PREVIOUS SPEAKERS

1991

Oct Dr Ted Edwards, CSIRO Ento.: Golden Sun Moth

Nov Vince & Beth Ford: Lord Howe Island

1992

Feb Leonie Andrews: Loggerhead Turtles at Mon Repos

Mar Leigh Miller, CSIRO Ento.: Termites in Cape York Peninsular area.

Apr Greg Lawrence CSIRO, Plant Industry: Plant fungal diseases.

Jul Jenny Bounds: National parks of SW U.S.A.

Sep Michael Mulvaney: Garden escapees. Which plants become invasive & why.

Oct Barry Oakman: Dingo history & Survival.

Nov Liz Dovey, NSW NPWS: Endangered animals of the SE Region

Dec Vince Ford: Video of Lord Howe Island.

1993

Feb Sue Feary, Regional Archaeologist NSW P&WS: Significance & management of Cultural Heritage in the SE Region.

Mar Lawrence Cook & Kristine Abrahams, Nature Australia: Burra Burra in Lamington N.P. & Carnarvon Gorge Qld.

Apr Dr Andy Spate, Scientific officer of NSW P&WS: Slide account of Antarctica.

May Mark Carson: Northern Flinders Ranges

Jul Tony Sharley: Wetlands & their restoration

Aug Vince Ford: Yookamurra

Sep Dr Wally Johnson: Hazards & benefits of volcanoes.

Oct Dr Robert Taylor CSIRO: The Australian bull ant.

Nov Monica Yeung, Gavin Young: Canowindra Fish Fossils 1956 discovery & since.

Dec Ian & Margaret: Wildflowers of the Bush Capital
Murray Dow: Goodsell Creek. Corang Lagoon

1994

Feb Rick Ford: Mackay & Eungella N.P.

Mar Suzette Searle, CSIRO Forestry: Rectifying erosion & salinity with Australian native plants.

Apr Ian Fraser: Lore of names

May Chris Tidemann, ANU: Secret life of bats

Jun Jeff Clyde: Intricacies of the private life of birds.
Vince Ford: Space & Jupiter in particular

Jul Michael Tracy: Out of Africa: Human explosion from 2.6 million years ago.

Sep Dr Ken Gardiner: Cacti & other succulents

Oct Prof. John Chappell: Ancient past and uncertain future. N.T Wetlands

Nov Pat McCarthy: Lichens

1995

Feb Pat Sciliano: wildlife under the waves

Mar Will Osborne: Wildlife of the Snow Country

Apr Dr Nigel Wace: Looking after the ocean. Beachcombing & what debris reveals.

May Dr Robert Taylor: Men of Darwin's day. Contemporary figures & the theory of evolution.

Jun Michael Braby: Butterflies of the ACT and surrounding region.

Jul Heino Lepp: Fungi

Aug Dr Mark Clements ANBG: Orchids

Sep Murray Dow: Influences of climate on plants & landforms in Tasmania.

Oct Leon Horsnell: Ecological landscaping

Nov Ian Fraser: Why Canberra is such a great place to be a naturalist.

1996

Feb Dr David Rentz, CSIRO Ento: Katydids

Mar Ian Haynes: Old Kosciuszko tracks

Apr Stuart Crait: A closer look at insects & plants. Electronmicroscopy

May Prof Henry Nix:, CRES, ANU: Fish and Fowl in the far North. 10 years of visits to the Gulf country.

Jun Dr Ian Brooker: The Eucalyptus oil Industry.

Jul Raoul Moulder: Wildlife of Madagascar.

Aug Judith Curnow ANBG: Bryophytes...Mosses, Liverworts & Hornworts.

Sep Alan Scrymgeour

Oct Dr Tony Oldfield: How fruit bats use their noses.

Nov Dr Jill Landsberg: Endangered Species & Ecological communities in the ACT Region. Work of the Flora & Fauna Cttee.

Dec Horst Hahne Yosemite & Sequoia NPs

1997

Feb John Wombey, CSIRO Wildlife & Ecology. Frogs of Australia

Mar David Jones: Cycads of the World

Apr Dr Ted Edwards: Moths

May Brian Barlow: Mistletoes

Jun Penny Greenslade: Natural History of Macquarie Island

Jul Jenny Bounds: Birds & other aspects of Southern S Africa.

