



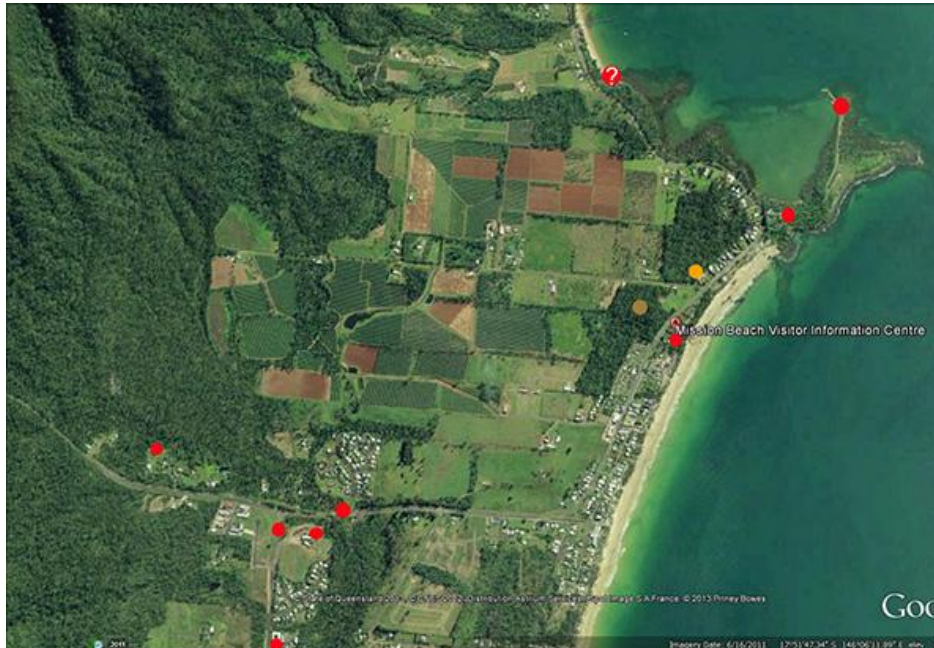
Community Cassowary Identification and Tracking Project

The Tracking of Judith

The following profile of a young adult female cassowary was compiled using information shared by the community through social media, word of mouth and market stall discussion.

Compiled Sept 2014

The tracking of 'Judith'



- Young adult female bird known as Marc, Marcy, Blacky and Judith. Has been recorded since 2012 as a subadult.
- Large bird sighted on the beach (Jan 2014)
- Unknown adult bird possibly male - not MMBJ (Jan 2014)
- Scat (June 2014)

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Recently, A member of Mission Beach Cassowaries supplied a collection of their photos of birds they see at their property.

Studying the photos we were able to identify one of the birds we have been recording since a sub adult using the Wongaling Creek cassowary corridor.

It is the same bird being seen regularly at C4 visitor centre and Clump Point area.

The tracking of 'Judith'



Photo Tania Devereaux

2012. Reports and photos of a young bird crossing roads at the busy intersection of the Mission Beach access roads at Wongaling Creek

To engage the community and raise awareness, the bird was given a name

The Wongaling Creek cassowary corridor is adjacent to Marcs Park so the bird was called '*Marc*'

The tracking of 'Judith'



As the bird matured it was recorded regularly exploring the area.

Photo LG

The tracking of 'Judith'



Photo unknown

...Stephens Street

The tracking of 'Judith'



...crossing the road at many different places around the Wongaling Creek corridor

Mar 28 2012 Photo Trish Moore

The tracking of 'Judith'



At the Art Centre.....

Photo Kim Rayner

The tracking of 'Judith'



Conch Street

Photo Trish Moore

The tracking of 'Judith'



...west of Wongaling Creek
bridge

Jan 2013 Photo Irene Lennon

The tracking of 'Judith'



... east of the Wongaling Creek bridge

Photo Liz Gallie

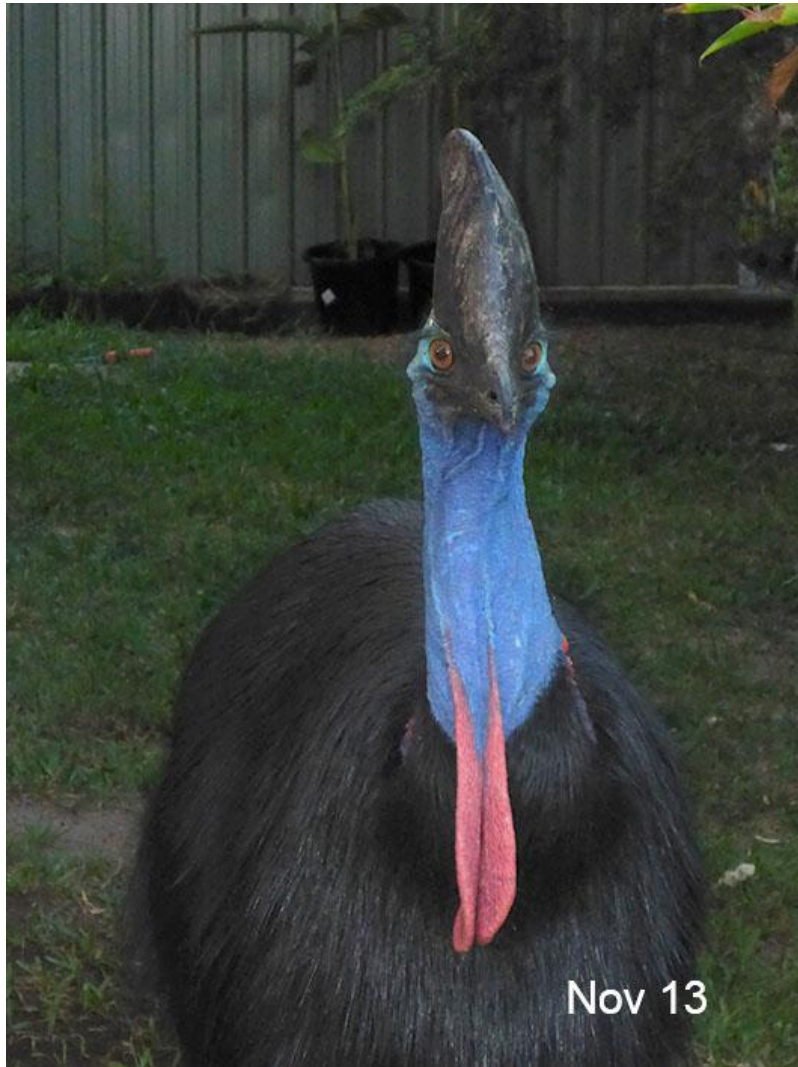
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...Royal Palms estate/Nonda Street

