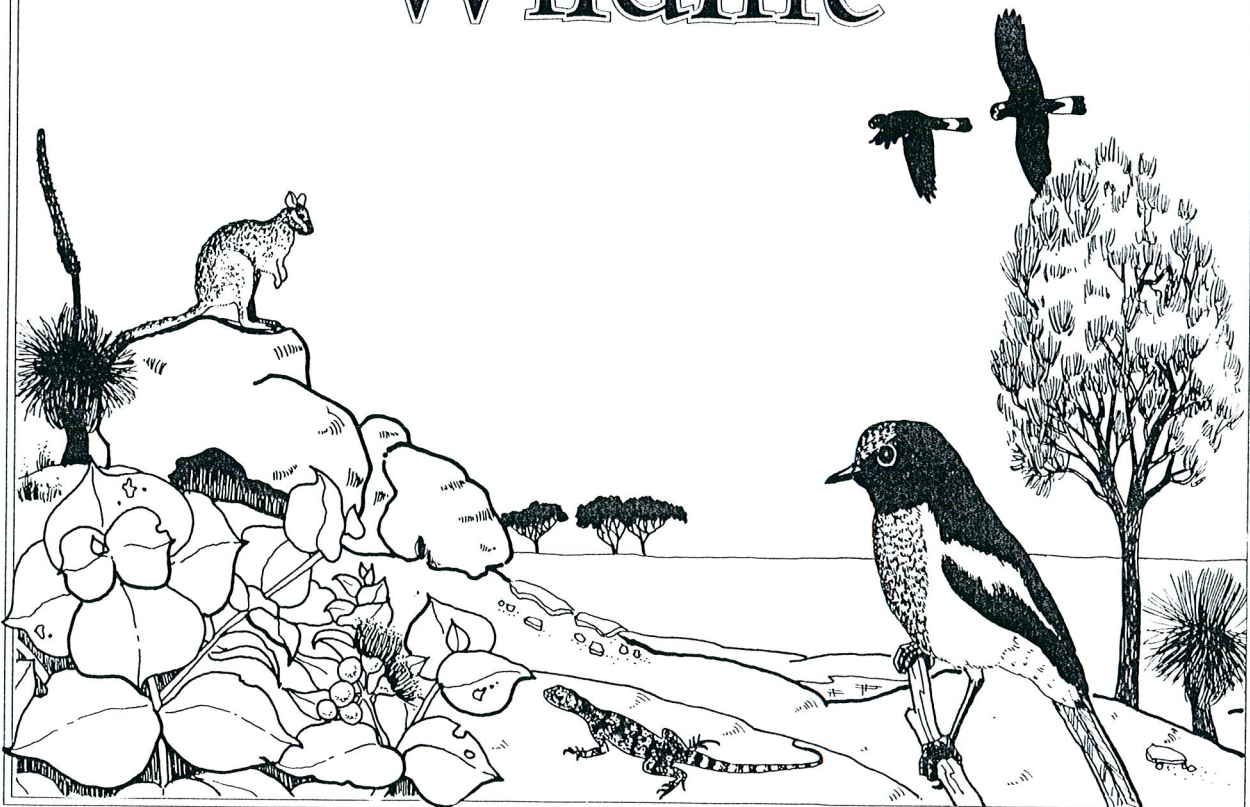




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# Land for Wildlife



DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT

# **LAND FOR WILDLIFE**

## **BRIEFING to SLCC – June 1999**

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***Land for Wildlife* is a voluntary scheme which aims to encourage and assist private landholders in Western Australia to provide habitats for wildlife on their property, even though the property may be managed primarily for other purposes.**

**It is unique in Western Australia in that it is geared to the needs of individual landholders by providing site-specific advice – that is, advisor and landholder working together on a one-to-one basis.**

### **Operation**

Landholders register with the scheme (via the application form on the brochure), then an on-site visit is arranged to discuss bush management, revegetation and anything else that may arise (see attached checksheet for topics which could be covered) including possible integration into other projects within the catchment. A report is written in a standard format, though this is varied to accommodate the needs of the landholder. Other information, as requested, is often attached to the report. Landholders also receive an information package including books and brochures relevant to their needs and interests.

