

**TFNC Conservation Matters, Fauna and Flora Observations
from The Quarterly News, Circulars and Bulletins 1904-2018**

Year	Date	Number	Item
QUARTERLY NEWS			
1937	Oct	2	Article on Astronomy by Chas Elliott
1937	Oct	2	Article on Tasmanian Conifers: Three recorded species. <i>Arthrotaxis cupressoides</i> (King William Pine); <i>Arthrotaxis selaginoides</i> (Pencil Pine) and a variable form of <i>Arthrotaxis laxifolia</i> intermediate between the other two. Lists four other conifers...More detail given. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fitzroya archeri</i> • <i>Microcachrys tetragona</i> • <i>Pherosphaera hookeriana</i> (Hooker's Pine) • <i>Dacrydium franklini</i> (Huon Pine)
1937	Oct	2	The Secretary of the Tasmanian Biological Survey would like to hear from anyone willing to collect native mice, other small mammals, insects etc. Equipment supplied free and postage paid on specimens sent to him c/o The Museum.
1937	Apr	4	Report of the first six months of this Survey group has been published. ...More collectors are needed... Specimens of Cave Spiders and Cave Insects are of particular interest to this Survey group their eyes are more or less degenerate....to compensate they possess enormous antennae or feelers and other sense organs are greatly developed.... More detail given.
1938	Jan	3	H Eliot Howard has written an interesting book on 'Territory in Bird Life' from observations made in England on English birds
1938	Apr	4	Article on Kallista: by Dr AN Lewis. Kallista is the name of the terminus of the Derwent River railway and venue of the 1938 TFNC Easter camp. Article on the geography, geology, rivers, vegetation of the area including Junee and the Adamsfield Track.
1938	Apr	4	Can a complete Trilobite be found at the 1938 Kallista Easter camp? Drawing, description and history of Trilobites included. 'No complete Trilobite has been found in Tasmania, but it is hoped the Kallista beds will yield one'... More detail given.
1938	Oct	6	A correspondent asked for the meaning of the word 'Gene' – definition provided
1938	Oct	6	The Biological Survey Secretary reports that the Wanderer Butterfly (<i>Danaida plexippus</i>) was recorded in Launceston at Easter 1938. The first sighting in Tasmania. Its food plants are believed to be <i>Asclepias curassavica</i> – Silk or Milk Weed or sometimes The Swan Plant. Both of which are considered dangerous weeds and should be destroyed if found growing in the wild.
1938	Oct	6	Article on Rat-Kangaroos or Bettongs which are fairly common in Tasmania.
1939	Jan	7	Drawings of three egg cases that are often washed up on beaches. Dog-fish; Skate; Shark.
1939	Jan	7	Field Work for the Tasmanian Biological Survey: ".....one valuable form of investigation that Field Naturalists could undertake is a survey of a definite area – an Ecological Survey. If you own an acre or two of land you would make a complete record of every species of plant living in the area throughout the year, then do the same with insects...etc." Some very interesting economic facts have been discovered through this study of life of communities. More detail given.
1939	April	8	Tasmanian Biological Survey: TFNCs 1923 Easter camp report contained an interesting article from the late Mr Clive Lord on Native Fauna Preservation and he said 'unfortunately we have not a Biological Survey in Tasmania, much as it is needed.' This Biological Survey is now an accomplished fact. Dr J Pearson formed a Committee of scientists in 1937 and this committee with the assistance of volunteer helpers has already done much valuable work. More detail given

1939	April	8	An albino blue wren was recently handed in to the Biological Survey.
1939 to 1941	April	8	Junior Geology Classes and Excursions to be held at the Museum conducted by Dr AN Lewis. 9 sessions/pa. More detail given. In April 1939: 'It is regretted that arrangements can only be made to take boys. Applications to join from not less than six girls will be considered if this party is accompanied by a teacher on field excursions.' By July 1939: 'There is a probability of girls being allowed to join.' 'They are being well attended'
1939	July	9	An undesirable emigrant: Cabbage White Butterfly (<i>Pieris rapae</i>). The Journal of Ag, Vic records that two specimens of this butterfly captured in the grounds of the University of Melbourne and at Canterbury. This is the first time it has been officially recorded in Australia although it has been a pest in NZ for some years. Drawings and a description are provided.....' The most satisfactory method of control is the application of arsenical sprays or dustings. Should anyone in Tasmania find this insect it should be reported at once.....We have no white butterflies in Tasmania so that anyone of this colour seen flying about it almost certain to be Cabbage White.
1940	July	13	Its arrived! A collector for the Biological Survey reported some thousands ...on New Year's Day at Rocky Head. Flying in from the sea like a cloud heading for Stanley.... Caterpillar descriptions given ...immediately report any found. More detail given.
1939	July	9	Interesting Shells – The Fan mussel shell (<i>Pinna tasmanica</i>); The Fan Shell (<i>Chlamys asperrimus</i>) and The Choice Seaweed Shell (<i>Cantharides eximius</i>). Drawings and description and habitat provided.
1939	July	9	Reports of a Pied blackbird have been reported by Mr W Cunningham in his garden
1939	July	9	'A Guide to Collecting' is obtainable from the Hon Secretary price 3d. Badges are also available.
1939	Oct	10	Tasmanian Bats by DCP [DC Pearce]. It may come as a surprise that we have eight different species of bats in Tasmania. Much more detail given. Good article with drawings and descriptions of all eight bats.
1939	Oct	10	Letter from a member: About Ants. ..." I had disturbed a nest of large black ants but took little notice until I saw a number of 'yellow nippers' swarming over my boots.... which were emerging from the black ants' nest, but closer investigation saw they were coming from a hole <u>beneath</u> the black ants' nest. Has anyone seen this before? Had the 'yellow nipper's taken their cousins under their protection?
1940	Apr	12	Protection of Marsupials: Our branch in Devonport recently wrote to the fauna Board commending it for establishing a Sanctuary at The Cut on the Tamar River. At the meeting on the Fauna Board on April 2 nd Dr Pearson advocated the full protection of all Tasmanian marsupials, open seasons to be proclaimed when and where deemed justified....motion was not carried. Current regulations have anomalies the Native Cat is protected although it is more numerous than the Tiger Cat which is not. The Board is to review this again when it is hoped that the Tasmanian Devil, Tiger cat, Potorou (sic). Bettong and perhaps the two Bandicoots to the wholly protected list....The Thylacine was placed on the wholly protected list too late....it appears to be almost extinct and may never increase in numbers again. Fauna Board is doing great work....so many points of view need to be taken into account...but our marsupials ..should all be protected from indiscriminate slaughter ...of those who with trap and gun kill anything and everything. Bushfires are another source of danger...

