

FRIENDS of the GREAT VICTORIA DESERT PARKS

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BIRD REPORT FGVD FIELD TRIP August 2011

We had a wonderful trip to the western area of the GVD this year. The wildflowers were magnificent, the trees were looking healthy and the birds were in full voice.

A few more people were welcomed into the birding group and we may have sparked a serious interest with some - lets hope so.

For the first time, the Friends of the GVD saw their LOGO - the beautiful Princess Parrot. It was thrilling to see so many birds with such excellent views. Often a rare bird is only glimpsed.

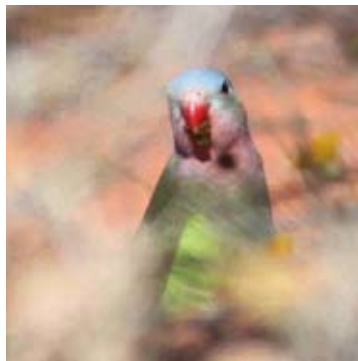
I found it very rewarding to have people who had not previously shown a great interest in birds, to tell me that seeing these Princess Parrots was the highlight of the trip. It certainly was for me.

In all , we totalled 51 very good bird species sightings, (see page two for the list of birds sighted) the Zebra Finch was by far the most numerous species - possibly 1000s were seen.

If we have good rains again we can hope for another successful survey next year.

Thank you to all who made this year such a success.

Elizabeth Lloyd



PREDACEOUS BUG

Bugs from the family Reduviidae have the common name of Assassin bugs. This small representative *Ptilocnemus* spp. collected at the black light at campsite one during our field trip in August 2011 is truly amazing when viewed through the microscope.

The spongy setose pods assist to hold prey.

Other interesting insect collections include one WA species of native bee and a tiny beetle, both represented in the SA Museum collections by only one other specimen.



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Photos: Princess Parrot I.Jackson; close up N.Hudson.
Predaceous bug: SAMuseum imaging unit.

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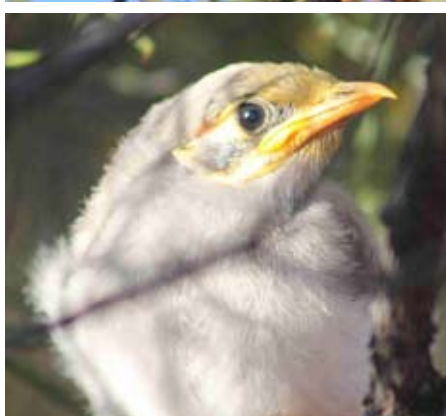


BIRD REPORT - LIST

Stubble Quail
 Black-shouldered Kite
 Brown Goshawk
 Collared Sparrowhawk
 Brown Falcon nesting
 Australian Hobby
 Peregrine Falcon
 Australian Bustard
 Little Button-quail
 Diamond Dove
 Cockatiel
 Australian Ringneck
 Blue Bonnet
 Mulga Parrot
 Princess Parrot
 Budgerigar
 Pallid Cuckoo 1 rufous
 Horsefield's Bronze-Cuckoo
 Southern Boobook
 Red-backed Kingfisher
 White-browed Treecreeper
 Splendid Fairy-wren
 Striated Pardalote
 Inland Thornbill
 Chestnut-rumped Thornbill nesting
 Spiney-cheeked Honeyeater
 Yellow-throated Miner
 Singing Honeyeater
 Grey-fronted Honeyeater
 White-fronted Honeyeater
 Pied Honeyeater
 Crimson Chat
 Jacky Winter
 Red-capped Robin
 Hooded Robin
 White-browed Babbler
 Crested Bellbird
 Rufous Whistler
 Grey Shrike-thrush
 Willie Wagtail
 White-winged Triller
 Masked Woodswallow
 Black-faced Woodswallow
 Pied Butcherbird
 Richards Pipit
 Zebra Finch
 White-backed Swallow nesting
 Rufous Songlark
 Brown Songlark

There were reports of Major
 Mitchell's Cockatoo and Black
 Falcon.

Photo acknowledgements: front page
 Princess Parrot I.Jackson; close up
 N.Hudson. top: Red Capped Robin
 M.Goods; Grey-fronted Honeyeater
 M.Goods; Masked Woodswallow N.Hudson;
 Yellow Throated Miner N.Hudson; Princess
 Parrot N.Matthews; no id. L.M.Walker;
 Finches M.Mead.



