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## of the UPPER LOCKYER VALLEY

2016

Thanks to the Lockyer Valley Regional Council's Community Environment grants we are once again able to offer this unique calendar.

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Sapphire Rockmaster  
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Scaly-breasted Lorikeet  
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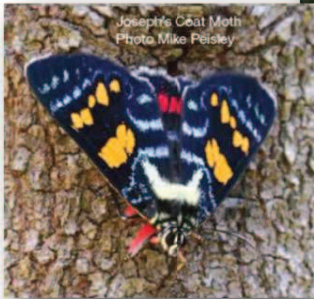


Razor Grinder  
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Superb Fairy-wren  
Photo Robert Ashdown



Joseph's Coat Moth  
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Proceeds from the sale of this calendar go towards Citizens of the Lockyer Inc. We are working to increase awareness of the rich biodiversity to be found within the Lockyer Valley, to document the flora and fauna of the area and to promote the value of our environment for residents and visitors alike.

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**February** *After the lights go out* **Main image** **Yellow-footed Antechinus** *Antechinus antechinus* **Snappers** The Yellow-footed Antechinus is common in south-east Queensland. Unfortunately its habit of entering houses often finds it caught by the resident cat or killed as 'some kind of rat'. Antechinus are marsupials therefore they have a pouch to carry their young but it is not as developed as the pouch of kangaroos and wallabies. The female gives birth to about 10 young that are ready to breed a year later. The pale white 'spectacle' is a distinguishing feature of this little marsupial.

**Other images (from left)** **Net-casting Spider** *Dugesiopsis subrata* This is a large but harmless spider that gets its name from the hunting technique of the female. At night she weaves a fine net that she holds between both pairs of her two front legs. When prey approaches the spider adeptly throws the snare over her victim. This spider was once known as the *Robinsonia* after the lightly armed gladiator of ancient Rome who used a cast net and fought during combat.

**Powerful Owl** *Ninox strenua* The Powerful Owl is the largest of Australia's owls and belongs to a group of owls known as hawk-owls. This owl is a mighty predator taking prey up to the size of Greater Glider and Brush-tailed Possum. It has even been known to take feral cats. This owl is a resident of wetter parts of the Lockyer Valley especially along creek lines through well sclerophyll or vine scrub. The Powerful Owl is designated as a vulnerable species under Queensland legislation. The 'screeching woman' call originally attributed to this owl is now known to be that of the **Barking Owl** *Ninox connexus*.

**Brown Tree Snake** *Boiga irregularis* The large yellow eyes of this snake indicate clearly that it is a nocturnal hunter. This feature is also responsible for another of its common names, the **Doi's-eye Snake**. It will strike vigorously when disturbed but, like all snakes, only when feeling threatened or cornered. Shortly after World War II the Brown Tree Snake was accidentally introduced to the Pacific island of Guam. With no