The report details management required to at least maintain, and at best enhance, the nature conservation value of the property, integrated with other desired landuses, eg agriculture. It can easily be converted into a 'management plan' and, if a landholder requests it, this is done.

Once registered with LFW, landholders receive the quarterly magazine 'Western Wildlife' and other relevant literature when produced. They may also make use of their LFW Officer to network and research matters – some people ask for, and receive, a lot of help, others less.

LFW Officers are all people with a considerable background and skills in ecology and conservation, together with an understanding of the land use practices in the area where they live and work. (see map and contact list). Apart from the property assessments, LFW Officers will take part in workshops, seminars, and field days, give talks or lead excursions as requested, bearing in mind that they are only employed for 2 days a week. They are highly knowledgeable ecologists – make use of their expertise to help integrate biodiversity conservation into other landuses.

**All this information and advice is provided at no cost to the landholder.**

## Funding

*Land for Wildlife* is funded by the Department of Conservation and Land Management through the Salinity Action Plan (3.2 FTE + all other costs), and by Environment Australia through the Bushcare programme (2 FTE).

Currently, 10 staff are employed.

Position	Location	Hours	Salary funded by
Coordinator	Perth	full time	CALM
Administration Officer	Perth	full time	CALM
Field Officer	Albany	Part time – 40% FTE	Bushcare
Field Officer	Bridgetown	Part time – 40% FTE	Bushcare
Field Officer	Busselton	Part time – 40% FTE	Bushcare
Field Officer	Merredin	Part time – 40% FTE	CALM
Field Officer	Morawa	Part time – 40% FTE	Bushcare
Field Officer	Mundaring	Part time – 40% FTE	Bushcare
Field Officer	Narrogin	Part time – 40% FTE	CALM
Field Officer	Newdegate	Part time – 40% FTE (started May 99)	CALM
Total	10	5.2 FTE	CALM 3.2 FTE Bushcare 2 FTE

The full-time staff are responsible for the administration of the programme, general liaison, publications, policy and development. The Administration Officer also undertakes Field Officer duties for 20% of the time.

The Field Officers' main tasks can be summarised as:

- on-ground assessment and advice 60% time
- group liaison, including talks and project development 30% time
- general liaison, including talks, displays, media etc 10% time

## Summary of *Land for Wildlife* registrations as at 1<sup>st</sup> June 1999

Registration type	Number of applications	Area of whole property (ha)	Area of remant vegetation (ha)	Area of <i>Land for Wildlife</i> sites (ha)
Full registration	249	179 001	35 525	22 222
Interim registration	48	11 237	608	614
Not yet assessed	131	Not known	Not known	Not known
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>190 238</b>	<b>36 134</b>	<b>22 836</b>

See attached map for locations.

In addition, during 1998/99 –

- 152 properties were assessed
- 41 talks were given to community groups
- 4 Field Days were organised
- 12 Agricultural shows were attended with a LFW display
- 32 articles were published in the media

- 6 talks given on radio
- 4 issues of 'Western Wildlife' were printed – circulation risen to 850
- 1000 copies of the booklet 'How to conduct a Community Fauna Survey' were produced
- provided conservation input into 19 funding projects
- LFW Officers sat on 7 Technical Assessment Panels for NHT.

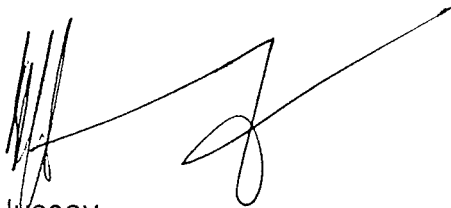
## Future

Individuals are the components of groups, and by having well-informed and interested individuals, the overall achievements of the group are likely to rise, as one landholder influences another. At the end of 10 years, *Land for Wildlife* has set itself a goal of having detailed biodiversity issues an integral part of 50% of the Catchment Plans being implemented in agricultural Western Australia.

We would also like to see a proportion of the native flora and fauna species that are currently listed as 'threatened' being removed from this listing, because the 'threats' have been mitigated by landholders.

We believe that these aims are achievable, but, they will only be reached if the entire community, and specifically landholders, appreciates the value of conservation to the long-term future of Western Australia.