TRACK-BASED MONITORING TECHNIQUES

During the field trip to the Great Victoria Desert in August 2011 we were fortunate to join Rick Southgate and his colleague to experience first hand, some track-based monitoring techniques. Rick is co-author of the book *'Tales in the Sand. A guide to identifying Australian arid zone fauna using spoor and other signs'*.

The authors of this wonderful book - Katherine Moseby, Theresa Nano and Rick Southgate are encouraging everyone to contribute to the national database by submitting two hectare track-plot datasheets.

Track-based monitoring must be conducted within a defined search area, in a repeatable and standardised way. Although many different methods can be used, the 2-ha track-plot method has been accepted by a wide range of stakeholders as the national standard.

Rick showed us how to **measure** tracks (page 16 of the book) including track width and length. Stride of the animal and Group width and length and intergroup (distance between group patterns).

Another important aspect is the **age of the track** e.g. how long ago was the animal here? 1-2 days, 3 days to 1 week or older. What are the **abundance** of the animal tracks? In all four quarters of the plot, half to three quarters or only one individual or one quarter of the plot.

Time of day is also very important to ascertain the **visibility** of the tracks. When the sun is lower there is usually more shadow and the tracks are easier to see. Likewise presence of strong wind or rain as these can obliterate tracks very quickly.

Lastly the **vegetation cover** needs to be recorded, in particular the percentage of cover as less cover can provide more opportunities to see more tracks.

Rick was also keen to show us the different tracks and pointed out that you needed to look at a run of tracks rather than just individual tracks. Some animals walk on four feet (**quadrupedal**) others are walk on two feet (**bipedal**) so that is the first clue to identifying your track. Secondly you need to ascertain how the animal was moving or its **gait** - bounding, overstep, understep, hop or stride. Other signs to look for include **scats**, **diggings** and **burrows**

Here are the examples of tracks provided in the book.

Quadrupedal bounding overstep - put hind feet in front of front feet when move. Front feet can be offset with a space between sets of prints.

- Greater Bilby
- Brush-tailed Mulgara
- Crest-tailed Mulgara
- European Rabbit
- Common brushtail Possum
- Small dunnart, Hairy-footed dunnart
- Large dunnart, Sandhill dunnart
- Plains rat
- Sandy Inland Mouse
- Large rats

Quadrupedal overstep stride - can be 'direct register' back feet step into track of front feet (so front set of tracks can be smudgy or slightly offset).

- Feral cat
- Red fox

- Dingo
- Cow
- Camel
- Donkey
- Horse
- Pig
- Goat and sheep

Quadrupedal understep stride - front feet tracks are behind the back feet. May have a tail drag.

- Southern Marsupial Mole
- Short-beaked Echidna
- Great Desert skink
- *Egernia* spp.
- Sand goanna
- Blue tongue lizards
- Sleepy lizard
- Thorny devil
- Gecko

Bipedal Hop - feet together, space between sets of prints

- Hopping mice
- Babblers and hopping birds such as finches, wrens and robins
- Red kangaroo
- Western grey kangaroo
- Northern Nailtail wallaby
- Spectacled hare-wallaby
- Rock wallabies

Bipedal stride - one foot after the other, both feet same size and form.

- Mallee fowl
- Australian bustard
- Corvids such as crows, ravens and magpies.
- Parrots and cockatoos
- Little button quail
- Pigeons and doves
- Bush stone-curlew
- Emu

Other tracks include:

- frogs
- snakes and sand sliders,
- Invertebrates such as beetles and scorpions.



Rick Southgate demonstrates a track (see his electronic GPS/notebook). One of the tracking groups. Dog or Dingo? Hopping mouse runway; bird tracks and scratchings. Photos: Jan Forrest

**Part report on INVERTEBRATES
COLLECTED IN THE GVD
August, 2011. Jan Forrest OAM**

Approximately 1200 ants and other 800 insect specimens were collected on this trip comprising insects from 11 different orders. Collecting methods included micro pitfalls, malaise traps, uv light, beating bushes, looking under bark, honey baiting of Eucalyptus trees, digging up burrows, vehicle and hand netting.

The most interesting collection made was of native bees and wasps and these are presently being identified along with the Diptera (flies). The ants have all been sorted and a summary of the genera collected are included in this report.

Nine species of butterfly were collected. Of these one species *Candalides heathi* Rayed blue was not collected on the Maralinga Waterhouse club expedition of 2010.

