An Interesting Trip

It was always going to have its hazards… Early in the year I offered to plan this trip, Ginny said she would help but all went awry… Jim Gunn came to the rescue. Jim and Surong went up and down the You Yangs finding places we had not been too. Came the day of our trip, my phone rang at 6-30am. A plaintive voice said “Jim here, I have an attack of gastro! I can read out all the odometer readings!” I wished Jim well and came to Watton St.,

I have never been so pleased to see lian Denham, immediately all was under control.

Here are the Odometer Readings from Jim...

Set Odometer from start of gravel on “Great Circle Drive”
At 1.1 km. walk along LHS OF road from dam to creek. 100 metres 3.6 km. park at sharp LH uphill bend. Walk along flat gravel Maintenance Road on RHS for 200 metres. Mistletoe birds nesting at 50 metres. At 7.4 km. park on side of road. Walk back on LHS along Maintenance Road for 800 metres. Walk around sand quarry and then back to cars. (we went on to the Eastern area and added many more birds to the list.)

I would have to say it was the best trip I have had to the You Yangs in years. I asked members to send me their Highlights. ……..

“My favourite place, tho I love all the You Yangs, was the last site at the eastern end. Thought the Shining Bronze Cuckoo was my highlight although the Restless Flycatcher was a close second, the view from the road where we, Liz and Anita, stopped, also lovely, apart from the Bone seed,” Ginny

“Was discussing with Andre – the question of ‘bird sighting of the day’, believe we came to the conclusion it was the Mistletoebird – sighted on the eastern side of the You Yangs. Have looked up Morcombe & Photographic Field Guide-Birds of Australia and neither book appears do justice to my recollection of the brilliant scarlet colour of this male specimen. We were also impressed with the ‘Blue Shade’ on the head of the Restless Flycatcher – as the ones previously sighted in Eynesbury were notas distinctive, maybe a ‘breeding’ attribute.” Cheers Len & Andre,

Sincere thanks to lian for leading us so well. To Mike for the great photos and to Mark for processing the Bird List. (I am saving up to buy an Ipad…) I think Jim has recovered, as has Peter O’C

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