Arbor Day

a day of trees 7 June 2002

Celebrating the Year of the Outback

Snappy gums (*Eucalyptus leucophloia*) are one of the symbols of the outback—from Western Australia's Pilbara region across central Australia to Queensland's north-west.

The 'outback' extends over millions of square kilometres of inland Australia and is highly distinctive for its awesome landforms and native plants that have evolved in one of the harshest environments on Earth.

Each year, thousands of visitors are drawn to the outback to take in the raw beauty of areas such as the Millstream-Chichester National Park and the Karijini National Park in the Pilbara. Discreet campgrounds enable visitors to experience the certain grandeur and solitude of the vastness.

In 2002 the Department of Conservation and Land Management is commemorating the Year of the Outback and the International Year of Ecotourism with a program of *LANDSCOPE* Expeditions. The Expeditions, celebrating their tenth year of operation, will explore new frontiers allowing research scientists and volunteers to contribute to nature conservation across the Western Australian outback.

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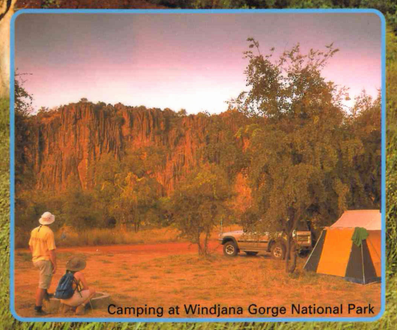

Camping at Windjana Gorge National Park

LANDSCOPE expeditioners at a desert base camp

Snappy Gums, Millstream-Chichester National Park. Photo – David Bettini