

## 2015-05-HFNC-activities-events

Hi everyone

This note concerns several matters:

- A reminder for the next Field Nats meeting on Thursday 21 May, 7.30 pm at HIRL and Special Presentation by Rod Bird & Diane Luhrs – see note following
- A reminder that our next excursion is on Sat 23 May to Murnanes Bay and Childers Cove – leaving Visitor Centre at Hamilton at 8.45 am, or meeting at Allansford Cheese Factory café at 10.30 am.
- Report attached for the first month of the remote camera survey of fauna at Mt Napier State Park
- Invitation from Jane Walker (GHCMA) for members of the Hamilton Field Naturalists Club to visit Gunditjmara country on Thursday 11 June (Please note the RSVP date of 3 June) – see attachment

### Travel to the Pilbara region of WA: landscapes, birds and wildflowers

At HIRL, 7.30 pm on Thursday 21 May, Rod & Diane will show images of birds, wildflowers and landscapes from some of the following parks and reserves visited.

Rod and Diane drove from Port Augusta to Alice Springs, through the Western MacDonnell Ranges and west on the Gary Junction Rd to the Pilbara. After crossing the Canning Stock Route they turned south off the Telfer Mine Rd to pass through the Karlamilyi National Park (Rudall River), a vast and remote desert park.

After the mining town of Newman the gorges of Karijini NP were visited, followed by the drive north through the magnificent landscape of Chichester NP. The Aboriginal petroglyphs on the Burrup Peninsula near Dampier were the next attraction.

Going south, the Ningaloo Reef and the magnificent Yardie Ck gorge in the Cape Range NP were visited. Shark Bay was next, to see the stromatolytes and birds at Hamelin Pool and dolphins at Monkey Mia.

The Murchison Rose was flowering on the coastal cliffs of Kalbarrie NP. Coalseam Conservation Park to the south was notable for birds and the drifts of pink, yellow and white everlastings. The limestone Pinnacles at Nambung NP and the wildflowers in the biodiversity hot-spots of Lesueur and Badgingarra National Parks were visited next.

At Charles Darwin Reserve (a Bush Heritage property on the great western woodlands near Mt Gibson), the iconic Wreath *Leschenaultia* and varied vegetation and landscape of this huge reserve was enjoyed.

Homeward bound then, through Koorda to see the Koorda Rose, then south past several great granite inselbergs near Mukinbudin, Southern Cross, Coolgardie and Norseman. These huge granite rocks and the associated rock-wall water catchment structures and vegetation on these reserves make for fascinating viewing.

The highlights of the Nullarbor were the wildflowers and a visit to the Head of The Bight, where Southern Right Whales were close by the cliffs.

Cheers

Rod Bird  
Secretary, HFNC