

Habitat

The Wolli Creek Valley forms a vital green corridor in the densely urbanised suburbs of inner south-west Sydney.

Although the native bushland of the Wolli Creek Valley has been subject to almost every form of abuse and neglect with considerable weed invasion, much of the original vegetation has survived. Since the end of agriculture in the 1950s and recent bush restoration programs, the bushland areas have regenerated remarkably.

Within this small span of five kilometres, there are rugged sandstone cliffs, dense woodlands, dry sclerophyll forests, sheltered fern valleys, open heath, fresh and saltwater riparian zones, salt marsh and mangroves. This diverse environment supports an astonishing variety of birds, reptiles, frogs, possums, bats, and invertebrates.



Mangroves along the creek, Regenerating remnant at western end of the Valley and Eastern Water Dragon (*Physignathus lesueurii*) Photos D. Little

Hyacinth Orchid (*Dipodium punctatum*) Photo G. Gatenby
Green mantid and Curry Punk fungi Photos V. O'Brien



Woodland from the creek Photo D. Little

Heath vegetation along the track Photo D. Bassett

Blue-banded Bee (*Amegilla cingulata*) Photo V. O'Brien

Phragmites australis reedland and saltmarsh beneath Jackson Place Photo V. O'Brien

Moth Illustration J. Martin



“ Listen to the water trickling,
to the wind shivering, to the
frogs creeping, to the
drops falling, listen! ”

Excerpt from children's song
Eyes on Wolli music project, 1989