## Can we help you?



Penny Hussey  
LFW Coordinator  
14/6/99

# Preparing for the Land for Wildlife property assessment

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Thank you for your application to join the Land for Wildlife scheme. Our main aim is to help you to achieve your aims for your property through improved management. To let us help you, we need you to tell us about your aims, concerns, issues that affect your property and information requirements. This sheet is intended to help you get the most out of your property assessment.

The Land for Wildlife property assessment is an opportunity for you to obtain some on-ground advice about your property, to make contact with Land for Wildlife staff and for important attributes of the property to be recorded (these are used in distributing information and for planning development of Land for Wildlife).

A typical property visit lasts about two hours and usually involves a look around the property - especially the bushland areas - followed by completion of an assessment form (this will be done by the assessor). We encourage all members of the family to be involved in the assessment process. The assessor may not be able to answer all your questions, but will be happy to follow up with further information.

It is a good idea to have any questions prepared beforehand and to have relevant documents, such as property or catchment maps/plans, aerial photographs and species lists, at hand.

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**Questions that might serve as prompts to aid you in making the most out of the visit. You may like to make notes on this sheet about items you wish to discuss.**

## **Your aims/plans**

- ☐ What are your aims for the property?
- ☐ Which areas do you intend to manage for nature conservation?
- ☐ In which areas do you intend to integrate wildlife habitat with other uses?

## **Feral animals and weeds**

- ☐ What feral animals are present on the property?
- ☐ What measures have you been using to control them?
- ☐ What plants (weeds) are causing a problem in bushland or revegetation areas?
- ☐ What measures have you taken to control them?

## **Problem wildlife**

- ☐ Are native species causing problems for the operation of the property?
- ☐ What measures have you taken to manage them?

## **Techniques for habitat/property management**

- ☐ How to encourage natural regeneration
- ☐ Weed control techniques
- ☐ Management for small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates
- ☐ Management for small birds

- ☐ Wetland/stream rehabilitation
- ☐ Rock outcrop or breakaway rehabilitation
- ☐ Integrating wildlife features with commercial tree-planting
- ☐ Erosion and salinity control

## **Specific management topics**

- ☐ Feral animal control
- ☐ Disease or Dieback
- ☐ Fire
- ☐ Fertilisers
- ☐ Herbicides or pesticides
- ☐ Commercial harvesting of wildlife
- ☐ Firewood collection or timber harvesting

## **Economic issues**

- ☐ Agroforestry and alley farming
- ☐ Commercial uses of native species
- ☐ Natural pest control

## **Sources of information**

- ☐ Lists of local plants and animals
- ☐ Suitable species for revegetation (especially understorey)
- ☐ Specialist advice on particular wildlife species
- ☐ Help with funding applications

