

Biodiversity Month

North-east Victoria
September 2011

Get back to Nature this September

Whroo Goldfields Conservation Management Network 'Walk & Squawk' with Chris Tzaros & the CMN

Tuesday, 30th August, 1.30pm, No. 2 Tooborac Forest

On the eve of Biodiversity Month, the Whroo Conservation Management Network welcomes any interested people who would like to take a 'Walk & Squawk' with Chris Tzaros (BirdLife Australia — formerly Birds Australia) and CMN members to view/survey the birdlife and flora of the No.2 Tooborac Forest on **Tuesday August 30th**.

Meet us at the **Tooborac Pub at 1.15pm**, and from here we can make our way to Tooborac No. 2 State Forest. If you would like to make your own way to the starting point, the site (clearing/car parking area) where we'll be setting out from is 4.3 km from the Pub, along the Seymour-Tooborac Road. We will have signs out on the day.

Please call or email Janice Mentiplay-Smith (CMN Coordinator) on 0418 316 169 / (03) 57611 644 or email Janicem@gbcma.vic.gov.au to register your interest.



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Threatened Flora Planting & Conservation

Friday, 2nd September 2011, 10.00am, Swainsona Reserve, West Wodonga

Join DSE, Parklands Albury Wodonga and TAFE NSW Bush Regeneration students planting Smooth Darling-pea *Swainsona galegifolia*.

Where Swainsona Reserve, Fell timber Creek Road, West Wodonga (contact DSE for location details).

Bring appropriate footwear and clothing, gloves and drinking water. Lunch provided.

RSVP by Monday 29th August to Glen Johnson, DSE Wodonga (02) 6043 7924.



Smooth Darling-pea

Wyuna Woodland Wander

Saturday, 3rd September, 10.00am to 12 noon, Wyuna River Reserve.

Jointly hosted by the Goulburn Murray Landcare Network (GMLN) and the Lower Goulburn Conservation Management Network, enjoy a wonderful woodland walk with wildlife biologist Ian Davidson including observing woodland birds and exploring their habitats.

Wyuna River Reserve is one of the most significant vegetation remnants in the Victorian Riverina Bioregion and part of the Goulburn River corridor. The 170 hectare Reserve is comprised of Box and River Red Gum grassy woodland and provides a diversity of habitats supporting a range of flora and fauna species.

Meet at the Wyuna River Reserve. Turn off Murray Valley Hwy into Waradgerly Rd and drive along until you see the Landcare signs.

BYO sturdy footwear, a hat and drinking water and, if you wish, binoculars and a camera.

Further information contact Wendy D'Amore at GMLN on (03) 5821 3530 or 0407 331 376.

Birds on The Boulevard, Shepparton

Saturday, 3rd September, 3.00pm to 5.00pm, Goulburn River, Shepparton

Hosted by the Goulburn Murray Landcare Network, join wildlife biologist Ian Davidson for an afternoon walk and talk, in particular looking at woodland birds, their habitat and the ecology of this beautiful area along the Goulburn River within Shepparton.

Meet at the historic pump site, The Boulevard, Shepparton. Heading north along The Boulevard it is on the left before you reach Canterbury Ave or the cemetery. Look out for the landcare signs.

Bring sturdy footwear, a hat and drinking water and, if you wish, binoculars and a camera.

Further information contact Wendy D'Amore at GMLN on (03) 5821 3530 or 0407 331 376.



Julian Robinson
Spotted Pardalote

Warby Ranges Hike with Benalla Bushwalking Club

Sunday, 4th September, 9.00am, Warby Ranges

Join Benalla Bushwalking Club for a hike in the nearby ever popular Warby Ranges. The bush land should be alive with spring wildflowers including grevilleas, wattles and some of the earlier orchids.

Meet at the old post office at 9.00am.

Bring your lunch, refreshments, wet weather gear. We will finish with afternoon tea together before returning home.

RSVP/Further information Laurice Kneen on (03) 5721 2892.

Kinnairds Wetland Discovery Walk

Wednesday, 7th September, 10.00am - 12 noon, Numurkah

Please join the Kinnairds Wetland Advisory Committee for a walk and talk. Participants will learn about the history, management and ecology of this important area including: site, history, management, works and bird life.

