

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

A *Land for Wildlife* 10th anniversary event

On 19th October 19 people attended a nature photography workshop for *Land for Wildlife* members in the Perth area at beautiful Kings Park & Botanic Gardens. Claire Hall welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the history of photography, equipment, digital cameras, composition, editing and printing. Claire also talked about the importance of photographic monitoring for landowners who have bush on their property.



"Mother and baby"
photo: Mike Sibbald

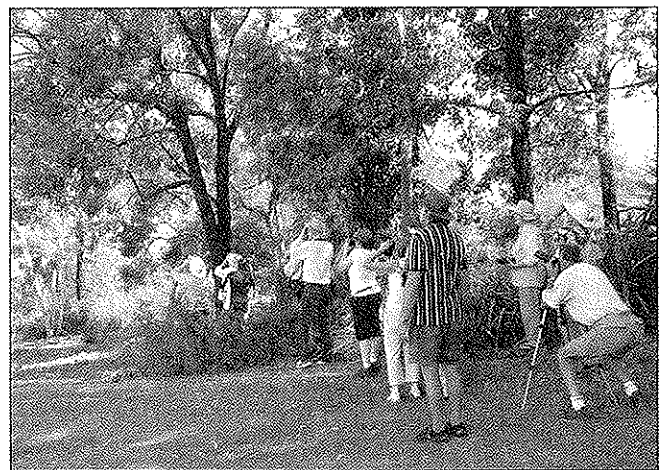
Guest presenter Eric McCrum gave lots of very practical advice on photographing landscapes, sunrises, sunsets, insects, birds and flowers. Eric inspired everyone with his enthusiasm and his wonderful photos which illustrated the great diversity of our landscapes and wildlife.

In the afternoon practical session, Eric gave a demonstration of photography techniques near the Roe Memorial where a native garden has been established. Participants were then free to wander around and take photographs of the many colourful native plants in the area. A keen-eyed participant, Linda Evans, spotted a family of tawny frogmouths in a nearby tree and everyone rushed over, eager to put into practice what they had learned about photographing nature. The frogmouths sat obligingly as they had their photos taken – probably wishing we would go away!

We returned to the Biodiversity Conservation Centre for some refreshments and a further question and answer

session. The day came to an end, but only because the building was being closed. We could have happily chatted for hours on the subject of nature photography.

Feedback comments included: "had a most enjoyable day and armed with loads of information", "excellent presentation", "very motivational", "great practical tips", and "has fuelled



"Wow, look at this!"

photo: Claire Hall

me to further my studies in this area". The huge amount of interest shown by *LFWers* in nature photography is very encouraging and everyone is asking "will there be another nature photography workshop?". We'll see next year. In the meantime, participants at this year's workshop are asked to submit three of their best photos to *LFW* for exhibition at our 10th anniversary celebrations next year.

MARGARET RIVER COFFEE MORNING

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The first of a series of Coffee Mornings was held on 16th November at Jenny Stevens property near Margaret River. It was very enjoyable, with 16 people wandering through the jarrah/marri woodland and low-lying heath, searching out priority plants. It then absolutely poured with rain so we went inside for a cuppa and something to eat.

When the rain stopped (more or less!), the gravel pit rehabilitation was inspected. Some of the area has regenerated on its own, while in some places Jenny has scattered brush and seed or planted seedlings. She has

her own little propagation nursery and she talked about how weeds were brought in with sand for the shed pad. She also realised that the heavy rainfall in winter was just running off the gravel and causing erosion, so she has carried out terracing. Little islands of seedlings grow where they have caught on the brush or the terracing.

People were still chatting at 1 pm, and the general consensus was that it was a great day and "Why can't we do this more often?"

Thank you, Jenny and Cherie, for a very pleasant event.