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Monthly Meeting, 4th Tuesday of the month

With summer weather here again bushfires become part of our daily news.

There is an unfortunate tendency for general condemnation of these fires to be exercised only when human life or property is lost or these fires are in a position to menace life and property.

The Australian flora in general can survive a degree of burning that would more seriously deplete floras of other countries.

Our two most dominant groups of trees, Acacias and Eucalypts mostly proliferate after fires, and in so doing hide from most the true damage, which is the depletion and extinction of other species and destruction or alteration of habitat of fauna.

Whilst evidence of bushfires have been found to exist in pre-settlement days, this fact in itself surely does not validate burning being tolerated in our fast diminishing areas of bushland. Certainly, all interested in National Parks and conservation should do their utmost towards fire prevention, and the education of the young people in the community towards the effects of fires.

National Park Finance.

The recent announcement by the N. S. W. Government of approval of payment of advances totalling £ 33,790 to trustees of National Parks and reserves sounds like high finance.

However after deducting the advance of £ 8,750 made to the Kosciusko State Park Trust, the other 28 parks and reserves will receive an average of less than £ 900 each.

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"Wildlife Conservation" - A booklet on the principles and practice of Wildlife Conservation. The provisions of the Fauna Protection Act (N. S. W.). Notes on Wildlife in competition with man's use of the soil. Contains a list of Proclaimed Rare Fauna and Unprotected Fauna of N. S. W. and Nature Conservation Societies.

"Nature Reserves" - This booklet sets out, with maps, the Nature Reserve system of N. S. W. Faunal Reserves and National Parks are given special emphasis. Part 1 delves into the needs of wildlife.

"Wildlife Refuge" - The importance of conserving natural environments. Contains a list of Refuges, Faunal Reserves, National Parks and Faunal Districts (Sanctuaries) in N. S. W. (New Edition, May, 1965).

These booklets may be had on application to: -

Fauna Protection Panel, Chief Secretary's Dept.,
Caltex House, 167 Kent St., Sydney, N. S. W.

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A Residential Adult Seminar will be held at the University of New England, Armidale, N. S. W. from the 11th to 13th February, 1966. National Parks is the subject, and common problems of management and future policy of National Parks in N. S. W. will be discussed. Papers will be given by academics and representatives of the Fauna Protection Panel and the C. S. I. R. O. Fees: Residential £8, Non-residential £5.5.0. Enrolments close on December 21st, 1965 and forms can be obtained from:-

The Director, Dept. of University Extension,
University of New England, Armidale, N. S. W.

For details of air concession fares to above or other details contact Jim Webb, 43661 (evenings).

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Vegetation of Wyperfield National Park

(North-West Victoria)

This recently published book gives a good coverage of the plants of this Park. It is well illustrated with photos and drawings of 100 of 418 species recorded.

It was written by J. Ros. Garnet (Secretary of Victorian National Parks Association), and published by the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria in conjunction with Wyperfield National Park Management Committee. Included is a map of the reserve (139,760) acres and the cost is fifteen shillings plus postage.

Wyperfield can easily be visited by A. C. T. travellers proceeding to South Australia by car, with a very few miles detour and is well known as a refuge for the Mallee fowl.

Intending visitors can purchase copies from Field Naturalists Club, Vic., c/- National Herbarium, Domain, South Yarra, Vic. A copy will also be available for inspection at the next meeting.

Did you read this one?

Canberra Times Friday Oct. 8th. 1965

The Chairman of Associated Minerals Consolidated Ltd., the world's largest single producer of rutile and zircon sands currently mining on the east coast of Australia, Mr. E. S. Owens, said his board hoped that the National Parks legislation in N. S. W. -

"Would be drafted in a manner which would safeguard the interests of the mineral sands industry".

"The Enabling legislation should be framed so as to ensure that flora and fauna reserves should only become fully reserved from mining after minerals are removed".