Meet at the southern car park, Kinnairds Rd Numurkah. Visit Moira Shire website for a map of Kinnairds Wetland - www.moira.vic.gov.au.

RSVP/Further information contact Gary Deayton at Moira Shire (03) 5871 9222.

Birds of Winton Wetlands and an overview of the Draft Winton Wetlands Restoration and Monitoring Plan

Tuesday 6th September, 10.30am – 12.30pm, Old Mokoan Yacht Club

A presentation on the birds of Winton Wetlands by Michael Ramsey, combined with an overview of the Draft Winton Wetlands Restoration and Monitoring Plan by Tim Barlow will feature as part of this year's Biodiversity Month activities being co-ordinated by DSE and the Goulburn-Broken CMA.

Commencing at 10.30am at the Old Mokoan Yacht Club, Tim Barlow, who has prepared the Draft Winton Wetlands Restoration and Monitoring Plan in conjunction with the Scientific Technical Advisory Group, will give an overview of the draft plan and the restoration objectives. Public comment is being sought on the plan which will guide the restoration and ecological monitoring of the Winton Wetlands Reserve.

Michael Ramsey, an experienced local bird observer, will then be giving a presentation on his observations of birds at Winton Wetlands, followed by a tour of key ecological features within the Reserve to conclude the day's activities.

If you have an interest in the restoration of the Winton Wetlands, here's an opportunity to hear and discuss what's being proposed, coupled with an exciting presentation on birds at the Reserve and field visit to see some of them first hand.

The Winton Wetlands will provide a BBQ lunch. Please bring your own field gear – hat, water bottle, snacks, sturdy boots, binoculars etc. Let us know of any specific dietary requirements.

RSVP to Georgina Burston on (03) 5761 1549 or Georgina.Burston@wintonwetlands.org by Wednesday, 31st August.

Regent Honeyeater Planting Weekends

Campout & Bush Dance 2011

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th , & Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th September, 9.00am, Benalla/Winton

The Regent Honeyeater Project invites you to lend a hand planting trees for a weekend in the Lurg Hills near Benalla (come for one day or both). Be part of history planting for the future by joining in on a project nationally recognized as one of the most active volunteer conservation projects that has engaged a whole farming community and beyond in restoring remnant box-ironbark habitat for threatened species still living in the district.

Activities Tree planting both Saturday and Sunday across several farms. A camp out and Bush dance on Saturday night for the energetic. Wildflower & ecology walk on Sunday afternoon after planting. See the fantastic growth in some of our older sites, a decade or more after planting.

Meals BYO lunch for Saturday, as we will be out in the field all day. Hot cuppa supplied for morning and afternoon tea. Sumptuous meal supplied on Saturday evening. BYO breakfast for Sunday, or sample the delights of the local bakeries. Free BBQ lunch in the bush on Sunday after planting.

BYO Sun-screen, hat, boots or sturdy shoes, long trousers, gloves, rain jacket, hand trowel. BYO sleeping bag and pillow if staying.

Meet 9.00 am Benalla Ceramic Mural (beside the bridge over Lake Benalla)

OR 9.00 am in the township of Winton (large car park near the CFA shed)

Numbers Expected Please let us know in advance the number of people coming, so we can cater appropriately.

RSVP essential Ray Thomas (03) 5671 1515 or email ray@regenthoneyeater.org.au

Help Monitor our Region's Rarest Bird: the Regent Honeyeater

Contact Cat Nield over the coming months.

Be involved in monitoring one of our region's rarest bird, the Regent Honeyeater with the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

Due to this species being on the cusp of extinction, a captive breeding program released 44 birds into the Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park last year and so far this winter, four of these captive-bred birds have returned to the area. A fifth was observed in Holbrook NSW, over 100km from where it was released. This is great news as it confirms that the released birds are surviving well in the wild and some have even been observed pairing with wild mates.

If you'd like to assist with the monitoring – a great chance to see Regent Honeyeaters – and for further information, please contact:

Contact Cat Nield on (03) 5723 8629 or catherine.nield@dse.vic.gov.au

If you happen to see a Regent Honeyeater please report it ASAP to the National Regent Honeyeater Recovery Coordinator on Freecall 1800 621 056.



Volunteers hard at work on a planting site at Lurg. Big groups of people can plant thousands of seedlings in a weekend.



We always replant the understory shrubs that were lost due to grazing. This restores natural balances to keep the old trees healthy for the long term.



