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Bulletin

March 2011

Members Meeting: Thursday 10 March, 8pm
CSIRO Discovery, Clunies Ross St, Black Mountain

Speaker: Alan Ford

Alan has been a member of ANPS for many years and has a native garden. Gardening led to an interest in the flora and fauna in other parts of the country.

Topic: West of Centre

This talk tells the story of a tour of the Great Victoria Desert and surrounding areas during 2007 showing some of the flora and fauna of this, one of the world's great deserts. This desert is the largest of the dune deserts in Australia and has an impressive array of flora for its arid environment.

Show and Tell: Please bring along whatever you think we would like to see (limit 3 items per member). Please label your plants, with both the plant's name and your name, and be prepared to say a few brief words about your contributions.

Plant Sale: There may be plants for sale this month.

Raffle Prize: The raffle prizes this month will be provided by Phillip Fradd – thanks Phillip. To donate future raffle prizes **please contact** Paul Carmen or Cathy Hook ☎ 6288 4208 or **email** info@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au

Daytime Activity, Tuesday 15 March, 10.30am

Peter Ollerenshaw at Bywong Nursery

Tuesday 15 March, 10.30am

Visit to Peter Ollerenshaw's nursery at 159 Millynn Rd, Bywong. Peter has kindly offered morning tea, followed by a guided tour. Follow Federal Hwy towards Lake George, turn right onto Bungendore Rd (**don't take Macs Reef**). Travel 3km along Bungendore Rd, then right onto Millynn. The nursery is at the end of this road. If you need or can provide transport, please let me know.

Contact: Shirley Daniels ☎ 6231 0852 or **email** wda68126@bigpond.net.au



Volunteers Needed for the Autumn Plant Sale

Friday 18 and Saturday 19 March

ANPS Plant Sales are large events that subsidise many of the Society's activities. The sales require a great deal of organisation and many volunteers to carry out chores essential to their smooth running and success. All help is gratefully received whether it is for an hour or two, half a day, or for the entire period of the sale. Most of the jobs do not require any particular skill and can be carried out by any member regardless of age, gender or experience. We encourage all new members to come along, get to meet other members and help make this another successful event. If you can help on either day please contact Paul Carmen by telephone ☎ 6288 4208, or John Carter or Ben Walcott (phone numbers on masthead) or email: plantsales@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au.

PS. Volunteers may purchase up to a maximum of 10 plants either on Friday afternoon from around 4.30-5pm or on Saturday morning from 8.00am-8.20am and also receive a coffee and cake voucher for Hudsons Café on each day attended.

Field Trip

25-28 March

Bournda National Park (Tathra)

Easy walks in coastal heathland and forest. Camping at Hobart Beach (no bookings required self-registration) Accommodation at Tathra. Map Wolumla. Further information National Parks Flier.

Contact: Bob Small and Jean Smith email jojare@bigpond.com.

Book Reviewers Needed

CSIRO PUBLISHING is looking for reviewers for the two titles below. The review will be published in our *Journal* as well as in other publications.

A Bush Capital Year

A Natural History of the Canberra Region
By Ian Fraser & Peter Marsack
A Bush Capital Year introduces the reader to the fauna, flora, habitats and reserves of the Australian Capital Territory and beautiful paintings by natural history artist Peter Marsack complement the text and allow better visualisation of the stories and the subjects.

Published February 2011 - Paperback - 232 page - ISBN: 9780643101555 - \$ 49.95

Mistletoes of Southern Australia

By David M Watson

This book represents the first thorough treatment of mistletoes in Australia. It summarises their evolutionary origin and global distribution, highlighting diversity patterns in Australasia, and describes the ecology and life

history of mistletoes, detailing the variety of animals that depend on them for food and shelter.

Published February 2011 - Paperback - 200 page - ISBN: 9780643095939 - AU \$ 49.95

Please note, only one review copy per title is available for the reviewer to keep. A review copy will be sent to the **first person** to contact Melinda at CSIRO PUBLISHING.

If you would like to review one of these titles for our *Journal*, please email Melinda Chandler at CSIRO PUBLISHING, with your name and mailing address, and the title of the book you wish to review : melinda.chandler@csiro.au.

Propagation

No propagation this month because of Autumn Plant Sale

Propagation Calendar for 2011 included with this Bulletin

Images for the ANPS Book March 2011 Update

Many thanks to all those members who have already donated images for the new edition of the *Australian Plants for Canberra Region Gardens* book.

We now have received images for 576 species that we have selected for the book (1683 images in total). Congratulations! However, there are still many plants for which we do not have images. The **flyer distributed with this Bulletin** contains an updated list of plants for which we still need images. Please help.