Aug Dr Julian Ash: Dynamics of rainforests.

Sep Alice Wells: Form function and fantasy: Caddis flies encapsulated.

Oct Merilyn Evans & Peter Ormay. Slides from Friends Of Aranda Bushland's forthcoming book.

Nov Doug Mills, CRES, ANU: Survey methods for Microbats & their ecology. History of methods.

Dec Philip & Chris Bunn

1998

Feb Sarah Sharp: Field trip to Museum site grasslands & slideshow in evening

Mar Malcolm Gill, CPBR and CSIRO: Bushfire on the urban/Rural interface.

Apr William J. Lines: False economy of Australian agriculture. Landclearing

May Janette Lindesay, ANU: El Nino

Jun Keith Lockwood: Vision of stars and the night sky. Lighting issues & astronomy.

Jul David Horton: The Environment in Aboriginal Pre-History

Aug Michael Braby: Tropical butterflies

Sep Mark Lintermans: Aquatic life in ACT Waterways.

Oct Barry Moore: Towards an understanding of Tropical Rainforest with particular interest in N. Qld.

Nov Ian Fraser: Wildflowers of the Snow Country.

Dec Horst & Kay Hahne's Antarctica video.

1999

Feb Dr David Shorthouse: ACT Wildlife Research & Monitoring

Mar Matthew Smyth: Patersons Curse across the Australian Landscape.

Apr Colin McDonald: Arabana Country. Central Australian Aboriginal & natural heritage.

May Dr Marion Liebert AGSO Cities project: Landslides in Australia

Jun Ros & Garth Dixon: Corner Country National Parks.

Jul Kathryn Maxwell: Role of the Conservation Council

Aug Ben Wallace ANBG: Epiphytes

Sep AGM Alan Scrymgeour: Conservation & life at Timbarra.

Oct David Hogg: Environmental consultant.

Nov Will Osborne: Frog declines in the Australian Alps

Dec Ian Haynes & Leonie's slides

2000

Feb Ann Connolly & Bernard Morris ACT P & C S: Phascogales

Mar Prof. John Mulvaney. World Heritage Areas of SW Tasmania, Kakadu & Uluru

Apr Rosemary Budavari. Environmental Defenders' Office

May Don Driscoll, CSIRO W&E: Cryptic fauna in remnant vegetation of the Western Wheatbelt.

Jun Prof Jeremy Mould: How big is the Universe & how old. The Hubble telescope.

Jul Phil Domachenz: Ashmore Reef

Aug Philippa Rowland, Dr Geoffrey Wasteneys: Natural History of O'Connor Ridge.

Sep John Weatherstone: reclaiming degraded farmland & farm forestry's potential.

Oct Andrew Blakers: Practical Greenhouse strategies.
Betty & Don Wood Their new Coastal flora guide.

Nov Harry Laing: Environmental poetry & prose.

2001

Mar Dr David Horton: Commercialisation of Wildlife.

Apr David Jones: Cycads

May Dr Peggy Rismiller Kangaroo Island: Echidnas

Jun Dr David Freudenberger CSIRO W&E: Birds as indicators of sustainable habitat.

Jul Simon Corbell MLA: Planning & environmental decision-making reform.

Aug Janet Twigg-Patterson: Nature art and Chinese brush painting

Sep Dr Anna Carr, ANU
Isobel Bennett, Inter-tidal Zone marine biologist

Oct Nicky Taws: Habitat values for birds of revegetation in the NSW Southern Tablelands.

Nov Helen Hewson: The History of Natural history.

Dec Eleanor Stodart & her books

2002

Feb Dr Janette Lindesay, ANU: Global warming, Greenhouse & climate change

Mar Dr Michael Mulvaney: New research on Woodlands & woody grasslands in SE Australia

Apr Dr Richard Groves: Weeds in Australia

May Dr John Williams: The Future of the Murray darling Basin

Jun Dr Maxine Cooper: The Future of Environment ACT.