Regent Honeyeater

© Chris Tzaros

'Snags for Tomorrow' Broken Boosey and Lower Goulburn Biodiversity Celebration Day

Friday 9th September 2011, 10.00am - 2.30pm, Nathalia Golf Club

The Broken Boosey and Lower Goulburn Conservation Management Networks and the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority invite you to the 'Snags for Tomorrow' Biodiversity Celebration Day at the Nathalia Golf Club on Friday 9th September 2011, 10.00am - 2.30pm for a fascinating day by the Broken Creek and a delicious gourmet lunch supplied by 'Murph's Rov-ing Roasts' - including gourmet 'snags'!

At 10.30am guest speakers Martin Casey, Industry and Investment NSW and Jarrod Lyon, Arthur Rylah Institute, will talk about the native fish of our local creeks and rivers, and the importance of snags for their survival. In the afternoon take a bus trip to see habitat restoration in action, or take part in hands-on planting some 'snags for tomorrow'.

IMPORTANT! DON'T MISS THE BUS OR GO HUNGRY!

RSVP to Janice Mentiplay-Smith (CMN Coordinator) on 0418 316 169/ (03) 57611 644 or email Janicem@gbcma.vic.gov.au to register your interest.

Focus on Fungi – Presentation by Paul George

Friday, 9th September, 7.30pm, Strath Creek Hall

The Upper Goulburn Landcare Network's Focus on Fauna project is holding a presentation on Fungi by Paul George at the Strath Creek Hall on Friday September 9th, starting at 7.30pm.

Paul is Convenor of the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria's Fungi Group, and his talk will include an introduction to fungi, their lifestyle, role in the ecosystem, relationship with native wildlife etc, all illustrated with lots of photos. Paul is also happy to identify any specimens or photos.

RSVP to David Wakefield on (03) 5780 1225
or email: focusonfauna@gmail.com

For more information on the Focus on Fauna project check out
<http://focusonfauna.wordpress.com>



BIRDING WITH BERNIE DATSON SPRING 2011 Baranduda Landcare

Saturday 10th September, 8.30am – 10.30am, Baranduda
(near Wodonga)

Baranduda Landcare invite you to take a short walk and observe the birds in Baranduda in the peak of Spring.

Join Bernie for a fun event observing and recording the birds in the park such as yellow faced honeyeater, crested shrike tit and eastern yellow robin.

Meet at Baranduda Community Centre car park.
RSVP to Glen Johnson (02) 6020 8667.

Chiltern-Mt. Pilot National Park Discovery Outing

Saturday 10th September, 10.00am, Chiltern Mt
Pilot National Park

Join the Albury-Wodonga Field Naturalists' for an outing in the Chiltern Mt. Pilot National Park. Spring is a fantastic time to explore the park and to spot and learn about the animals and plants that inhabit this special part of North East Victoria.

Meet at 10.00am Acacia car park Wodonga.

BYO lunch and refreshments for the day.

For more information and to register your interest contact Anne Andrews (02) 6056 4112.

Woodland Birds & More at Dookie Bushland Reserve

Saturday, 10th September, 10.00am to 4.00pm, Dookie

Jointly hosted by the Murray Goulburn branch of Bird Observation and Conservation Australia (MGBOCA) and Goulburn Murray Landcare Network (GMLN), this event provides a rare opportunity to visit this special place.



Julian Robinson

Visitors are welcome to join wildlife biologist Ian Davidson and local bird observers for a day enjoying the features of the 270ha of grassy woodlands at Dookie Bushland reserve with a focus on woodland birds and their habitats. We plan to have a picnic lunch in the woodlands.

Meet at the Dookie college visitors car park (turn left at the end of the entry driveway), University of Melbourne Dookie Campus.

BYO lunch, snacks, sturdy footwear, a hat and drinking water and, if you wish, binoculars, picnic chair and a camera.

Further information/RSVP Wendy D'Amore at GMLN on (03) 5821 3530 / 0407 331 376 or Mike Kerr (03)

Annual Legless Lizard Hunt – On Again!

