



"To encourage the observation and study of birds in the Toowoomba area."

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Field Outings and Monthly Meeting - 4th Sunday of each month usually leave from Pigotts' car park at 7.30 am.

Camping trips, film and slide evenings.

News-Sheet

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EDITORIAL. SEPTEMBER 1986.

THE LAST ENEMY.

Casting around for a suitable title this month I recalled an autobiography of the same name written by Richard Hillary before his death in action during 1943. Hillary had fought with distinction as a pilot in the R.A.F. in the epic struggle we now call the Battle of Britain. To him the last enemy to be conquered was fear. The efforts of him and his cohorts are now history and the knowledge of whether or not they conquered the last enemy went with them to their graves.

In these less cataclysmic times we are not faced with such battles. Nonetheless there are other battles to be fought-- other enemies to be met-- and if those enemies defeat us we will have lost far greater stakes than were fought for in 1940.

For the stakes on the battleground now are the survival of this planet as a life support system for us-- indeed, for all lifeforms.

The enemies take many forms-- the greed for political power-- the hunger for wealth and position of big business-- the need to support the teeming millions which now travel through space on our little green spacecraft.

However, our last enemy, I believe, is not so easily recognized, or defeated. It lurks in the same places as did Hillary's. It lurks in many people without them realizing. It has various names but two will suffice for recognition---apathy---complacency.

People must come to grips with the enemy; and not only the people down the street, but the people reading this (and, of course, the person writing it). The popular image today of the apathetic Aussie is "Norm"; and may I introduce the lady of the duo, "Norma".

A land populated largely by Norms and Normas will stand by while Governments of all political persuasions do (and allow to be done), things which ought not to be done , or which might be done in ways less harmful to our little spacecraft.

However, if Norm and Norma rise up and cry, "Enough", then perhaps those things will not be done. We Aussies live in the best country on God's green Earth, but our children won't, unless we take an interest in something beyond the footy scores, or the cricket, or the horses. A little test to tell how much of Norm or Norma lives with you , is to read the poem by Dorothea Mackellar, "My Country".

The smaller the lump that should rise in your throat, the more of Norm or Norma you carry. If no lump arises, then for you I quote from C.J. Dennis' "The Austra-----laise".

"Fellers of Australier,
Blokcs an' covcs an' coots,
Shift ycr ----- carcascs,
Move ycr -----boots.
Gird ycr -----loins up,
Get ycr-----gun,
Set thc -----cnemy
An' watch thc -----run."

Ron Hopkinson.

INVITATION TO ALL T.B.C. MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

"LAMB- ON-A-SPIT."

TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE BICENTENNIAL WATER BIRD HABITAT THE TOOWOOMBA FIELD NATURALIST CLUB IS ARRANGING A "LAMB-ON-A-SPIT".

DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th.

PLACE: MARY ANN & DON LAW'S HOME, 226 RAMSAY STREET.

TIME: 4.00 PM.

TICKETS: \$10 ADULTS.

\$5 CHILDREN UP TO AND INCLUDING SCHOOL AGE.

FRUIT JUICE WILL BE PROVIDED AND WINE WILL BE SERVED WITH THE MEAL.

You would need to bring chairs, cutlery, crockery, drinks.

A walk to the Habitat is planned before dinner.

Tickets will be available from early September.

Contact Lesley Beaton or any Executive member to reserve your ticket.

This is a really worthwhile cause and should be supported by every Club member. It is much better value for you, compared to being asked to make donations.

T.B.C. has been deeply involved with the project and the Executive hopes that YOU and your family and friends will support us.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!

NEW TOOWOOMBA BIRDS.

The Checklist Committee has added the following birds to the Club List.

246. Western Gerygone. (Gerygone fusca). 10.5.86. Northern Helidon.

Michael Atzeni. Laurie Atzeni. Pat McConnell.

Common in acacia scrub near the new Helidon Dip; light brown-grey upperparts; white underparts; faint white eyebrow; white tipped tail feathers; white band cross tail base which is distinct when bird hovers; beautiful call, similar to White-throated Gerygone but fainter.

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247. White-bellied Sea-Eagle. (Haliaeetus leucogaster). 8.6.86. Hood's Lagoon.

Michael Atzeni. Pat McConnell.

Single bird; probable first year plumage; large raptor; generally pale brown with creamier markings through the plumage; paler on head; in flight, wings held upswept; bullseyes evident; tail short and wedge-shaped.

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248. Caspian Tern. (Hydroprogne caspia). 8.6.86. Hood's Lagoon.

Michael Atzeni. Pat McConnell.

Two birds flying over lagoon; large tern with prominent red bill; grey upperparts; white underparts; black crown; black primaries on underwing.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7th. 1986.