One specimen of beetle (see page 7 for list) is known from South Australia from only one other specimen collected in the mallee and several interesting specimens of bugs (Hemiptera) have been identified by Joy Rodrigues (see images front page and right).

In addition, nine species of grasshoppers, 1 preying mantis, six species of cockroaches, 14 species of bugs, 15 families of beetles (79 specimens), 7 species of moths and 1 pseudo scorpion are being identified.



Order Hemiptera: top Pentatomidae (immature looking) *Diemenia* group *Boocoris* gen. nov. Arid regions of SA and the centre of the continent, plant feeding.

Right: Pentatomidae *Alcaeus lignicolor* plant eating.

Photos: SAM imaging unit



Margaret Mead, Entomology Assistant
Photo: Jan Forrest



SUMMARY OF ANT GENERA COLLECTED AT EACH SITE.

site	traptaxon	994	<i>Calomyrmex</i>	008	<i>Calomyrmex</i>
987	<i>Rhytidoponera</i> sm	994	<i>Crematogaster</i>	008	<i>Melophorus</i> yb
987	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> meat	994	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> yb	cm2	<i>Camponotus johnclarki</i> nr
987	<i>Melophorus</i> nml	994	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> □	cm2	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> yb
987	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> sb	994	<i>Melophorus</i> nml	cm2	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> sb
987	<i>Melophorus</i> 2	994	<i>Monomorium</i> b	cm2	<i>Monomorium</i> wb
987	<i>Monomorium</i> b	994	<i>Doleromyrma</i>	cm2	<i>Melophorus</i> f
987	<i>Monomorium</i> wy	007	<i>Rhytidoponera</i> sm	cm2	<i>Melophorus</i> nml
988	<i>Tetramorium</i>	007	<i>Monomorium</i> b	cm2	<i>Rhytidoponera</i> sm
988	<i>Cardiocondyla</i>	007	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> yb	cm2	<i>Pachycondyla</i>
988	<i>Polyrhachis</i> ♀	007	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> sb	c hb	<i>Camponotus clarior</i>
988	<i>Melophorus</i> g	007	<i>Melophorus</i> g	c hb	<i>Polyrhachis</i> ♀
988	<i>Melophorus</i> 2	007	<i>Melophorus</i> nml	c hb	<i>Camponotus gibbinotus</i>
988	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> □	007	<i>Melophorus</i> 2	c hb	<i>Rhytidoponera</i> sm
989	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> □	007	<i>Melophorus</i> 2h	c hb	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> sb
989	<i>Camponotus donnellani</i>	008	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> □	c hb	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> my
989	<i>Calomyrmex</i>	008	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> sb	c hb	<i>Meranoplus</i>
989	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> yb	008	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> mb	987	<i>Camponotus capito</i>
989	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> mb	008	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> yb	984	<i>Calomyrmex</i>
989	<i>Monomorium</i> wb	008	<i>Melophorus</i> gra	camp	<i>Camponotus nigriceps</i>
989	<i>Melophorus</i> nml	008	<i>Monomorium</i> b	987	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> meat
989	<i>Doleromyrma</i>	008	<i>Rhytidoponera</i> sm	987	<i>Calomyrmex</i>

Summary of sites and genera continues on page 5.