Sunday 11th September, 9.00am – 3.00pm, Ghin Ghin/Homewood

Come along for half or all day searching for the rare Striped Legless Lizards. We'll be checking up on the health of several rare, but known populations of this gorgeous and threatened reptile in the Ghin Ghin & Homewood districts on the Upper Goulburn catchment. There are many records of the Olive Legless Lizard, but the Striped Legless Lizard appears to be quite rare. Pockets of suitable grassland & woodland habitat are now few and far between. These surveys help to increase our knowledge of the Striped Legless Lizard. These populations have been monitored regularly for 10 years, so join in to find out how they're going. There should be plenty of photo opportunities so bring your camera.

Bring Outdoor clothing and footwear, and lunch.

RSVP/more info and to join the hunt, please contact Bertram Lobert, on (03) 5790 8606 or email bm.lobert@activ8.net.au

For Striped Legless Lizard information visit

[http://www.natureweb.org.au/index.php?title=Striped Legless Lizard](http://www.natureweb.org.au/index.php?title=Striped_Legless_Lizard)



Bertram Lobert
Legless Lizard

Community Gardening in Willow Park

Sunday, 11th September, 1.30pm – 4.00pm, Willow Park, Wodonga (4th Sunday of every month except Summer)



Be involved in enhancing biodiversity in the heart of Wodonga by joining Friends of Willow Park for an afternoon of community gardening activities. Participants are encouraged to come for the afternoon or just an hour with activities such as Waterwatch (databased results), tree planting, weeding, mowing and checking nest boxes.

Bring yourself (with maybe a bottle of water, gloves and hat) and any interested friends or family members. Tools and BBQ lunch are supplied.

Meeting Point BBQ at the Pearce Street carpark end of Willow Park, Wodonga.

Start 1:30pm Gardening; 3:30pm Waterwatch

Finish 4:00pm (ish)

Contact Pauline Anderson (02) 6056 6275 or email paulsando12@yahoo.com.au

Creatures of the Night' Spotlighting near Chiltern

Tuesday, 13th September, 6.00pm – 8.30pm, Chiltern

The night will involve a walk and talk with Jerry Alexander, Biodiversity Officer with DSE, and give people the opportunity to spot our nocturnal wildlife as they emerge from their homes on dusk. Spotlights will be used to locate and identify animals after dark along a significant roadside in the Chiltern area, and the night will finish with a debrief and a cup of billy tea provided for all interested participants.



Brush-tailed Phascogale

Numbers are restricted and RSVPs are essential. Participants must be capable of sitting still and quietly for 30 minutes on dusk, and walking a distance of up to 2km at night. Participants must bring warm clothing, sturdy boots and a reliable torch (or spotlight). Due to the constraints involved with spotlighting, young children may not be suitable for this event.

RSVPs essential Stuart Robertson (02) 6043 7984 or stuart.roberton@dse.vic.gov.au

Yeddonba, Mt. Pilot, Flat Rock Hike - Benalla Bushwalking Club

Wednesday 14th September, 8.45am, Beechworth area

Last year, after fires and then a very wet year, these areas produced a massive display of new vegetation and flowers. I am hoping they will repeat the performance this season. We will visit the Yeddonba aboriginal art site first, with a most attractive short circuit walk, and then drive to Mt. Pilot for lunch on the summit.

After lunch we drive through Beechworth to visit Flat Rock, another broad granite outcrop, which has great views, at least one gnamma hole and is surrounded by micromyrtus, rice-flower and box-leaf wattle plants in full bloom. They are all short walks with some climbing, but no real difficulty.

RSVP and for more information Vaughan Cowan (03) 5762 1980.

Where have all the dicky birds gone? A talk on Woodland Birds in the Goulburn Valley

Thursday 15th September, 7.30pm – 9.00 pm,
Shepparton

Join wildlife biologist Ian Davidson for an informative evening on woodland birds hosted by the Goulburn Murray Landcare Network. Learn about woodland bird status and habitat, key species doing well and those struggling, threats impacting on woodland birds and what you can do to improve the lot of woodland birds.

Where Goulburn Valley Hotel, 223 High St, Shepparton, entry via the carpark.

Further information/RSVP to Wendy D'Amore at GMLN on (03) 5821 3530 or 0407 331 376 by Monday 12th September.

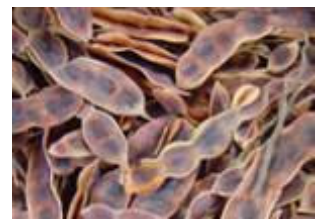
Goulburn Broken Indigenous Seedbank 10 Year Celebration!