1940	April	12	Betsy Island by DC Pearse: Article describing history and a recent trip there with The Governor, Museum staff and Royal Soc members. Reports of steel blue rabbits and ground riddled with rabbit and mutton bird burrows. No freshwater on the island. General opinion is that it would not be of much use except as a sanctuary for birds. Although at one time sheep had been pastured, but how they survived is a mystery. Note: In 1828 30,000 silver-hair rabbits belong to Mr King were on Betsy island. By 1840 Lady Franklin had purchased the island. Lot more detail given.
1940	July	13	Miss J Sommerville: writes on 'Distinguishing Features of Tasmanian Wattles.' 22 species of wattle in Tasmania...one or other is in flower for eleven months of the year. A key and descriptions of these wattles is given.
1940	July	13	A new Orchid: Mrs L Rodway reports on what is thought to be the discovery of a new Pterostylis orchid with long horns...and that it has been sent away for identification
CIRCULARS			
1956	7 May	3	Part 1 The Students Flora of Tasmania by Winifred M Curtis advertised
1956	14 Sept	7	<u>A good thing:</u> whilst we do not advocate bush kleptomania, we suggest the collection and preservation of specimens for a particular purpose is a Good Thing for field naturalists. Quoting from the pamphlet "A guide to Collecting and preserving Plants, Shells, Seaweeds, Insects etc." issued by the club some years ago "To possess a collection of natural objects, most of which have been found by the owner is a lasting pleasure, reminding one as it does of happy excursions to the bush or sea shore. If, indeed to the gathering together of interesting specimens care is taken to label them correctly, the collection at once becomes of scientific value. In the past, amateur collectors were content to collect just for the sake of owning the objects, but today they go further studying, classifying and recording life histories. We wish to urge collectors to carry out this useful work as thoroughly as time will permit. Tasmania offers exceptional opportunities, so little research has been done and many new forms await discovery". This interesting and instructive booklet is (was) available from the Librarian at meetings... We might add that a modern method of collecting and preservation is the absorbing and inoffensive one of colour photography.
1956	14 Sept	7	<u>A bad thing:</u> Collections obviously do not extend to birds' eggs. There is absolutely no justification for taking these and it is here that the colour film is particularly useful since the record can be kept without the next being disturbed. A habitat shot can also be included, increasing the value of the record.
1957	15 March	11	Mr J Picone has reported that whilst spending a couple of nights at "Thark" on Mt Wellington a mother and half-grown brush opossum came into the hut through the window on the first night. The youngster was an albino and the light of the torch caused him (or her) considerable distress....." Mr Picone photographed the albino and we hope to see the result in due course.
1957	15 March	11	Ethnological Note: How to create fire: using cotton waste, acetone and sparks from an electric soldering iron
1957	14 June	14	White ibis recorded in Tasmania for the first time – sightings from NW, Oatlands and Blackmans Bay. Mr Sharland accounts for this record and for the spoonbill record by the fact that the feeding grounds on the mainland have dried up to some extent. It is hoped that the birds will like Tasmanian and stay here.
1958	11 April	22	During a visit to Queenstown we noticed that the new lagoons and lakes created by the HEC mostly contained some waders and ducks. Thus, habitats for these birds and for fish have been increased and the tourist assets of Tas. built up as a by-product of the HEC
1958	15 Aug	26	Brief description and drawing of <i>Anaspides tasmaniae</i>

1958	9 Oct	28	The club is actively concerned with the conservation of native flora and fauna therefore...'the club does not encourage the picking of wildflowers, especially in quantity, it does not set a good example if members are seen carrying quantities of wild flowers home...but it is quite a different matter if members wish to collect specimens to press for a herbarium or for other purposes of natural history, though even then a reasonable minimum should be taken and again provided the area carries plenty of the particular plant'
1959	12 June	34	Export of Australian Birds: The Commonwealth Govt is calling a conference to consider this trade. In the 1953/54 financial year 27,738 native birds were exported, two years earlier this number was 48,000.....
1959	12 June	34	Growing interest in the need for a national flower; need for more scientists on the fauna board; concern about proposed sealing on Macquarie Island
1959	10 July	35	The uncommon Crested Grebe was sighted from the Sorrell Causeway.
1960	26 June (in August circular)	45	Len Wall reported seeing a Dominican Gull at the abattoir at Sorrell. The bird looks like a Pacific Gull but has no black band on the tail (noticed in flight) and it has a smaller bill- lighter yellow, rather than orange. This report is about the 4 th to be recorded in Tasmania.
1960	Aug	45	Handy Hints for the Collector: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning and Polishing Shells • When Classifying your Collection • Useful Equipment For details see Circular.
1960	Sept	46	It is reported from Chauncy Vale that a masked owl was caught recently. This bird is not rare but being nocturnal it is rarely seen. The bird has since been released.
1960	Nov	48	<u>The Orchid Show:</u> ...there was a small but most effective display of native orchids arranged by the TFNC. The Committee.....would like members and all interested to know that the TFNC decided against picking specimens this year – thus depleting the bush of its natural beauty – and only used what could be obtained from members who grow specimens at home.
1961	Feb	50	The Hon Secretary (David Wilson) "has had a pair of kookaburras under observation on Mt Nelson for the past four weeks. So, it appears the birds have perhaps taken up residence permanently in the Hobart area."
1961	March	51	Kelsey Aves reports ".....the European wasp (<i>Vespa vulgaris</i>) we slew our first wasp at breakfast on February 26 th 1961...alas it is a fruit pest and an all too ready stinger. A regrettable immigrant!"
1961	April	52	<u>Bush Fires</u> – Although the bush fire problem has seemed almost insoluble, one very practical step was taken by the Tasmanian Timber Association in calling to a conference, representatives of almost every organisation intimately or remotely interested in the control of bush fires. We believe that the horizons of all who attended were broadened by interchange of views and the problems brought into better perspective. These, with resolutions passed at the meeting will form a basis for more realistic and co-ordinated action in future.
1961	May	53	<u>Beetles:</u> Dr Thyne reports "This summer has a very happy one for Christmas Beetles (<i>Choerocoris paganus</i>). Why? Because Native Hop (<i>Dodonea viscosa</i>) had a wonderful flowering season. Last summer it did not flower at all, and so no lovely beetles. For weeks all stages of development were seen from minute to full size beetles..." "...Many drying moulted cases could be seen attached to grass stems. Now they are hibernating. This exquisite little bug is not a pest as it lives on box, grasses and plantains.
1961	June	54	Migration of Mountaineers: Black jays usually inhabit the 2000' and above zone, but in and around our garden in Sandy Bay, only 200' above sea level, a flock of jays about 20 strong has settled down for the last 2 or 3 weeks. They have lived on apples and almonds.....continued: They were still there and reported in August and Sept newsletters

1961	Aug	56	Mr MRS Sharland writes from Alice Springs: "...I had a wonderful trip some 200miles SW from here. Main object was to see the 'extinct' night parrot, claimed to be rediscovered in that area. But I also visited Kings Canyon a really wonderful feature just opened as the newest tourist find in the Centre. No parrots, however but quite a few...of the very rare Bourke parrot...."
1961	Nov	59	Fire danger period declared. TFNC efforts to awaken the public to the tragedy of bush fires. Members are behoved to set the best possible example
1962	April	64	Dr EA Elliott – the last foundation member of the club and life member writes: Nearly 70 years ago a man named Hutch from NZ leased Macquarie Island, and taking a gang of men shot the remaining seals and sea elephants. Then they built large ramps and drove the penguins by the acre up the ramps and into the boiling vats to get their oil. Alexander Morton was Curator of the Museum then and was instrumental in getting the lease cancelled. Shooting was the proper thing to do to any bird or animal in my boyhood"
1962	May	65	Mrs H Boss-Walker reports of the albino form of the grey Goshawk visited their garden St Chad
1962	June	66	Mrs Kathleen Orme reported "I am thrilled to have visits to my bird tables for the past four or five weeks (since my red gum blossomed) of a pair of Rainbow Lorikeets and what I think is one of their young..." Michael Sharland noted that "The Rainbow Lorikeet is a very uncommon visitor to Tasmania and is one of the most handsome of parrots. It travels in small flocks, wandering through the bush and occasionally coming into gardens in search of flowering trees, the nectar from which forms part of its diet."
1962	July August	67 68	Copies of letters written in Nov & Dec 1907 by a Geoffrey Watkins Smith who was later killed in WWI gives an account camping with Leonard Rodway and his impressions of the Tasmanian bush.
1963	July	76	Discovery of lyre bird nest at Hastings and discussion about the removal of the nest and egg back to Hobart
1964	May	84	What is a National Park? How should they be administered, should they be developed with accommodation and other facilities for visitors if so to what extent? TFNCs Conservation Committee (Mrs Jesse Luckman, David Wilson, Gilbert van Munster, Peter Bolger & Len Wall) asked the question of members. At that time the National Parks were administers through the Scenery Preservation Board under the authority of the Scenery Preservation Act, but the Act makes no mention of the term National Park. In August 1964 TFNC was asked by the Tas Flora and Fauna Conservation Committee for a concise account of what as a club consider to be the answer.
1964	July	85	An interesting note from Mr L Wall: <i>Arthrotaxis laxifolia</i> . This is a little-known native pine in Tasmania, of small size and consequently of no commercial value and has been recorded from very few localities. Some used to consider it to be a hybrid of King Billy and Huon Pines, but this has proven incorrect. In the course of a recent scramble between Lady Barron Falls and Lake Fenton, I found a small colony of this tree by Lady Barron Creek, about a mile below its source in Lake Fenton. (2018 Note: It is now called <i>Arthrotaxis X laxifolia</i> and is known to be a hybrid between <i>A. selaginoides</i> (King Billy Pine) and <i>A. cupressoides</i> (Pencil Pine)
1964	July	85	Michael Sharland: "Please try to determine whether the Striated Pardalote (Tree Diamond Bid) stays in Tasmania during the winter months. At the last meeting Mr Sharland asked for help in this 'project' which he is undertaking. He believes this little bird leaves Tasmania. So, watch out and see if you can prove otherwise. This bird generally turns up in August. April, May, June and July may be its absent months.
1964	Aug	86	Flame Robin Survey: from Mr JC Ipsen (member of TFNC) 15 Smith St, Bendigo, Vic. "We are endeavouring to clear up a number of points regarding Flame Robins and hope that members of the TFNC will be able to help. We are banding as many birds as possible, both summer and winter, in an effort to trace their movements