SUMMARY OF ANT COLLECTING SITES collected JForrest GVD Aug. 2011

des	gps	dist	Dir OAK VALLEY	deg	lat	long	date
micro pits GPS 007	007	103.92	NW		28°48'53"S	129°52'59"E	
malaise trap GPS 007	007	105.6	WNW	303	28°48'53"S	129°52'59"E	
pitfalls 9.9km W camp GPS 008	008	111.56	NW	300	28°48'57"S	129°47'06"E	22-26 Aug.
vehicle net vicinity 10km E and W	008	113	WNW		28°48'57"S	129°47'06"E	22-26 Aug.
honey bait nr camp 2 GPS 012	012	104.30	NW	303	28°48'57"S	129°52'38"E	22-26 Aug.
sandhill E camp GPS 013	013	102.59	NW	303.5	28°48'58"S	129°53'57"E	26 Aug.
Sweeping E. delisseri GPS 035	035	115.96	SSW	202.8	30°18'36"S	130°11'35"E	15 Aug.
black oak GPS 983	983	103.39	W	263	29°26'11"S	129°40'22"E	15 Aug.
micro pits 2.5km W camp GPS 987	987	118.89	W	261.9	29°27'44"S	129°30'50"E	16-19 Aug.
beating 2.5km W camp GPS 987	987	118.8	W	261.9	29°27'44"S	129°30'50"E	16-19 Aug.
2.5km W camp GPS 987	987	118.8	W	261.9	29°27'44"S	129°30'50"E	16-19 Aug.
veg site GPS 988 micro pitfalls	988	116.8	W	261.7	29°27'55"S	129°32'08"E	16-19 Aug.
veg site GPS 988 malaise	988	116.8	W	261.7	29°27'55"S	129°32'08"E	16-19 Aug.
veg site GPS 988 beating	988	116.8	W	261.7	29°27'55"S	129°32'08"E	20 Aug.
micro pitfalls nr camp GPS 989	989	116.7	W	262.4	29°27'09"S	129°32'08"E	16-19 Aug.
sweeping GPS 992	992	92.9	W	263.5	29°25'35"S	129°46'50"E	20 Aug.
micro pitfalls GPS 994	994	112.6	W	262	29°26'50"S	129°34'41"E	16-19 Aug.
under bark GPS 994	994	112.6	W	262	29°26'50"S	129°34'41"E	20 Aug.
sturt pea GPS 995	995	121	WSW	249	29°41'21"S	129°31'52"E	19 Aug.
road to camp 2 GPS 997	997	117	W	270	29°18'19"S	129°32'13"E	21 Aug.
camp 2 GPS MUMCM2	cm2	105.44	WNW	303	28°48'55"S	129°53'06"E	22 Aug.
pitfalls nr camp 2 GPS MUMCM2	cm2	105.44	WNW	303	28°48'55"S	129°53'06"E	22-26 Aug.
malaise nr camp 2 GPS MUMCM2	cm2	105.44	WNW	303	28°48'55"S	129°53'06"E	22-26 Aug.
camp 16-19 Aug11 GPS MUMCMP	cmp	116.5	W	262.4	29°27'09"S	129°32'16"E	16-19 Aug.
vehicle net vicinity camp MUMCMP	cmp	116.5	W	262.4	29°27'09"S	129°32'16"E	16-19 Aug.
at light 16-19 Aug11 GPS MUMCMP	cmp	116.5	W	262.4	29°27'09"S	129°32'16"E	18 Aug.
beating 2.5km W camp GPS 987	987	118.8	W	261.9	29°27'44"S	129°30'50"E	16-19 Aug.
black oak	984	103.4	W		29°26'39"S	129°37'51"E	15 Aug
at black light	camp	116.5	W	262.4	29°27'09"S	129°32'16"E	18 Aug
pitfalls	987	118.8	W	261.9	29°27'44"S	129°30'50"E	16-19 Aug.

SUMMARY OF ANT COLLECTIONS BY *Camponotus* species and other Genera.

Identified and collated by John (Exo) Weyland

Collecting methods for ants were primarily micro pitfalls plus one honey baiting session at the second campsite. See page 4 for summary of genera collected at each site.

site trap	<i>C. clarior</i>	<i>C. donnellani</i>	<i>C. gibbinotus</i>	<i>C. johncarlark nr</i>	<i>Calomyrmex</i>	<i>Cardiocondyla</i>	<i>Crematogaster</i>	<i>Doleromyrma</i>	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> □	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> mb	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> meat	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> my	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> sb	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> yb	<i>Melophorus</i> 2	<i>Melophorus</i> 2h	<i>Melophorus</i> f	<i>Melophorus</i> g	<i>Melophorus</i> gra	<i>Melophorus</i> nml	<i>Melophorus</i> yb	<i>Meranoplus</i>	<i>Monomorium</i> b	<i>Monomorium</i> wb	<i>Monomorium</i> wy	<i>Pachycondyla</i>	<i>Polyrhachis</i> ♀	<i>Rhytidoponera</i> sm	<i>Tetramorium</i>
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c hb	1		1									2	1									1					1	1	
cm2				1									1	1			1			1				1		1		1	
Total	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	4	2	1	2	5	5	3	1	1	2	1	5	1	1	4	2	1	1	2	5	1
% sites	13	13	13	13	38	13	13	25	50	25	13	13	63	63	38	13	13	25	13	63	13	13	50	25	13	13	25	63	13

Membership fees were due on 1st January, 2012. If you have not yet paid please do so now.

See page 7 for details.

