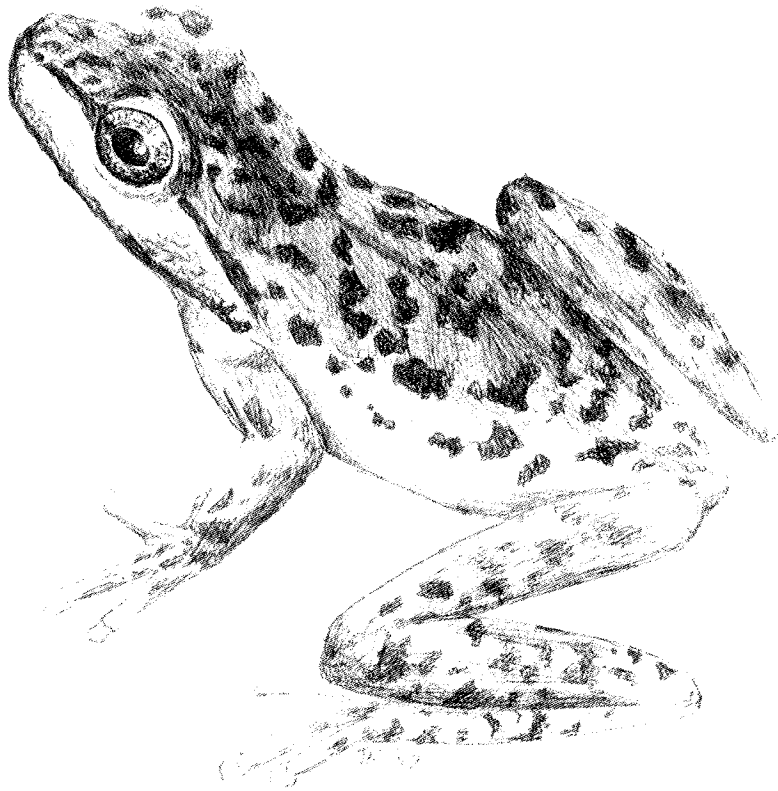


INDIGENOTES



Litoria spenceri
(Spotted Tree Frog)
Drawn in biro by
Jeanette Kemp



Coming events:

Conferences/Seminars

November: 12-13 **Community Consultation Seminar and Workshop.** Victoria Hotel Lt Collins St Melbourne. This two day session features seven speakers with a wide variety of backgrounds on community consultation and community based work. The underlying aim of the two days is to improve community input on energy policy but the session will interest anyone involved with or curious about community consultation processes. Contact Alistair Phillips or Kerryn Gosbell at the Community Energy Network Ph (03) 654 4833.

November 7. **Our World Our Home: Working Toward Balancing Our Ecology: A Conference for Urban and Rural Women.** LaTrobe University College of Northern Victoria, Edwards Road, Bendigo. Workshops will include: salinity control, how to implement environmental change and practise in the home, Landcare, whole farm planning, indigenous plants, permaculture, ecofeminism for beginners and more. Transport will be available from Melbourne. \$25/15. Contact Tess Dollard, DCE Bendigo (054) 44 6661, or Dianne Bish, TAFE, (054) 34 1441, or Mary Dykes, DCE, (03) 412 4803.

9-14 November. **Towards a Better Understanding of Australian Plants.** A symposium on Australian plants that ensures to cover the topic of indigenous plants, especially with the seminar for landscapers. For more details see September issue of Indigenotes. Contact: Marilyn Gray (03) 728 5891.

January 4-10, 1993. **Alpine Ecology Course** Bogong High Plains. Enjoy studying ecology in this unique environment at the peak of the wildflower season. This well respected course is designed for teachers, rangers and conservationists interested in the alpine environment. \$495 includes accommodation. Course limited to 45 participants. **Applications close November 9.** Contact: Deirdre Slattery, DCE, (03) 412 4532, Fax (03) 412 4166.

Expressions of interest

Conserving biodiversity: threats & solutions.

