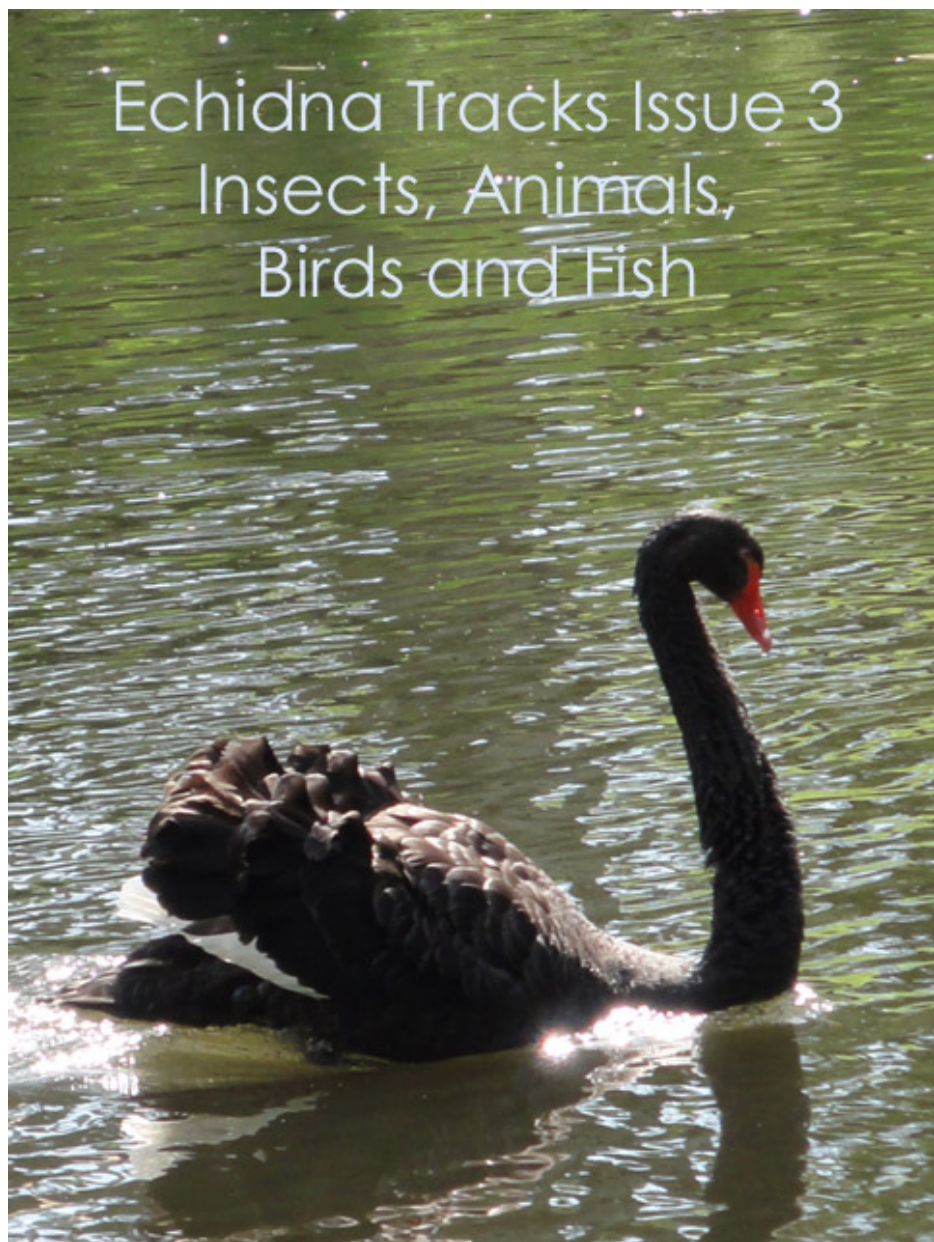


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Jane Williams
Beatrice Yell
Quendryth Young

black swan
the morning sun
rocking in its wake

Simon Hanson

silver plated —
a wood duck plumps rings
over water

Mira Walker

a leaf bends
with the weight of a skink
morning light

Leanne Mumford

lunchtime at the pond
ducks step across the backs
of surfacing koi

Maureen Sexton

great white egret
on one leg
the water quivers

Myra King

among the reeds
a cane toad roils the water
summer rain...