PLACE: 15 DUNMORE STREET. (LESLEY BEATON'S RESIDENCE).

TIME: 7.45PM.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Adrian Allen and the subject will be the Japanese Garden at the D.D.I.A.E.

Nominations for Executive positions are being accepted. A separate form accompanies this News-sheet. Nomination forms, signed by the nominee as well as the nominator should reach the Secretary before the meeting.

The incumbent President (Lesley Beaton), Secretary (Ann Shore) and Records Officer (Angela Kilmartin) are seeking re-election.

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APOLOGY.

Lyn Rowan advises that Bradley Dremman celebrated his birthday and first Communion in August; not July as she said in August News-Sheet.

Apologies to Bradley.

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A PERSONAL INVITATION.

I should like to extend an invitation to all members to come to the Annual General Meeting. It is to be held at my home and I would love to see those people who are unable to join us on our outings, but so willingly support the Club.

Dr. Allen is our guest speaker, and was invited after I heard him talk to a meeting of Toowoomba Green Watch. For those who know nothing of Toowoomba's Japanese Garden or those who have watched it grow with interest, you will find the talk most interesting and it is illustrated with many beautiful slides.

I hope to see you there.

Lesley Beaton.

FEEDBACK

A popular word of late is "feedback". Below is a very pleasant example of the positive kind. A note from Peggie Beaton after the August 10th Field Day. Thank you, Peggie.

"We have just returned from a very pleasant "bird walk", in which the T.B.C. joined the Q.O.S. on the Minden Ranges, with Graham Leach leading, on Sunday August 10th.

This is not the "Official" report, but just a few words to say how much we enjoyed it; both as a social event as well as a productive bird watch. Many different species were seen in the various habitats to which Graham took us.

It was a pleasure, also, to meet again friends we made at the R.A.O.U. camp-out last year.

To add icing to the cake -- on the way home to Kalbar, about 2 kilometres north of the Boonah and Moreton Shire boundaries on the Cunningham Highway-- we had a very clear sighting of a Blue-winged Kookaburra".

Peggie Beaton.

EXECUTIVE NOTES.

A letter has been sent to the Hon. Peter McKechnie, M.L.A. requesting more information about "The Chronicle" report re the commercialization of Girraween National Park, near Stanthorpe.

We have had several replies to the letters we sent to natural history and conservation associations, concerning the caged Wrens issue. They all express concern and support our stand.

Magpie season is with us again, for a few weeks. Already there are a number of reports of dive-bombing by birds. The Club is working in liaison with the Q.N.P.W.S. at this time, to help them with a project of trapping and banding offending Magpies. Using Q.N.P.W.S. traps we go out to the location and try to catch the male birds, as they are the main culprits. Any birds caught are banded and certain primary feathers are removed from one wing. This allows the bird to fly but not to dive-bomb.

Any members who would like to be involved with this could phone Angela or myself. The Q.N.P.W.S. would like a roster of week-end volunteers. Angela, Audrey Sorenson, Lyn Rowan and myself have already participated.

Lesley Beaton.

FIELD DAY REPORT. MINDEN OUTING WITH Q.O.S.

August 10th found eight Club members joining with Q.O.S. for the annual Spring survey of the Mt. Marrow/Minden area. There were about forty Q.O.S. members and visitors; of the latter, some were from Great Britain and the United States.

It was a beautiful day and many good sightings were made. Three main areas were covered. First, around Haigslea State School, just off the Warrego Highway, then a walk along Schumann's Road at Mt. Marrow, and lastly the Minden Lagoon near the School.

Everybody had a beaut day with convivial conversation, plenty of birds, and lovely bush walks.

Thank you to Q.O.S. and especially Graham Leach, for sharing your outing.

Lesley Beaton.

Members Present: Lesley, Peggie and Roy Beaton, Angela Kilmartin, Lyn Rowan, Ann and John Shore, Jane White.

See species list, next page. (Editor).

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FIELD DAY REPORT. REDWOOD PARK. 24.8.86.

Although the weather was overcast, with some drizzle, a very pleasant morning of birding was spent at Redwood Park. Graded roads have recently been made through the Park, which makes for easy walking.

We left from the top entrance, following the road as far as the creek, then back-tracked to the road junction, and followed the road down the hill to the bottom entrance. Lesley's idea of leaving our cars at the bottom was a good one, as the walk was then downhill, most of the way.

With so many Eucalypts and Acacias in bloom there was no scarcity of birds. We had several good sightings of the Brown Cuckoo-dove and the colourful Scarlet Honeyeater; also a close view of a male and female Spotted Pardalote-- the male collecting nesting material. A koala was seen earlier in the morning.

FIELD DAY REPORT C/td.