Preliminary notice of a conference to be held at the University of Sydney. 29th June - 2nd July 1993. The conference will focus on threats to biodiversity (natural species and systems) and will review the impact of these threats and the range of solutions available to counter them, to ensure the conservation of wildlife into the next century. For more information see last issue of Indigenotes. Contact Lynda Wild, Conference Coordinator, National Parks and Wildlife Service, PO Box 1967, Hurstville, NSW 2220. telephone (02) 585 6417.

Excursions and field trips

Oct.31 - Melbourne Cup Day (3/10/92). **IFFA field trip and camp to Providence Ponds (west of Bairnsdale, Vic.).** IFFA members are invited to join this trip to see the magnificent woodlands in

and near Providence Ponds Reserve, which straddles Princes Hwy. west of Bairnsdale. There are rare and beautiful plants a-plenty, native fauna and some spectacular grassland.

IFFA is arranging a camp site. Those going will have to arrange transport, food and equipment themselves, or by arrangement with others through the trip organizer.

You can come and go as you please. Locals, Jodie Hoey and Ian Lunt, are helping with the program of walks and activities.

Interested? Please contact the organizer, Graeme Lorimer, by phoning (03) 728-5841.

October 30 - November 3. **Forests Forever Camp** at Goongerah, East Gippsland. Includes Fun in the forests, Guided nature walks, activities for kids, wonderful wildlife, beautiful rainforests, magnificent setting, nocturnal possum prowl. \$15 per day (\$10 conc., kids free) includes camp site, firewood and guided walks. Contact: Conservation Council of Victoria (03) 654 4833.

November

1 November. **Euroa Spring Wildflower Walk - Mt Wombat and Upper Garden Ranges.** Special attractions include the enormous rocky slopes with pockets of attractive flowering shrubs growing in the cracks, large moss beds where lilies and orchids grow, and a gradual descent down through a variety of different vegetation types all the way to the Waterhouse Reservoir. The fires last year should make the orchids more abundant this year, and the views from the top of Garden Range are superb. Meet at 10 am at the Botanical Heritage Area near the canteen in the grounds of Euroa Secondary College. Come half an hour early if you want to learn a bit about identifying our local plants. Contact Shirley Saywell (057) 952022 (a.h.)

15 November. **Euroa Spring Wildflower Walk.** Strathbogie Wildflowers - Jean Lightfoot's "Tall Timbers" Meet at Tall Timbers. Contact Jean (057) 908552.

21 November 11am-5pm & 22 November 10am-5pm. **Koonwarra Native Flower Show:** Floral displays, plant sales, environmental displays, children's activities, Devonshire teas. Gippsland and Northern Saleyards, South Gippsland Highway, Koonwarra. Adults \$1, children free. Show Coordinator: Barry Hill (056) 64 3259.

Talks

27 October 8pm. **The Management of Endangered Species,** by Peter Brown. Fauna Survey Group. Felicity Garde (03) 808 2625.

12 November 8pm. **Flora of Victoria,** by Neville Walsh. To coincide with the imminent publication of his work. Botany Group of FNCV. Win Bennet (03) 435 1921.

Letters:

Spring Wildflower Walks

Please find enclosed a copy of the Wildflower Walks which will be available again this Spring. Although some of these dates have passed I wondered if we would be able to advertise the remaining walks in the next edition of your magazine.

We aim to provide variety of walks which are suitable to different age groups and fitness levels so that the beauty of the bush is enjoyed by all.

This is probably the best time to visit many of our local wildflower spots so we hope your members and friends are able to join us for some of these outings.

Should further information be required please do not hesitate to contact me on (057) 952022 (a.h.)

- Shirley Saywell, Secretary, Euroa Environment Group.

Resigned

David Taylor, Margaret Gottstein, Bruce McGregor, former directors of Victorian Indigenous Nurseries Cooperative, and Elizabeth Donoghue, former Executive/Promotion Officer, tendered their resignations from VINC in early August 1992. We no longer wish to be identified with the management of the organisation.