			on migration. So far, the only re-traps have come from the wintering areas – in other works birds which feed in certain paddocks appear to return to those very same areas in succeeding years. We know that many birds breed in the mountains, but which birds go we do not know. If any Tasmanian banders ...can give any help we would be very grateful. Details regarding dates of arrival and departure, nesting areas and of course an endeavour to banks and re-trap as many birds as possible, would be welcome.”
1964	Aug	86	Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies asks: “Have you any information on Aboriginal Customs, art, history etc in your area? If so please contact the above society 29 Lonsdale St, Braddon ACT or Box 553 City GPO Canberra. They are anxious to record basic knowledge before it is lost.”
1964	Oct	88	Native Orchids: Mr M.J. Firth President of the Devonport FNC is engaged in research work in native orchids in Tasmania. He would like to contact botanists willing to correspond with him on orchids generally, and in particular, on localities on the South of the state where various species are to be found. Mr Firth has been studying orchids for 30- years and has collected and identified over 90 of our species, so would be very willing to assist anyone uncertain of their classifications. Correspondents would need to be familiar with recent publications, (such as JH Willis’s excellent book or the volumes of Nicholls)
1965	April	93	Veronica species: Dr OH Frankel C.S.I.R.O. is anxious to obtain material of the Tasmanian species for cytotaxonomic study. Any members who want to assist by collecting plants and seed capsules should be sent to Dr Martin, CSIRO Tasmanian regional lab, Stowell St...
1965	May	94	TFNCs representative on the South West Committee: Michael Sharland: First mention of possible flooding on Lake Pedder which this committee opposes, but it does support the road into the lake for tourist purposes. Also, committee formulating a master plan for the preservation of the Port Davey area and the proclamation of a national park there.
1965	June	95	The Tasmanian Fur seals - Elizabeth Aves reports that there are colonies on the rocks of Cape Pillar and the large Hippolyte Rock – of about 10 seals each...
1965	June	95	Snails “Did you know that most of the snails in our gardens are imported? Our snails came from England, most of the by accident either as eggs or babies in consignment of post plants or garden plants, but at least one consignment came in with almost an official welcome; they were put aboard the ship that brought the first lot of song thrushes from England or the Royal Society and Acclimatization Society of Victoria, away back in the early days. The thrushes did not eat all the snails on the voyage out and these were liberated in gardens in South Yarra. A little later...the Society reported with some satisfaction that the snails were thriving, and presently there would be no fear that the thrushes they had liberated would go short of food” (‘Along the Track’ with Crosbie Morrison)
1965	July	96	Have you noticed that the Blackwood (<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>) is once more appearing in appreciable numbers in our bush? Tasmania was almost denuded of this beautiful tree many years ago, its wood being in great demand for furniture for its rich dark colour. Many of the large passenger liners calling into Hobart from England has built in cabin furniture and cabin linings of Tasmanian Blackwood.
1965	July	96	Does anyone know why the Koala was not used on the new decimal currency brought into use on “C” (Changeover Day) – 14 February 1966? Could it be because it might have reminded a certain state government that by licensing 10,000 trappers – yes 10,000 – in an open season it wiped out a known 600,000 koalas in one year - a decimation from which the creature has not yet recovered – and the year of the slaughter – 1927.
1965	Oct	98	List of interesting orchids to look for this month
1965	Oct	98	Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) – story of the Foundation and who and why it was set up.
1965	Nov	99	Article on Manna in Eucalyptus and Angophora

BULLETINS			
1966	May	104	<p>“Drive in” Bird Watching by Kelsey Aves. The motor car has certainly changed the lives of this generation. Shoppers won’t come to shops without car parks, so car parks have come to the shops in the new shopping centres. So also, with cinemas. Banks and what-else-next?</p> <p>And now we have become used to getting within a few feet of normally shy birds by keeping in the car, even our movements inside it don’t usually disturb them, though of course they are off the moment we get out. This has made us wish we could take out car out on the end of swamps where cars can’t go, so if you see a theatrical stage cut-out of a car moving along some unlikely spot propelled by four feet at the bottom of it, it will be our new potential “hide”, telescopic camera and all.</p>
1967	May	115	Lost Homing Pigeons – members asked to assist in the return of lost birds that recover or to return bands of dead birds.
1967	July Sept	117 119	2 x articles on water
1968	July Aug	117 118	<p>Article on hazards on the use of pesticides: DDT, Lindane; Aldrin, Dieldrin, Endrin and Chlordane and lists the restrictions that are beginning to be imposed. West Germany had imposed restrictions on the import of Tasmanian apples. Article asks What about Tasmanian consumers?</p> <p>August 1968 Bulletin requests first hand observations of birds suffering from effects of pesticides to be sent to Mrs B Slater in Victoria</p>
1968	Aug Sept Oct	128 129 130	<p>Interesting “Did you know that? Sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pelican’s beaks can hold 2-3gallons of water • Which bird should be the national emblem? kookaburras received most votes • Acacia comes from an ancient Egyptian species noted for its long-lasting quality of its timber • How to treat dead roots of timbers – so they resemble driftwood • Spiders do not have a separate head – body divided into 2 parts prosoma & abdomen. • Frogs eyeballs can retract.... • Origin of Vanilla • What is a Dibbler? • Birds hollow bones • Human tears composition • An average diet is likely to lack Vit D...
1969	Feb	132	Cape Barren geese: Article on ACFs stance on the need to preserve the Cape Barren Goose as part of the Australian scene
1969	Feb	132	Macquarie Island and its rabbits: Article from the Tasmanian Journal of Agriculture - about the recent release of the European rabbit flea in an attempt to control the rabbit population and discusses the erosion and vegetation damage the rabbits cause.
1969	May	135	Wildlife and Wild Fires: Article discussing fire as a moulding force in the development of wildlife. (adapted from an Article by Graham Pizzey)
1969	June	136	‘Return of the Native Parmas’ from Nature article by Graham Pizzey
1969	July	137	Preservation of Rare Species – Victoria’s only unique bird ‘The Helmeted Honeyeater’
1969	Sept	139	Article on ‘War on Big Snails in New Guinea’ and discussion on snails in general
1969	Oct	140	Spiders: A few interesting points from Graham Pizzey
1969	Nov	141	The Tasmanian Devil and the Thylacine by Graham Pizzey. Differences between the two animals
1970	May	145	Owing to the present controversy regarding the increase of the Crown of Thorns Starfish – a one-page synopsis was provided of its description, habitat, breeding, natural enemies and Feeding habits

