

Night Chats at Lake Claremont

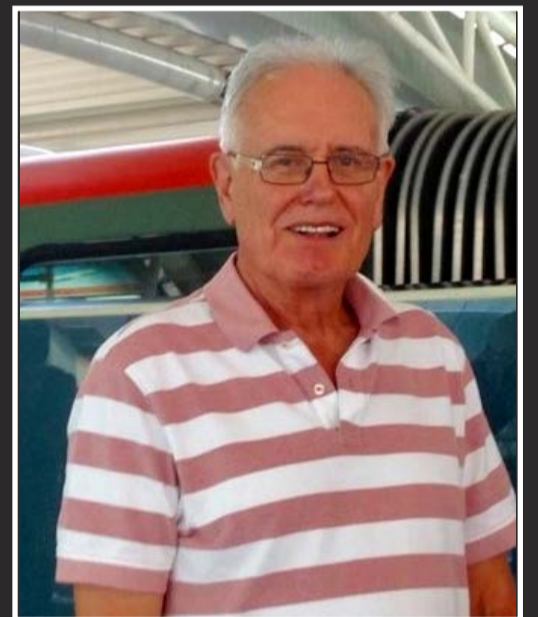
Birds in the Park?
Think trees, shrubs and insects.

*Photo of willie wagtail eating cicada
courtesy of David Free*

One of the attractions of our local parks is the plethora of interesting birds that inhabit the area.

The majority of bird species depend, at least in part, on insects and allied forms for their diet. But do areas such as Lake Claremont support sufficient levels of insects to sustain the bird populations? This talk will examine how the various tree species support differing levels of insects and how this in turn influences the use of these trees by birds. This will be considered in relation to positioning of the trees, whether they are native or an introduced species, and the potential influence of climate change.

Jonathan Majer is an entomologist who worked for 37 years at Curtin University. As well as working on ants as bioindicators of mine site rehabilitation, he developed a research program with Prof. Harry Recher on the relationship between trees, insects and birds. He is now an emeritus professor at Curtin and adjunct professor at the University of Western Australia and runs an insect-focussed environmental consulting company called Biomonitoring International.



Tuesday 26th March 2019 | Time: 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Meet at the Clubrooms, Claremont Aquatic Centre,
12 Davies Rd, Claremont.

Refreshments served from 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start.

Talk and formal questions conclude at 7:00pm but all are welcome to stay until 7:30pm.



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