

# The Wollie Garden Contract

## Unbelievably cheap labour!

Would you like to take on a bunch of workers positively keen to search out and remove caterpillars, grasshoppers, snails and slugs, flies, mosquitoes, and other insect pests from your garden?

Lots of us would!

Are you willing to take on a little enterprise bargaining? If so, the Wollie garden contract may be for you. You get an enthusiastic workforce, totally committed to their job, who take no holidays or sick leave and work seven days a week!

Your main contribution to the bargain is to provide in your garden some pleasant surroundings and protection for the workers. And that's it! - these workers are that cheap! They are the birds, lizards, frogs and insect-eating insects found in the Wollie Valley.

Why chase grasshoppers round and round the garden. Even with a spray gun we humans make hard work of it? So call in a frog, she's an expert at the job, and, moreover, just loves doing it. Got a snail problem? Set up for a Blue Tongue lizard, who thinks they are so yummy that he will see them off in short order.

Your prospective workers will need a little encouragement to make your garden a second home. See our bush-friendly guidelines leaflet which include some suggestions and contacts to help you do this. You can also talk to people who already have contracts. Call the WCPS on 9554 3176 or 9567 8502.

You may well find that your workers, particularly the birds, provide so much colour, movement and interest that that will more than repay you for taking up your side of the bargain.

Your workers will still need good natural areas to retreat to, and in which to build up their numbers so as to provide a pool of labourers; but if you live within five or six hundred metres of Wollie Creek you are lucky enough to have that ... at present.

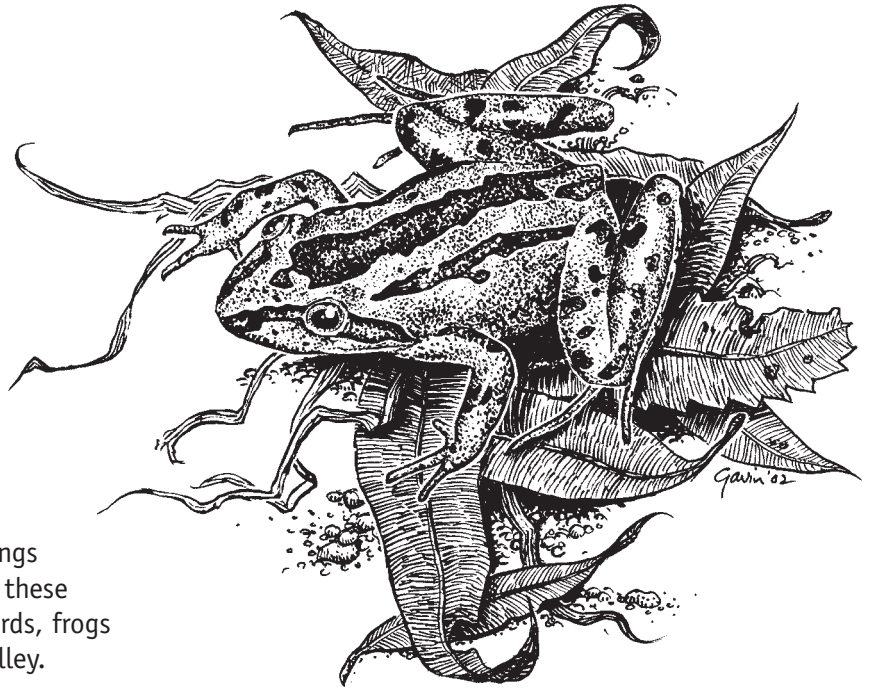
So, the second item on your side of the contract is to ensure that the Wollie Regional Park and other local bush areas are protected and looked after. Our guidelines leaflet also includes things to do - mainly things not to do - to help keep it in good order.

The Wollie Creek Preservation Society is also undertaking some practical work to improve the local bush. We have produced a leaflet, *Restoring Wollie*, explaining more about it, how you can support it, and offering more opportunities to understand your end of the garden contract. Get a copy by ringing 9554 3176.

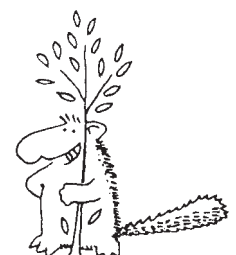
So sign up to the contract - life in the garden will become cheaper, easier and more interesting!

## The next steps

- Become a Backyard Buddy - begin to make your garden a safe haven for native wildlife. For good ideas on this visit: <http://www.npws.nsw.gov.au/backyardbuddies/>
- Contact the Wollie Creek Preservation Society on 9554 3176 or through the WCPS website <http://www.wolliecreek.org.au/> or write to PO Box 270, Earlwood 2206.



*The brown-striped marsh frog – the most common local frog and a robust 'Backyard Buddy'.*



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