

## ***Sprinter and Sprummer***

*Australia's Changing Seasons*

Timothy J Entwisle  
CSIRO Publishing 2014

- Tim Entwisle puts the case for abandoning our adherence to the seasons we inherited from Europe (the Vivaldi option) and adopt a system that reflects what is happening to the plants and animals around us.
  - He calls this Sprinter, Sprummer, Summer, Autumn and Winter
  - Reference is made to the 6 or 7 Indigenous seasons in the north
  - Necessarily, he also refers to our changing climate.
  - The book is packed with interesting data about our seasons.
  - All this is put together with humour, much of it against the author himself.
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## ***Field Guide to the Orchids of Western Australia***

*The Definitive Guide to the Native Orchids of Western Australia*

Andrew Brown, Kingsley Dixon, Christopher French and Garry Brockman  
Simon Nevill Publications 2013

- The first time all known orchids of WA have been represented photographically in one publication.
  - Includes information about naming orchids, the Orchidaceae family, distribution, habitat, plant features and life cycle.
  - Every plant has at least two photos and a distribution map.
  - This is the book to have in your hand when you are gripped by the excitement upon finding an orchid in the wild in WA.
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## ***Australian High Country Raptors***

Jerry Olsen  
CSIRO Publishing 2014

- This book covers raptor species that breed above 600m.
- Habitats and vegetation types are described and the raptors likely to be seen in each.
- There are sections on finding, watching, identification, hunting styles, food, breeding behaviour and conservation.
- There are even detailed instructions on handling an injured or orphaned raptor.
- Drawings, tables, diagrams or photos – coloured and black and white – appear on almost every page.

# ***Flooded Forest and Desert Creek***

*Ecology and History of the River Red Gum*

Matthew J Colloff

CSIRO Publishing 2014

- At first glance I considered this to be a seminal tome. But I soon became very interested in Chapter 2, Names and relationships. It seems that the Type was not the one that we call *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*. This was not 'fixed' until 2008.
- Next I started to read 3, Life history, then Ecosystem functions and so on.
- It goes on to discuss the forces of change:
  - fire,
  - grazing,
  - harvesting,
  - red gum consciousness etc.
- This is a book to borrow and know that it is there to be borrowed again and again.
- Or maybe it's a book to own.