Friday, 16th September, open 10.00am—2.00pm, University of Melbourne, Dookie, BBQ lunch provided at 12.00pm

The Goulburn Broken Indigenous Seedbank is 10 years old, and invites you to join in the celebrations! This day is to reflect on the achievements of the Seedbank and also to thank everybody who has been involved along the way.

Anyone who would like to tour the Seedbank is welcome to come along and find out more about Seedbanks and how they work. All are welcome. A BBQ lunch will be provided at 12.00pm.

RSVP/Enquiries Seedbank Coordinator,
Liz Evans 0428 770 030



Kinglake National Park – Threatened Species Research Stories & Discoveries

Friday, 16th September 6.30pm-9.00pm, Kinglake West Hall

Park Victoria presents an evening of discovery into threatened species research undertaken in King Lake National Park. Learn about rare and threatened plants and animals, their survival in a fire-affected landscape and some remarkable stories of recovery. Supper included.

Rob Gration - 'Batologist' Eastern Bent-wing Bats and their remarkable travels (consultant)

David Cheal - Fire Ecology and Kinglake National Park (Arthur Rylah Institute)

Karl Just - Botanical discoveries in the Park and more (consultant)

Bookings essential as places are limited. Register your interest by calling 13 1963.

Kinglake National Park – Wildflower Walk

Saturday 17th September, 9.30am-12 noon, Kinglake National Park

Join Parks Victoria for a morning walk and talk in the Park to see local wildflowers and regeneration. Details will be provided to those interested, as we are waiting to see where the best wildflowers are.

Contact Sam Strong on 13 1963 to register your interest.



Sam Strong

Eastern Bent-wing Bat

Tom Chambers



Pultanea weindorferi



Jo Antrobus

Juvenile Leadbeater's Possum

Threatened Flora of Baranduda Regional Park 2011 survey

Saturday, September 17th 2011, 10.00am – 2.00pm, Baranduda

Join Baranduda Landcare for the fourth annual *Swainsona sericea* survey - a bushwalk (steep terrain, high level of fitness required) in the regional park to confirm plants, check tree guards and look for new plants. This plant had not been recorded in the area for over 50 years and was re-discovered in 2007 on the north-west slopes of Baranduda Regional Park. It has an exquisite flower and the group is doing its best to propagate this rare and attractive little plant.

Meet at Baranduda Community Centre carpark.

RSVP Register your interest with Glen Johnson (02) 6020 8667.

Spring into Nature with TFN

Saturday, 17th September, 1.30pm - 4.00pm, Beechworth area

Join Trust for Nature for an afternoon walk through a beautiful covenanted property close to historic Beechworth. We will be looking at wildflowers, birds and rare plants as well as checking nestboxes for native wildlife. Afternoon tea provided.

Meet at the corner of Gorge Rd and Beechworth-Wodonga Rd, Beechworth.

Bring sturdy shoes, binoculars, chair, water, raincoat/sunscreen

RSVP by Friday 9th September to Jim Blackney (03) 5728 6620 or 0419 842 082 or email jimb@tfn.org.au



Flat-leaf Bush-pea *Pultanea platyphylla*

Floodplain Ecology Course (4 days – fee applies)

Sunday, 18th to Thursday 22nd September, Barmah

Goulburn Murray Landcare Network in conjunction with the Department of Sustainability & Environment and Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority are currently taking registrations for a four day floodplain ecology course to give greater understanding of these complex ecosystems, their ecological importance and values, the intimate connection of floodplains with the health of their parent rivers, and how in a volatile political setting consideration of floodplains is important to the long term sustainable use of our waterways. Instructors & presenters include renowned wetland expert Keith Ward, geologist Neville Rosengren, aquatic ecologists Rhonda Butcher and Darren Baldwin, botanist Randall Robinson, soil scientist Cathy Botta, freshwater ecologist Daryl Neilsen, wildlife experts Steve Wilson and Lindy Lumsden.

The course fee for \$1000 (plus GST) which includes accommodation, meals, transport, instruction, and course notes for the four days. The course is limited to 30 participants.

Contact Marg Watters (GMLN) gmln@iinet.net.au or 0447 321 140 to register and for more information.