Zap the zappers

"A Plug for Bugs", by Patrick Driver, was an interesting article. It's a pity we don't know more about our insects and similar invertebrates.

For several years I have been concerned at the use of insect-controlling/killing devices commonly known as bug zappers. I can understand some people using these things outside while having a meal, but why is it necessary for them to be operational 24 hours a day?

Perhaps we should be pushing for an accompanying note, along with each zapper's instructions, pointing out that only a few insects are really undesirable and that the majority are not only beneficial but necessary.

I feel like zapping every zapper!

STOP PRESS!!! CHRISTMAS WINE OFFER

The Conservation Council of Victoria is again offering two fantastic Yarra Valley wines to make your summer holidays memorable - 1991 Pinot Noir, normal retail \$13.95/bottle, available for only \$62/dozen, and a 1991 Sauvignon Blanc, normally \$10/bottle, available for only \$62/dozen.

* **Minimum order one dozen**

	Per Doz	Qty (doz)	Cost
Pinot Noir	\$62		
Sauv Blanc	\$62		
Mixed: 6 Pinot/6 SBlanc	\$62		
Champagne	\$62		

Due to popular demand, a Northern Victorian Brut Champagne has been included for all the festivities, at only \$62/dozen. Help CCV help our environment - place your order today.

Delivery

- I am happy to pick up my wine from an inner city location on SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER (a map will be sent to you on receipt of your order)
- Please deliver my order to the address below at a cost of \$5 per dozen metro or \$10 per dozen Victorian country**

Total \$ Wine Cost	+ Total Delivery	= Total \$ Enclosed
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Name _____	<input type="checkbox"/> I enclose a cheque	<input type="checkbox"/> Please debit my credit card
Address _____		
P/code _____	<input type="checkbox"/> B/card	<input type="checkbox"/> M/card
☎(w) _____ ☎(h) _____	Signature X _____	Expiry _____

Send to CCV, 247 Flinders Lane Melbourne 3000 by Thurs 19 November, 1992

IFFA activities:

IFFA (Vic)

Next meeting:

Wednesday 28 October at 8 pm at the Herbarium Hall, Birdwood Ave, South Yarra (Melways map 2G ref 12A). Pat and Mike Coupar will speak "A focus on Butterflies and Moths". All welcome.

Committee meeting:

Tuesday 3 Nov at Michele and Peter's, flat 2/81 Alexandra Ave South Yarra 6.30pm onwards. Contact Michele for details.

Southern Peninsula IFFA

Mon Nov 2nd Waterfall Gully City Centre, Cnr Bayview Rd and Nixon St, Rosebud South at 7.30 pm. The guest speaker will be Dr Gretna Weste on 'Fungi Diseases'. Contact Mark Adams (059)851122.

Indigenous Nurseries Network:

28 October Wednesday 6.30pm. (before main IFFA meeting). Technical information exchange session. Contact Murray Ralph (03) 419 3040 or Sue Mills (03) 383 2937.

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NSW activities:

Next meeting:

To be advised. Contact Sally Fisher (02) 9706486 (work), Penny Brown or Andrew McGahey (02)9133681 (work)

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\$40 for non-profit organizations,
\$50 for corporations,
\$25 for individuals and families,
or \$20 concession.

Membership includes
11 issues of *Indigenotes* per year.

Memberships should be sent to the Secretary.

*Include your name, address
and phone numbers,
and a bit about yourself.*

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Congratulations to all those involved in organizing the Grasslands Conference. It was a great success. Look forward to the publication of the proceedings in IFFA's journal *Advances in Nature Conservation*. If any members have comments on the conference, feel free to send them in.

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• **Apologies for the shortness of this**
• **newsletter, but the voluntary**
• **editors have been on holiday in WA.**
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• **Apologies also for the lateness of**
• **the previous newsletter, caused by a**
• **clash between the Spring Planting**
• **Festival activities, and the**
• **newsletter preparation weekend.**
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