

BOOK REVIEW

WILD AUSTRALIA — A VIEW OF BIRDS AND MEN by Douglas Dorward, published by Collins, 1977; pp. 128, col. and b & w illust.

This book is based upon an ABC/TV series by the author. The seven stories of birds and man's effects on them are:

- "Across the Strait" — the Cape Barren Geese of the Bass Strait Islands,
- "Albatross Island" — a rookery of the White-capped Albatross,
- "Above the Gorge" — the Wedge-tailed Eagles of Werribee Gorge and elsewhere,
- "Beyond the Dune" — the Coorong, its Pelicans and other wildlife,
- "At the Edge of the Salt Plain" — Brolgas and other birds of the coastal marshes of north Queensland,
- "To the Escarpment" — Fogg Dam and Arnhem Land and
- "The Receding Wetlands" — Woolwonga Wildlife Sanctuary in the upper Northern Territory.

The book is copiously illustrated with paintings and sketches by John Olsen and black and white photographs. It makes interesting and informative reading and is recommended for anyone interested in Australian birds and their conservation.

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