

EDITORIAL NOTE

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This is the first volume of *The Tasmanian Naturalist* to appear under my editorial guidance. I wish to express my sincere thanks to the retiring editor Simon Grove who most ably guided several volumes to print and who has helped me settle into my new role.

I have been gratified to have received so many contributions on a diverse range of subjects. I'm pleased to present an edition that I hope will interest the whole membership and the wider naturalist/scientific community. Articles on a range of topics (from the zoological to the botanical, the invertebrate to the vertebrate, the terrestrial to the aquatic, the observational to the scientific) have all found their way to this edition. What is also nice to see is the emphasis of several of the articles on the links between the various facets of the natural and physical world: from mites munching on greenhoods to velvet worms and beetles living in the squelch of mudguts inside logs.

The journal is an ideal forum for writers of all walks of life because we accept formal and informal styles and want to read about observations of natural history on a wide range of topics.

I have tried not to make major changes ("don't fix that which is not broken") but regular readers will note the inclusion of some minor changes from previous volumes. First, some articles in this volume have benefited from the use of higher quality paper. Unfortunately, this increases the cost of production and we have been fortunate to have received sponsorship for this volume. The Defence Department is particularly thanked for their very generous donation that has allowed the inclusion of colour images on higher quality paper. Second, I have made some minor formatting (layout) changes.

I have also managed to reinstate the traditional book review with the inclusion of several reviews. I hope this is a continuing feature because the journal provides a good forum to inform the membership about useful field guides and the like.

And exciting news for the members of the club: the databasing and indexing of the entire set of volumes of *The Tasmanian Naturalist* from the first issue in 1907 to this year's volume is now underway. The intention is to create a detailed index, scan all articles and convert into pdf files, and use a database to make these available (with a search engine) via the club's website.