

REPORTS:

1. General Meeting 13 September 1978 Attendance 25.

Points from the Meeting:

- 1.1 A Welcome to new members: Kay and Tim Emery and Carol and Ian McKean.
- 1.2 By agreement, the October outing to Grahamstown was changed from Saturday to Sunday 22nd October.
- 1.3 The BIRD OF THE EVENING was the WHITE FRONTED CHAT (Ephthianura Albifrons) . Questions and comments at the conclusion of this talk indicated that some interest had been generated in this bird and identification should be easier on future outings. Our thanks are due to Greg Little, Gary Weber and the Bird Observer Club of Victoria for the coloured slides which were used to illustrate the talk.
- 1.4 Atlas Programme - The Programme Committee reported that two more excursions had been arranged for the latter part of the year: (1) 4/5 November, a week-end camp at TWIN RIVERS (N.E. of Gloucester): (2) Sunday 3rd Dec. LOSTOCK DAM AREA.
- 1.5 1979 PROGRAMME - members present were issued with a draft of the proposed programme for 1979 - this is to be discussed at the October meeting and finalised at the November meeting.
- 1.6 1979 ANNUAL MIGRATION - a trip to Townsville Common has been proposed for this effort and further details should be available at the October meeting
- 1.7 AUSTRALIAN KINGFISHERS - this was the subject of a taped talk by Ellen McCulloch - during this talk Ms McCulloch referred to illustrations in 'Slaters' and had the rapt attention of all members - who wouldn't like to journey to Cape York Peninsular and see the White-Tailed and Yellow - Billed Kingfishers ?

2. RED GUM FOREST OUTING

Sunday 24 September found 20 enthusiastic 'Birdos' assembled at Doyalson prior to being conducted through the Red Gum Forest by Ted Jones. Members were fortunate to locate the nest of a Grey Butcherbird where the hen bird was incubating four eggs. Many thanks to Ted for his leadership on this occasion. After lunch most of the party moved off to 'Birdie Beach' where we were fortunate to see a TAWNY CROWNED HONEY-EATER. Thanks to Ian and Carol McKean who led us into this area.

3. GLoucester TOPS CAMP Sat. 30 Sept. to Mon 2nd Oct. 1978

Following the pattern of the previous two long week-ends the rain came down in great abundance. However, four members made it to Sharpes' Creek Camp site on the Saturday followed by three more on the Sunday. After her efforts in crossing the seven fords, Wilma's Volkswagon is now to be known as the VOLKSDUCK. Three day visitors also arrived on Sunday and in all we spent quite an enjoyable week-end at this truly delightful spot. Some sixty species were recorded including the Olive Backed Whistler and those little charmers the SCARLET, FLAME and ROSE ROBINS.