April 24 2013 Photo Eva Lavery

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Residents near Wongaling Creek had been following the progress of Marc who they had named Blackie because of its markings.

Photo Jason and Bec

The tracking of 'Judith'



Early in 2014 a bird started to visit the C4/MB visitor centre

Photo Jeff Larson

The tracking of 'Judith'



She made the news by challenging the cassowary statue in the garden.

Photo Jeff Larson

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She was annoyed by the unresponsive cassowary and tried to kick some life into it.

Photo Jeff Larson

The tracking of 'Judith'



Seen often at the C4 Arboretum

(June 14) Photo Vandhana

The tracking of 'Judith'



6-3-14
Jase & Bees
'Blackie'

A positive ID was easily made by the casque. It was the same bird as near the intersection at the Wongaling Creek corridor.

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March - Photo Jason and Bec



June - Photo Vandana

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A damaged claw as a result of the altercation with the statue at C4.

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Judith is accessing the rare rainforest around the Clump point area, here at the Eco Village

(note damaged claw)

Photo EcoVillage

The tracking of 'Judith'



At the boat ramp

Photo Paul Toogood

The tracking of 'Judith'



Everywhere she goes
she causes a great
deal of excitement

Photo Paul Toogood

The tracking of 'Judith'



She is seen often at the visitor centre as she establishes a range in the Clump Point district

Photo Jeff Larson

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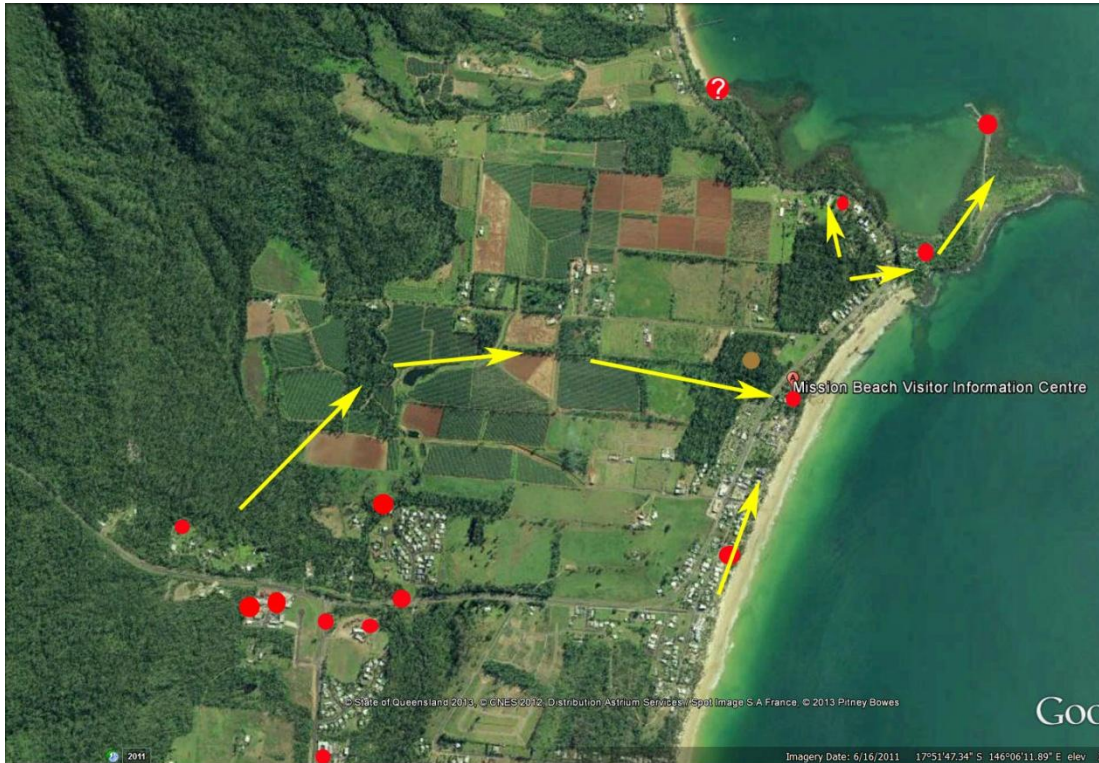
Crossing from the rare basalt rainforest patch opposite.

The tracking of 'Judith'

Judith is still being seen in the El Arish/Mission Beach Road area.

The map shows the fragmented and diversity of habitat Judith is accessing.

From the riparian lowland at the base of the Walter Hill Range to the patches of rare basalt rainforest and critically endangered littoral rainforest



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● Scat (June 2014)

→ Movement as an adult

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