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"A National Park for the National Capital"

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Monthly Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month.

Subscriptions:- Families \$5; Single \$3; Junior 50¢

The Association welcomes the following new members Mr. & Mrs.
Macfarlane; Mrs. P. Samuel.

Membership Renewals: Mr & Mrs. D. S. Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. J.N.R.
Anderson, Prof. & Mrs. D. A. Brown, Miss B. Campbell, Dr. & Mrs. P. D.
Cooper, Dr. M. F. Day, Miss S. V. Dicker, Mrs. M. Dodds, Mr. &
Mrs. D. E. Glanville, Mr & Mrs. P. Logan, Mr. & Mrs. W. Martin, Mr. &
Mrs. P. Nicholson, Mrs. V. Tredinnick.

"The Need for Education in Conservation and Resource Management in
Australia".

The following is a report on the address to the general meeting of the
National Parks Association on Thursday, 18th February, by Dr. Peter
Rudman, Principal Lecturer in Biology, Canberra College of Advanced
Education. Dr. Rudman first examined the recent developments in
environmental conservation by the United States Federal Government and
the United Kingdom Government, referring to the financial measures taken.
He instanced the establishment of the Council of Environmental Quality
(U.S.A.) and the Department for the Environment (U.K.). These develop-
ments were contrasted with the inadequate measures taken by the Federal
Government of Australia, which so far has not established the proposed
Commonwealth Office of the Environment.

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After comparing the problems created by increased leisure time and mobility in the U.S.A., and the awareness by the Federal and State Park Services of the need for resource managers with an appreciation of the importance of people in the environment, Dr. Rudman went on to indicate the numbers of people employed in the U.S. Parks. He then commented about the lack of planning and management associated with Australian Parks and referred to courses being offered at the Canberra College for the training of resource managers, park administrators and conservationalists.

3.

BLACK MOUNTAIN WALK.

Several attempts to have a walk on Black Mountain last year were thwarted by rain, and even the one which was eventually held was completed during a rain storm. It is hoped that this walk can be organised each year during the main flowering season, as Black Mountain is convenient, particularly for families with young children.

Following are some notes on Black Mountain.

Altitude: 2000'-2668'.

Formation: A series of ridges and gullies.

Rainfall: 22" - 24" annually.

Rocks: Mainly Black Mountain sandstone, probably of Ordovician age.

Vegetation: The vegetation on Black Mountain is known as a dry sclerophyll forest. This means it is dominated by forest trees which have a trunk greater in height than the depth of the crown of foliage. The crowns of the trees in this sort of forest are touching or nearly touching one another. The word sclerophyll means hard-leaved, and this refers to many of the plants in this community. The word dry in this context is a comparison with a wet sclerophyll forest such as occurs in the Brindabella Ranges where the rainfall would be at least double that on Black

Mountain. Sclerophyll forest is not widespread in the Australian Capital Territory, as it has been utilised for pine plantations, firewood, quarries and pastoral development.

Main trees: Eucalyptus macrorhyncha (red stringybark) and Eucalyptus rossii (scribbly gum). These grow to 30'-50', with the red stringybark mainly on the slopes facing the south and the scribbly gum mainly on slopes facing north.

Other trees: Eucalyptus mannifera subspecies maculosa (brittle gum), mostly on slopes facing south, and Eucalyptus polyanthemus (red box) mostly on slopes facing north.

Shrubs: A well developed but scattered layer of shrubs grows under the tree canopy. On northern aspects, some main shrubs are Dillwynia retorta var. phyllicoides (parrot pea), Pultenaea procumbens (a pea flower), Dolonaea viscosa (native hopbush), Hakea sericea, Grevillea aff. alpina (red flowers), Persoonia rigida (a geebung). On southern aspects, Hibbertia obtusifolia (a guinea flower), Hibbertia calycina (lesser guinea flower), Daviesia mimosoides (bitter pea), Acacia bux folia (boxleaf wattle), Leucopogon virgatus (common beard-heath), Melichrus urceolatus.

Grasses: The most common grass on both northern and southern aspects is Danthonia pallida (silvertop, or red-anther wallaby grass) but the species of Poa (tussock grass or snow grass) occur exclusively on the southern aspects.

