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Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Newsletter

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President's Report

Virginia Wallace



Welcome to the Autumn edition. I hope you had a restful Christmas break and a great start to 2024.

During the break we have continued to apply for different funding sources to help fund the programs we run including the Ambassador Program and Beyond Yellingbo. It's a very tough funding environment at the moment due to the cost-of-living crisis and if grant programs are not specifically for environmental purposes, they are usually going to other causes such as food insecurity, homelessness and similar things that we are facing in society at the moment.

We have sought a meeting with the State Minister for the Environment, Hon Steve Dimopoulos MP, but he was not able to meet with us at this time and recommended we continue to liaise with our contact in Department Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA). We have also been in contact with the local member Daniela De Martino MP, however our meeting was cancelled due to the power outages which caused serious difficulty for the local community. Driving through Emerald during the outage highlighted the impact, with shops shut and the few businesses operating on cash only. We hope to meet with Ms De Martino in the near future.

We'd like to acknowledge the work of our amazing Committee member, Sue Bendel, who recently resigned from the Committee. She was a brilliant Merchandise Officer and representative on so many other Committees, including Beyond Yellingbo. We will miss her energy and can-do attitude but we are grateful for her continued support and interest in the Friends group.

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We are looking to hold our rescheduled Special Open Day for organisations that have funded us, in mid-March 2024, where we can highlight some of the many positive things, we have done to support the success of the Helmeted Honeyeater.

Our Committee unfortunately had to delay our Strategy Session, but we are hoping to hold it in the next month.



I hope you enjoy this edition and I look forward to your feedback -Virginia

Out in the Field

By Bruce Quin

@ Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve



2023/24 Helmeted Honeyeater Breeding Season

The 2023/2024 breeding season for Helmeted Honeyeaters appears to be ending and perhaps the El Nino weather pattern has caused this current breeding season to finish earlier than the previous breeding season. 35 breeding pairs have produced 57 fledglings to date, one more fledgling than the total for the 2022/2023 breeding season.

2022 and 2023 release of birds from captivity

Half of the 16 birds (four Helmeted Honeyeaters and 12 genetic rescue birds) from Healesville Sanctuary's captive-breeding program that were released at Cockatoo Swamp during the last two autumns have been recorded recently. These eight birds comprise one Helmeted Honeyeater and seven genetic rescue birds and seven have spent the 2023/2024 breeding season at sites on the Woori Yallock Creek while the other bird lives on a tributary of Cockatoo Swamp.

2024 release of birds from captivity

Planning for the release of at least 15 birds from captivity into Yellingbo NCA during autumn 2024 has begun and while the location has not been finalised, it will be a "hard release" – that is birds will be taken into the location and immediately released from their transport boxes. While "soft releases" (birds acclimatized in on-site aviaries before being released) have been used in the past, the two hard releases in Yellingbo have had good results: seven of 10 birds from 2021 are still seen and at least five of the 10 from 2023 are still alive.

My next update on the Yellingbo Helmeted Honeyeaters and the accompanying genetic rescue birds will provide final figures from the 2023/2024 breeding season and an early update on the 2024 release.



Best wishes -Bruce

Translocation News

By Nick Bradsworth

@O'Shannassy Catchment Translocation Site, Yarra Ranges National Park



Two recently fledged young at the O'Shannassy Catchment huddle together for a preen.

Image: N Bradsworth

It has been a humid summer at the O'Shannassy Catchment release site, but the Helmeted Honeyeaters have kept nesting throughout.

So far this season, we have recorded 33 nesting attempts from 11 breeding females which is a wonderful result. This is up from 23 nesting attempts from 7 breeding pairs in the 2022-23 season. Unfortunately, even with the increased number of breeding pairs and nesting attempts, we have still had many nests fail. I have documented nests being predated by tiger snakes, one pied currawong, and one agile antechinus, but many nests inaccessible for monitoring have failed for unknown reasons. The good news is that eight nests have fledged 13 young. Also, three eggs from two nests were brought into captivity and were

successfully raised with foster parents. At time of writing there are five nests still active with either eggs or nestlings, so hopefully we get a few more fledglings through in this breeding season!

Seeds and Weeds

By Richard Case

This time around we have collected weeds and seeds in equal proportions, and seen a few new plants in the bush.