1970	18 June	146	One-page review on DDT – its uses and efficacy. ...” But after 20 years of its use, we have learnt more of its bad side effects...”
1970	16 July	147	Half page article on the largest of swans – the Trumpeter Swan – <i>Olor buccinator</i>
1970	16 July	147	Half page article about the Kingfishers found in the world. In particular <i>Alcedo atthis</i> .
1970	16 July	147	Half page article ‘Animals have Clocks’
1970	20 Aug	148	Article on Jellyfish biology
1970	20 Aug	148	Animal in Danger – paragraph about the endangered Cretan wild goat – numbers now about 100
1970	15 Oct	150	Paragraph: Could Ants Inherit the Earth?
1970	15 Oct	150	Paragraph: Vampire Bats carry Rabies
1970	19 Nov	151	Article on Rhincodon – The world’s largest fish
1971	March	153	Advising new names for <i>Eucalyptus simmondsii</i> is now <i>E. nitida</i> . <i>E. linearis</i> is now <i>E. pulchella</i> . <i>Spyridium serpyllaceum</i> is now <i>S obcordatum</i> .
1971	March	153	Peter Scott was observed birdwatching at Granton (Goulds Lagoon?). He had arrived on a cruise boat from the Antarctic – hoped to be the forerunner of many similar excursions there.
1971	Oct	159	Report of White-faced Storm Petrel – an Oceanic Bird
1971	Oct	159	Report of and description of Cattle Egrets
1972	June	165	Pine Forest Ecology – members asked to spend time observing note of any ‘life’ within Pine Forests to refute or confirm that they don’t have as much life in them (compared to the Northern Hemisphere where they teem with life) and note where observations were made, time of day, height of trees. Reports to Len Wall
1972	June	165	The Tasmanian Tiger- well documented account is available to members of all the evidence collected by Mr Griffiths (UNSW) and Mt Malley (farmer NW Tas)
1972	June	165	Botanical Names – a little Latin or Greek helps understand them – this bulletin lists a number of names and the meaning of their names
1972	July	166	The big freeze (a major frost) the native plants survived in the garden but the introduced European plants did not
1972	Nov	170	Federation Meeting report 1.Should the club give support for the search for the Thylacine? 2.Should some plant species be protected e.g. Leatherwood and Huon Pine is already being taken for commercial purposes/wood chip etc. 3. Should Clubs make lists of flora rare in their areas. Currently one can go and dig them up, but if they become protected should they be propagated/be available for sale. 4. Types of habitat – Ecotypes Clubs could report on the types already protected in their area. – The Club forward a report on this to Federation in Feb 1973 5. Need for a booklet of interest for tourists which lists where birds/animals/flora can be found as they tour the island. Feedback requested to the Secretary asap.
1973	April	173	Pollution Effect on Bird Migration: Report from Tokyo that many species of birds have stopped their seasonal migration to Japan because of pollution and the destruction of their natural habitat. 76% of their birds are migratory, but in 1971 one tenth of the numbers of wild geese migrated compared to those in 1953.
1973	April	173	Society for Growing Australian Plants – has started collecting plant material for its own herbarium, so they can record flowering times/ when seeds are ripe etc. They request info on the sightings of plants and if possible their flowering time. Send to their President: Mrs MF Allan.
1973	May	174	Rural Fires Board: members are encouraged to know the Rural Fires Requirements in the use of matches/cigarettes/camp fires and fire protection in these areas.
1973	June	175	Peregrine Falcons – The Bird Observers Association of Tasmania is gathering available information on these falcons. Please let Mr Wall know if/where you see them.

1973	July Aug	176 177	The International Whaling Commission has turned down the proposed ten-year moratorium on the hunting of Whales. We were pleased to see that the moratorium was supported this time by Australia. (Last time Australian abstained from voting). Australia will sign the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. Five species of whale have been placed on Appendix 1 of the Convention.
1973	July Aug	176 177	Maria Island – Geography and history including a Map
1973	Sept	178	Falconry – there has been an application recently for a falconry licence in Tasmania. A similar Bill was recently passed in New York, USA an article explains the requirements.
1973	Sept	178	Highway Wildlife – Britain’s 500,000 acres of highway verges are to be classified as Nature reserves....local authorities have been told to stop cutting the verges to allow animals and plants a natural environment.
1973	Oct	179	From Madrid – Poison Havoc in Bird Park – 50,000 killed...indiscriminate use of a prohibited pesticide in rice paddies adjoining the wildlife preserve is responsible...
1973	Oct	179	Fire Fighting in Remote areas – is planning to hold training sessions for volunteers and that individuals from Clubs combine to make units of the required size. We have two volunteers so are there any other volunteers?
1973	Nov	180	Conservation in the Garden. Vincent Serventy has provided one page of information on pesticides- types, safety rules, non-poisonous materials, other methods of pest control – so our wildlife does not suffer.
1973	Nov	180	Kookaburra reproduction and DDT
1973	Nov	180	<i>Sargassum multicum</i> – a native from Japan is a fast-growing seaweed Has been found near the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth...volunteers are hand plucking – it could be serious threat if it gets a hold.
1974	Feb	181	Launceston FNC reports that Boneseed (<i>Chrysanthemoides monoliferum</i>) has been identified growing in Cataract Gorge. ‘All steps must be done to eradicate it now’. It has been declared a noxious weed in Victoria. In Victoria, groups have had some success in the You Yangs ‘pulling’ in selected areas, but it has to be followed for several seasons.
1974	March	182	Advertised a fundraising appeal to purchase the Crocodile Station, Cape York, and to preserve it as a national Park and to extend the Quinkan Country.
1974	May	184	Report that the Little Pygmy Possum (<i>Cercartetus lepidus</i>) has been captured on Kangaroo Island. It had been thought extinct until now on the mainland
1974	June	185	To help fight Bush fires in East Gippsland, Victoria an article about the use of Solar Energy units to help charge batteries and power forest radio stations.
1974	July	186	<i>Phytophthora cinnamoni</i> – several articles on this fungus had been recently published. Bulletin contains an article on it with these headings: What harm does it do? How does it spread? What can I do?
1974	July	186	During the June excursion one 2m high bush of the rare <i>Pomaderris elachophylla</i> was found on the roadside near Longley.
1974	Nov	190	Boneseed (<i>Chrysanthemoides monoliferum</i>). It has now been found at Sulphur Creek and at Blythe heads by the Devonport Field Nats. It can also be seen in Hobart gardens and there is a big patch in the NW side of the Domain; and around Bicheno and among the boulders of their lookout hill. TFNC asks should we have this declared a noxious weed before it gets away from us?
1975	May	194	‘Bricks from Sawdust’ article about briquettes and other uses of sawdust.
1975	June	195	Article on <i>Acacia melanoxylon</i> - Blackwood - description and uses
1975	July	196	Article on early flowering Acacias.
1975	Sept	198	Article ‘Long term goals of the Significant Archaeological Sites Project in Tasmania’ by Jim Stockton
1975	Oct	199	ACF believes than Fraser Island sand mining leases are invalid...
1975	Nov	200	Boneseed (<i>Chrysanthemoides monoliferum</i>) – becomes a TFNC project. Miss Marjorie Westbrook is keen to develop a Bone Seed Atlas. All members to report sightings.

