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Bulletin

September 2010

Members Meeting: Thursday 9 September, 8pm
CSIRO Discovery, Clunies Ross St, Black Mountain

Speaker: Peter Coyne

Peter Coyne started the Norfolk Island office of the Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service in 1978 quite early in his career in nature conservation. He went on to do significant work for Australia's mainland federal national parks – Kakadu, Uluru and Booderee – as well as working in a variety of other nature conservation roles including starting up the National Reserve System and administering wildlife trade.

Topic: Phillip Island

This talk is about Norfolk Island's smaller neighbour, Phillip Island in the South Pacific — its dramatic birth, decline and rebirth. Phillip Island's subtropical ecosystem was destroyed by feral animals. In 1979 Peter began the challenging program to rid Phillip Island of rabbits. Recently he was able to return to Phillip Island to record some of the remarkable changes since rabbit eradication. This is the story of a major success in nature conservation with some botanical surprises.

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: Kama Plants will provide the raffle prize this month.

To donate future raffle prizes **please contact** Paul Carmen or Cathy Hook ☎ 6288 4208 or **email** info@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au

Daytime Activity: A Stroll on Farrer Ridge

Tuesday 21 September, 10am

The Daytime Activity for September will be a walk around the Farrer Ridge Nature Trail. With good winter rain there should be a variety of spring flowers to see. After the walk there is a cafe at the Farrer Shops for those wishing to adjourn for a tea/coffee or sandwich. Meet at the Hawkesbury Crescent entrance to Farrer Ridge (plenty of parking available opposite houses 83-85 in Hawkesbury Crescent).

Contact: Julie Lindner ☎ 6286 4730

Membership Renewal

ANPS member subscriptions for 2010/2011 are due November 1. A renewal form will be sent out with the September, October and November Bulletins. You can also renew using the society's website and a credit card (click PayPal) at <http://nativeplants-canberra.asn.au>. If you intend to renew your membership, please do so soon to avoid unnecessary paperwork..

Volunteers for Spring Plant Sale

It is the time of year again when the Plant Sales Coordinators are seeking volunteers for various jobs both before and during the ANPS Spring Plant Sale. We particularly encourage new members to come along and make this another successful event. If you would like to assist on either set-up day, Friday 15 October, or sale day, Saturday 16 October, please contact one of the Plant Sale Coordinators, either John Carter, ☎ 6231 7055, Ben Walcott, ☎ 6161 2742 or Paul Carmen ☎ 6288 4208 or email at plantsales@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au. Alternatively, you can put your name down on one of the Plant Sale activity sheets which Paul will have at the September evening meeting.

Call for Nominations

Nominations are called for positions on Council. Elections will be held at our General Meeting in November. We need volunteers to stand for two general positions on Council. Please consider serving your Society by standing for election and send your nominations to John Carter ☎ 6277 4306(b/h), 6231 7055 (a/h) or email john.carter.reps@aph.gov.au.

November Members' Night

A members' night is planned for the November evening meeting, following the AGM. We need two presentations of 15 minutes each to be given by two of our members on a native plant related subject of their choice. If you would be interested in giving a presentation, or would like more information, please contact the evening speaker coordinators Ros and Ben Walcott ☎ 6161 2742 or email rwalcott@netspeed.com.au.

Field Trip 18-19 September

South Coast Hinterland

This field trip is being led by Jackie Miles to some plant communities of special significance in the Mt Imlay area. Those who participated in the previous trip with Jackie to the back of Bombala will remember (apart from the rain) the rare and endangered species we were shown and this one promises the same. The suggested venue is the Boydton Caravan Park (boydtonptyltd@bigpond.com ☎ 5496 1268) south of Eden off the Princess Highway where cabins and camping are available. We suggest that participants arrive the Friday afternoon to set up, about 3 hours from Canberra via Nimmitabel, Candelo & Pambula. Contact Roger Farrow ☎ 0427431275. No email or landline contact.

Mt. Tomah Botanic Gardens

Daytime Activity, Tuesday 19 October

You will need to arrange your own accommodation for the night of Monday 18 October. We will be staying at the Zig Zag Motel

in Lithgow and visiting places of interest on the way to Lithgow. Shirley and Warwick Daniels are leading this excursion and have booked a tour of the Secret Creek wildlife sanctuary in Lithgow for 5:30 pm on Monday 18 October for those who are interested. The sanctuary has rare native plants and specialises in breeding rare Australian animals, including quolls. The cost of the guided tour is \$15 per person. Bookings are essential. If sufficient numbers are interested we can also book an evening meal featuring Australian plant foods.

Contact: Shirley and Warwick Daniels ☎ 6231 0852

Wattle Walks

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Wednesday 1 September – Tuesday 7 September 11am daily

Meet at the Visitor Centre

Join our friendly guide for a walk around the beautiful Gardens, and learn the fascinating history of the wattle as our national floral emblem. Free. No bookings required. For enquiries please call the Visitor Centre ☎ 02 6250 9540.

Spring Flower Walks

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Saturday 11 September to Sunday 10 October 11am and 2pm daily

Meet at the Visitor Centre

Let our friendly guides show you the beauty and diversity of spring flowers in the Australian National Botanic Gardens. Surround yourself with the scents and colours of some of our wonderful native flora.

Free. No bookings required. For enquiries please call the Visitor Centre ☎ 02 6250 9540.

Propagation

Potting Up/Division

11am-2pm, Saturday 18 September
13 Chevalley Loop, Gordon

We will be potting up more than 30 punnets already struck from previous cutting bees in February and April - and more. If you want to learn about plant propagation this is a good chance. Please bring gloves and your lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. If it is windy or cold then hats and scarves are a good idea, and if it rains we will proceed under shelter. Those who attend may take home a complimentary plant from the Queanbeyan igloo.

