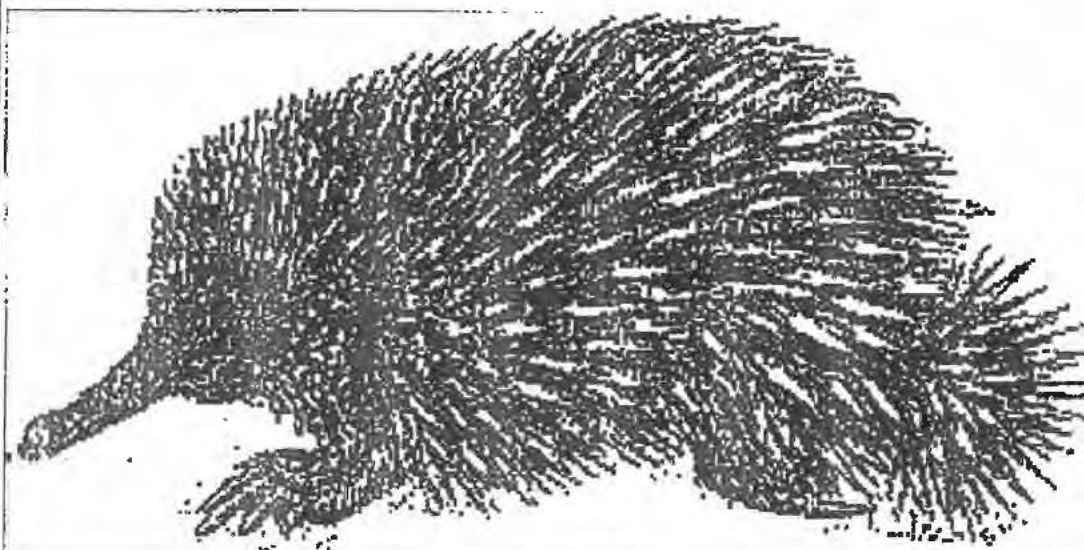


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## NEXT MEETING

9<sup>th</sup> February 2000. 7:30 PM at the Conference Room at Alice Springs High School. This will be chiefly a planning meeting, with a brief input from members.

8<sup>th</sup> March. **Cats, frogs and bilbies in the Tanami Desert.** Rachel Paltridge will talk on traditional and scientific knowledge.

12<sup>th</sup> April. Bob Read "**Southwest Tasmania, a wet wilderness**"

If you can give a short talk or would like to do someone else in please let me know.

## TRIPS

Caving

Redbank Gorge

Ross River, N'Dahla Gorge

Serpentine Gorge area

Glen of Palms

Ormiston Gorge

Termites

Bird Atlas, see below

Easter. This is one of the rare years that Easter Monday falls on the 24<sup>th</sup>, giving a five day break when combined with Anzac Day. A trip to the Davenport Ranges NP or to Dalhousie Spring would be feasible if there is sufficient interest.

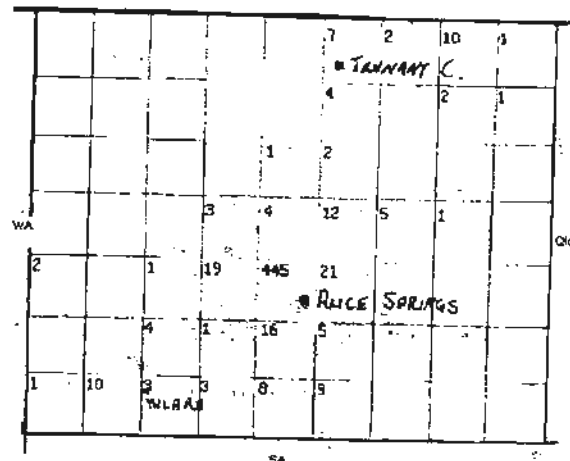
## Any suggestions ?

## BIRD ATLAS

The attached map taken from the NT Bird Atlas web site is unfortunately some months out of date.

However the general pattern is clear. The area around Alice Springs has good coverage, largely from locals, while tourists have submitted a lot of records for popular tourist locations, such as Ormiston Gorge. This is all useful data, but it has created a bias toward places with water.

This year I intend to do a number of trips specifically to visit poorly covered one degree squares. I envisage going out on roads such as the Plenty and Sandover Highways and stopping to do surveys (say) every 10 km in the areas of interest. Excursions like this would only need one car and 1-3 people, but it could be an opportunity for the less confident and experienced to join in and learn bird identification and survey techniques.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jose Petrick both for being selected to carry the Olympic Torch and for receiving the Order of Australia Medal.