

NEWSLETTER of the HUNTER (Newcastle) BIRD OBSERVER GROUP.Issue No. 5 (Released monthly at General Meetings.OFFICERS:

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MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday each month at Garden Suburb Primary School.REPORTS1. General Meeting 9 August 1978 - attendance 20/ Points from the Meeting:

- 1.1 An excursion to Cabbage Tree Island is being planned for the latter part of this year - arrangements in the hands of Tom Kendall.
- 1.2 Blackbutt Reserve - plotting of this area is proceeding, albeit rather slowly - anyone interested, see Wilma.
- 1.3 A Bus Trip to the Central Coast has been arranged by the Flora & Fauna Society for Sunday 17th September: Cost, adults \$5. children \$2.50; Pickup at Wheeler Place at 8.30 a.m. Please phone Thelma Titchmarsh (571123) if you would like to go along.
- 1.4 the BIRD OF THE EVENING. Alan Gillies gave a very learned, interesting and searching talk about the SUPERB BLUE WREN with particular reference to its breeding habits. Thank you Alan for a very capable performance.
- 1.5 NATURE FILMS - highlight of the evening, apart from Alan's talk was the screening of three films:
 - (1) ABOVE THE GORGE - a film of the Wedge-tailed Eagle.
 - (2) ON THE EDGE OF THE SALT PLAIN - Water birds on Townsville Common.
 - (3) The 'Receding Wet Lands' - a film of bird life in the Northern Territory.

2. DOYLE'S CREEK OUTING - Sunday 20 August.

Seven members including Bob Sergeant, participated in this outing to the very scenic Doyle's Creek area. The weather was mostly overcast but almost 60 species were recorded and the highlight of the day was undoubtedly a flock of RED RUMPED PARROTS.

3. ATLAS EXCURSION - Sunday 3rd September - Finchley area: West/Sou West of Wollombi. Another cloudy day but 58 species were recorded mainly along the Yango Creek - the sighting of the day being a male Superb Lyrebird. In addition to bird sightings, the group examined aboriginal rock carvings and paintings.4. PROGRAMME 1979.

The Programme Committee has been on the job and has prepared a proposed programme for your consideration. This has been printed on a separate sheet and is to be discussed at our October meeting and hopefully, finalised at the November meeting. You will note that an Annual Migration is proposed - this time to the Townsville Common in November 1979 - interested ?

5. COMING EVENTS:

September Outing - Sunday 24 Sept. Meet at Eric Worrall's Reptile Park
Visit to RED GUM FOREST - Guide: Ted Jones.
GLUCESTER TOPS CAMP - Long week-end 30 Sept. to 2nd October
October Outing: Saturday 21st October - GRAHAMSTOWN.

ATLAS EXCURSIONS: Nov. 4/5 Week-end Camp at Glory Vale (North of Gloucester)
Dec. 3rd - Lostock Dam Area.

6. ADDITIONAL MEETING: Tuesday 24th October - Garden Suburbs - 7.30 p.m.

We have been fortunate to secure the services of that knowledgeable ornithologist - GLEN HOLMES for this meeting. His talk is titled:

BIRDS IN THE NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT especially in the high altitudes.

7. NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER ISSUE

As the Editor will be away on Annual Leave during October, the next issue will be in the very capable hands of the Assistant Editor, Miss Patricia Lavis - Tricia will be pleased to hear of or receive any copy: Address: 13 Curry St., Wallsend (559301)