

Around the Traps: Winter 2021

Fullerton-Hadley Landcare Group

Ray Barge, our Vice President, and I went out north of Crookwell back in May to give a presentation to the Fullerton-Hadley Landcare Group. It was a very good, albeit chilly, morning with around 30 people attending – mostly I suspect to hear the entertaining and very knowledgeable McComas Taylor talk on local birds. The locals were also keen to hear of the problems mynas can cause and what to do about them as they have now made an appearance out that way. The talk was in a historic 1920s tin community hall: a real bit of rural history and architecture thankfully still intact.



Jenny's on the case in Bungendore

Jenny Dibley of Bungendore is most concerned at the infestation of mynas in the Bungendore area and is keen to get a group operating out there. In this regard, Jenny arranged with Gary Harb of the Bungendore Men's Shed for Ray and me to give a demonstration on how to make a PeeGee trap. We hope that when Jenny is able to get a group up and running, Gary and his fellow Men Shedders will help out by making traps for them. We left a goodly amount of trap-making material for them to get that underway – so touch wood (or cage mesh) they will be on the task very soon.

A public meeting will be held in the near future for us to give a presentation – which hopefully will spark the community interest in getting a group going. If you want to participate in a Bungendore Indian Myna Action Group, Jenny is keen to hear from you. If you want to be involved, get back in touch with me and I will pass on Jenny's contact details.

Happenings worldwide

Susana Saavedra advises, sadly, that mynas have arrived in Portugal. It is the Crested Myna. This, I believe, is the first time mynas have arrived on the European mainland. Hopefully a single male so it will be the end of the line for that.

Susana also reports that Egypt is under threat from the Indian Myna and that in Cuba a single myna has survived after a controlled shooting effort last year.



Crested Myna – in Portugal