Contact: Linda Johnston ☎ 6294 3390

Photography Competition

Volunteers are needed to serve on a subcommittee to organise the first nationwide joint ANPS/ANBG photographic competition in 2011. If you have an interest in photography of native plants please consider serving on this subcommittee. There will be various categories of photos judged, such as flower, plants in a landscape, plants and people and botanical. Please contact John Carter ☎ 6277 4306 (b/h), 6231 7055 (a/h) or email john.carter.reps@aph.gov.au.

☺ **A very warm welcome to our new member** ☺

☺ Gary Waters

Can You Help?

The ANPS Book Working Group is looking for volunteers to take photographs of plants for which we still need images for the new edition of the *Australian Native Plants for Canberra Gardens*. More details will be provided at the September meeting. Go to our webpage www.nativeplants-canberra.asn.au, Publications by ANPS, then Bulletin Plus Archive for the list of images needed.

Correa Book by Maria Hitchcock

Correas - Australian Plants for Waterwise Gardens, Rosenberg Publishing, RRP \$35.

Maria Hitchcock was Leader of the Correa Study Group from 1991-2007. On **Wednesday, September 1** she will give a talk at the ANBG Theatre at 12.30pm to launch her new book and will be signing books in the ANBG Bookshop at 1.30pm. Maria has researched, photographed, collected and documented wild forms of Correas throughout Australia over many years assisted by her husband Don. She holds the GPCAA registered living collection of Correas in her Armidale garden. This book is the first comprehensive guide to the identification and cultivation of Correas in Australia. It describes 10 species, 26 subspecies and 145 varieties. As well as detailed descriptions, the book contains chapters on cultivation, propagation and a guide to attracting birds to the garden. Many new cultivars, never before published have been included. It will be an excellent reference for gardeners, nurserymen, native plant enthusiasts and botanists.

Wattle Display

Canberra Museum and Gallery

3 July – 31 October

Admire Edwin Ride's collection of objects featuring Australia's floral emblem.

This exhibition illustrates the development of wattle as a symbol of Australia over the last 150 years. The exhibition will coincide with the 100th

anniversary of National Wattle Day on 1st September 2010.

Black Mountain Wildflower Ramble

9.30am to 12 noon, Saturday 9 October

Belconnen Way entry, just before Caswell Drive turnoff (look for the balloons)

For details see previous Bulletins.

Contact: Jean Geue ☎ 6251 1601

ANPS and Floriade

The rostered sessions at the 'weed' garden are between 10am and 1pm and noon to 3pm daily throughout Floriade. Our garden is organised by Jenny Conolly, Weeds Officer with Parks, Conservation & Lands and is near the "kangaroos' pool". **Please contact** Rosemary Blemings if you would be able to give a few hours between 11 September and 10 October ☎ 6258 4724 or email rosemary@blemings.org.

Quote of the Month

'Was the cost and effort of eradicating rabbits from Phillip Island justified? I feel sure it was as both flora and fauna have benefited greatly and the ecosystem's continuing recovery will bring more benefits.' Peter Coyne, *Journal ANPS Canberra Region*, in press, 2010.

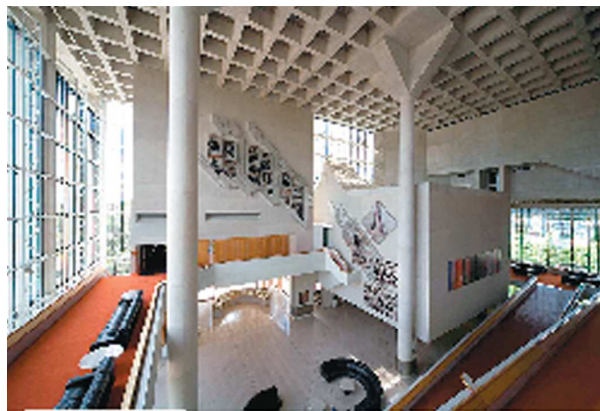


Phillip Island in 1979 after pigs, rabbits and goats had destroyed the vegetation



The same area on Phillip Island in 2008 after the feral animals were removed. Photos by Peter Coyne

Photo of the Month



 **High Court of Australia**
National heritage-listed precinct in
Parliamentary Zone
www.hcourt.gov.au

Flora and the Law Exhibition
during Floriade 2010
Free entry Monday – Friday, 9.45–4.30pm
Sundays 12.00–4.00pm

Calendar of Events

- 9 Sept. Members Meeting
13 Sept. ANPS Council
18 Sept. Cutting/Seed Bee
18-19 Sept. Field Trip South Coast
29 Sept. Oct. *Bulletin* Items Due
5 Oct. ANPS Collation
- * October 16 Spring Sale***
*** October 30 Weed Swap***

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Correas

Maria Hitchcock

Wednesday 1 September, 12.30pm

Hawthorn Eradication – an Aranda Bushland Story

Jean Geue

Thursday 2 September, 12.30pm

Place Names – How Do We Get Them

Brian Fox

Thursday 9 September, 12.30pm

This Generous Earth

Jackie French

Thursday 16 September, 12.30pm

Increasing Frost Damage in a Warming Climate

Marilyn Ball

Thursday 23 September, 12.30pm

Epiphytes

Ben Wallace

Thursday 30 September, 12.30pm

Contact: Visitor Information Centre

☎ 6250 9540

What's On – September 2010

Next Council Meeting:

12:30-2pm, Monday 13 September, Sponsorship Board Room, CSIRO Discovery, Black Mt.

Next Collation: 7pm, Tuesday 5 October.

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

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