Samantha Sirimanne Hyde

lake's edge —
in the ripples
heron on alert

Beatrice Yell

across the great lake the call of a little grebe

Andre Surridge

listen:
the curlew farewells
the autumn storm

Wanda Amos

evening sun
skimming the pool
dragonfly shadows

Jan Napier

a pelican
preening twilight —
lake moon

Carole Harrison

chevron of geese
the sunset
gilds spread wings

Gavin Austin

clear spring night
the rakali wallows
in stars

Hazel Hall

coastal journey
tracked on my iPhone
whale migration

Colleen Keating

beach café footpath
a Great Dane and a Corgi
share the water bowl

Beverley George

dog park
sunlit - every body
off leash

Jane Williams

the clouds part
a flock of shadows
skims over my feet

Julia Wakefield

my pet stick insect
disappears in the swoop
of a magpie

Keitha Keyes

lace goanna
invisible against
grey eucalyptus bark

Linda Visman

forest campsite —
tripping over snout pokes
dug by bandicoots

Maureen Sexton

Snout pokes are the conical holes dug by bandicoots in their search for food.

warm morning
chirps from all over
the paperbark

Lorraine Haig

eye contact
the magpie and I
connect

Quendryth Young

creek's green algae
a water-strider sucks
on a fly

Mark Miller

letting
the weight go . . .
laughing kookaburra

Jenny Fraser

hawk on a fence
landscape freezes
in its stare

Julia Wakefield

the stop sign
of a shingleback
outback road

Marietta McGregor

at the edge
of the latest freeway
two rock wallabies

Hazel Hall

ants scurry
across the laterite
the numbat's tongue

Liana Joy

billabong
the whirligig-beetle
whirling to frog-song

Cynthia Rowe

dingo song
the loneliness of
a desert night

Louise Hopewell

for three nights
the one cicada's shrill —
waning moon

Lorin Ford

dawn growing
rosy pink
breasts of galahs

Marisa Fazio

long paddock
kangaroos and cattle
grazing side by side

Marilyn Humbert

dry creek bed
at the narrow footbridge
midge clouds

Beverley George

dream images
dissolve in sunlight
ghost shrimp

Sheila Sondik

dragonfly
a summer dream
takes wing

Maeve Archibald

still creek-water
a dragonfly stipples the surface
with eggs

Mark Miller

Murray River —
fresh water shrimp
jump in the moon's reflection

Marilyn Humbert

cod fingerlings
swirl in the backwash
paddle steamer

Kent Robinson

primal urge
a dingo pup learns
the night chant

Barbara Tate

edge of winter . . .
learning to speak
currawong

Carole Harrison

witching hour
fruit bats bicker
in the fig tree