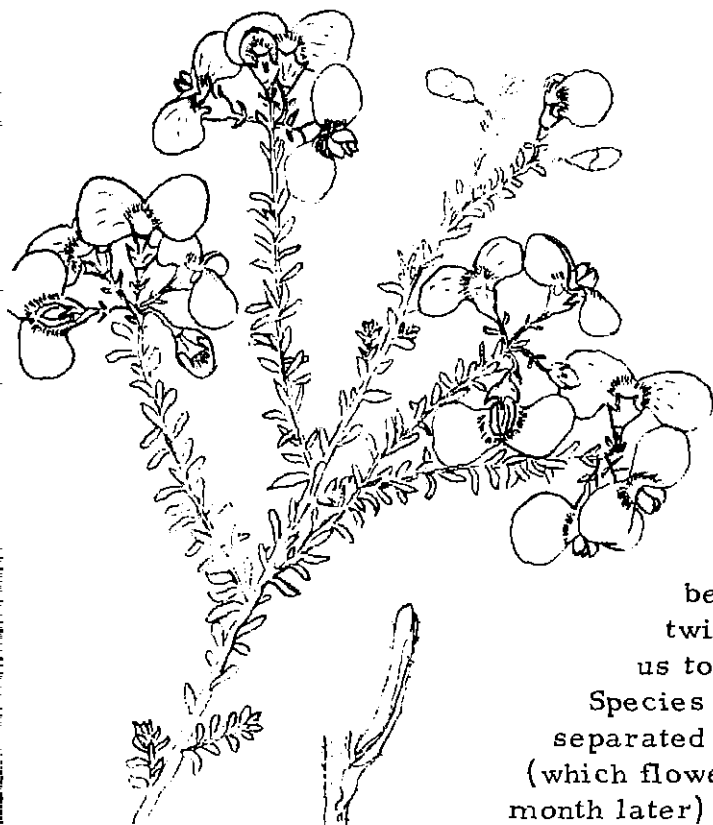
Mineral mining is generally carried out on stabilised fossil dunes up to half a mile from the beach, all vegetation is removed by bulldozer and sands passed through machines similar to dredges.

Editor

Xmas Cards

This year National Parks Xmas Cards will be available again. They feature four different views and sell for 1/- each. For the first time our new badge will feature on these cards. They will be on sale at meetings and outings.

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Among the early flowers of wooded slopes near Canberra is the Parrot Pea figured here. It has the rather alarming botanical name of Dillwynia retorta var. phyllicoides. The plants are low shrubs and they are common on Mt. Ainslie and Black Mt. The flowers are reddish-orange with the large upper petal peculiar in being broader than long. This petal has a dark purplish curved mark above the narrow base. If the leaves are closely examined it will

be found that they are spirally twisted and this character helps us to recognise the species.

Species of Dillwynia can be separated from those of Pultenaea (which flower in the same place about a month later) by the fact that there are two minute bracteoles on the stalk of the flower. In Pultenaea these bracteoles are to be found on the calyx tube.

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CORRECTION

Owing to a regrettable lack of contact between author and editor at certain critical moments the last two items in the wildflower series were published without number. We apologise for the oddity of the resulting title "EYES OR NO EYES NO" though perhaps it might be offered to the Beatles for a new song and suggest that readers insert the proper numbers in their own copies as follows: No. 13 Brachychiton.

No. 14 Drosera.

MEETINGS

October

- Date : Tuesday 26th October, 1965
Place : Institute of Anatomy
Feature : The Guest Speaker will be
Mr. N. Robinson of Division of Wildlife
Research, C. S. I. R. O. The talk will
feature sound recordings of birds.
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November

- Date : Tuesday 23rd. November, 1965
Place : Institute of Anatomy
Feature : Mr. Stephen Marchant will address us
on "Bird Breeding in the A. C. T. in
relation to the Australian Nest Record
Scheme".
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December, January - No Meetings

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OUTINGS.

October

Date : Sunday 31st October, 1965
Place : "Strathnairn"
Time : 10 a.m.
Where : Junction Coppins Crossing Road and Weetangera Road (off Dryandra St. O'Connor)
Leader : Ian Baird. Mr. Baird will conduct the party over his property and discuss and show us the difficulties facing a landholder who endeavours to practise nature conservation. A trip to western boundary fronting the Murrumbidgee is contemplated in the afternoon.

November

Date : Sunday 28th November, 1965
Place : "The Big Hole" and Cheitmore Limestone Area
Time : 10 a.m.
Where : Captains Flat main street
Leaders : R. Storey and J. Webb.
It is proposed to visit the Big Hole before lunch. After lunch it is proposed to visit Chietmore limestone area. Several miles walking from the Big Hole is involved for this Section. For non walkers a group will remain in the Big Hole area.

December

Date : Sunday 12th December, 1965
Place : Tinderry Range and Upper Queanbeyan River
Time : 10 a.m.
Where : Michelago Railway Station
Leader : Margo Cox. Party will return after a cool off in Queanbeyan River via Captains Flat.
