



GOLDEN WHISTLER

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National Parks (Blue Mountains National Park and Kanangra-Boyd National Park) and the Hunter National Park proposal of the National Parks and Wildlife Service. The many threats include power lines, new highways, coalmining, pine plantations trailbikes etc.

The Park would be over one million hectares and would be unique in the world in being so close to a great city. The Colong c'tee, Bushwalkers of NSW, Colo C'tee, TEC, and other organisations have done great work in preparing submissions.

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BUSH RAMBLE to Clarence area on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> a small group of ten ramblers, enjoyed a day in the vicinity of the old reservoir on Dargans Creek, which flows into the Lett River. The area proved to be picturesque and rich in plant and birdlife. Those interested in orchids had a feast day as no less than 14 species were found and identified, including some of the less common caladenias and the lemitras (sun-orchids), there were also Bearded Orchids (*Calochilus*), Donkey orchids (*Diuris*) and Greenhoods (*Pterostylis*), a number of other interesting plants were recorded including some lovely boronias, especially the lovely *B. anemonifolia*. The area was bright with many "Pea-flowers" including *Daviesias*, *Pultenaea*, *Dillwynia* etc., and many other species too numerous to mention.

Birdlife was also plentiful and a pair of nesting Striated Pardalotes were observed using a hole in an eucalyptus; identification of birds was difficult as unfortunately the group did not include any of our bird experts. Two large kangaroos were seen pursued by two large dogs who stopped to look at us before returning to the scrub. Feral dogs, a sad note on an otherwise delightful outing...K.R.G.

BARRALLIER'S EXPLORATIONS. Illness prevented Mr W Breach, our advertised speaker, from attending the September meeting.

Mr Terry Macartney very ably stepped in with an interesting account illustrated with splendid slides, on various theories as to where the explorer Barrallier actually went on his journeys west of Sydney.

FACETS OF NATURE was the title of Beverly Fielders TALK TO THE October meeting. She showed some most beautiful slides of very close up photographs of flowers and insects. Some showing the camouflage of certain spiders were particularly remarkable.

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The proposed Greater Blue Mountains National Park and Botany Bay.

26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, November 1976

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#### GREATER BLUE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK PROPOSED

Delegates from our Society attended a most impressive meeting of the Greater Blue Mountains National Park Committee in Sydney on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The following day the case for the creation of this Park was put to the NSW Premier Mr Neville Wran by representatives of the various organisations which had prepared submissions.

The concept, which was earlier endorsed by the 1976 annual conference of the Nature Conservation Council of NSW embodies the proposals put forward by the National Parks and Primitive areas Council in 1932.

It would include the Colo wilderness area, the headwaters of the Capertee and Wolgan Rivers the Nattai river, the Bindock Tableland and the bulk of the Warragamba Catchment together with the interesting Crown lands between these areas, the existing National Parks (Blue Mountains National Park and Kanangra-Boyd National Park) and the Hunter National Park proposal of the National Parks and Wildlife Service. The many threats include power lines, new highways, coal mining, pine plantations, trailbikes etc,.

The Park would be over one million hectares and would be unique in the world in being so close to a great city. The Colong committee, Bushwalkers of NSW, Colo Committee, Total Environment Centre, and other organisations have done great work in preparing submissions.

Funds are needed for a continuing campaign. Fees for preparing and printing the main submissions with elaborate photos and maps amount to \$1,000 or more and it is proposed to prepare and print a special issue of the National Parks Journal in the New Year, which will embody the whole proposal. A fund of \$3,000 has been launched. Donations are tax deductible.

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