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A dedicated group of volunteers have succeeded in having the second Volume of AN ATLAS OF THE BIRDS OF NSW & the ACT recognised by the Royal Zoological Society of NSW' Whitley Awards.

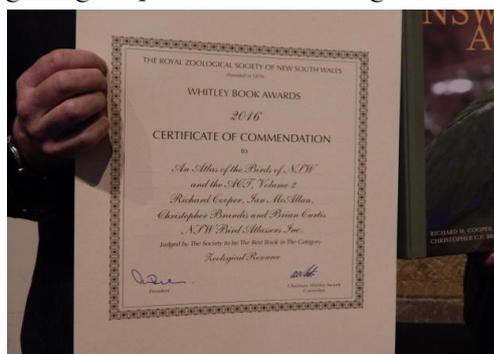
On Thursday 22 September at the Australian Museum in Sydney, three of the four authors were present to receive a **Certificate of Commendation for the Atlas in the Zoological Resources** division. This means the book is considered by the RZS examiners to be the best of its kind this year. Needless to say, the authors are delighted!

A total of 69 books were reviewed by the RZS across 14 categories including children's books, field guides, and Multi-volume Handbooks of Fishes and Mammals of the world. To be considered the best of its kind amongst such highly esteemed work is indeed an honour.

Lead author Richard Cooper, in his acceptance speech, was generous in his praise of all the hundreds of contributors who had done the field work over 40 years. By him and by the award presenter Dr Phil Straw, the incredible detail of the book was described as its key feature. By the time the last volume is published sometime next year, all Australian Bird species recorded in NSW and the ACT will have been recorded for habitat, distribution, migratory habits and frequency or reporting totalling over 580 species.

The Atlas is a benchmark for the scientist, environmentalist and field observer alike.

The Committee, Members and all Ornithological groups offer their congratulations!



L-R Brian Curtis, Ian McAllan and Dick Cooper at the RZS of NSW Awards ceremony 22 September 2016.

(Chris Brandis, the fourth author and the NSW Bird Atlassers as publisher, will receive a certificate by mail)