November gave us a cool breeze, dry and cloudy, developing to a sunny day. We set out over Beer's Bridge and came across Indian Weed. This interesting plant has an international distribution, including Eastern Australia & the Dandenongs but I haven't seen it in the Reserve until recently. It appears to have established itself in areas of flood damage adjacent to Woori Yallock Ck, and probably elsewhere too. Speaking of which, the native Fireweeds or Groundsels are also having a great year in the same damaged habitat. Continuing on, we arrived at the two Bulbil Watsonia patches of about 20 plants we had discovered recently. We got them all out using a mattock and

garden fork, clipped off the foliage and flower buds and just removed the bulbs, five bags of them. *Watsonia* has deep bulbs which snap off and we will have to follow up annually to be rid of them. After lunch we went to the D3 aviary site and weeded Forget-me-not. We have worked on this patch since 2008 and not much remains, with some areas completely clear and new areas springing up, the seed carried there by animals. Also here, we weeded Perennial Thistle (mainly near the creek bank) and Spear Thistle (spread unevenly over the whole site). These were left to dry out. Next, we checked some Angled Onion sites but these had finished. Then we removed some small *Pittosporums*, the seed of which had probably been dropped there by a bird.

Our December day was one of those that look like rain but end up fine, although everything was wet from the previous days. Near the Nursery, Fantailed Cuckoos and Shining Bronze-Cuckoos called. We collected seed from Golden Tip throughout the day, limiting this to 15 minutes per session because I thought there might be a Spotted Pardalote nest nearby; however, we didn't see them. Over on Cockatoo Ck, we collected Prickly Moses from a few sites. Further down, a wombat ran across the track and crashed through the vegetation, an unusual sight for us. By contrast, a Swordgrass Brown Butterfly wafted peacefully by, its large wings holding it in a near-stall. Pobblebonks called from the swamp and as we pulled a fallen branch off the track, we noted a few leeches, the ones with the slight ruddy tinge. In the afternoon we went to Beer's Bridge but the Prickly Moses seed there was still green. We finished the day by pulling out small patches of Ragwort, Thistles, Quaking Grass and Cape Weed.

In January, we began by collecting a decent amount of Austral Indigo from the Nursery Garden. A Black-shouldered Kite circled the paddocks, not so common here. The walk down Shaw Rd was drier than I expected after the recent heavy rain. A small Black Wallaby peeped out at us, and Wedge-tailed Eagles soared over the paddocks and the reserve, spaced out over a kilometre and 150-1000 up. Striped Marsh Frog and Pobblebonks called from the wetland as we removed more of the small *Pittosporums* found in November. A bit further on a fallen branch provided Manna Gum seed. We inspected a Twining Silkpod patch, but the seed was still green. Continuing, we came to another Austral Indigo patch in a reveg cell and collected a good amount here. McColl's Swamp was covered in *Azolla*, a floating fern, green near the shade and dull red in the sun. There are two species in Australia and Monte managed to identify it as *Azolla pinnata*, variously known as Ferny *Azolla*. Although a widespread plant, and perhaps overlooked, it wasn't on the lists I hold, so, a new plant for Yellingbo! Next, we spent a while collecting a good amount of Prickly Currant-bush. I cleaned it that

Seeds & Weeds Dates

Sunday 17th March (not the second Sunday)

Sunday 14th April

Sunday 19th May (not the second Sunday)

Sunday 16th June (not the second Sunday)

Sunday 14th July

**All events start at 9.15am from the Nursery,
1217 Macclesfield Rd**

All events are automatically cancelled by COVID restrictions or severe weather events including wind gusts of 50 kph, thunderstorm, severe, extreme, catastrophic, and total fire ban days. Please check Yarra Glen forecast and Bureau of Meteorology warnings at 5pm the day before.

night and it yielded two jars. Nearby, I was pleased to point out that the People's Choice Quaking Grass control patch, started in 2013, was dead. Long-term volunteers, Pam, Pete & Phil were there when we started it. Returning slowly, we saw a pair of Rufous Fantails in a dense Blackwood and removed about 10 Tree Tobacco from a revegetation cell. I'll add this one to the list for follow up. After lunch, we went to Beer's Bridge and looked at Jeff's Great Brome control patch, also started in 2013 but not seen since 2018, and declared that dead too. Moving on, we looked at the Montbretia control areas. Nothing was found in the lower one (started 2015). We removed five clumps from the upper one (started Feb 2023), just taking the bulbs. Montbretia is much easier to deal with than Watsonia, which looks vaguely similar. The bulbs are not as deep, or as big, and don't snap off quite as easily. We also removed one Oxeye Daisy (weed), this is the first one I've seen in the Reserve although it grows on roadsides nearby. On a happier note, we also found a small patch of the native Blue Bottle-daisy and further on, a couple of Twining Glycine in flower.

Nursery News

By Michelle Faram



Here we are in 2024 with the past year having flown by. The last few months of 2023 proved rather frustrating for me personally and I was missing from the nursery for around 11 weeks in total. Fortunately, we have a great nursery team lead by staff members Anna and Marita and a fabulous group of volunteers that were able to keep the nursery on track and so we were once again able to finish on a high note, with approximately 100,000 tube stock produced for the year. For the past few months we have continued growing new plants to ensure a steady supply for our ever growing list of upcoming Autumn, Winter and Spring plant orders and the nursery is now bursting at the seams with plant stock waiting to be planted.