A set of bird placemats was donated by Betty Porter (for which, thank you, Betty), and this was raffled while we had morning tea at John and Ann Shore's home. The raffle was won by Gloria Glass.

Nancy Belcher.

Members Present: Lesley Beaton, Angela Kilmartin, John and Ann Shore, Kath Blackburn, Ian Kennedy, Gloria Glass, Enid and Diana Beal, Les and Betty Porter, Frank and Nancy Belcher.

Visitors: Owen and Eileen Jolly.

SPECIES LIST.(32 SPECIES).

Whistling kite	Grey Fantail	Scarlet Honeyeater
Brown Cuckoo-dove	East. Whipbird	Mistletoebird
Peaceful Dove	White-brwd. Scrub-wren	Spotted Pardalote
Bar-shld. Dove	Brown Gerygone	Striated Pardalote
Emerald Dove	Brown Thornbill	Silvereye
Wonga pigeon	Yellow Thornbill	Olive-bkd. Oriole
Galah	White-thtd. Treecreeper	Aust. Magpie-lark
Scaly-brstd Lorikeet	Lewin's Honeyeater	Aust. Magpie
Blk-fcd Cuckoo-shrike	Yello-fcd. Honeyeater	Pied Currawong
East. Yellow Robin	Brown Honeyeater	Torresian Crow
Grey Shrike-thrush	Eastern Spinebill	

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SPECIES LIST FOR MINDEN RANGES FIELD DAY. (See report, previous page).

Aust. Grebe	Scaly-brstd. Lorikeet	Buff-rmpd. Thornbill
Darter	Little Lorikeet	Yell-rmpd Thornbill
Little Blk. Cormorant	Pale-hd. Rosella	Yellow Thornbill
Little Pied Cormorant	Shining Bronze-cuckoo	White-thrtd. T/creeper
Pacific Heron	Laughing Kookaburra	Striped Honeyeater
White-fcd. Heron	Rainbow Bee-eater	Little Friarbird
Cattle Egret	White-bkd. Swallow	Noisy Miner
Great Egret	Welcome Swallow	Lewin's Honeyeater
Little Egret	Fairy Martin	Yell-fcd. Honeyeater
Inter. Egret	Richard's Pipit	White-thrtd. H/eater
Glossy Ibis	Blk-fcd. Cuckoo-shrike	Brown Honeyeater
Sacred Ibis	Varied Triller	East. Spinebill
Straw-nckd. Ibis	Rose Robin	Scarlet Honeyeater
Yello-blld. Spoonbill	East. Yello. Robin	Spotted Pardalote
Pacific Blk. Duck	Golden Whistler	Striated Pardalote
Grey Teal	Rufous Whistler	Silvereye
Maned Duck	Grey Shrike-thrush	House Sparrow
Blk-shld. Kite	Leaden Flycatcher	Zebra Finch
Wedge-tld. Eagle	Restless Flycatcher	Dble-barred Finch
Aust. Kestrel	Grey Fantail	Chestnut-brst. Manikin
Brown Quail	Willie Wagtail	Common Starling
Dusky Moorhen	East. Whipbird	Common Mynah
Purple Swamphen	Grey-crnd, Babbler	Olive-bckd. Oriole
Masked Lapwing	Clamorous Reed Warbler	Figbird
Blk-wngd. Stilt	Gold-hd. Cisticola	Aust. Magpie-lark
Latham's Snipe	Superb Fairy-wren	Dusky Woodswallow
Feral Pigeon	Variegated F-wren	Grey Butcherbird
Spotted Turtledove	Red-bckd. F-wren	Pied Butcherbird
Peaceful Dove	White-brwd. Scrubwren	Aust. Magpie
Bar-shld. Dove	Speckled Warbler	Pied Currawong
Crested Pigeon	Weebill	Torresian Crow
Galah	White-thrtd. Gerygone	95 Species.

NEW MEMBERS.

The Club is very pleased to welcome the following new members:

Ian Kennedy, 16 Dumba Street, Toowoomba.

Kent Rosenthal, 12 Devine Street, Toowoomba.

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MEMBERS BIRD NOTES.

Rainbow Bee-eater. 16.8.86. Lockyer Siding. LB. AK. (First sighting for season. 6 birds).

Clamorous Reed Warbler. 16.8.86. Helidon Weir. LB. AK.

Yellow-faced Honeyeater. 16.7.86. 40 Mabel Street. AK. (First sighting for 40 Mabel St.).

Eastern Spinebill. 15.7.86. Shorelands. AS. (First sighting for Shorelands).

LB: Lesley Beaton. AK: Angela Kilmartin. AS: Ann Shore.

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FIELD DAY FOR SEPTEMBER.

Date: Sunday, September 28th.

Place: Helidon Hills.

