

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB BULLETIN

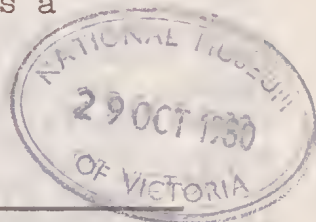
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The Club meets at St. James' Church Hall, New Town.  
Bus stop 12. Parking available Rupert Ave or rear of hall.  
Access to the Fellowship Room is from the rear of hall.  
FIRST Thursday in the month.

PROGRAMME

Nov 6th Thursday 8.p.m. Speaker: Dr McLaren Thomson  
Subject - BEES.

Nov 8th Saturday. OUTING to Kingston Heights.  
LEAVING from Prince Theatre 10.a.m.  
Meet Kingston people in Baynton Rd. about 10.20.  
PACK LUNCH as we will be wandering through the  
bush looking for orchids and other spring flowers.

Dec 4th Thursday. Christmas Breakup Night.  
Library Night:- Books will be arranged in the  
meeting room so that we can <sup>see</sup> what is in our  
Library and available for borrowing next year.  
We hope, also, to have a good microscope there  
for you to experiment with.  
PLEASE BRING A BASKET OF GOODIES FOR SUPPER.

Dec 6th Saturday. OUTING - another wandering day.  
Catch the 10.a.m. FERN TREE bus from Franklin  
Square. Bring a Pack Lunch. We will walk back  
along the pipeline to Gentle Annie.  
Lunch at the Waterworks. There should be plenty of  
birds about, and a variety of flowers including  
orchids, some of which have been found in the  
bush close by the track down Gentle Annie.

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WELCOME to new members....

Graeme Coulson and John Kelly.

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Enquiries about Outings to our Outings Organisor,  
Mrs Marjorie Wall... Ph. 284165

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HELP wanted for Sonia C. Tidemann

She says:-

I am studying White-winged, Variegated and Superb Fairy wrens and need information on the breeding behavior of these species during the 1980, 1981 and 1982 breeding seasons. The more details I can get the better but any would be helpful. Set out below is a series of points. I would be very grateful to obtain information on ANY of these points.

1. Species of Malurus
2. Date.
3. Location, as precisely as possible
4. Type of bush in which nest is situated.
5. Height of nest above ground
6. Bearing of nest opening.
7. Bearing of nest from centre of bush.
8. Clutch size
- Date of laying, Date of hatching.
9. Number of nestlings. Date of fledgings.
10. How many birds fed the nestlings?
11. Do other species of Malurus occur in the area? If so, which species?
12. When did the species begin to breed and when did the breeding season end?

Address: Sonia Tidemann

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Note - the only species of these three to be found in Tasmania is the Superb Fairy Wren - this is the revised name of our Superb Blue Wren.

The above list of requirements gives us an insight into the information needed by people studying a bird 'in depth'.

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For the first Bulletin next year.....

Deadline for information-

January 16th.

Evening for doing Bulletin up for post)

January 23rd

at 6 Richardson Ave. Dymnryne, from 7.30p.m.

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THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JANUARY NOR OUTING.

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R.A.O.U. CONGRESS

This will be held from 5th to 8th December at the Zoology Department, University of Tasmania. Their Camp Out will be held at Maria Island from 9th -13th. Modern dormitory type accommodation for 60 people is being made available free of charge by the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Each dormitory contains 12 bunks (with mattresses) and has an attached kitchen/living room. Basic toilet facilities, without showers or baths, are available in an adjacent building. Alternative camping facilities are available under the direction of the Park Rangers.

Bus -Coach leaves Hobart 8.00.a.m. Tuesday and returns on Saturday.

Members of the Tasmanian Field Naturalists would be welcome to attend the Camp-out.

If you would like to join them, get in touch with Mr. L. E. Wall as soon as possible - to see if there is room and to get the remaining details.

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## Library Notes.....

Now that our Library is available, our Librarian, Mrs McDonald, would like to see members make good use of it. For this reason, our last meeting this year will be a Library Night.

You might be surprised to find the variety of books available for loan. Books can be borrowed before and after meetings.

We have, too, a number of 'Tasmanian Naturalists' for sale, at reduced prices for back numbers.

There are books for both professionals and amateurs... so at whatever stage of knowledge you have reached there should be something for you.

So come along on our last night this year and browse to see what you can find.....

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And Now...

BE SURE YOU READ THE LAST PAGE!

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NEXT YEAR

The Annual General Meeting will be held in MARCH.  
February's Bulletin will have NOMINATION FORMS.

It is not too early to think about  
who we will have on the Executive in 1981.

You will need a new Secretary, AND a new Ass't Secretary  
as Nell Mitchell, and M. Westbrook have now done two  
years in these positions and have decided to stand down.

Two years is quite enough to hold a position such  
as these and it is good for a Club to elect new people  
from time to time.

New people on the Executive bring fresh ideas and  
different ways of organising things so that the Club  
does not stagnate and become apathetic.

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YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED

And now - see if you can unscramble these plants.

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The answer will be available at next meeting.

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Happy Christmas  
to all our Readers.



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