Herbaceous plants: On northern aspects, Goodenia hederacea, Pomax umbellata, Stypandra glauca (nodding blue lily). On southern aspects, Dianella revoluta (flax lily), Hardenbergia violacea (false sarsparilla), Stylidium graminifolium (trigger plant), Hovea heterophylla, Helichrysum bracteatum (everlasting daisy).

E. Chippendale.

Standard Week-end Outing Advice to be completed for Week-end
Outings.

To Outing Committee
N.P.A. Inc. of the A.C.T.,
Box 457, P.O.,
Canberra City, A.C.T.

I/We wish to join the outing to
on

I/We will be accompanied by
.
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- I/We a) will proceed by private transport
 b) will need transport
 c) can provide transport for other persons.

I and my guests agree to be bound by the rules and by- laws of the
Association and to take part in the above field outing entirely at
our own risk.

Name: _____

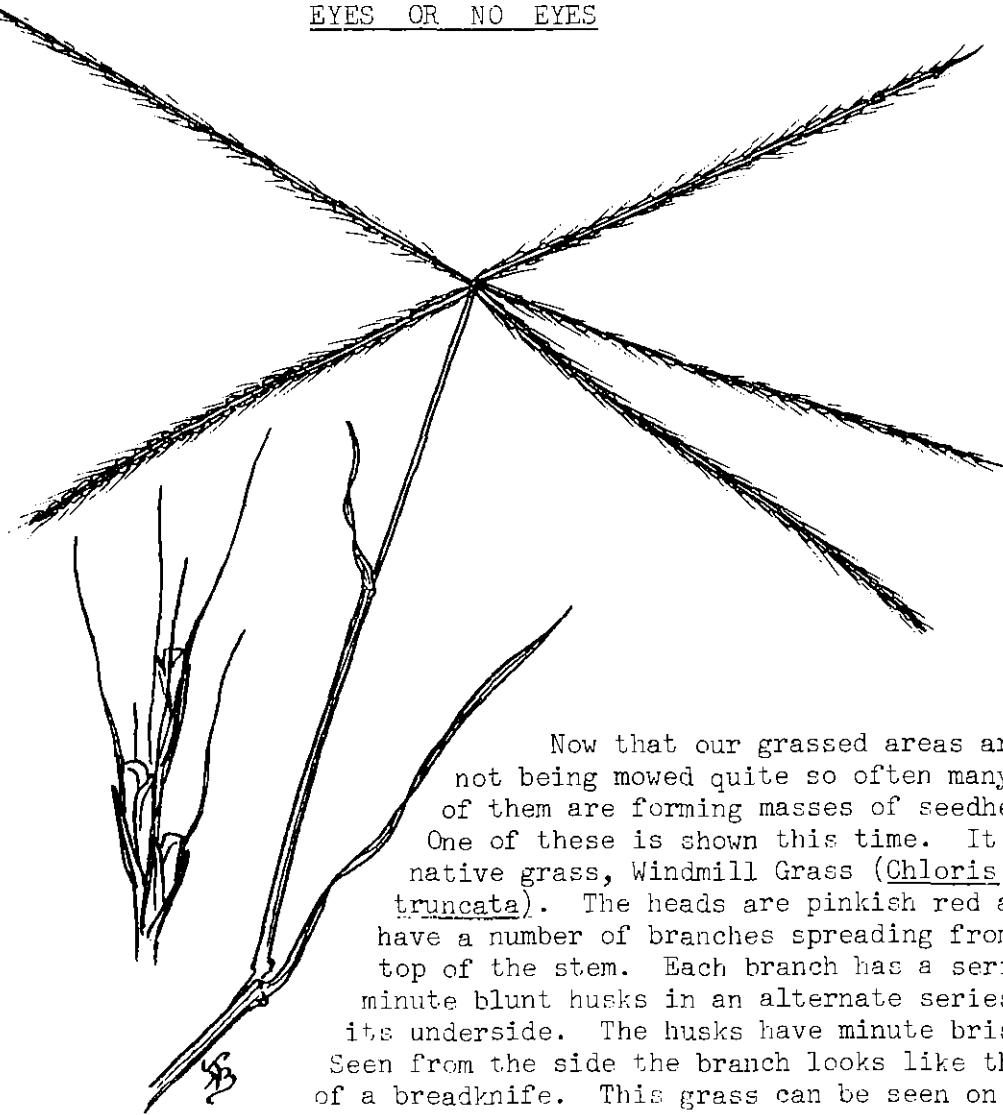
Address: _____

PhoneNo: Home _____ Work _____

Signature:

Please forward to reach organisers by the Monday proceeding the
trip.