Assembly Point: McDonnell & East car park.

Time: 7.15am for departure 7.30am Sharp.

Leader: Michael Atzeni.

FIELD DAY FOR OCTOBER.

Date: Sunday October 26th.

Place: Glen Lomond Park--Upper Flagstone.

Assembly Point: McDonnell & East car park.

Time: 7.15am for departure 7.30am Sharp.

Leader: Angela Kilmartin.

For this Field Day we are combining with Toowoomba Field Naturalist Club.

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FINAL REMINDER AND INVITATION.

Event: Annual General Meeting.

Date: Tuesday, October 7th.

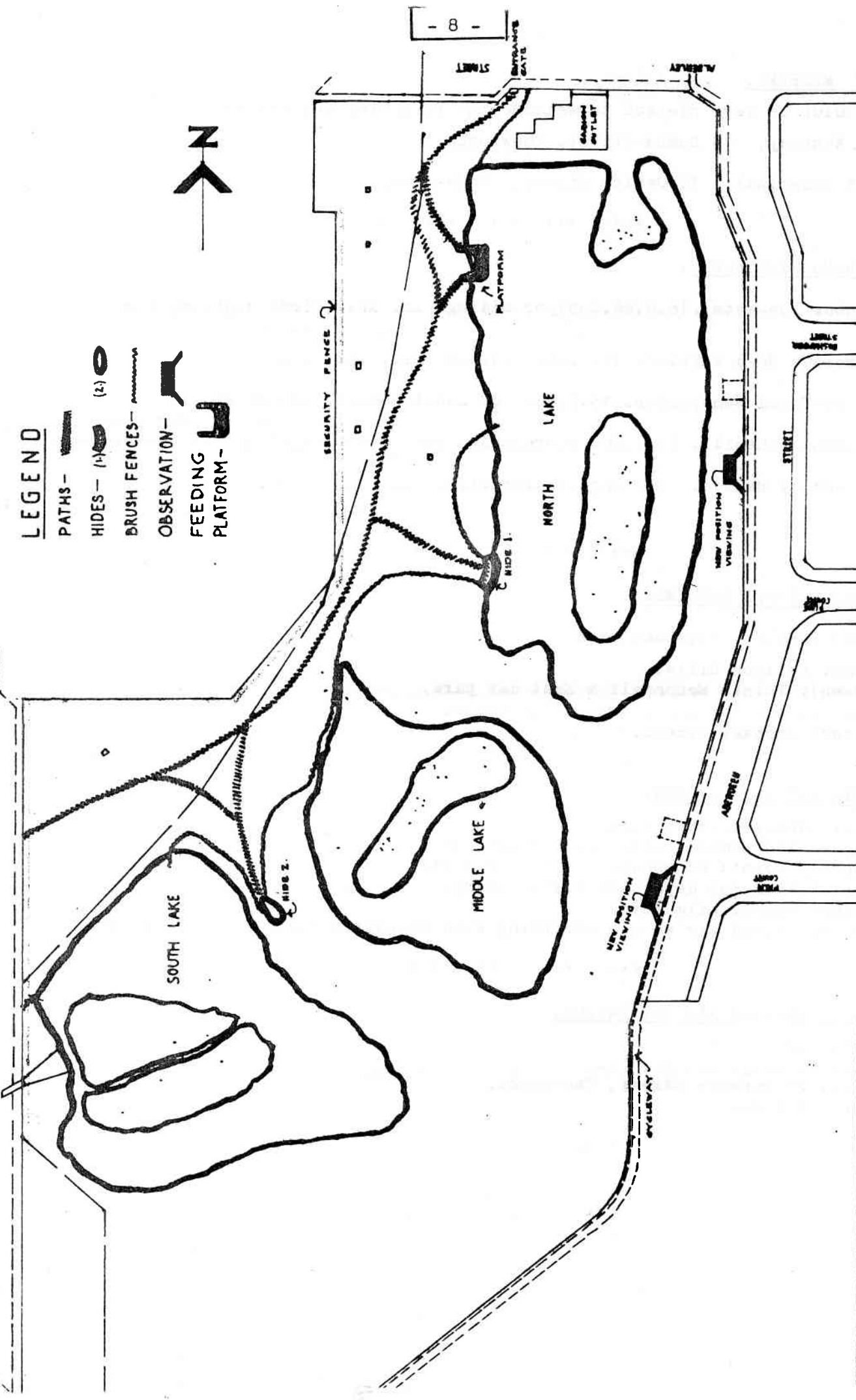
Place: 15 Dunmore Street, Toowoomba.

Time: 7.45pm.

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**TOOWOOMBA CITY COUNCIL
EAST CREEK BIRD HABITAT - LANDSCAPING LAYOUT**

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