Jul Vince Ford: Current research at Mt Stromlo observatory & Siding Springs.

Aug Rainer Rehwinkel: Fauna of grasslands and grassy woodlands

Sep Prof. Mandyam Srinivasan: Vision, navigation & 'cognition' in honeybees.

Nov Dr Gavin Young: Wee Jasper Fish Fossils

2003

Feb John Wombey: Local reptiles & amphibians

Mar Jan Cristofani: An insight into AQIS The Australian Quarantine & Inspection Service.

Apr Dierk von Behrens: The Throsborne, Mt Bartle Frere walking tracks & walking in PNG..

May Steve Taylor: Control of Environmental Weeds in ACT Conservation Reserves. A Ranger's view.

Jun Geoff Kell: Wee Jasper limestone formations & the caves.

Jul Dr Michael Braby: In search of Australian butterfly origins: field exploration in the Andes.

Aug Dr Chris Bunn: What makes wildllife sick? Diseases in native & feral wildlife.

Sep Peter Liston: ACT Water Resources Strategy: Water use & conservation possibilities.

Nov Geoff & Gwyn Clarke: Flora of Black Mountain.

2004

Feb Rosemary von Behrens: Summer in Mt Field National Park, Tasmania

Mar Geoff Hope, ANU: Boggy ecosystems, their nature & after the 2003 fires

Apr Esteban Fuentes: The Raptor Guild of the Canberra region

May John Reid: "The Fishman of South East Australia" Visual art & landscape.

Jun Leigh Miller: Termites in the NT his experiences & studies over 35 years.

Jul Denis Saunders: "Why do we discount our future?" Biodiversity & fragmentation.

Aug John Tassie: Photographic journey in Kosciuszko N.P.

Sep Benj Whitworth: Monkeys in focus. Monkey behaviour in Africa & S. America

Oct Geoff Robertson: Daisies of the Southern Tablelands.

Nov Roger Farrow: Identifying Eucalypts of our region..

2005

Feb Dr Simon Driver: Our view of the Universe. Our star and mapping galaxies.

Mar Debbie Saunders, CRES, ANU: Swift parrots and volunteer surveys

Apr Dr Rod Peakall: The false promise of sex. Orchids

May David Spratt: The Fauna of the Fauna. (equipment failure)

Jun Dr Fred Ford: Pebble Mound Mice

Jul Dr Bob Taylor: Bloody funny wasps – a new look at ant biology.

Aug Nancy FitzSimmons: Earthwatch program in the Kimberlys

Sep Professor Esther Gallant: Canoeing in the wilderness between Canada and the USA

Oct Prof. Arthur Georges: The Okavango Delta. AGM

Nov Benj Whitworth: West Australian Wildflowers

2006

Feb David Spratt: Fauna of the Fauna

Mar Dr Mark Lonsdale: Invasive species – A Global challenge

Apr Prof Colin Groves: The Hobbit from the Island of Flowers

May Geoff Robertson: Local reptiles

Jun Geoffrey Dabb: Birds of the Urban Environment (Canberra)

Jul Debbie Saunders, CRES, ANU: Conservation in Cost Rica – A Photographic Journey

Aug Dr Alan Wade, Ecowise: Fire! Vegetation and Water

Sep Rachelle McConville: ACT Region Frogwatch

Oct Margaret Kalms Australian Wildlife Conservancy, Dierk von Behrens The Bubbulum Track Walk in W.A , Rosemary Blemings Energy saving: What can be done?

Nov Tom Heinsohn: Nature, Culture & Human impacts in East Timor

2007

Feb Kenn Batt: Clouds and how we can use them.

Apr Andrew Glikson, ANU: PlanetH/eaters a Global warning

May George Heinsohn: Dugongs and Sea Grass meadows

Jun Ian Fraser: Patagonia

Jul Sean Doody: Water Dragons

Aug Barry Richardson: Jumping Spiders

Sep Sheila Cudmore: Terrestrial Orchids in the local region.

Oct Members' night: Threatened species & communities, Early Flowering plants of Canberra, Nature of South Africa.

