

Project Update: August 2010

The 2010 breeding season finished in May with white-shouldered Ibis having a productive year.

We successfully installed our nest cameras at four ibis nests, getting a total of 165 days of coverage. Installing cameras was not easy with challenges including: minimising disturbance to the birds; finding climbable nest trees and sufficiently visible nests; preventing human, livestock and wild animal interference; and also avoiding forest fires! Despite these, we were able to develop an installation technique that has proved successful on nests at the young chick or late incubation stages. While this year's higher productivity was good news for ibis, our cameras did not capture any predation events. Predation is likely to naturally vary between seasons and we are hopeful that next season we will get recordings of the predators. A southern jungle crow was seen scavenging eggs from an abandoned ibis nest and so this species remains a likely predator.

