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A BIRD BANDING STUDY IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS, NEW SOUTH WALES 1. OVERVIEW

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Over eleven years, 1977–1987, 3 450 birds were trapped and banded at Blue Gum Swamp Creek, Winmalee, New South Wales, 724 of which were recovered a total of 1 564 times. The geography of the study site, its vegetation, climate and the local fire regime are documented, together with an overview of the results of the study. This paper sets the background for future papers which will more fully examine the results and discuss particular aspects of this study.