Nov Roger Farrow: Ethiopia's Bale Mountains & their natural history.

2008

Mar Paul & Janet Edstein: Trekking in Patagonia

Apr David Tongway: The Microbial world of soil.

May Steve Lee & Leonie Andrews: Tibet

Jun Daniel Mantle: Christmas Island, geology & wildlife

Jul Denis Dyer: Local geology

Aug Rosemary Purdie: Mongolia-land of the blue sky

Sep Trudy O'Connor: Wild Country Issues...the Wilderness Society's work

Oct Debbie Saunders, CRES, ANU: Swift parrot update
Alan Ford: Desert images & wildlife
Lyndall Young: Natural foam mystery.

2009

Feb Dave Rowell: Spiders in the local area

Apr Anne Moyall: Platypus?

May Heino Lepp: Fungi

Jul Roger Heady: Structure and function of trees

Aug Maxine Cooper (Commissioner for the Environment)

Sep Wendy Dimond: Grassland earless dragon

Nov Chris Bunn: A week in Kruger National Park

2010

Mar Nicki Taws: Another Birds-eye view of vegetation

Apr John Feehan: Dung Beetles

May Geoff Robertson, John Hibberd: Biodiversity and conservation (Conservation Council)

Jun Frank Ingwersen: The Galapagos Islands: Lava, lizards and Tortoise races.

Jul Bryan Kalms: Citizen science

Aug Rosemary Blemings: Gininderra Creek realities, issues and potential

Sep Jean Geue: Namadgi: Firestorm to Verdant Revegetation

Oct Volcanoes, Lake Eyre, Peru, Black Ridge, Nature by numbers

Nov Dr Linda Broome: Mountain Pygmy possum
Sarah Sharp: Goorooyaroo & distant areas with FOG

2011

Feb Kim Pullen: Insects of the ACT

Mar Ian Fraser: his new book "A Bush Capital Year"

Apr Peri Bolton: Burrowing snakes

May Chris Cargill: Cryptogams

Jun Pat Wright: Which are smarter plants or animals?

Jul Mark Spain: Beyond Zero Emissions

Aug Terry Korodaj: Native Fish Strategy

Sep John Hyslop: Surveying in Antarcticac

Oct Adrienne: photos at home
Kevin Squair: clouds on video & nature at home

Nov Chris Allen: Koala surveys in NSW

2012

Feb Don & Gwen McGregor: Lyrebirds

Mar Clive Broadbent: Legionnella in the natural and built environment

Apr Heino Lepp: Fungi, a mycologists' passion

May Dierk von Behrens: Senegal. Chris Bunn: Birds brains. ANN Update

Jun Rosemary Purdie: Kamchatka Russia's Land of Ice and Snow.

Jul Duncan Steel: Calendars (not The reasons behind the settlement of the America)

Aug Graeme Barrow: Lake George, Biography and History.

Sep Denis Anderson: Reducing the threats to pollination...bees.

Nov Bill Gammage: The Biggest Estate on Earth.

2013

Feb Scott Ryan: Southern Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby Research at Tidbinbilla

Mar: Darren LeRoux, Fenner, ANU: Bat Matters Urban bats, Hollows in relation to bats. Michael Pennay on local bats.

Apr Brian Garms: What can native insects tells us about controlling invasive species?

May Prof Richard Baker, ANU: Traditional Environmental knowledge: The Yanuwa.

Jun Dr. Marianne Horak: Unravelling the mystery of eucalypt scribbles

Jul Rachel Marks & Dierk von Behrens: Clouding the vision. 270 days of photos of clouds and the Cloud Appreciation Society.

Aug John Turnbull: Australia's Iconic grass trees (Xanthorrhoea species)

Sep David Dedenczuk: The Wonder of Molluscs

Oct Trish Macdonald: Macquarie Island. The Island,its wildlife & the people who live there.

Nov Leo Joseph: Intriguing links between the birds of New Guinea and Australia

2014

Feb Dr. Andrew Claridge, NSW NPWS: Uncovering the secrets of cryptic and rare wildlife

Mar Ric Longmore: Snakes of the ACT and region

Apr Laura Johnson: Koel, calm and collected: Responses of native Canberran wattlebirds to an unfamiliar enemy

May Stephen Utick: The Camellia Ark Strategy, conservation of Australia's rare camellias.