## **Other issues**

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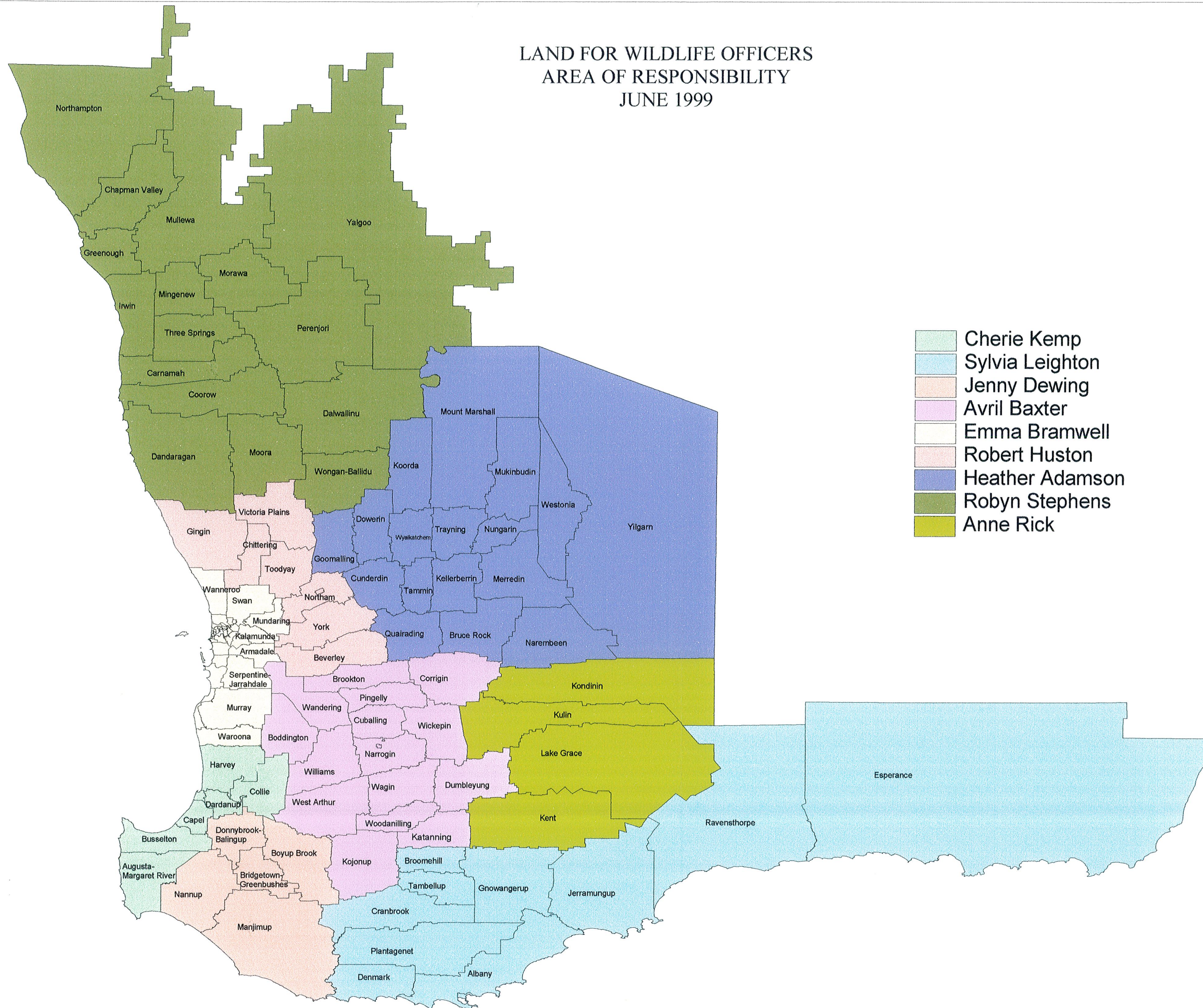
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