FIELD TRIP TO GVD August, 2011

Photographers include: Margaret Mead, Bill Dowling, Jan Forrest, Trevor Coleman Lyn Murray-Walker and Val Hanson.



WYOLA LAKE MALLEES

A new stand of the Wyola Lake mallee, *Eucalyptus wyolensis*, was found and photographed in June by the 2011 field trip advance party. This extremely rare eucalypt was previously only known in a small patch near Oak Valley. The new stand is further to the west, very near the Mamungari Conservation Park.

Additional data gathering was undertaken during the 2011 field trip to support this find, including a full vegetation plot survey at the new stand.



Eucalyptus wyolensis
Photos: Jan Forrest



LIST OF COLEOPTERA (BEETLES) FAMILIES (79 specimens) COLLECTED IN THE GREAT VICTORIA DESERT.

Curculionidae 11

Staphylinidae 4

Tenebrionidae 1

Scarabaeidae 2

Carabidae 3

Nitidulidae 6

Dermestidae 18

(including 1 *Trichelodes* only the second specimen in the S.A. Museum collection, the first is from the mallee. See photo right from SAM imaging unit. Scale bar is .5mm.

Scaptiidae 2

Chrysomelidae 6

Cleridae 1

Histeridae 1

Anobiidae 2

Leiodidae 3

Melyridae 13

Phalacridae 4

Mal Hanson and
Margaret Mead collect
insect specimens.
Photo: Jan Forrest



MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE

Members are encouraged to pay their subscriptions via Electronic Transfer as follows:

- Account name "Friends of Great Victoria Desert Parks"
 - BSB number 805023.
 - Account number 02321735.
 - Within the reference section record name and "subs FGVD".
- On the completion of an electronic transfer please notify the treasurer Peter Facy peterfacy@adam.com.au

PUBLIC TALKS PROGRAM

Presented by
Butterfly Conservation SA Inc.

On the first Tuesday of the month March to November at 6.15pm for a prompt 6.30pm start.

At the Clarence Park Community Centre
72-74 East Avenue, Black Forest.

Bus route W91/W90: stop 10.

Noarlunga Train service: Clarence Park Station

Glenelg Tram: Forestville stop 4, 9min walk south.

Entry by donation (minimum of \$2).

Please bring supper to share, tea/coffee will be supplied.

Meetings should conclude by 8.30pm.

At the start of each meeting (other than in Aug) a ten minute presentation on a 'Butterfly of the Month' will be given by a BCSA committee member.

3rd April "Wildlife conservation in your back yard" James Smith of fauNature helps people to attract wildlife to, or manage the species they find, in their own backyard. This presentation will consider the vertebrate wildlife we find in Adelaide, what is "Wildlife Friendly" and why the backyard is so important for broader conservation.

1st May "Aboriginal use of the Adelaide Plains Flora" This interesting talk by anthropologist Dr. Philip Clarke will consider how Aboriginal people used local plants as food and medicine, as well as to make their artefacts.

5th June "Whales and Dolphins in SA and how research at the SA Museum helps to conserve them" Museum Researcher Dr. Cath Kemper will talk about the diversity of cetaceans in South Australia and how data from studying dead animals are combined with data from the sightings programme to learn more about these special mammals.

3rd July "Climate – Why does the rain fall and the wind blow?" Founding Professor of Meteorology at the Flinders University of SA Emeritus Professor Peter Schwerdfeger has published over 100 papers and authored two internationally published books. This talk will be of interest to everyone.

7th Aug. BCSA AGM at 6.30 Talk commences 7.00pm "Native Bees" Many of our native bees have remarkable and interesting life histories, hear about them and what you can do in your garden to attract them from Museum researcher Dr. Remko Leijds.

4th Sept. "Adelaide Moths" BCSA Life Member Roger Grund has spent the previous year investigating the moths in his backyard on the hills-face at Torrens Park. He will talk about those findings with images of a variety of moths seen, including some early stage images.

2nd Oct. "Antarctic Peninsula January – March 2009: wildlife, scenery and tour guiding." Hon. Research Associate at the SAMuseum Dr. Peter Shaughnessy has studied marine mammals for over 40 years. His talk will provide visitors with a glimpse into Antarctic life including, seals and seabirds.

6th Nov. "Bats – survivors in today's world" Adelaide's own batman Terry Reardon will provide a fascinating insight into the habits of South Australian bats and how you can help to conserve them.