Image Website

Have a look at the images that have already been donated on our website:

www.phyla.com.au using:

Login: ANPS

Password: hak3a

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Ian Fraser Lecture

Please come along to the Field Naturalists' Association's March meeting to hear Ian Fraser talk in celebration of our region's wildlife and the publication of his new book illustrated by Peter Marsack. (No cost though we do hold an informal raffle with tickets at \$1!)

Copies of *A Bush Capital Year: A Natural History of the Canberra Region* will be on sale if you haven't yet bought your copy. RRP \$49.95. Meeting held at the ANU's Building 116 in the Gould Wing off Daley Road.

Trivia Night

Help to raise funds for the Conservation Council's biodiversity mapping project. BYO drinks and nibbles. Light refreshment provided. Raffle prizes and Silent Auction.

Friday 1 April, 7pm

Majura Hall, Dickson

Book Now: ☎ 6229 3208 or

www.consact.org.au.

Open Garden Scheme

Plant Fair at Bellevale, Yass

A wonderful opportunity for gardeners to find that perfect plant as well as meet specialist growers. AOGS is bringing together a group of growers of the most interesting plants at the historic property of Bellevale.

See *Special Events, Guidebook* p.35.

Address: 191 Black Range Rd, Yass

Directions: From Canberra take Barton Hwy, veer left onto Hume Hwy; exit onto Yass Valley Way towards Service Centre; continue through roundabout towards Yass & take first right into Black Range Rd.

Open: 2-3 April 2011, 10am-4pm, \$8.

Stocks Native Nursery will be there.

Pillans Garden

Taking full advantage of its elevated position and backdrop of native bush, this young garden showcases Australian plants and attracts a wide range of wildlife. Well-placed leptospermums, banksias, grevilleas, telopeas, melaleucas, hakeas, dianellas, wahlenbergias, orthrosanthus and billy buttons, some in mass plantings. 0.4ha (1 ac). See *photo Guidebook* p. 35.

Address: 30 Aspen Rise, Jerrabomberra.

Directions: Canberra UBD 30:D13

Open: 16-17 April

2011. 10am-4.30pm. \$6.

Quote of the Month

'The tallest and most stately trees I ever saw in any nobleman's ground in England cannot excel in beauty those which nature presented to our view.' First Fleet Surgeon Arthur Bowes.

'Eucalypts are a familiar part of our landscape and an integral part of the Australian identity. We have farmed them and used them to build houses, furniture, roads and bridges since the beginning of white settlement. We have been inspired by them, painted them, made films about them, written books about them. Though a small number are found as native plants in several other countries, Eucalypts are a very Australian tree.' John Wrigley and Murray Fagg, front flap, *Eucalypts; a Celebration*, Allen and Unwin, 2010.



Eucalyptus ficifolia at Cranbourne Botanic Gardens
Photos Ben Walcott



Eucalyptus woodwardii (Lemon Flowered Gum)
at the Arid Lands Botanic Garden



Eucalyptus kruseana (Bookleaf Gum) at the Arid Lands Botanic Garden

Photo of the Month



Eremophila christophorii at the Arid Lands Botanic Garden

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Greg Whitbread

An Update on IBIS

12.30pm, Thursday 3 March

Heino Lepp and Christine Cargill

Launch of the Lichen Website

12.30 pm, Thursday 10 March

Liz Truswell

Antarctica, Glossospteris and a Sexual Revolution

12.30 pm, Thursday 17 March

Brad Pillans

The New National Rock Garden

12.30 pm, Thursday 24 March

Warwick Wright

Plants vs. Animals and Animals vs. Plants

12:30pm, Thursday 31 March

Contact: Visitor Information Centre

☎ 6250 9540

What's On – March 2011

Next Council Meeting:

12:30-2pm, Wednesday 16 March, Sponsorship Board Room, CSIRO Discovery, Black Mt.

Next Collation: 7pm, Tuesday 5 April.

Collation is from 7pm at Pauline Adams, 4 Beeby Street, Ainslie. Please come along to help.

Bulletin Editor: Rosalind Walcott ☎ 6161 2742 or email bulletin@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au.

Note: Please ensure material for the April *Bulletin* reaches me by Wednesday 23 March.

Calendar of Events

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| 10 March | Members Meeting |
| 16 March | ANPS Council |
| 23 March | April <i>Bulletin</i> Items Due |
| 25-28 Mar. | Bournda NP Field Trip |
| 5 April | ANPS Collation |

*** Autumn Sale March 19 ***

*** Weed Swap April 2-3 ***

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