1976	Feb	201	Reminder to pass on all Boneseed (<i>Chrysanthemoides monoliferum</i>) locations/recordings to miss ML Westbrook
1976	Feb	201	Reminder to pass on all Orchid sightings to Mr Ken Harris or secretary
1976	Aug	204	Letter: Request from Peter Murrell – Director NPWS. To supplement the Specht report it is essential to obtain detailed information on the local distribution and abundance of native species both within and outside presently proclaimed reserve areas....the success is largely dependent on the responses from keen naturalists.
1977	May	207	East Risdon Flora Reserve: - NPWS undertaking experimental work to clear <i>Cassytha</i> from the young <i>Eucalyptus morrisbyii</i> and to raise seedlings from seed collected in the Reserve last year and try to establish a second stand of the species.
1977	May	207	Paragraph on Aboriginal names for Australian fauna
1977	May	207	Paragraph on Rock Engraving recording using black and white photographs
1977	Aug	208	Banded Stilt sighted at Ralphs Bay Lauderdale and another one at Great Bay
1977	Nov	209	At Penstock Lagoon an albino pipit was observed.
1978	May	211	Wilderness in Tasmania Study 1978. Under the direction of Dr Jones (Centre of Environmental Studies of UTAS. The aim is to identify describe and nominate potential areas of Wilderness areas for the Register of the National Estate. Members are asked to contribute, views & opinions
1978	Aug	212	Tasmanian Museum – Des Barker is asking for complete carcasses of vertebrates found as road kill – so the Museum can build up a collection of skeletons &/or skins which has not been attempted so far.
1978	Aug	212	TFNC's field key to the identification of Tasmanian Eucalypts is available for 25cents/copy or 45cents mailed.
1978	Aug	212	Boneseed – Extract of an article by J Kirkpatrick. Published June 1978 SGAP. We can still eliminate it...Find out what it looks like...
1978	Nov	213	Pine Plantation Study is being conducted by NPWS and the Forestry Commission to determine regional effects of pine planting on flora and fauna of an extended West Tamar region.
1978	Nov	213	Article about a CSIRO Band Recovered in China – the first from China.
1979	May	215	Wilderness Reserves – article re NSW National Parks and the need to support and lobby. 'Next priority is the South West Tasmania'
1979	May	215	The Barrier Reef – ACF has mounted a campaign to make the entire Barrie Reef and National Park
1979	2 June	215	For World Environment Day June 5 – Boneseed Pulling Day. Other Field Naturalist Clubs around Tasmania are organising similar events
1979	Nov	217	Boneseed: Letter received from Director Parks and Recreation 'no objection to you removing the weed wherever you find it...' At the FFNCT Oct meeting acknowledged that it would not now be possible to eradicate it, but perhaps NPWS could try to keep it out of National Parks and Reserves.
1980	Feb	218	Boneseed: NPWS Rangers take action to eliminate boneseed and other introduced weeds where they occur in reserves and where it is practical to do so. Their regulations prohibit taking any specimens without a permit. They would be grateful for any information we may have of occurrences in Reserves. We may not pull Boneseed ourselves in reserves unless we have a permit. This also applies to pulling in Municipal areas a permit is needed from the Council concerned.
1980	May	219	Atlas of Australian Birds to be published by MUP. – can you do black and white drawings of birds. Can you recognise at least some of the birds living where you live? If you would like to take part...details given.
1980	May	219	Illustrations of Birds of sixty common birds of Cairns by Mr T Lindsay have been reproduced on two posters...which would be of interest and have educational appeal to a wide range of people. More detail given including an insert of the size of the bird illustrations.
1980	May	219	Newly discovered moth 'Oak leaf Blotch Miner'. Look for it on oak leaves around Hobart and report at the June meeting to Mr Martin our speaker

1980	Aug	220	Bird Check list: An annual ID check list of birds is being prepared. Members were asked for help to eliminating the 20 LEAST common birds in your area from the check list supplied with the newsletter.
1980	Aug	220	Marjorie Westbrook's report on her trip to China – covers sparrows, flies dogs, cats, egrets. Limestone caves; pot plants and beautiful craft work
1980	Nov	221	Sonia C Tidemann from ANU – requests reports on breeding behaviour of White-winged, Variegated and Superb Fairy Wrens for 1980, 1981 and 1982. More detail given. (It was noted that only the Superb Fairy Wren is found in Tasmania)
1981	July	224	Outings. Concern at the aboriginal midden at the end of Marion Bay Spit is gradually eroding into the water. Disappointment at the lack of interest by responsible bodies to take appropriate action to save the midden.
1982	May	227	Mrs Mollison found a new fern <i>Asplenium trichomanes</i> on the Dec 1981 excursion to Alum Cliffs
1982	June Oct	228 229	'Year of the Tree' members are encouraged to support the YOTT in every way possible. Members participated in the tree planting day in September
1982	Oct	229	The Tasmanian Wilderness Soc ...is maintaining a constant effort to save the Franklin River. As a Club we commend them on the peaceful, non-violent nature of their efforts. More detail given.
1983	April	231	Wood Waster: Royal Soc of Tasmania will be debating the question of wood waste, led by a Forestry Commission Officer and the President of the Tasmanian Conservation Trust. More detail given.
1983	Oct	233	Details of new book by Launceston Museum 'The mammals of Tasmania' by Mr Green – how to ID mammals by their skulls and teeth arrangement. More detail given.
1983	Oct	233	Tasmanian Shells very little work has been done recently on these, it is quite probably that a series of dredging expeditions would yield a wealth of yet undiscovered (microscopic) species. John Grist has some of these set-in slides. More detail given.
1984	July	236	A lovely short walk from Chimney Pot Hill Road and Fern Tree. The spectacular sandstone aqueducts are beautifully carved by the contractor Joseph Hawkes in 1881. It is an easy walk and relatively unknown.
1985	15 Feb	239	Royal Spoonbill sighted on Steiglitz beach, St Helens
1985	15 Feb	239	Two specimens of the Launceston Land snail found at Blue Tier
1985	July	240	Woodbridge Marine Centre are organising a trip in their boat for Adult Education on Wed Dec 11. This will involve many interesting things like dredging. Cost will be \$16.00 a head. More detail given.
1985	Oct	241	Did you know that sometimes you can tell the underlying rock type of an area by the peppermint gum which grows in that area? <i>Eucalyptus pulchella</i> tends to grow on dolerite (hence the prevalence in the Hobart area); <i>E. amygdalina</i> on sandstone and <i>E. tenuramis (tasmanica)</i> on mudstone.
1985	Oct	241	Did you know there is quite a nice bed of marine fossils quite close to Hobart? The group includes fenestella, brachiopods etc and is relatively easy to break up. They are found near the big bend in Strickland Avenue and also up by the stream. They are in part of the Faulkner Group and are in coarse quartz siltstone
1985	Oct	241	Mr LE Wall reported that the Old Hobartians track has reopened after a period of work. The track forks from the right of the Lenah Valley Track and continues up to join the Mountain Road some distance below Big Bend.
1986	Oct	245	Australia Day Bird Count. We encourage you all to be in your (suburban) garden between 7 and 8 am and write down the variety and number of each variety. Mail results to. More detail given.
1987	Jan	246	Description of the historical remnants of the Ice Houses which are found on Mt Wellington. Built in the 1850's. More detail given.
1987	Oct	248	Flinders Island – worth a visit. Report by Don Hird
1989	Jan	253	The Great Tasmanian Forest Walk (Penguin and Lune River (29Jan to 5 Feb 1989) - it's not too late to join in the last stage of the walk at Lune River.

