

Billy Taylor BARRAWATCH

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The Billy Taylor Barrawatch program has now been operating for over 12 months. The data collected to date has already provided us with some very interesting statistics and will continue to do so thanks to all the dedicated volunteer anglers submitting their Barrawatch forms. Without the support of you all, this project would not be possible.

The barra caught over the last 12 months have ranged in size from:

20cm - 110cm for R1 (Average size being 62cm)

20cm - 130cm for R2 (Average size being 63cm)

30cm - 91cm for V1 (Average size being 59cm)

5cm - 107cm for V2 (Average size being 60cm)

A total of 1660 barra have been caught since the implementation of the Barrawatch program of which a staggering 1300 were released. A total of 57.17% of all barra are being caught downstream from the Roper Bar Crossing (R2) and 26.63% are being caught downstream for the Victoria Rock Bar (V2).

It is obvious also there are some very dedicated and persistent anglers among you all! A total of 412 hours have been spent fishing upstream and 1094 hours downstream from the Roper Bar Crossing. A total of 20 hours upstream from the rock bar near Policemen's Point in the Victoria River and 1009 hours downstream from the rock bar.

The pie graph here illustrates a breakdown of bait used. Of the 1660 barra caught so far, 23.1% have been caught using bait, the majority being either prawns or mullet.

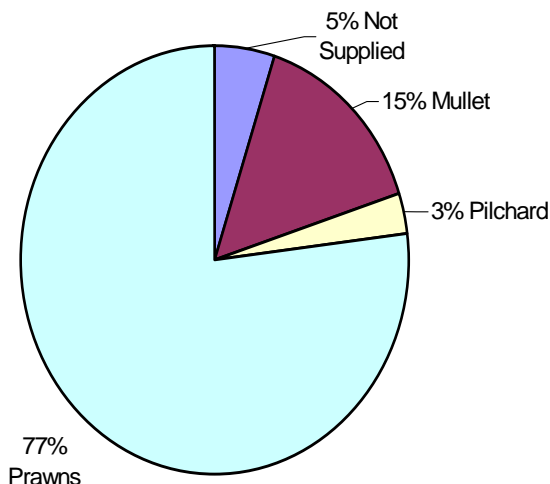
For those not involved with collecting data, a description of where these areas are:

V1 is upstream from the rocks at Policemen's Point

V2 is downstream from Policemen's Point

R1 is upstream from Roper Bar Crossing

R2 is downstream from Roper Bar Crossing



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Statistics to Date

TOP TEN BARRA CAUGHT

Roper River R1

110cm	Brian Pascall
97cm	Aaron Emmett
90cm	Brian Pascall
87cm	Warren de With
86cm	Aaron Emmett
85cm	Debbie de With
84cm	Aaron Emmett
84cm	Warren de With
83cm	Nigel Smit
83cm	Warren de With

Roper River R2

130cm	Ian Pope
106cm	Brad Buckley
102cm	Colin Larke
100cm	Ian Pope
100cm	Glenn Upstill
98cm	Greg Wright
97cm	Warren de With
97cm	Rowan Roberts
96cm	Glenn Upstill
94cm	Gary Johnston

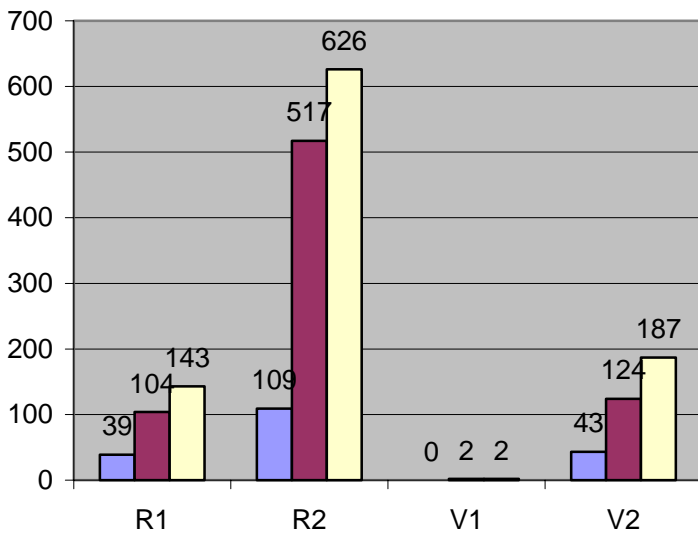
Victoria River V1

91cm	Daniel Murden
89cm	Jodie Fullgrabe
89cm	Tracey Murden
82cm	John Murden
80cm	Tracey Murden
79cm	John Murden
76cm	John Alderidge
75cm	John Murden
75cm	Rowan Roberts
70cm	John Murden

Victoria River V2

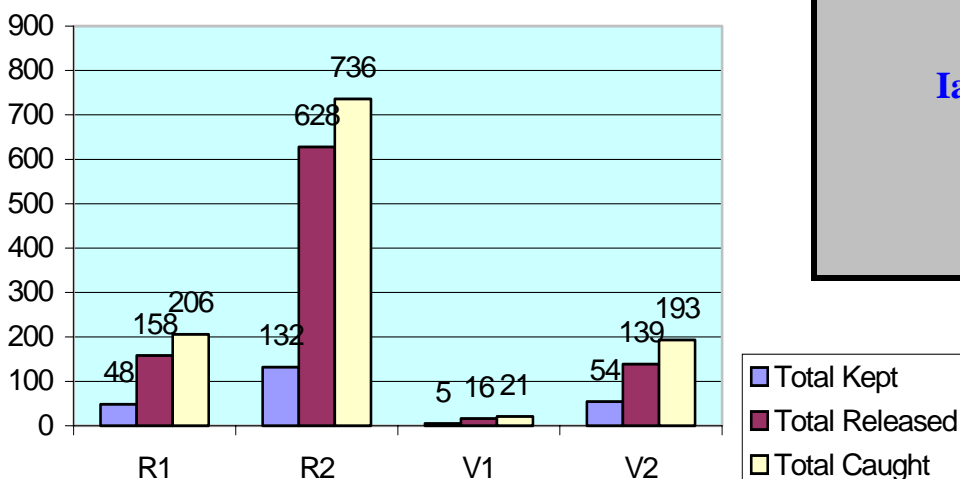
107cm	Kerri Johnstone
101cm	Kerri Johnstone
101cm	Cam Armstrong
97cm	Greg Hanckle
97cm	Lance Meeson
96cm	Jamie Sticklen
96cm	Cam Armstrong
95cm	Cam Armstrong
95cm	Lance Meeson
93cm	Greg Hanckle

Numbers caught by location May 2001 - Dec 2001



Debbie de With caught this 85cm barra on Mother's Day at 57 Mile, Roper River using a Reidy's Ultra Deep Lure.

Numbers caught by location May 2001 - June 2002



CONGRATULATIONS

**Warren de With for releasing
200 barramundi**

**Ian Pope for releasing
150 barramundi**

TO DATE