

# Feather Fascination!

with local Birdwatcher,

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**Extinctions and Climate Change**

I am in awe of the miracle of a chick in a nest in a tree. The image at right is of a Tawny Frogmouth chick, looking like a badly knitted soft toy, with its parent.

The nest creates the optimal conditions for chick development. Birds construct their homes alongside ours. Their nests



are as vital to their existence as our homes are to our existence. In terms of "life on earth", chicks in a nest and kids in our homes are equivalent. We are symbiotically living together on this planet. However, the many observed impacts of climate change point toward an increasingly fraught future for birds, trees and humans; specifically, it is adversely impacting nest-building. The natural world produced us and shaped us; trees and birds hold our origins and they remain the true home of our existence. Even today, nature gives us everything, from the air we breathe to the water we drink and the food we eat, and the solace for our psyches. We will thrive if we have a proper human relationship with the actual birds and trees and all of nature around us.

Birds and trees are disappearing from the planet while we're living on it. It is directly our generations' responsibility. We have nearly reached the point of no return in our destruction of the natural world. Mega blazes ravaged every Australian state last summer, scorching bush and killing 33 people. 180 Million birds were killed or displaced. The United Nations has declared 2021–2030 the 'UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration'. The conservation of the planet's remaining natural ecosystems and the large-scale restoration of degraded ecosystems will limit both climate change and species extinction. Restoring 15% of denuded ecosystems in known priority areas could avoid 60% of expected extinctions.

Eraser the Root – no Tree  
Thee – then – no me –  
The Heavens stripped –  
Eternity's vast pocket, picked –\*

by the purveyors and enablers of carbon-based energy and land clearing.

Celebrate your symbiotic lives with nature

– Jim

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