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Hello everyone!

This is just a brief update about the previous few month's work and our plans for the next few.

Since we last emailed, we have been focussed on collecting additional baseline information about vegetation, butcherbirds and feral cats to inform forthcoming management actions. We also finished the annual parrot nest surveys and monitoring, assisted by the Laura Rangers and Thaypan Traditional Owners.

If all goes to plan, July will bring around a significant milestone, with the first broad-scale habitat management to start. Up until now we have been thinning invasive trees and shrubs around active nests in order to reduce predation risk.

Our sample sizes are small - a sad consequence of dealing with such a small population - but the few nests where we cleared successfully fledged chicks, with one still active as of today (the one featured in the photo below).

*We're currently working on a couple of detailed video updates which should be ready in a month or so. Until then, if you want to find out some more background about the problems facing Golden-shouldered Parrots on Artemis and what we're doing about it, please listen to this long-form interview produced by **The Bird Emergency** podcast.*

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Top image: A male Golden-shouldered Parrot attends an active nest on Artemis. Photo: Barry Baker

Bottom left: Botanists Rigel Jensen and Wendy Cooper doing vegetation surveys on Artemis.

Bottom right: Sue Shephard and Laura Rangers Jason Lowdown, Christine Musgrave and Robert Ross

inspect another parrot nest on Artemis. Note the open vegetation structure! This nest successfully fledged chicks.

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