Vanessa Proctor

casting spells in the darkness
the blue light of glowworms

Simon Hanson

Bruny Island shack
the white wallaby shapes
our ghost stories

Jane Williams

nightfall
the crash landing
of a shearwater

Glenys Ferguson

little penguin . . .
the gift
in a glance

Jenny Fraser

winter blue —
the quiet bay
erupts with dolphins

Lyn Reeves

holiday cottage
a red-bellied black coiled
in the strawberry patch

Vanessa Proctor

the roller blind
revealing
the red back

Roger Watson

three barks
the kelpie finds
a snake

Andre Surridge

reservoir track —
the Copperhead's
right of way

Jane Williams

jacaranda shade
a young magpie finds
its voice

Leanne Mumford

a twitch
of the cat's whiskers
grey fantail

Gregory Piko

rustic home . . .
in the bush timber roof
a family of possums

Samantha Sirimanne Hyde

morning's routine
sharing the shower
with a daddy-long-legs

Irene McGuire

lifted
a spider limp from water
stamps its feet

Mira Walker

lit from below
snails on glass
rippling

Duncan Richardson

village park
trying not to enjoy
the rabbit

Quendryth Young

Sunday cricket
at the edge of the oval
wagtails field

Madhuri Pillai

graveyard tour
bull ants jump us
from the dust

Lynette Arden

cemetery divisions
unheeded
by yellow robins

Laurel Astle

Italianate gardens
an ibis probes into
the geometrics

Lynette Arden

a millipede twists four dimensions

Greg Piko

steamy night
a spider springs
from my bath towel

Cynthia Rowe

slow evening
the bar door cat-flap
lets in the scent of rain

Peter Macrow

cold wind
my cat twitches
her battle-scarred ear

Leanne Jaeger

Moomba wattlebird
before the RAAF stunt flight
. . . after it

Lorin Ford

her perfect man
in the back of a ute
two dogs barking

Gregory Piko

dust motes
a roustie flings the last fleece
onto the sorting table

Vanessa Proctor

shifting camp
fruit bats gliding
from tree to tree

Maureen Sexton

crowded port
oysters cluster
below the jetty

Lorraine Haig

her new home
a flock of bower birds
obscures the lawn

Nathalie Buckland

mosquitoes
on the flywire door
twilight stars

Jan Napier

bird box
a brush-tailed possum
behind the nose

Jan Dobb

two ruby eyes
en cabochon . . .
possum trap

Cynthia Rowe

traffic jam —
three emus dancing
up the dirt road

Earl Livings

granite outcrop
the brumby stallion
tests the breeze

Gavin Austin

last cicada's cry
scent of orange
where the old orchard stood

Meg Arnot

pink twilight
a waddle of wood ducks
on the roadway

