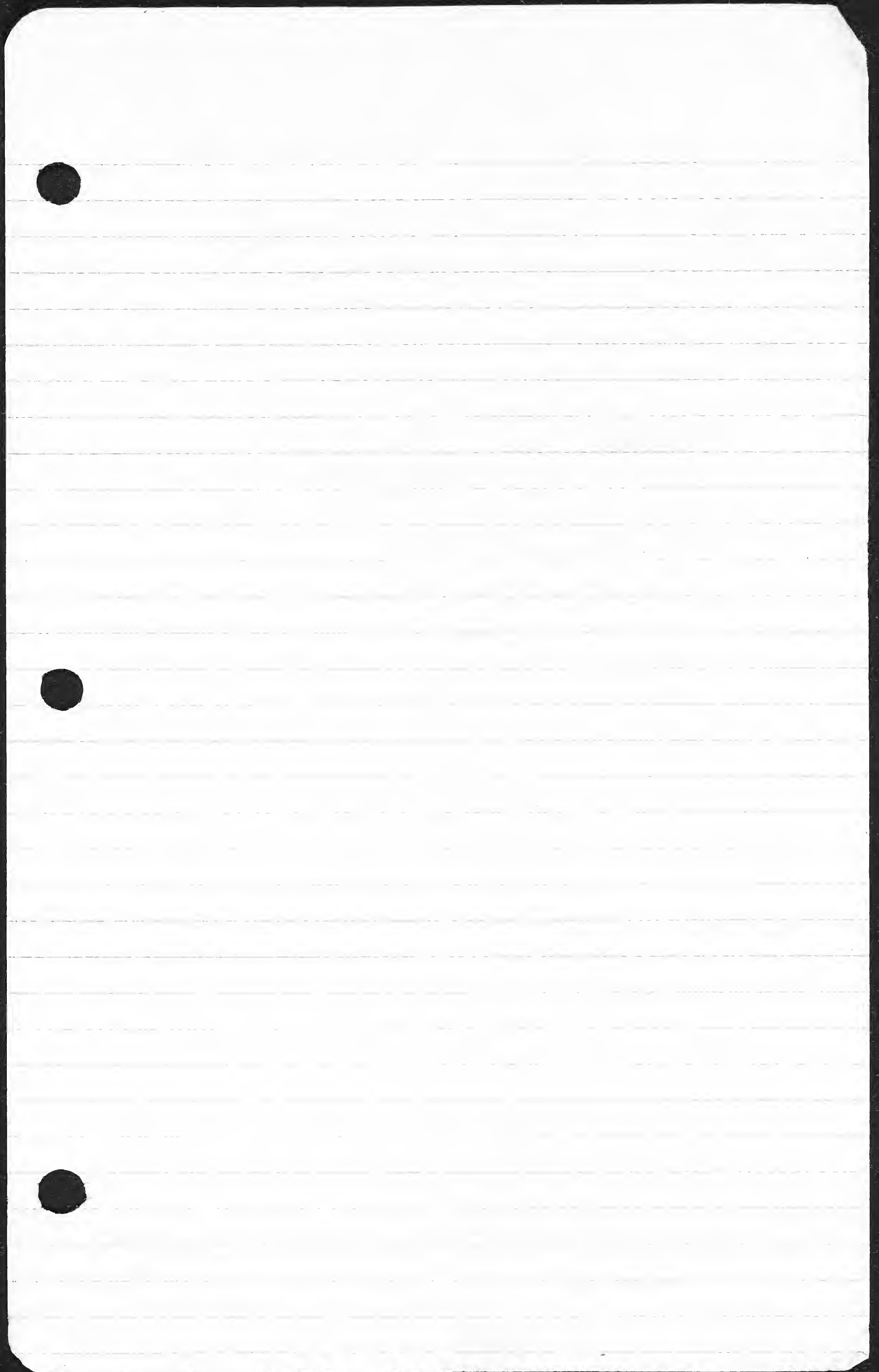
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102. Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Cairns, QLD  
(L) 103. Terek Sandpiper "  
104. Great Knot "  
105. Ruddy Turnstone "  
106. Curlew Sandpiper "  
107. Red-necked Stint "  
(L) 108. Spice Finch "  
109. Queen-billed Tern "  
110. Caspian Tern "  
111. Mashed Lapwing "  
112. Royal Spoonbill "  
113. Whimbrel "  
114. Bar-tailed Godwit "  
115. Black-winged Stilt "  
(L) 116. Yellow Honeyeater "  
(L) 117. Spotted Catbird Tam O' Shanter St. Park, QLD  
(L) 118. Southern Cassowary " "  
(L) 119. Spectacled Monarch " "  
(L) 120. Green Figbird Mission Beach, QLD  
(L) 121. Emerald Dove " "  
122. C. Greenhawk Cairns, QLD  
123. Beach Thicknee - Mission Beach  
124. Marymore Kingfisher " "  
(L) 125. White-breasted Woodswallow " "  
(L) 126. Helmeted Friarbird " "  
127. Brown Booby Island (E. of Mission Beach)  
128. Eastern Whipbird - Tam O' Shanter St. Park, QLD  
(L) 129. Dusky Honeyeater "  
(L) 130. Leewards Honeyeater " "  
(L) 131. Banded Cuckoo-shrike " "  
(L) 132. Choughilla " "  
(L) 133. Wompoo Pigeon " "  
134. Brush-Turkey " "  
(L) 135. Large-billed Scrubwren " "

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136. Common Koel Tam o' Shanter St. Park, Qld
- (L) 137. Brown Shrike-thrush " "
- (L) 138. Grey Whistler " "
139. Rufous Fantail " "
- (L) 140. Superb Fruit-Dove " "
- (L) 141. Metallic Starling - Narrogin Beach, Qld
- ~~142.~~ Forest Kingfisher - " "
- (L) 143. Orange-faced Scrub-Fowl Mission Beach
144. Rainbow Lorikeet " "
145. Brown Booby Dog Is. 25 km E. Mission B.
146. Brown Cuckoo-Dove Tam o' Shanter
- (L) 147. Victoria's Rifle-bird " "
148. Square-tailed Kite - Cairns - Mission Beach
149. Sulfur Crested Cockatoo - Palmerston N.P.
150. Pied Currawong - Atherton Tableland
- (L) 151. Plumed Whistling-Duck - L. Tinnaroo
- (L) 152. Cotton Pygmy-Goose "
153. Purple Swamp-Hen "
154. Comm. Moorhen "
155. Little Black Cormorant "
156. Austr. Reed-Warbler "
157. White-headed Pigeon Palmerston N.P.
158. White-br. Sea-Eagle - S. of Cairns
159. Red-whiskered Bulbul - Sydney, NSW





## To Do before leaving Midland

Box up supplies to be left here

Mail papers, books, etc. home

Change more Australian \$ \$

Laundry

Haircut

Key from DAS

~~Stop by Midland Car Hire~~ Stop by Midland Car Hire

Reprint, Notes re. bird locations to Graham Arnold

✓ Phone Reservations - Queensland sites

✓ Car Reservation - Cairns

Pay CSIRO phone bill

Talk w. Ian Rowley + Perry re. Brown's project

Gifts - seeds for Pamela, books, cassettes.

Mail us to Dan Petit express mail