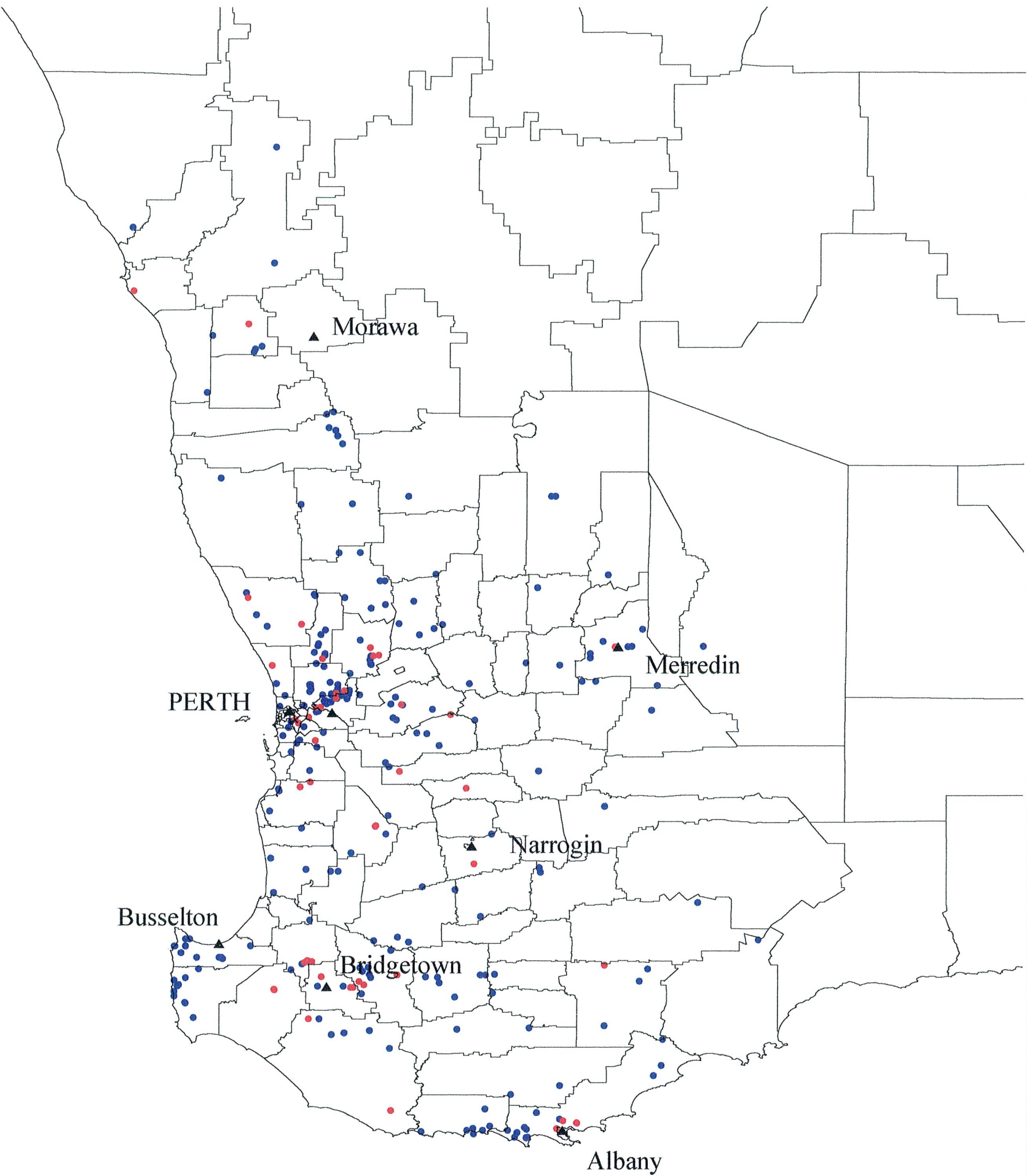
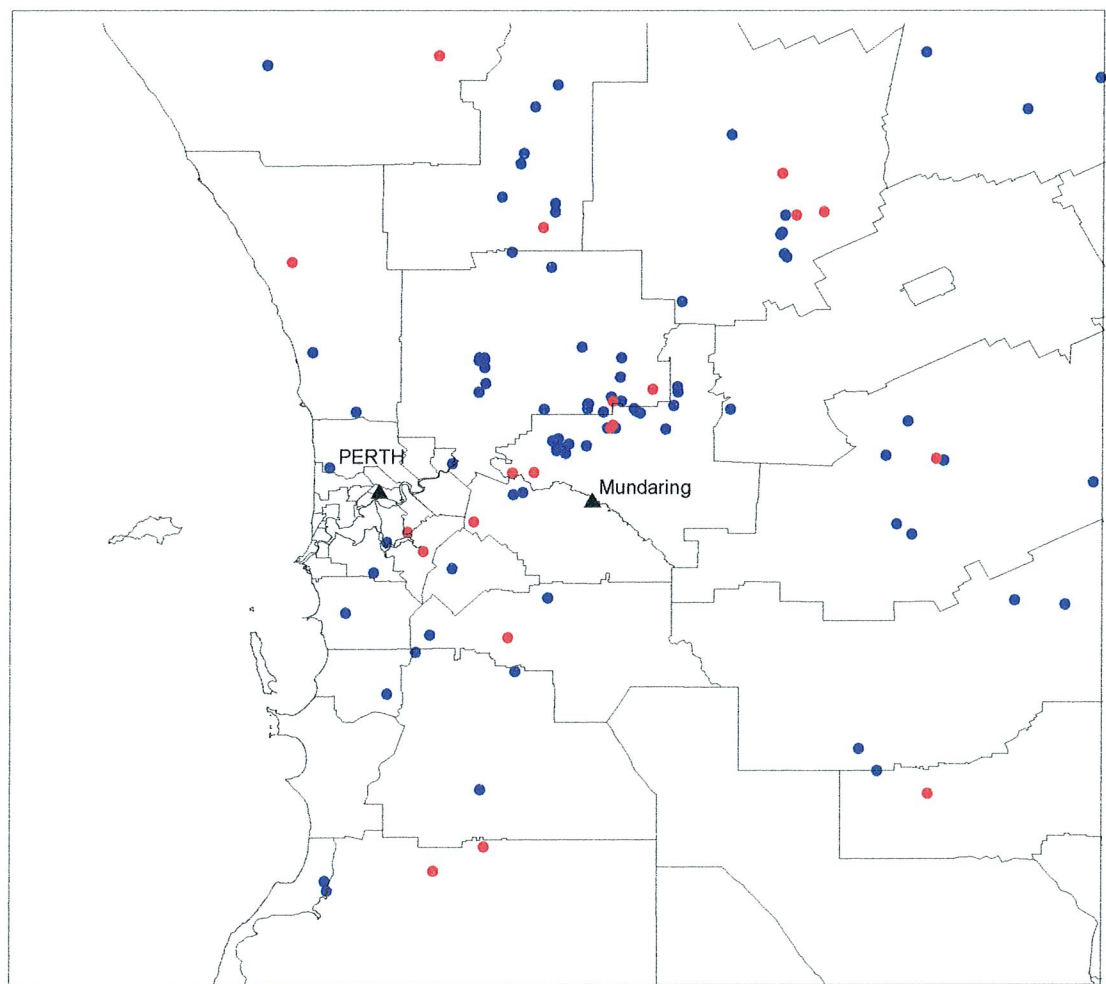