Jun Dr Alex Ritchie: Canowindra, NSW and the Age of Fishes.

Jul Catherine Cross:Fairness and Justice in Environmental Decision Making.

Aug David Dedenczuk: Tasmanian molluscs and the two-way street of Bass Strait
Adrienne Nicholson & Cecilia Melano: Accounts of their trip to Kamchatka

Sep Pat Wright: Wattle:its place in Australia's heritage.

Oct Prof Ken Hodgkinson: Grasslands and their care.

Nov Danswell Starrs: Unravelling the mystery of freshwater fishes' early life history.

2015

Feb Daniel Carmody: Crabs of Christmas Island

Mar Naarilla Hirsch & Don Beer: The New Asteraceae garden at the ANBG: Rationale & Plantings.

Apr Mary Lovett: The Pilbarra area of Western Australi – its ancient landscape and unique flora.
Tharwa Sandwash: Honeyeater migration.

May Ben Wallace: Australian Epiphytes.

Jun Doug Laing: Hundred Years of Birding changes in the ACT region

Jul Matthew Higgins: Ainslie to Kossie: Window on a wonder wanderer.

Aug Liz Trusswell An Historical comparison of the vegetation of South Africa and Australia

Sep Margaret Webber: A Wattle Briefing & Terry Fewtrell. The Wattle Day Project

Oct Kate Grarock: Mulligans Flat and Bettong project

Nov Ian Fraser: 'How Australian birds got English names

2016

Feb Arthur Georges: Piggy in the Kikori-the pig-nosed turtle in Papua New Guinea

Mar Catherine Lidden: My Wildlife Art. A fabulous Journey

Apr Geoff Robertson: Reptiles in the local area Rod Griffiths National Parks Association ACT.

May Xenia Weber: Cryptic Kelp. Discovering a new south-east Australian seaweed and the process behind speciation

Jun Brandon Galpin: Old Fella trees – the missing factor? Conservation of mature and old growth trees

Jul Graham Hirth: Mr Charles Weston's tree plantings in Nature Reserves around Canberra

Aug Members' presentations: Adrienne Nicholson: Galapagos Islands, Kevin Squair: Lady Elliott Island wildlife, Bill Murphy: Bird Banding, Jenni Marsh: Sugar Gliders

Sep Margaret Kalms: Working with elephants in Chiang Mai, Thailand. A fun holiday but with ethical questions in the background.

Oct Kevin McCue: Krakatoa – treading carefully. Volcanoes in Java and Sumatra.

Nov Roger Farrow: Insects of south-eastern Australia. The diversity of local insects.

2017

Feb Suzi Bond, Fenner, ANU: Butterflies in relation to her field surveys & Field Guide to Local species.

Mar Bryan Lessard:. Flies, Flies everywhere, but why should we care? Importance of flies and entomology in general

Apr Matthew Higgins: Adventures with Rosie. Monitoring Rosenberg's Monitor on Mt Ainslie 2013 - 2016

May Glenn Cocking: Moths. Local moths, moth features and unusual moths old and new. Glenn brought drawers of from his collection.

Jun Brian Hawkins: How to discover over a thousand new species of plants and animals in modern-day Australia….An account of Bush Blitz.

Jul Erin Walsh: Scientific Illustration; tracing the history plus her approach to her work. Erin exhibited samples of her work and her personal artwork.

Sep Martin Royds: Regenerative agriculture. Natural Sequence farming & Jilamatong

Oct Alex James & Jennie Curtis: Small Farms Network.

Nov Members' presentations: Alison Milton, Kevin McCue, Lauren, Lucy Bastecky, Rhian Williams, Rosemary von Behrens

2018

Feb Julie Armstrong: ACT for bees – Pollinators

Mar Karen Hansen: Island of Stone Money. Yap and Micronesia.

Apr Bruno Ferronato: Turtles

May Saan Eckers: Therapeutic value of nature experiences

Jun Nikki Taws: Grassland restoration through the 'scraping' process.