Threatened species recovery following Black Saturday - Lake Mountain

Monday 19th September, 10.00am – 2.00pm, Lake Mountain

Parks Victoria, DSE and Lake Mountain Alpine Resort invites you to a walk and talk to view and share key outcomes and findings from post fire recovery projects on publicland in the Upper Goulburn catchment. Species presentations will include Barred Galaxias, Lead-beater's possum, Alpine Bog skink and Alpine tree frog and more.

Meet Gerraties carpark - Lake Mountain Alpine Resort. Follow signs to Lake Mountain from Marysville (approx 15kms).

BYO/Bring warm clothes, event likely to provide lunch (to be advised).

Contact Sam Strong Parks Victoria (13 1963) and/or Steve Smith (DSE) (03) 5772 0221.



Jo Antrobus
Alpine Tree Frog



Tony Schnaedelbach
Everlasting meadow at Lake Mountain

Walk on the Wildside – Night Adventure

Friday, 23rd September, 6.00pm, Euroa

The biodiversity staff of the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority welcomes you to join us in search of our amazing nocturnal wildlife, such as squirrel gliders, sugar gliders, insectivorous micro-bats and possibly many other night creatures. First we will have some damper, bush tucker and a BBQ followed by spotlighting and checking harp-traps. If you don't know what that is you'll have to come along to find out!

Where Corner of Drysdale Road and Angle Road (signed to direct you) Euroa

BYO sturdy boots, appropriate clothing, torch or spotlight and a sense of adventure!

RSVPs Jenny Wilson (03) 5820 1115

or jennyw@gbcma.vic.gov.au for further details and a map.

Warby Ovens National Park - Biodiversity Camp Out

Saturday, 24th September 3.30pm – Sunday 25th 12 noon, Warby Ovens National Park

A community family event hosted by Parks Victoria and DSE in the fantastic Box-Ironbark forests of the Warby Ovens National Park. A fun-filled camp out with heaps of nature-based activities including spotlighting, bird walk, wildflower walk, star gazing and nest box monitoring. Saturday night dinner and Sunday morning pancake breakfast provided.

Where The Forest Camp, Killawarra Forest, Warby Ovens National Park

Registration by Wednesday 14th September via the Wangaratta Government Centre (03) 5723 8600.

For more details contact Mary Anderson, DSE Wangaratta (03) 5723 8693.

What to bring Tent & camping gear, drinking water, chair, torch, eating utensils, appropriate footwear, cold/wet weather clothing.



Matt Looby
Bulbine Lily

The Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network and Fernhills Conservation Park present:

'Trees and Climate Change' a talk by Greg Moore

Saturday, 24th September, 2.00 – 4.00pm, Sheans Creek (near Euroa)

Greg Moore is a much sought after and engaging public speaker with an extensive knowledge of arboriculture. He also has expertise in plant science, revegetation and ecology.

Among other achievements Greg is a former Principal of Burnley College, University of Melbourne and Chair of the National Trusts Register of significant trees. He was the inaugural President of the International Society of Arboriculture, Australian Chapter. He serves on a number of boards and has published widely.

Greg will address a range of issues associated with the impact of climate change on the trees of our rural landscapes. In what ways will climate change impact upon the trees that characterize our rural landscapes, from old paddock trees to the regeneration of seedlings in patches of remnant vegetation? What will be the effects on biodiversity? What actions can landholders and other landscape stewards undertake to minimize the adverse effects of climate change on trees? Afternoon tea provided.

Where Fernhills Conservation Park, 254 Fernhills Rd, Sheans Creek.

Enquiries and RSVP Penny Algar 0439 381 132 or landscapeart@fern hills.com.au

Myrtle Beech Forests - Revealing a 'worts' and all story – presentation & guided walk



Presentation - Saturday, 24th September, 3.00pm – 5.00pm, Buxton Hall

Guided Walk - Sunday, 25th September, 10.30am – 12 noon

Learn more about majestic Myrtle Beech trees and the impact of Myrtle-wilt, their relationships with Bryophytes and our efforts to understand their response to fire. See examples up close and hear research being undertaken by:

Marianne Worley - Department of Sustainability and Environment

David Cameron - Arthur Rylah Institute

Afternoon tea provided, please call **13 1963** to register for catering purposes.

Where Buxton Hall, Maroonah Highway, Buxton

A guided walk is also available on Sunday 25 September 10.30am-12 noon.