Ron C. Moss

Rubik's cube
getting my head around
wombat poop

David J Kelly

if birds
grew on trees
nesting frogmouth

Sheila Sondik

duck dive
fooled once again
by the platypus

David J Kelly

blue flash
across the tannin river
kingfisher

Judith E.P. Johnson

mist on the river
a favoured haunt of
water dragons

David J Kelly

clear river . . .
a school of bream
shadows the shallows

Lyn Reeves

the ashes scattered –
a shoal of fingerlings
flees from my shadow

Lorin Ford

smoke on the wind
the koala joey
clings tighter

Gavin Austin

alighting at the roadside verge firehawk

David J Kelly

escaping burnt ground
fireman and koala
share water

Colleen Keating

full moon rising
wallabies box-it-out
on the hilltop

Ron C. Moss

snow flurries
a boobook owl
lit by the moon

Ron C. Moss

brumbies have gone
from the snow-covered hill —
the snow

Peter Macrow

rainbow black
Christmas beetles
missing this year

Jahan Tyson

ants now crawling
on the cicada I righted
heat shimmer

Leanne Mumford

mirror sea
a giant trevally circles
the bouncing bait

Jeanie Axton

Ballina beach
dolphins surf
inside the flags

Irene McGuire

samphire grasses
wren's song
wrapped inside

Rose van Son

No Dogs on Beach
from the back of a truck
a bitzer barks at seagulls

Peter Macrow

a swan glides
over the mudflat
day moon

Louise Hopewell

Moreton Island
a pelican wades through
the sunset

Isabel Caves

heaving ocean
a humpback
rolls south

Glenys Ferguson

on a lighted sea
a Barramundi
follows the moon

Giddy Nielsen-Sweep

the sun took you
turtle hatchling
before the sea

Lidia Myburgh

upside down diving the reef a plastic bagged turtle

Lance Convey

jellyfish tide
a line of bluebottles
rims the shore

Lorraine Haig

two beach stone-curlews
keeping stillness
with me

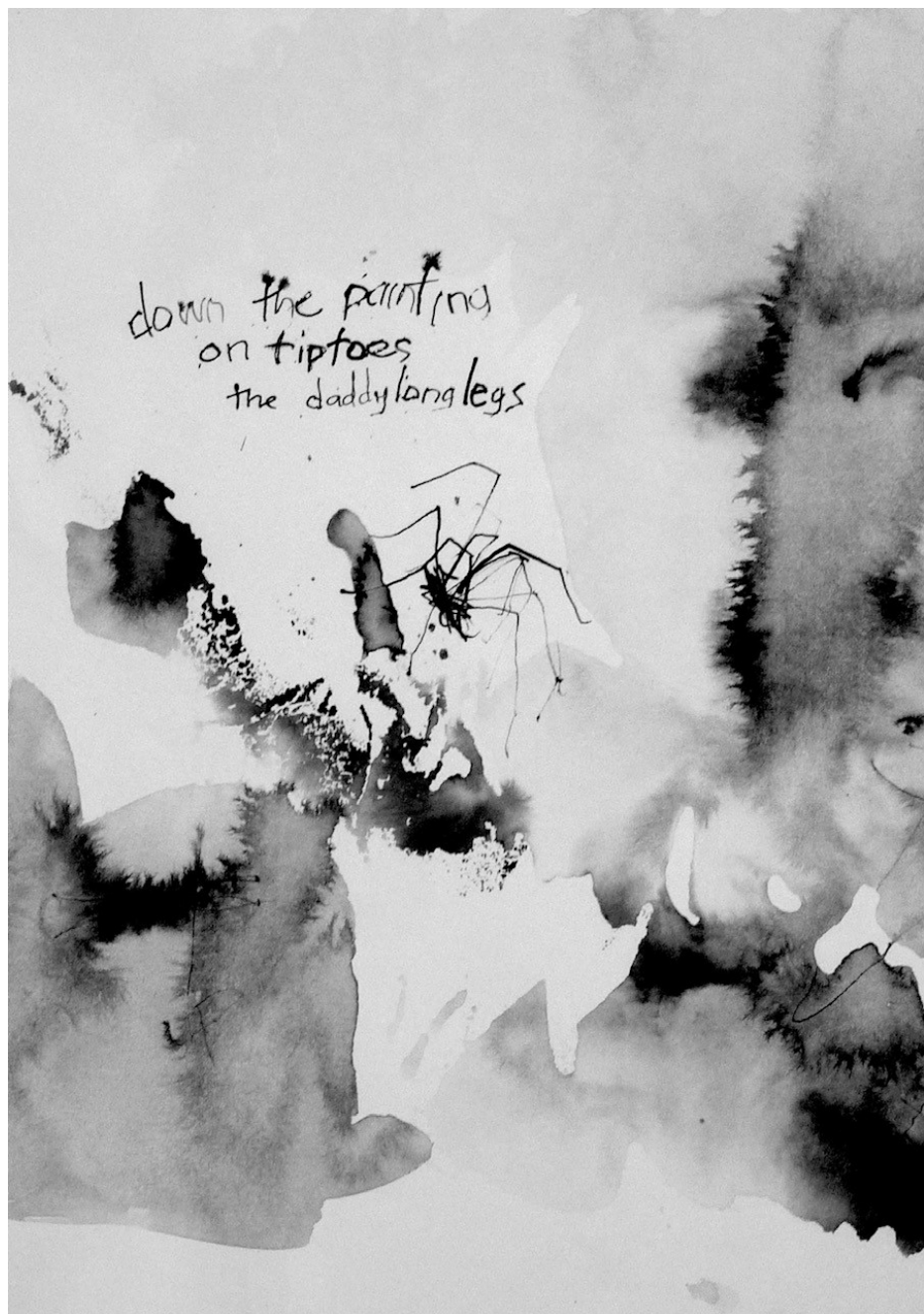
Irene McGuire

on ancient rocks
seagulls and their shadows
low tide

Margaret Mahony

early riser
magpie lark sings
double notes

Rose van Son



Belinda Broughton

morning dew
on the cane toad's back
pustules of light

John Hawkhead

honeyeaters chatter
the rainforest walk
dotted with Latin

Helen Davison

cold on my palm
green frog's
little hands

Judith E.P. Johnson

all the blues
of a bowerbird's dance floor
high spring sky

Marietta McGregor

darkest night
a hairy legged skuttling
across the bedclothes



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Belinda Broughton



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