Jul Greg Baines: tree decline in the ACT.

Aug Rakali: Geoff Williams and Brett McNamara

Sep Kevin McCue: Volcanoes, Alison Milton's first year of retirement.

Oct Rainer Rehwinkel: Timor Leste.

Nov Sarah McKenna: A ground-breaking new initiative to save Australia's threatened wildlife. The Australian Wildlife Conservancy.

2019

Feb Geoff Robertson: Yass Gorge Restoration and story.

Mar Stephanie Courtney-Jones: Natural History in the rainforests on Pulau Buton.

Apr Michael Braby: Butterflies of the Australian Monsoon Tropics.

May Geoff Williams: Platypus mysteries to be revealed.

Jun James Nicholls: Manipulation of host plants by herbivorous insects. Gall Wasps and Galls

Jul Ingrid Singh: Camp and colonies: Bats in the ACT. Local bats and ACT wild care.

Aug Alison's species from Higgins

Sep Dave Wong: Nature in Japan.

Oct Jenny Widdowson: STEP beginnings to now. Southern Tablelands Ecosystem Park.

Nov Catherine Ross: Bettongs, Bulbs and Biodiversity.

2020

Feb Julia and Alan Landford: Cicadas. Wildlife and Botanical Artists group.

Mar Marita Bradshaw: Australia's history in seven rocks. The National Rock Garden

2021

May Members' presentations: Janet and John Stein, Robin Black, Rosemary von Behrens, Adrienne Nicholson, Rosemary B, Alison Milton.

Aug Suzannah Macbeth: Sustainable Farms.

2023

May Kevin McCue: Wandering Down South (A nature-rich cruise to Sub-Antarctic Islands, part 1)

Jun Jenny Horsfield: Grassy landscapes and those who care for them. (Tuggeranong Homestead)

Jul Don Fletcher: Rosenberg's Goannas. Mt Ainslie and beyond.

Aug Peter Abbott: Native Bees in the ACT

Sep Stuart Harris: Canberra's small and silent peacocks (Peacock Spiders)

Oct Michael Mulvaney: How Citizen Science transformed conservation management in the ACT (Canberra Nature Map)

Nov Doug Finlayson: The National Rock Garden

2024

Feb Janet Duncan: Western Australia flowers

Mar Isobel Crawford: Dickson Wetlands

Apr Stuart Harris: A Boring Subject (Jewel Beetles)

May Kevin McCue: Sub-Antarctic Islands, part 2

Jun Phil Palmer: Scottsdale, A Bush Heritage Reserve

Jul Jed Pearson: Waterwatch ACT - Water Quality in the Molonglo Catchment (Macroinvertebrates and River Health)

Aug Christina Gee: Quolls on Tour (Quoll behaviour at Mulligans Flat)

Sep Julian Reid: Declining Woodland Birds and Long-term Research at Cowra

Oct Anke Maria Hoefer: Frog story time!!!

Nov Rainer Rehwinkel: The Natural Splendours of South Africa

2025

Feb Michael Doherty: From Impact to Recovery - Plant Responses to the 2003 and 2019/2020 High Severity Fires in Southern NSW

Mar Chris Cargill: Case study of a cryptogam group. Bryophytes of Australian Mediterranean Climate Areas

Apr Richard Greene: Dust storms: implications for Australian landscapes, agriculture, mining and cities

May Libby Robin: Restoring Ecological and Social Connections

Jun Steve Taylor: The Citizen Science of Giant Eucalypts

Jul Shoshana Rapley: Bringing back 'murderbirds' – a recipe for reintroduction

Aug Jane Roberts: Travelling Stock Reserves and aquatic conservation values

Sep Ben Keaney: Why conserve high-country bogs?… For peats sake!

Oct Carolyn Larcombe: Wandiyali – one step at a time

Nov Alison Russell-French - Why the Yellow Sea is Important for Migratory Shorebirds?

2026

Feb Stuart Harris: A reflection on a (silly) season

Mar Donald Hobern: Exploring local biodiversity with a Malaise trap