1989	April	254	Letter: Titled Road Verges from A Himson, 7 Forest Hill Road, Sandford. Impassioned plea asking what can be done to conserve the flora of roadside landscapes especially as the road network spreads incessantly? More detail given.
1989	April	254	A one-page document re the Wingaroo Habitat destruction on Flinders Island. Urgent action required to prevent the sell off the Wingaroo Area. Please write to the Minister for Lands, Parks and Wildlife etc... More detail given.
1989	Oct	256	Managing Tasmania's World Heritage Area – how should this be managed. Have your say. More detail given.
1990	Jan	257	Tasmania's World Heritage Area and management Plan. From now until the end of Feb 1990 Dept Parks, Wildlife and Heritage is seeking public submissions from organisations and individuals regarding the management of this magnificent area. More detail given.
1990	Jan	257	Button Battery recycling scheme: Kevin Osbourne of Harrington Metal Recyclers will provide collection jars of shops and offices to keep the heavy metals out of our environment. More detail given. Note: 1st mention of recycling
1990	Jan	257	"Endangered Small Populations: Their Conservation and Management." Summary of the Proceedings of the Conference on Management and Conservation of Small Populations was held in Sept 1989 at Melbourne Zoo is summarised
1990	Oct	260	Useful Guidelines for Collecting with Care: Land Snails. Kevin Bonham writes how to collect and store snails whether dead or alive.
1991	Feb	261	TFNC Wildlife/Mammal Survey Group has been established. Don Hird and Andrew Weinart have been granted permits to trap and release mammals for the purpose of contributing to knowledge of faunal distributions in particular as well as to mammal biology generally. In addition, general and spotlight observation, tracks signs identification and hair sampling. We aim to operate informally on the weekend of the fortnight after the monthly excursions. Initially we will work in the Mt Wellington range and of selected areas such as Chauncy Vale and possibly "Glenelg".
1991	April	262	Threat to the Gouldian Finch found in north of Australia one of the few breeding populations are threatened by proposed gold mining operations near Katherine NT. More detail given. Members were encouraged to send letters expressing concern to Shell; Minister of Environment and NT Chief Minister.
1991	April	262	Frogwatch questionnaire – if members have/have had frogs in your area, they were encouraged to complete Michael Tyler, University of Adelaide 's survey
1991	April	262	Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, draft management plan for public comment has been released. Members encouraged to make comment
1991	April	262	Management of the Wellington range. The Wellington Range working group has been established to recommend to government how best to manage it. Many issues involved natural and cultural; recreational activities and facilities; visitor facilities; water quality management; resource use; commercial developments and future status of the area. Should it be a National Park or a Reserve? But not a multiple Use reserve. Members are encouraged to comment. More detail given.
1991	April	262	TFNC Mammal Survey Group has conducted three quite successful live trappings at three different locations on Mt Wellington. More detail given. Newsletter gives May-November programme
1992	July	267	Bird Observers Association of Tasmania (BOAT). A hooded Plover survey is being organised for October. ...Please ring Hooded Plover Survey Convenor Priscilla Park if you would like to help. More detail given.
1994	April	274	Platypus study – little is known of platypus populations and no studies have been carried out in the State. A new investigation is now to be coordinated by Joanne Connolly and David Obendorf (Dept Primary Industries and Fisheries, Animal Health Laboratory.)
1994	July	275	The Hooded Plover – good article written by Sue Collier about it and the results of the 1992 and 1994 Hooded Plover surveys.
1994	July	275	Cane toad control – outline of extent and current methods to control.

1994	July	275	Albatross Numbers in decline
1994	July	275	New tree Kangaroo discovered in rugged habitat among the high mountains of Irian Jaya
1994	Oct	276	Introduction of a page for our younger members. Includes observations about <i>Anaspides tasmaniae</i> ; and the Emperor Gum Moth caterpillar; of a White-necked Heron sighting north of Huonville and. A requests information about the spreads of Bumblebees in Tasmania and a poem about SW Tasmania
1994	Oct	276	Mammal Survey Group has surveyed Mt Nelson vertebrae fauna for Hobart City Council. The survey is centred on the Lambert Gully system including part of the Skyline Reserve. It is noted 'usual' weeds such as boneseed, Erica, cotoneaster and introduced black rats are evident but not yet pervasive. The income from the Mt Nelson project has enabled the mammal group to acquire their own set of small mammal traps. More detail given.
1994	Oct	276	TFNC continued to lobby on conservation issues; towards a Commonwealth instigated Tasmanian Conservation priority and have responded to an ALP policy paper on environment and biodiversity issues. More detail given.
1994	Oct	276	On Cape Raoul a new population of the very rare eyebright <i>Euphrasia amphisysepala</i> was found by Phil and Sue Collier
1994	Oct	276	Phil and Sue Collier sighted at White beach a single rainbow lorikeet feeding on black gum (<i>Eucalyptus ovata</i>), perhaps it was an aviary escapee?
1994	Oct	276	Phil and Sue Collier sighted four spider orchids in one day. Three at Lime Bay <i>Caladenia clavigera</i> ; <i>C. aff. Patersonia</i> ; <i>C filamentosa</i> and the fourth <i>C. venusta</i> was sighted near the airport
1994	Oct	276	Report of a sandstone valley walk to Mt Marion, Mt Wellington.
1995	Jan	277	Report on the Gilberts Potoroo thought to be extinct for 125 years has been found on Western Australia's southern coast
1995	Jan	277	Report on Wollemi Pines – 39 trees have been found west of Sydney in a deep gorge of the Blue Mountains. Thought until now to have been extinct for 150million years. More detail given.
1995	Jan	277	Hooded Plover Observation Record Sheet
1995	Jan	277	Junior page: 'How the Pademelons got their fur'
1995	April	278	Conservation Lobbying Activities - covering draining of Lake Pedder TFNC submission doubted the current priority of the drainage proposal. More detail given. Also the woodchip license issue – TFNCs view was some independent arbitration (e.g. federally mediated) is needed. More detail given.
1995	April	278	Survey Group Report: Eastern barred bandicoot habitats New Wildlife/mammal Survey Group flyer (Blue) was produced
1995	Oct	280	Conservation in Tasmania: Costume Drama or Concerted Effort by Don Hird
1995	Oct	280	Junior observation: Sacred Ibis sighted near Electrona
1995	Oct	280	Junior observation: Bright Yellow Nemertean worms
1995	Oct	280	Junior observation: <i>Phalaenoides tristifica</i> – a day flying moth observation by a junior member in Cygnet.
1996	April	282	Conservation Issues: 1. Establishment of Mt Wellington Trust pros and cons. 2. Public Land Use Commission has made recommendations including six new NPs, but only two have been approved. Discussion on the processes and the fact we do not know our biotas well enough for informed decisions.
1996	July	283	Creative Answers to Conservation Dilemmas: by Don Hird. Much more detail given.

1996	Oct	284	Conservation Angle written by Don Hird: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the Regional Forest Agreement and the independence or not of its administration etc. • It asks why are there so many conservation groups? • Debates the Forest Protection Society
1996 1997	Oct June	284 286	Timelines Australia Project – compilation of seasonal calendars for local natural events ...coordinated by Alan Reid and the Gould League of Victoria. Such calendars are important in the oral tradition of Aboriginal Australians in parts of northern Australia, but they are generally lost to our natural heritage elsewhere. Tasmania seems especially conducive to this sort of documentation with its insular nature and relatively high latitudes and many migrant species. Alan Reid will be conducting a workshop on Timelines in Hobart in January (1997). More detail given. The four European seasons is inappropriate for northern Australia and only roughly matches that of southern Australia. Are six seasons or the five to seven seasons of Aboriginal calendars more appropriate? Contribute to this project recording by your local and plant behaviour along with the date and location and sent to Tasmanian Environment centre.
1997	6 March	286	Tamar Island Wetlands facilities and bird observations
1997	June	286	Centipedes and Millipedes are beautiful but much too little appreciated. Bob Mesibov from QVM Launceston wants specimens for identifying and databasing. Recording methods, preserving and shipping information is provided. More detail given.
1997	June	286	Animals and Plants Threatened by Declining water quality. Peter McGlone Coordinator of Threatened Species Network has made a submission with the Tasmanian Conservation Trust and presented it to the Sustainable Development Advisory Council commenting on the draft of the State policy in Water Quality Management in February. Goes on to detail a few of their concerns.
1997	Aug	287	Article on the Birds Nest Fungus by David Ratkowsky
1997	Nov	288	Report on the Peter Murrell Reserve formation and the Interim management Strategy. An important area that contains important forest and button-grass and heathland communities.
1997	Nov	288	Butterfly Common Name Changes (by Brady MF et al 1997). Details the suggested changed names and asks for feedback. Table compares the names as listed in the 'Butterflies of Tasmania' and the new recommended common name
1997	Nov	288	Wanted: Dung or Alive! The Australian Fungi mapping Scheme have put out a call for dung...They require small collections of native herbivore dung (no carnivores' dung please). Gives details of how to dry, store, label and record locations
1998	Aug	291	Fox seen entering Burnie Harbour. Website link provided
1998	Aug	291	New frog fungus belonging to a new genus of chytrid fungus has been described....also is UV implicated? Ref New Scientist 27 June 1998
1998	Oct	292	Seabird Project will run Oct 1998 to March 1999. Will involve surveying populations of shore birds and migratory waders...regular observers needed. More detail given.
2000	Apr	298	Discussing 1080: The Poison, The Sound, the Fury and the Silence