6.

EYES OR NO EYES

Now that our grassed areas are not being mowed quite so often many of them are forming masses of seedheads. One of these is shown this time. It is a native grass, Windmill Grass (Chloris truncata). The heads are pinkish red and have a number of branches spreading from the top of the stem. Each branch has a series of minute blunt husks in an alternate series on its underside. The husks have minute bristles. Seen from the side the branch looks like the edge of a breadknife. This grass can be seen on the roundabout at the Junction of King's Ave. and Parks Way as well as in the Woden Valley and Belconnen.

Other grasses, now in head, also have branches spreading from the top of the stem. These include Couch Grass and Crab Grass but in both the heads are dark purple when seen in a mass.

N.T.B.

APRIL OUTINGS.

7.

DATE: Friday, 9th - Monday 12th April 1971, (Easter).
PLACE: Mallacoota Inlet, Victoria.

LEADER: To be announced, but for enquiries only, phone
G. Lewis 48.2444 (W) 95.6937 (H)

MEET: Mallacoota foreshore camping reserve at 2.00 p.m.
on 9th April. Allow at least five hours travelling
time from Canberra. Alternative routes are Cann
River Highway via Bombala, or Princes Highway via
Merimbula and Eden; mileage approximately the same.
The Princes Highway is suggested for better driving
conditions. Turn-off to the inlet is at Genoa on
Princes Highway approximately 7-8 miles beyond
N.S.W.-Victorian border.

CAMPING: Adequate facilities at foreshore reserve include
shops adjoining camping area. Charge \$1.00 per
night.

FEATURES: Short Walks to places of interest within area, e.g.
Genoa Peak, Gipsy Point etc., boat trip to northern
shore of National Park, walks along ocean beach.

SPECIAL
INSTRUCTIONS: Waterproof clothing is advised for boat trip.
It will be necessary to nominate for this trip -
nominations to be in by 2nd April, addressed to
Excursions Sub-committee, Box 457, P.O.,
Canberra City. 2601

APRIL:

DATE: Sunday, 25th April, 1971.

PLACE: Tinderies

LEADER: G. Lewis and T. Lewis, Phone 48.2444(W), 95.6937(H)

MEET: At Michelago Township off Monaro Highway (Cooma
Road) at 9.00 a.m. (approximately 45 minutes from
Canberra).

8.

OUTINGS (cont.)

FEATURES: Climb peak of Mount Tinderry (5307ft.). Starting with steep ascent on fire trail, the route levels off to a walk through scrub country with occasional rock scrambling to reach summit. Interesting scenery and magnificent views on both sides of Tinderry Mountains. Total distance approximately 7-8 miles.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Bring a packed lunch and your own water supply as the walk is through a waterless tract. Good strong footwear advised.

MAY:

DATE: Sunday 30th May

PLACE: Smokers Flat

FEATURE: Short walks to examine sub-alpine woodland and unusual swampy meadow communities.

LEADERS: Keith Green & Margaret Aston.

MEET: 10.00 a.m., Corin Dam turn-off, Cotter-Tharwa road.

INSTRUCTIONS: Bring lunch and warm clothes.

MEETINGS.

APRIL:

DATE: Thursday, 15th April, at 8 p.m.

PLACE: Griffin Centre, Room I.

FEATURE: Dr. & Mrs. R Story will give an illustrated talk "Parks & Pastures in Patagonia". The Story family have recently returned from a year in South America.

MAY:

DATE: Thursday, 20th May at 8 p.m.

PLACE: Griffin Centre, Room 1

FEATURE: Film Night.
The programme for this evening will be advertised in the local press.