

ADELAIDE RIVER COASTAL FLOODPLAIN: A successfully balanced industry and conservation habitat

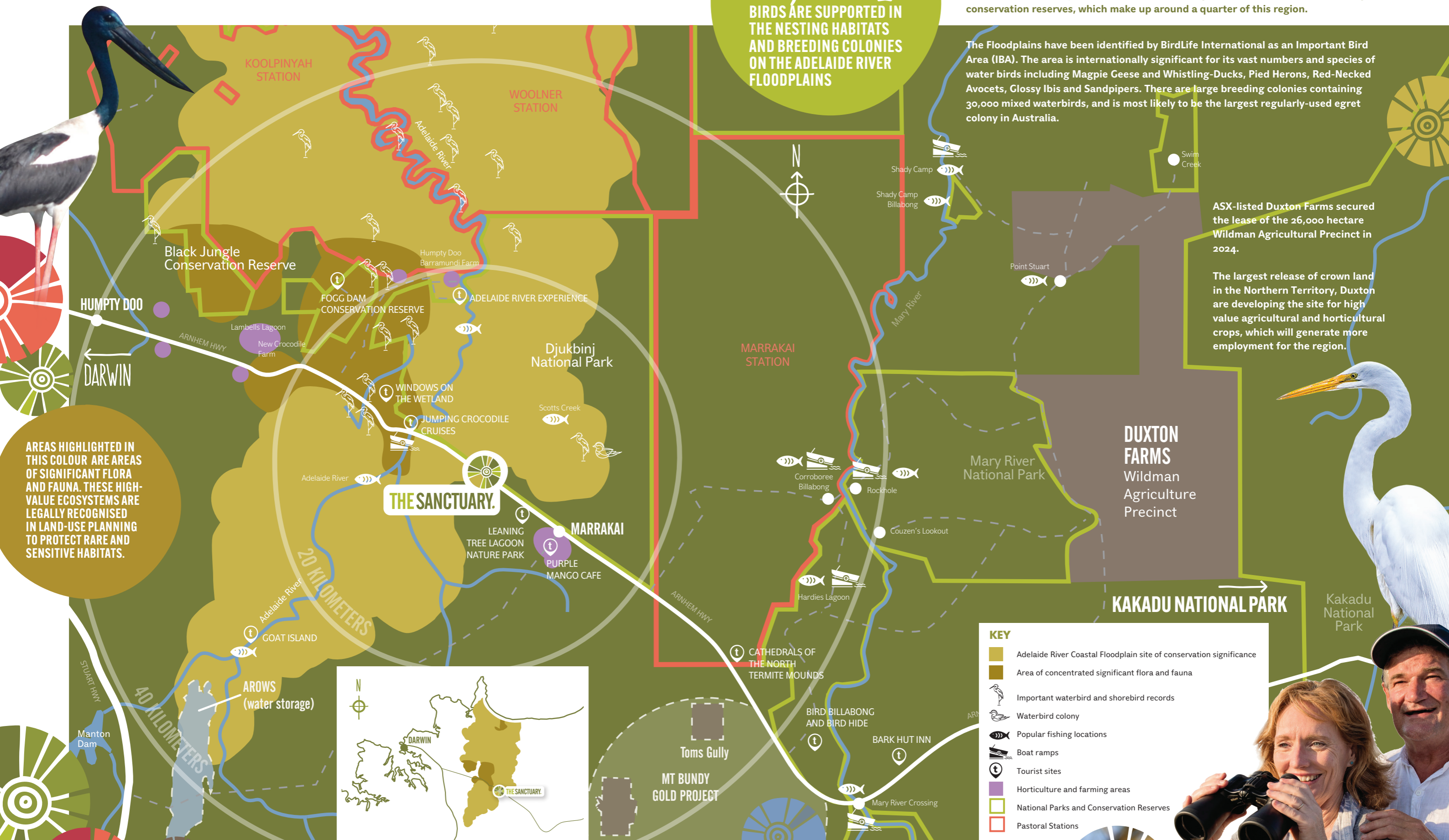
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30,000
BIRDS ARE SUPPORTED IN THE NESTING HABITATS AND BREEDING COLONIES ON THE ADELAIDE RIVER FLOODPLAINS

The Adelaide River Area of Conservation Significance is less than an hour's drive from Darwin. The surrounding land-use is largely pastoral that contributes to the Territory's significant live cattle export market, but there are also many other leading agribusiness, tourism, recreation and Aboriginal operations. These growth activities successfully share and harmonise alongside of the protected and managed conservation reserves, which make up around a quarter of this region.

The Floodplains have been identified by BirdLife International as an Important Bird Area (IBA). The area is internationally significant for its vast numbers and species of water birds including Magpie Geese and Whistling-Ducks, Pied Herons, Red-Necked Avocets, Glossy Ibis and Sandpipers. There are large breeding colonies containing 30,000 mixed waterbirds, and is most likely to be the largest regularly-used egret colony in Australia.

ASX-listed Duxton Farms secured the lease of the 26,000 hectare Wildman Agricultural Precinct in 2024.

The largest release of crown land in the Northern Territory, Duxton are developing the site for high value agricultural and horticultural crops, which will generate more employment for the region.



AREAS HIGHLIGHTED IN THIS COLOUR ARE AREAS OF SIGNIFICANT FLORA AND FAUNA. THESE HIGH-VALUE ECOSYSTEMS ARE LEGALLY RECOGNISED IN LAND-USE PLANNING TO PROTECT RARE AND SENSITIVE HABITATS.



KEY

- Adelaide River Coastal Floodplain site of conservation significance
- Area of concentrated significant flora and fauna
- Important waterbird and shorebird records
- Waterbird colony
- Popular fishing locations
- Boat ramps
- Tourist sites
- Horticulture and farming areas
- National Parks and Conservation Reserves
- Pastoral Stations