2000	Jan	297	<p>Conservation Notes written by Don Hird:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the superficiality of many Conservation groups such as Greenpeace Discussion about 1080 poison and the regeneration of logging coups involving use of 1080 mammal poison targeted at browsing and grazing marsupials but with the inherent potential to kill greater numbers of non-target species (collateral damage)
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2003	Jan	308	New Concerns on Atrazine – the world’s most widely used herbicide - gross reproductive abnormalities were found in both laboratory and field situations...atrazine is a prime suspect in the widespread demise of many frog populations.... More detail given.
2003	April	310	Thoughts on Foxes by Don Hird. That Tasmania has served as a last or a significant refuge for several species is well illustrated by comparing distributions of probably victims before and after red foxes became established in Australia. More detail given.
2003	July	311	Foxes in Tasmania? Conserve ‘threatened ‘prey species anyway! By Don Hird. Concern that neither the Eastern bettong nor the Barred Bandicoot has adequate reserved habitat. Habitats of both are subject to ongoing threats from land-clearance and 1080. More detail given.
2003	Oct	312	Blue Gum/Swift Parrot Survey. Dr Stephen Mallick (DPIWE) asks for assistance in gathering data on the flowering times of E. ovata in SE Tas. More detail given.
2003	Oct	312	Paragraph on ‘The d’Entrecasteaux Garden’ on a peninsula near Recherche Bay – making a case that in order to protect it from logging it should become a reserve. More detail given.
2004	Oct	316	Tas Marine Field Nats Program advertised Nov 10 th to Dec 12 th 2004.
2004	Oct	316	Observation of Bumblebees in native vegetation. A feral population was first discovered in Hobart in 1992. Andrew Hingston (Geography & Environmental Studies, University of Tasmania) wants to survey the distribution of Bumblebees in Tasmania during the coming spring, summer and autumn. Members are asked to let Andrew know where they see more than 10 bumblebees in one day in that time. More detail and references are given.
2004	Oct	316	Report from Don Hird titled “Recherche Peninsula/Southport Lagoon on the Disgrace Under Construction.”
2005	April	318	Don Hird further reports of destruction by off road vehicles in the adjacent Southport Lagoon Conservation area....and of TFNCs letters to Parks and Wildlife asking for explanations.
2005	Jan	317	Ectoparasites required! Inger Vilken PhD student. Is undertaking a PhD investigating the role of ectoparasites (specially ticks, mite, lice and fleas) play in the transmission of disease (bacterial, viral and riccktsial) in Australian mammals.....Ectoparasites are needed from any animals (domestic ort native reptiles, fish, birds or mammals.) Any samples can be stored in 70% alcohol in small vials, labelled with the animal of origin, site on the animal (if possible); location..... More detail given.
2005	April	318	Orchid help needed! PHD student Jasmine James (Plant Sciences, UTAS) aims to resolve some of the issues within the Pterostylidinae by molecular analysis within the Parviflora complex. More detail given. She asks if any member should come across a population of these species to contact her.

2005	July	319	Australian Acacias to remain as such. The international nomenclatural community was recently asked to reconsider the generic status of Acacia with implications that would have reassigned the Australian members of this genus to <i>Racosperma</i> leaving Acacia as an African genus.....the proposal was rejected. More detail given.
2005	July	319	The Sting on the Nettles by Phil Watson. Article on <i>Urtica dioica</i> and its Tasmanian cousin <i>Urtica incisa</i> describing its habitats; nettle tonics; history of strange uses and little-known nettle relatives.
2007	Jan	325	Dust off those notebooks – A call for help. Dr Lynda Chambers, Bureau of Meteorology Research Centre. Asks for observed changes in the environment such as flowering and fruiting occurring earlier, changes in mating behaviour and animals breeding earlier. So, what is happening in Australia? Lot more detail given.
2007	July	327	<i>Sarcochilus australis</i> – Gunns Tree orchid. Have you seen this plant? Locations anywhere in the state are needed for an honours project. Please tell Toby Smith....
2008	April	330	Lost Orchid rediscovered! Kevin Bonham's report on the rediscovery of <i>Corunastylis nudiscapa</i> on a bush track in South Hobart. First collected by JD Hooker from a "hill east of Mt Wellington" in 1840. And not collected by anyone since 1852. More detail given. Also reported The Mercury Friday 18 April p5.
2008	June	331	David Obendorf's use of TFNC (Tas Naturalist and a Century afield) archives has been pivotal in the research into the possibility of sufficient gene differentiation in western populations of the Tasmanian Devils to limit the spread of the transmissible and fatal Devil Facial Tumour Disease.
2008	June	331	David Obendorf also found TFNC archives useful in tracking down the past history of Foxes in Tasmania. There is a one-page summary of his research appended to this Bulletin. (Refer also other mentions of fox in 1998 and 2004 Bulletins – search this document)
2008	Oct	332	Azure Kingfisher – sightings wanted. Mark Wapstra is compiling information on this bird in Tasmania to produce a profile of the species for Threatened Species Section (DPIW). Existing data is scant and imprecise. More detail given.
2008	Oct	332	Simon Grove announces the new Tasmanian marine mollusc website – http://www.molluscsoftasmania.net you'll find about 3700 pages of information on Tasmania's marine molluscs. Requests feedback. More detail given.
2008	Oct	332	Mystery Creek Cave, Ida Bay – new animal? By Arthur Clarke Oct 2008: it's a Symphylan discovered in the upper reaches of the cave. Sometimes referred to as False Centipedes it was the first record for this cave. It appears to be similar to another locally known cave species <i>Hanensiella magna</i> found in King George V cave at Hastings. More detail given.
2008	Oct	332	Lynne Forster requests report Mass Strandings of <i>Adoryphorous couloni</i> – Winter scarab beetle at Bonnington (Barilla Bay). Article on its biology. Much more detail given.
2009	Jan	333	A sound idea: acoustic bird monitoring. A project supported by Birds Tasmania and the Central North Field Naturalists. An archive of bush bird sounds will form an aural record of changing bird populations...contact Sarah Lloyd. More detail given.
2009	April	334	Follow up with newsletter No 1: detailed progress on the project. Including Length of recordings required; the difficulties with acoustic surveys and how you can help.
2009	Oct	336	Pelagic Bird trips by Bill Wakefield – bird observing trips from Eaglehawk neck still have vacant seats are being run on Monday 8 Mar 2010, 22 Oct and 27 Nov 2010.
2010	Jan	337	More detail given.
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2010	Oct	340	Report in Bulletin #341 Jan 2011 for 27 Nov 2010 trip
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2010	July	339	Lynne Forster article on 'Creature Feature: Enamelled Spiders (<i>Araneus bradleyi</i>) and Banded Orb Weaver (<i>Argiope trifasciata</i>) at Huntingfield,' Peter Murrell Reserve. With photographs and descriptions.
2010	Oct	340	Fox Eradication Program Update: by Dave Sayers, Community Liaison Officer. DPIPWE

