



As a semi-retired research ecologist, consultant and natural historian, Don lives in the drier eucalypt woodland country at the back of the Atherton Tablelands in north Queensland. He previously worked as a research fellow at Charles Darwin University in Darwin, and on research/management projects for threatened birds – the Gouldian Finch in the Northern Territory and the Helmeted Honeyeater in Victoria. His postgraduate research studies were on bamboo ecology, the historical decline of seed-eating birds in northern Australia, and honeyeaters and lorikeets.

Don is an author/co-author of two books, eleven book chapters, over 90 peer-reviewed papers and numerous popular science articles. He reviews numerous manuscripts for a wide range of journals. He also is, or was:

- a subject editor for the journals *Biodiversity & Conservation*, *Biotropica* and *Corella*;
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As a keen field naturalist, Don spends a lot of time in bush. His natural history interests are wide-ranging and include plants, vegetation, birds, butterflies, photography of natural landscapes and the creation of garden ecosystems. His greatest passion is for eucalypts, the trees that dominate so many Australian forest and woodland landscapes yet remain so much a mystery.

Publication list: <http://riel.cdu.edu.au/publications/don-franklin>

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Scarlet-flowered Yellowjacket
(*Eucalyptus phoenicea*)