In the case of an advertised speaker not being available, a speaker of similar interest will replace that advertised.

NEWS FROM DENR and FRIENDS OF PARKS

FRIENDS FORUM 2012

To be held at Naracoorte 5th to 7th October.
 Saturday am - presentations in the Town Hall
 Saturday pm - caves tours including the Palaeontology lab, bat centre and Wonambi fossil centre.
 Sat evening - dinner in the Town Hall
 Sun am - Bool Lagoon wetlands from daybreak and/or informal program of activities and tours
 Sunday pm - Town Hall talks, discussions and questions including talk on Bool Lagoon.
 Applications from Secretary or contact Allen Attwood, Friends of Naracoorte Caves, 80 Smith Street, NARACOORTE, SA. 5271 <atthome@active8.net.au>

SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA

Safe Work Australia have recently released a new package of information including a range of information sheets on the new Work Health Safety Act recently introduced to State Parliament. For further information contact Safe Work Australia on <http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/>.

FIRST AID COURSES

The Volunteer Support Unit of DENR has purchased a limited number of spots in Basic first aid Training (also called Emergency First Aid), 1 day (9-5) and Senior First Aid Training (two days or one day online/one day practical) via St.John Ambulance and the Red Cross.

The course is free however each **booking must be made via our Friends Group President or Secretary, to the Volunteer Support Unit.** Closing date is when all the places are taken.

Once your registration has been accepted by the Volunteer Support Unit, you will be contacted and advised to choose course details, date and venue from either St.John or Red Cross. www.stjohn.org.au Ph: 1300 360 455 or www.redcross.org.au Ph: 1300 367 428. Forward the course information back to the Volunteer Support Unit who will make the booking for you.

Places are limited and generally restricted to one or two people from each Friends group. Contact the President for a registration form.

SAFE CHEMICAL HANDLING AND WEED CONTROL COURSES

Free courses are being organised by NRM communities coordinator Andy Raymond 9.am - 1.pm on the following dates: 28 April Gawler
 5 May Morialta
 12 May Woodcroft

If you are interested please contact Andy direct on 82739100 or via email andrew.raymond@adelaidenrm.sa.gov.au. RSVP 6th April.

19th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF FRIENDS OF PARKS

Will be held on Monday 14th May, 2012 at the Ted and Molly Hughes Conference Centre Para Wirra Recreation Park at 10.00am for 10.30am start.

Morning Tea on arrival

Business includes:

Statistics, Reports, Constitution amendments, Elections and General business including a discussion paper on the Future of Friends of Parks Inc.

FRIENDS OF THE FLINDERS MAY EVENT Monday 21st May to Tuesday 29th May 2012

Our group will join Friends of the Flinders on a working bee including post and fencing at the Yanyanna Hut area on the Bunyeroo track or jobs at Apealinna Ruins and Wilpena Homestead gardens. Possibility of some birding work and on the Saturday and Sunday Mal and Val Hanson will lead some trips and a creek walk.

We will based at Oraparinna, caravans, campers/tents ok.

If you are interested in coming - CONTACT Trevor Coleman via email tcntc@optusnet.com.au



BUTTERFLY COLLECTIONS

One specimen of this Rayed blue butterfly *Candalides heathi* was collected on our 2011 field trip. A full report on the collections made will feature in the next newsletter.
 Photo: LFHunt

DIARY DATES

MEETINGS

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be at 7:30 pm on Friday 15 June 2012. The meeting will be held at the Royal Lifesaving Society, 175 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Cowandilla SA 5033. Off road parking is available behind the building. The meeting will finalise arrangements for the 2012 field trip in September. All members and prospective members are welcome. The agenda will be available before the meeting in the member's area of the website <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~fgvd/index.htm>.

NOVEMBER MEETING General Meeting - Friday 16 November 2012

2012 FIELD TRIP: Planning for this year's field trip to the Goog's Track area is underway. The work will include malleefowl and vegetation surveys and other biological monitoring activities. The group will meet in the Foreshore Hotel, Ceduna for dinner on the evening of Saturday 1 September and the trip proper will leave from Ceduna at 9 am on the following day. The trip will conclude at Glendambo on Friday 14 September. The logistics officer will circulate details to members shortly.

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WEB LINKS

DEH information on Mamungari Conservation Park:
<http://www.parks.sa.gov.au/mamungari/index.htm>

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<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~fgvd/index.htm>