

# IN REPLY TO THE ARTICLE ON "CANNINGTON SWAMP"

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The Cannington Swamp I wrote about in my article "Cannington Swamp R.I.P." is not the Yule Brook Botany Reserve in Kenwick. The Cannington Swamp I wrote about is in Cannington about 8 miles away from the University's reserve.

I don't "suggest" that Cannington Swamp is disappearing. I'm saying it "is" disappearing, and fast.

The road that runs through the middle of Cannington Swamp was once the only destruction. Now all one side of the road is housing. The *D. zonaria* patch is a huge sand pit. The best *Byblis gigantea* patch has a storm water drain right in the middle of it. The remaining swamp will also be housing, judging by the proposed road layout.

Yes, I believe the plants can be moved to a place where they will be admired. If they weren't removed they would be

gone forever.

*D.* species "Lake Badgerup White," an unnamed pygmy *Drosera*, is a perfect example. If Steve Rose had not collected this *Drosera* five years ago, it would not be common in cultivation all over the world today. *D.* species "Lake Badgerup White" is no longer found in the wild. A market garden has taken over its habitat.

What people don't realise is that most of the rarer plants are confined to small scattered habitats all over Western Australia. If people like myself didn't make small collections of these plants, they could be lost forever. I would suggest that some of the plants found in Cannington Swamp in Cannington are not found on the Yule Brook Botany Reserve in Kenwick, and vice-versa.

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## MORE ON PREDACIOUS FUNGI

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In my last article about predacious fungi (CPN 9:401980), I concentrated on the various methods used by these fungi to capture their prey. This article deals with several other diverse, but equally fascinating, aspects of these fungi, including the formation of traps, the presence of toxins in some fungi, and the classification of these organisms.

Although much of the confusion which used to surround the classification of predacious fungi has been cleared up in

recent years, there are still some points of confusion. To begin with, it is still unclear whether fungi belong in the Kingdom Plantae, in the Kingdom Protista, or in their own kingdom. Also, the validity of several genera. The same is true for a few species which are so similar that they may just be varieties of the same species. As with the carnivorous Angiosperms, there are probably some species which have yet to be discovered, too.

Unlike most carnivorous plants, the