2010	Oct	340	Our Potential to Spread Plant and Animal Disease – A reminder by Michael Driessen. Two diseases of particular concern are root rot (<i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i>) and chytrid (<i>Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis</i>). Remember to clean and dry your boots and other equipment in an area that drains to your septic or sewage system... More detail and website addresses are given.
2010	Oct	340	Development of the Cup Moth (<i>Doratifera oxleyi</i>) – series of photos by Robyn Gates from Caterpillar, pupa and moth.
2011	April	342	'The Downward Spiral of our Mainland Rat Kangaroos' by Dave Sayers (Fox Eradication Branch)
2011	April	342	'Giant Slug invades Tasmania – <i>Arion ater</i> ' by Kevin Bonham
2011	April	342	When and Why was the Naturalist Edmund Higgins in Tasmania? By Arthur K. Clarke, Honorary Research Associate, School of Zoology, University of Tasmania. Key Words: <i>Hickmania troglodytes</i> ; <i>Pseudomys higginsi</i> ; <i>Arachura higginsi</i> ; <i>Pseudogaurax higginsi</i> .
2011	April	342	Photo feature - on the subject of Reptiles by Simon Fearn who is undertaking research on Tasmanian snakes including trophic ecology. Includes photos of: Tiger snake (<i>Notechis scutatus</i>); Endemic saxicolous ocellated skink (<i>Niveoscincus ocellatus</i>); Bluetongue Lizard (<i>T. nigrolutea</i>).
2011	July	343	A tale of two Cowries (collected on the May excursion to Blackman's Bay) by Kevin Bonham
2011	Oct	344	<i>Celaenia excavata</i> - Bird Dropping Spider. Article with photographs by Amanda Thomson
2011	Oct	344	Sea Rocket Invasion of Tasmania – can you help? Article by Roger Cousens. <i>Cakile edulenta</i> and <i>Cakile maritima</i> .
2012	Jan	345	An unusual cricket by Simon Fearn: <i>Caedicia simplex</i> – Green Cricket or Katydid. These are usually green but Simon Fearn noted that when feeding on a dwarf red flowering leptospermum ...the nymphs were reddish and even the adults although their wings were green their body and legs retained their pink colouration. More detail given.
2012	April	346	Jewel Beetle Trip Central Plateau 29 January 2012. Unofficial excursion. To follow up on sighting on a dead Jewel Beetle <i>Castiarina insculpta</i> in March 2008 at Lake Augusta; but instead they found <i>Castiarina rudis</i> . More detail given.
2012	April	346	Life History Notes on the large green Sawfly <i>Perga affinnis</i> (Hymenoptera) by Simon Fearn. With photos
2012	April	346	Fly from Hell by Simon Fearn. Robber flies. <i>Zolsteria sp.</i>
2012	April	346	Spider Hunter by Simon Fearn. Description of Tasmania's largest spider hunting wasp. <i>Cryptocheilus sp.</i> Hunting an adult female wolf spider <i>Lycosa tasmanica</i> .
2012	July	347	The Ultimate Insect Shrub by Simon Fearn: Key words: <i>Baeckea virgata</i> ; <i>Castiarina insularis</i> ; <i>Rutilla sp.</i> ; <i>Formosa speciosa</i>
2012	Oct	348	Above Ground Basking in a Terrestrial Spider. By Simon Fearn. <i>Lycosa simonsi</i> ; female trap door spider; basking on top of <i>Baeckea virgata</i> . More detail given.
2013	April	350	A Launceston summer phenomenon: the great sugar ant versus silver gull dog fight. By Simon Fearn.
2013	July	351	Bowerbird – a new Australian natural history website is advertised – developed by Museum Victoria – Australia's first website dedicated to the globally growing group of citizens scientists. All Bowerbird data is uploaded to the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA). Much more detail given.
2013	Oct	352	Searching for the Bronze Anoglypta on Blue Tier. by Kevin Bonham. The north-east forest snail; granulated snail; <i>Anoglypta launcestonensis</i> . Photos and description provided.
2013	Oct	352	Fungi of the month. Birds nest fungi <i>Nidula cf. emondensis</i> by Margaret Warren. Article on the history, habit and classification; photo provided.

2014	Jan	353	<i>Caladenia gracilis</i> var <i>sylvicola</i> ? By Kevin Bonham found at Tom Gibson Reserve, Epping what appears to be a white form of <i>Caladenia gracilis</i> (rather than the rare <i>C. sylvicola</i> he was wishing it to be!) He asks orchid-watchers to be alert to the possibility of <i>sylvicola</i> -like colour forms of various <i>Caladenias</i> showing up. More detail given
2014	April	354	<i>Utricularia australis</i> by Mick and Deirdre Brown. Mark Wapstra had reported that this could be found at The First Basin, Launceston so Mick and Deirdre went to photograph it there. It was first described by Robert Brown in 1810 and they give a report on its the biology including photographs of this interesting insectivorous plant. It was noted that the <i>Utricularia</i> was growing with <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> – Purple Loosestrife, which is a tri-stylous species. Each of the different forms are incompatible with each other. This mechanism was first described by Charles Darwin in 1892. More detail given.
2014	July	355	Sugar Gliders, threat to Swift Parrots? Bird Life Tasmania is asking members and friends to aid efforts...to obtain genetic material on Sugar Gliders from around Tasmania and the Bass Strait Islands. A comparison of DNA from Tasmanian and mainland Sugar Gliders will allow a determination as to whether they were introduced into Tasmania in the 19 th century or not. More detail given.
2014	Oct	356	Lewins Rail sighting at Oyster Cove by Els Wakefield. An important and rare sighting as it is suspected that numbers are declining on the mainland. More detail given.
2014	Oct	356	Report of a young male Masked Owl in Macquarie Street. More detail given.
2015	Jan	357	The Puggle or baby Echidna spotted by Amanda Thomson when driving past Tarooma School; about 12 weeks old and still in need of care. Taken to a carer in North Hobart. More detail and photograph given
2015	Oct	360	House Sparrow Study. Birdlife Tasmania is seeking input into a PhD project looking at House Sparrows in Tasmania. The entire Tasmanian House Sparrow population has descended from just 15 individuals intentionally shipped by Melbourne to Hobart around 150 years ago....research team needs to set up nest box sites and are looking for advice where they have been spotted, how many are at a particular site etc. More detail given.
2015	Oct	360	Citizen Science study for Churchill Fellowship awarded to Clare Hawkins. Title “Design enduring methods that engage nature lovers to monitor wildlife populations sizes and needs.” Have you come across the Threatened Species Link website yet? Clare is to visit organisations in USA, Hungary and UK to look at how they have become spectacularly good at making citizen science effective, designing enjoyable work supported by clever data analysis tools... Much more detail given.
2015	Oct	360	Tarkine Bio Blitz – from Bob Brown Foundation. Members considering attending and who are concerned about how their data may be used should contact the organisers. More detail given.
2016	April	362	‘Snails in the Mail’. Kevin Bonham reports on ‘Giant Panda Snail’ (<i>Hedleyella falconeri</i>) being intercepted by Biosecurity in incoming Australian Mail package. History, potential threat, habitat is described.
2016	July	363	A small flock of Banded Stilts has been sighted around the lagoons of Lauderdale and Dorans Road.
2016	Sept	364	Lyrebird sighting at Myrtle Forest, Collinsvale. Photo provided.
2016	Sept	364	Citizen Science letter from TFNC member Anke Franke provides the link for her report on her project ‘Backyard Wildlife Hobart’; which members had assisted in contributing data. This link is also on TFNCs website. More detail given.
2016	Sept	364	Phil Gorman requests help in the search for changes in the numbers of water birds on the Huon Rover and its estuary. Much more detail given.
2016	Sept	364	Kelly of Corinna Wilderness Experience requests help in obtaining a list of frogs found within 10km of Corinna, Tasmania. More information given.

