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Greetings Bianca

Welcome to the new look newsletter for 2018. Whoot. I think it's kinda pretty. Hope you're loving it too.

I also hope you had truly lovely Chrissy and New Year's break. Now we're back into it, another year of fighting for our native flora and fauna. Let's go!

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter please let me know. You can contact me directly at linda@fourthcrossingwildlife.com.

Have a fabbo year.

cheers for now
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E-News Editor

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fabric. The set contains 2 large (suitable for potatoes) and 3 small (suitable for carrots) bags. Get in quick, this print is one of a kind - other prints available. \$16 for the set.

To purchase bags please visit the For the Wildlife Facebook page by clicking on the button below. All purchases attract a donation to Australian Wildlife Society's projects.

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Aussie Ark

In 2016 Australians generously donated to the Devil Ark project which helped double the Tasmanian devil captive population at Barrington Tops, NSW. The project now has a sister - Aussie Ark, an innovative project ensuring the survival of our most threatened native species and release them back semi-wild sanctuary at Barrington Tops where they once used to roam and thrive.

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our new species such as the Eastern Quoll!

Aussie Ark has launched a crowdfunding campaign to raise funds for Eastern Quolls and they are hoping that as a partner of Aussie Ark you will join us in this campaign!

Check it out!



Meet the tiniest rock-wallaby on Earth.

Meet the monjon (*Petrogale burbidgei*) – the smallest of all known species of rock-wallaby in the world. Stretching just 30 cm long and weighing around 1.3 kg, these diminutive little creatures weigh less than a Chihuahua.

Monjons are very rarely seen, with a very limited range in one of the most remote parts of Australia. They're only found in the coastal Kimberley region of Western Australia, and on the islands of the nearby Bonaparte Archipelago.

Scientists didn't even know they existed until about 40 years ago, when one was found in the Kimberley's King Leopold Ranges area. Since then they've been teetering towards a 'vulnerable' status, and they're so shy, it makes it very difficult for researchers to know much of anything about them.

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But what we do know is that, just like the other rock wallabies, these little guys are the acrobats of the marsupial world. Not only can they climb almost vertical rock faces in ways that appear to defy gravity, they're also capable of scaling trees using their sharp claws and strong back legs.

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Platypus in danger.

Our Society has joined with a concerned group in Victoria (the Victorian Alliance for Platypus-Safe Yabby Traps), who are working with relevant government authorities and like-minded organisations to try and get the use of enclosed yabby traps in all waters banned, as well as raise awareness around the issue.

Our group recommends that possession and use of enclosed yabby traps should be banned in all private and public freshwater habitats in favour of gear that is effectively risk-free for air-breathing bycatch.

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Cowra woodland bird survey weekend.

The Cowra Woodland Birds Program (CWBP) aims to reverse the decline of woodland birds in the Cowra district of NSW. The Program was launched in 2001 by members of BirdLife Southern NSW, and local landholders and land managers. It has now been running for over 15 years.

The CWBP conducts quarterly bird surveys at 93 sites within the Shire. To date, the surveys have recorded 225 bird species.

These bird and habitat surveys have helped in understanding which habitat types are critical or preferred by the different species of woodland birds. This information is then provided as general recommendations to the local landholders and land managers that will help in reversing the decline of woodland birds.

The next lot of surveys are on the weekend of the 10th and 11th of February 2018 at Cowra, NSW. If you would like to take part in the CWBP survey weekend or to find out more about the project, please click on the button below.

Alternatively, contact southernnsw@birdlife.org.au or on 02 9647 1033.

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The Australian Wildlife Society University Research Grants are scholarships offered to honours or postgraduate students at Australian universities. Each year, ten \$1,500 grants are awarded. Applicants must be a member of the Society, and those wishing to join can do so at <http://www.aws.org.au/membership/>

Grants are available for research projects of direct relevance to the conservation of Australian wildlife - plant or animal. Grants may be used for the purchase of equipment and consumables, travel expenses related to field research, or attendance at conferences at which you are presenting your work. The grant is paid direct to the student.

Application forms available at <http://www.aws.org.au/university-grants/>

Applications close 31 May

University of New South Wales Wildlife Ecology Research Scholarship

The Australian Wildlife Society Wildlife Ecology Research Scholarship is open to University of New South Wales postgraduate research students who are undertaking a research project that is of direct relevance to the conservation of Australian native wildlife (flora or fauna). The scholarship totals \$5,000, and will be awarded to one candidate, who will receive one payment of \$2,500 each semester. The scholarship is provided to support operational costs associated with the successful candidate's research project, such as:

- Travel associated with the research project
- Fieldwork expenses
- Specialist software
- Small items of equipment (i.e. less than \$5,000)

How to apply: [Click here](#) and follow links to scholarships and prizes

Applications close 31 May

Wildlife ecology research scholarship.

The Australian Wildlife Society Wildlife Ecology Research Scholarship is open to UTS postgraduate research students who are undertaking a research project that is of direct relevance to the conservation of Australian native wildlife (flora or fauna). The scholarship totals \$5,000, and will be awarded to one candidate, who will receive one payment of

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Applications close: 28 February

Foto of the fortnight...



Black-breasted buzzard

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