

CBOC's Weekend in Orange.

Forty Cumberland Bird Observers Club (CBOC) members have just enjoyed a memorable Annual Weekend Away in Orange. Very ably guided by several local Orange Field Naturalists and Conservation Society (OFNCS) members the group visited some of the birding hotspots around Orange including Lake Canobolas, Mount Canobolas, Borenore Caves, Gosling and Spring Creek Reserves. Just over 100 species were recorded during the three days with highlights for Sydneysiders such as Blue-billed Duck, Musk Duck, Hoary-headed Grebe, Nankeen Night-Heron, Spotted Harrier and Superb Parrot.

The Official Welcome in the Orange Ex-Services' Club on the Friday evening was followed by an enlightening presentation by Moss Taylor from the UK on *The Study of Bird Migration*. Moss has been banding birds in his home county of Norfolk for over 50 years, specialising in migration along the north Norfolk coast.

Cilla Kinross, President of OFNCS, led a party spotlighting at South Mullion Range on the Saturday evening successfully locating a Tawny Frogmouth. On Sunday morning everyone appreciated the opportunity to explore the lovely Orange Botanic Gardens with Bernie and Colina Huxtable and Murray Fletcher before partaking of a lovely spread of sandwiches, scones with jam and cream at morning tea-time put on by the ladies in the Clover Hill Centre.

The CBOC wishes to express its sincere thanks to Tony Smith, Secretary of OFNCS, for all his help over several months with the planning of this very successful weekend for the two groups.