BYO wet weather gear, sturdy shoes, drinks and lunch.

Limited places so book early on 13 1963.

Wildflowers of Mount Piper - Guided Walk

Sunday, 25th September, 10.00am – 12 noon followed by lunch, Mount Piper (near Broadford)

Mount Piper is the iconic centre of the Piper Biolink spanning the upper Goulburn Catchment. Its unique position and geology have made it an island refuge for many plants and animals.

The wildflower walk will include a wide variety of flowering shrubs, orchids, lilies and other plants and will be led by local experts. All are welcome to join Friends of Mount Piper and Parks Victoria for the walk and a BYO lunch.

Location Mount Piper Conservation Reserve, Jeffrey's Lane, Broadford

Directions Turn west off the Broadford Kilmore Road into Jeffrey's Lane. After 1.8 km, turn right into the laneway leading up to the reserve and continue up to the car park.

Bring footwear for walking on rough ground, hat and sunscreen (plus lunch and chair, if joining us for lunch).

RSVP to Peter Mitchell at mitchell.moss@iinet.net.au or 0468 795 954.

Woodland and wildflower wonders at Kinnairds Wetland and the Trust for Nature Naringaningalook Reserve

Sunday, 25th September, 10.00am - 4.00pm (10.00am to approx. 12.30pm at Kinnairds Wetland and approx. 1.00pm – 4.00pm at Naringaningalook Reserve), Numurkah

Visitors are welcome to share in the wonders at either or both of these areas with joint hosts, Broken Creek Field Naturalists Club (BCFNC) and Goulburn Murray Landcare Network (GMLN). Over 140 native bird species have been recorded at Kinnairds Wetland since 2004 and most of these are associated with woodland habitats. The area has undergone some significant changes in the past 20 years or so with benefits for woodland bird diversity and abundance.

Wildlife biologist Ian Davidson will lead a walk to observe and talk about woodland birds and their habitats. Naringaningalook Reserve contains areas of significant native grassland and woodland. In spring it should be a mass of wildflowers and a wonderful experience.

Meet at the southern car park, Kinnairds Rd, Numurkah. Visit Moira Shire website for a map of Kinnairds Wetland www.moira.vic.gov.au. Or for the afternoon, meet at Naring Hall and fire station, corner Naring Hall Road and Labuan Road, Naring.

BYO lunch, snacks, sturdy footwear, a hat and drinking water and, if you wish, binoculars, picnic chair and a camera.

Further information contact Wendy D'Amore at GMLN on (03) 5821 3530 or 0407 331 376, Gary Deayton at Moira Shire (03) 5871 9222 or Paul Hockett (03) 5862 3789 (BCFNC).

What's Cool in the Common!

Friday, 30th September 9.30-11.30am, Wangaratta Common, cuppa provided.

Walk and talk with DSE and Parks Victoria to learn about cool stuff in the Wangaratta Common Nature Conservation Reserve.



Matt Looby

Meet at Greta Rd entrance (past Merriwa Industries).

Bring Appropriate Footwear and clothing. Drinking water, field guides if you have them.

RSVP by Monday 26th September to Mary Anderson, DSE Wangaratta (03) 5723 8693.

Direct Seeding Field Day

Friday, 30th September, 10am onwards, Mansfield area.

Join the GBCMA and Up2Us Landcare on a tour of direct seeding sites in the Mansfield area. Learn about direct seeding and see what's involved.



Success!

For more information/RSVP by Wednesday 28th September contact Kerstie Lee on 0400 613 344 or info@up2us.org.au

Friends of Chiltern - Mt. Pilot National Park – Weeds, Nest box checking and Orchid Wander

Sunday, October 2nd, 9.00am, Chiltern Mt. Pilot NP

Join Friends of Chiltern – Mt. Pilot National Park for a day in the park checking weed sites, nest boxes and monitoring for orchids with John Hawker. After lunch we will walk in the park for pleasure looking for, and recording, whatever the seasons bring, birds, flowers, fungi etc. If you are interested in knowing what abounds in the park these afternoons provide you with the opportunity to learn.

Meet at the Chiltern Post Office.

BYO Lunch, refreshments, sturdy walking shoes.

