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MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Garden Suburbs Primary School at 7.30 p. m.

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NOTES FROM THE February 1980 Meeting.

- (1) There was a goodly attendance of 21 for the first meeting of 1980 - a warm welcome was extended to two Canadian Birds - Peter and Joy Fry who are enjoying a holiday in Australia - they hail from Calgary.
- (2) Norfolk Island trip scheduled for early December.
- (3) The Bird Observers Club (Victoria) is to hold an Information Workshop on OILED BIRDS in Melbourne on 10 May.
- (4) BIRD WEEK - at the WARRUMBUNGLES from 12 - 19 October - more details to be supplied when programme is finalised.
- (5) NATURE RESERVE at COCKLE CREEK - announced that Mr. Wilf Dews had approached the B.H.P. to reclaim this area as such.
- (6) Congratulations were extended to Gary Weber for receiving the top award at the Maitland Show for one of his bird photographs. Gary also won a top award at the Newcastle Show.
- (7) NEW BOOKS. Some details were given of the following new bird books:

BIRDS FOR BEGINNERS - J.D. McDonald \$13.00
CROWS of the WORLD)
PIGEONS & DOVES) Derek Goodwin.
BIRDS of MANS WORLD)

Speaking of books - members visiting Sydney may pick up some bargains at a Book store on the Southern side of King Street - some examples:
RSPB Guide to BIRDWATCHING (\$1.50) BIRD OF THE TROPICS (\$1.95)

- (8) BIRD of the EVENING - a well researched talk on the OSPREY (Pandion haliaetus) was presented by Sue Hamonet who included in her remarks, comments on personal observations.
- (9) SLIDE VIEWING - Ross Allomes won many plaudits for a showing of his bird slides - Ross is a protege of Gary Weber and this was reflected in the quality of his photography - undoubtedly one of the best viewings we have had - congratulations Ross.

2. NERONG FOREST OUTING - Sunday 24 February - hot weather and the distance probably deterred some members from participating in this outing which only attracted six starters. The weather, at first cool, became increasingly warmer as the morning wore on and this no doubt affected the comparatively poor viewing - only 30 species being recorded.

3. Atlas Outing - DUNGOG area - Sat/Sun 8/9 March - no details of this outing at time of going to print.

COMING EVENTS:

Sunday 23 March - CHICHESTER DAM area - meet at 7 a.m. at the OAK, Hexham.

Easter week-end - April 4 - 7 . EASTER CAMP organised by the Flora & Fauna Society.

Venue: ~~MYALL~~ ~~LAKES~~ - approximately 8 Kms from Denman on the Goulburn River.

Water for drinking & cooking will need to be taken for; further details contact Activities Officer.

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Monday 24 March at Flora & Fauna meeting (Room 11 Wickham Public School at 8 p.m.)
Ray Hodgins to speak on the GEOLOGY of the MYALL LAKES area.

Sunday 30 March - Flora & Fauna outing to MYALL LAKES to study Geology and Landform.
Meet 10.30 at southern approach of Hawks Nest bridge.