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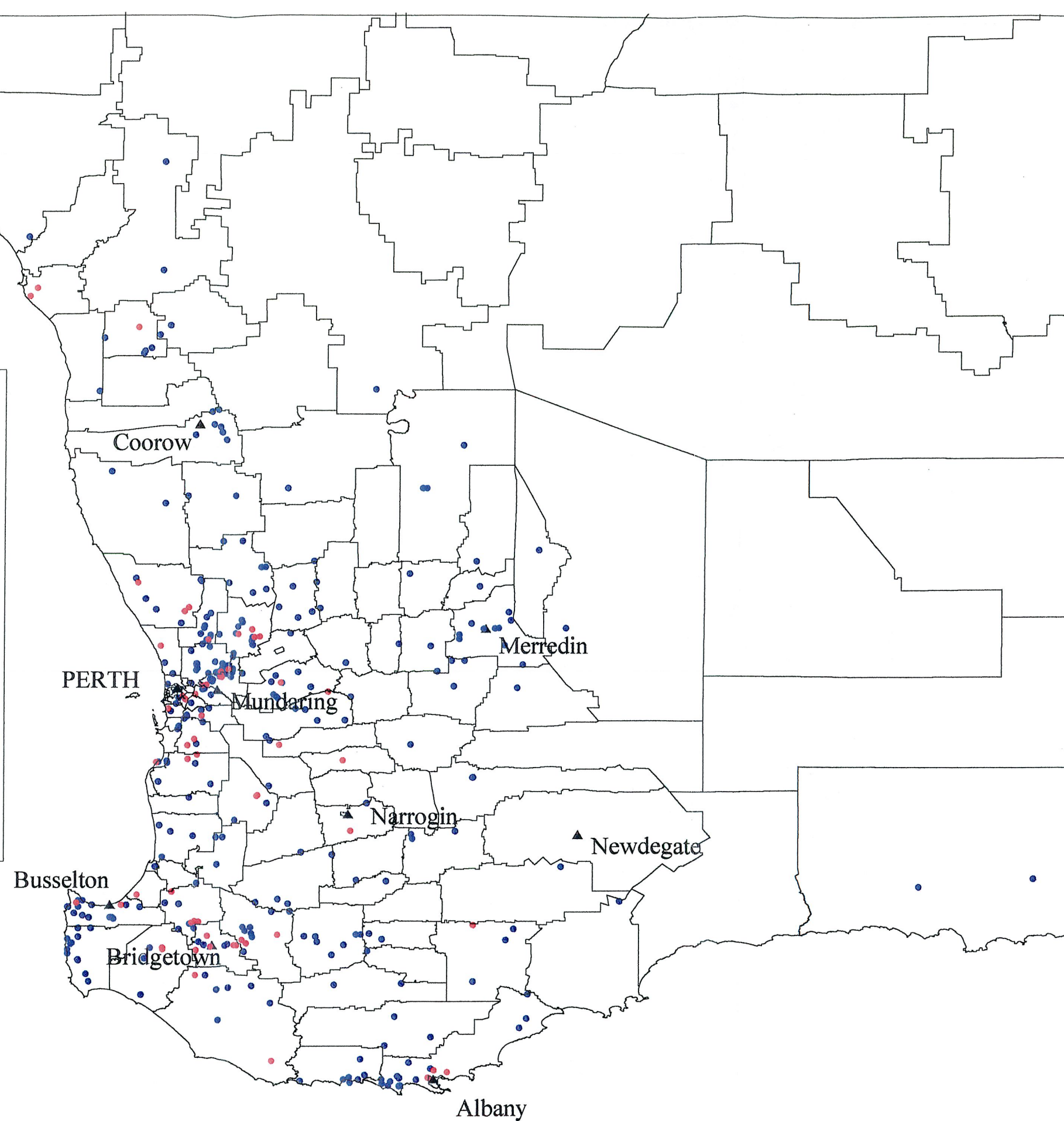
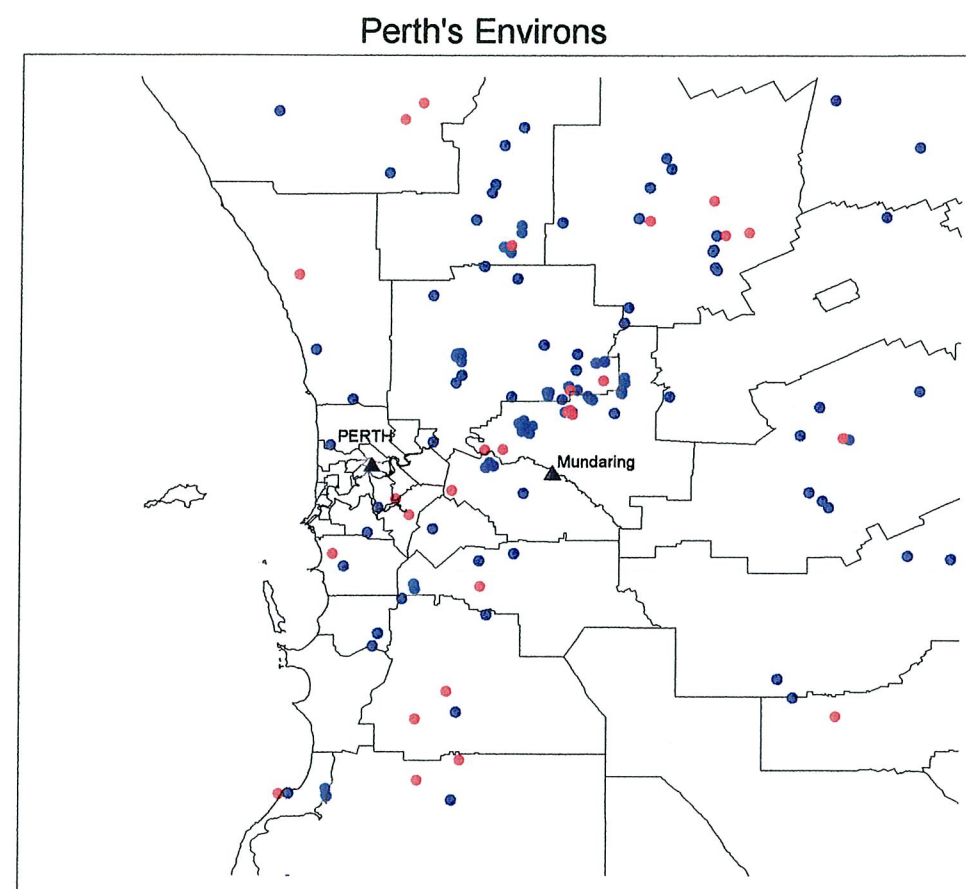
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