RSVP and more information Eileen Collins (03) 57 261 484 or nulgerong@westnet.com.au



Matt Looby

Purple Diuris

Hamilton Park – Woodland & Wildflower Interpretive walk

Sunday, October 2nd, 2.30pm, Hamilton Park near Glenrowan



Matt Looby

Pink Bindweed

One of North East Victoria's best kept secrets is a small patch of bushland right in the heart of the Hamilton Park community. This area is a relatively weed free example of grassy woodland/spring soak native vegetation with over 70 native plant species identified in a recent audit organized by the Hamilton Park arboretum committee. Ground layer wildflowers are of particular interest.

The short stroll, to be led by Matt Looby from Wangaratta DSE, will take about an hour. Cuppa afterwards. Birds bring binoculars.

Directions From Warby Range Road (between Glenrowan and Taminick Gap Rd) turn into Henley Drive and then right into Kurrajong Lane.

Contact/RSVP Glen Scholfield 03 5766 2626 or osfield@optusnet.com.au

Landscape Restoration Field Day & North East Woodland Bird Brochure Launch!

Friday, 7th October, 9.30am for 10.00am start, Thoona

Field day to showcase the latest in habitat restoration, revegetation and threatened species management for the North East and Goulburn Broken catchments. After lunch the new North East Woodland Bird Brochure will be launched followed by a bird watching session with Birds Australia. All welcome!! Lunch provided.



Matt Looby

Where 'Auchmedden', Lot 3 Amery Road South, Thoona (off Sayers Rd).

Bring Appropriate footwear, water, sun protection, cold/wet weather gear.

RSVP by Monday, 26th September by calling DSE Benalla on (03) 5761 1611. For further information contact Matt Looby, DSE Wangaratta (03) 5723 8673.

Wallaby Gully Wildflower Walk

Sunday, 16th October, 10.00am start, Longwood East

Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network invites you to explore the mossy rock terraces of the Wallaby Gully Flora Reserve at Upton-Hill near Longwood East. This 'hidden gem' supports a diverse range of plants specific to rocky outcrops in the Strathbogie Ranges, *Micromyrtus ciliata*, *Acacia lanigera*, *Dononaea boroniifolia* plus plenty of orchids & lilies. New species are discovered on every visit. Bring your lunch, camera, plant ID books & binoculars.

Easy walking (approx 3kms) over rocky slopes.

Meet us at 10.00am at the reserve Upton Rd. Longwood East.

RSVP/Contact Janet Hagen 03 5790 4268 or 0458 904268 or jhagen@harcourtsat.com.au

Granite Hills, Wildflowers and Sand Slugs

Saturday, 8th October 10.00am – 5.00pm, Euroa/Strathbogie Ranges

The Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network invites you to come for a wander amongst the great Strathbogie granite outcrops with Neville Rosengren, a knowledgeable and passionate geologist, and Sally Mann, well known for her local plant knowledge.

Meet us in Euroa for an informative presentation, and then head outside to get to know a sand slug or two. Travelling from the plains to the hills, through the changing landscapes, we will discover flora and learn about geology and land forms as we move up into the granite country of the Strathbogie Ranges, via the Gooram Falls.

Finally, a celebration on the rocks at Mount Wombat will allow us to take in the amazing views and contemplate our amazing natural history.

Where Meet at the Old Flour Mill Gallery in Kirkland Ave, Euroa

Further details please contact Penny Agar 0439381132 at landscapeart@fernhills.com.au or Shirley Saywell on 0427 246 900.

Grassy Woodland Discovery Field Day

Saturday 22nd October, 10.00am, Burgess Reserve and 'Billygoat Hill', Gobur

Come explore a grassy woodland environment with the experts and enjoy a family friendly day exploring bird life, lizards and frogs, wildflowers and a cultural heritage experience.

Burgess Reserve and 'Billygoat Hill' have been managed to encourage wildlife and native vegetation for the past five years. The results are stunning with a wonderful array of wildflowers promising this year.

RSVP Cathy Olive 0429 127 399, or uglandcare@gbcma.vic.gov.au



'Billygoat Hill' in drier times



Biodiversity Month 2011 event hosts:



The Regent Honeyeater Project
Goulburn Broken Indigenous Seed Bank
Fernhills Conservation Park
Friends of Mt. Piper
Broken Creek Field Naturalists Club
Friends of Chiltern-Mt.Pilot National Park