



## Where Do Wedgies Dare?

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Figure 3. Kuyurnpa's dispersal journey from April 2014 – April 2015.

flew in an outward spiral, crossing two large deserts in the northern part of WA. On 15 April she saw the ocean, roosting on the coast 760 km (as the crow flies, not the eagle!) north of her nest. In the 12 months that followed, Kuyurnpa covered about 20% of WA's 2.5 million km<sup>2</sup> area, and clocked up over 15,000 km on her 'odometer' (Figure 3). In February 2015 she 'settled' in a 'territory' of about 1000 km<sup>2</sup>; it will be very interesting to see if she remains here to breed later this year.

More information, including a trailer to the documentary film about this Wedge-tailed Eagle tracking project, can be found here:

<http://www.wedge-tailedeagletracking.blogspot.com.au>

## MTI Employee Spotlight

*We have decided to feature one of our employees in each of our future issues, so you can meet the team behind the transmitters. This issue, we are introducing you to one of our veteran members:*

### Kevin Drum – Lead Production Engineer



**Q: How long have you been here?**

**A:** Since before I could drive. I started here when I was 15. Russell and I would come here in the summers to help out Paul, and I never really left.

**Q: Did you ever think about doing something else?**

**A:** I spent a lot of time in college switching between a bunch of different subjects, but none of them stuck, even after completing my degree. The whole time I was working here, and I liked it because I got to work with my hands.

**Q: What is the best part about working at MTI?**

**A:** Perpetual innovation. I enjoy building things, and that's a lot of what I get to do. I also like photography, so I get to take most of the production shots that are used for our promotional items. Even though the refurbished transmitters are a lot of work, they're interesting to see when they come back after they've been out in the field. They give me a better idea of how what we make is being used and making a difference.

**Q: What is a fond memory you have from your time here?**

**A:** Every once in a while, we have International Days. Everyone makes a recipe relating to a different country and we get to sample each of the dishes. Those days are delicious!

When he's not working, Kevin enjoys rock climbing and hiking with his wife. MTI is proud to have Kevin as a team member. Next time you open a box of new or refurbished transmitters, know that Kevin's commitment to excellence ensures that your devices are always functioning properly.

## Where in the World Are Pallas's Fish Eagles?

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Flight strategies illustrated by Chinggis. Spacing between points is indicative of thermal soaring.

migration of over 2000 km began, and a painting became a sculpture. Chinggis represents the first success of a project that began in 2011 and continues to this day. Since then, two additional Pallas's Fish Eagles with 70g GSM/GPS transmitters were released in India, and five more will be deployed in Mongolia the summer of 2015 thanks to the generous support of Microwave Telemetry, Inc. with the Christiane Howey Rising Scholar Award. The overall goal of the project is to provide baseline information that will shed light on Pallas's Fish Eagle ecology by isolating risks to the population and creating effective conservation measures in the future. If the current gap in knowledge remains, there is a distinct possibility that, one day, Mongolia's Pallas's Fish Eagle population will fly away and never return.