The team have also been busy getting the nursery ship shape, cleaning up old stock, pruning, feeding, weeding and watering our precious plants. Maintenance of the irrigation system, from the cleaning of the creek inflow pipe and pit to the cleaning of filters and sprinkler heads are also important tasks that have been completed so far. New overhead sprinklers have been installed above the nursery retail sales area, utilizing our new overhead shade frame. The sprinklers should be more efficient at watering the area and of our water use. We have begun adding sliding shade covers to the hoops over the individual plant benches, which were installed last year. There has been relatively mild weather this summer, with not too many very hot days but the covers should also help with frost protection later this year if required and shade in the future.

Each year lots of empty plastic tubes and pots are returned to the nursery after planting days to be sorted, washed and reused by our team. In the process of sorting, we find many broken, distorted

and unusable tubes, pots and crates and over a number of years we have ended up with a pile of broken and damaged pots stacked up so high that it was threatening to envelope our shed. What to do with this unsightly mess? Some nurseries have pot recycling bins, but we had amassed such a large quantity, dropping them off bit by bit was impractical. Fortunately for us one of our clear-thinking volunteers came up with the solution to take the plastic directly to the recycler who then turns them into plastic beads and from there they are sold to the plastic companies who turn them back into the new pots, tubes and crates we buy. Most of the unsightly pile was duly loaded onto a large trailer, (needed to be a bit bigger), and taken for recycling, problem solved.



From top left, a Jewel Beetle on White Elder berries, the overhead sprinkler system in action, White Elderberry, *Sambucus gaudichaudiana*, the shade/frost covers.

Image: M Faram



Coordinator's Column

By Eliza Lamb



Ambassador Program 2023 – Healesville Sanctuary visit

Every year our Ambassador Program concludes with a visit to Healesville Sanctuary to meet the Sanctuary Keepers and gain insight into the captive breeding program for the Helmeted Honeyeater. On Wednesday 29th November, all four ambassador schools came together to share their learning and find out about Zoos Victoria's captive breeding program. It was a fantastic day out, with additional programs provided by the Zoos Victoria education team. Having all our schools together provided opportunities to extend their knowledge. Many thoughtful questions and ideas were posed by the students to the Helmeted Honeyeater keepers and education team, and hearing from other students often lead others to contribute further.

Funding from the Wild Country Environmental Fund, Woori Yallock Community Bank, Yarra Ranges Council, and the Andrews Foundation enabled us to provide this session to all our participating schools and our organisation gifted each of the students with a hat embroidered with the Helmeted Honeyeater as a way of thanks for their efforts. The students were so pleased to receive this gift and wore their hats during the Zoo visit. They were thrilled to be attending the Spirit of the Sky talk, where they were publicly thanked by the presenter for their work as Ambassadors. This made them feel very proud indeed! I'm looking forward to meeting this year's Ambassador students and will be visiting all four schools this Autumn to deliver a presentation on the Helmeted Honeyeater and our conservation work at FoHH.



Our 2023 Ambassador students came together for a fabulous session at Healesville Sanctuary.

Image: E Lamb

Education and Habitat Restoration Programs

After a break over the summer holidays, our education and habitat restoration programs are resuming for 2024. We have several schools booked for sessions already with activities including propagation and habitat walks, and planting events.



We provide education and planting events for businesses, community groups and schools within the beautiful surroundings of the Yellingbo Nature Conservation Area and deliver incursions and presentations at schools or community group settings.

If you would like to book your next event with us-

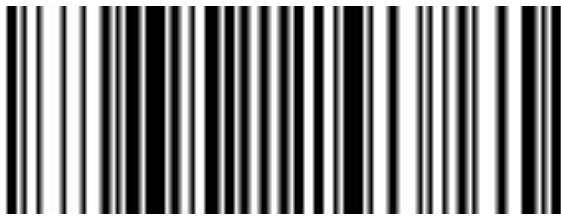
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Zoos Victoria staff taking time out to plant habitat in the YNCA as part of a volunteer activity.

Image: E Lamb

Container deposit scheme

In November 2023 Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) commenced, rewarding Victorians with a 10-cent refund for every can, carton and bottle they return. Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Inc. has registered as a donor partner with the scheme, providing an opportunity for members of the public to donate funds to our organisation. FoHH is registered with Return-it (Eastern Zone Operator), Visy (North Zone Operator) and Tomra Cleanaway (Western Zone Operator). If you would like to donate your refunds to FoHH through the CDS scheme, simply select us as the registered donor charity or alternatively you can use our donor charity ID - C2000009578 or the barcode below. Happy collecting!



For more information on CDS refund locations-

Visit <https://cdsvic.org.au/locations>



Citizen Science Matters

By Sue Tardif



Citizen science involves public participation and collaboration in scientific research with the aim to increase scientific knowledge- Australian Citizen Science Association

The recovery of the Helmeted Honeyeater and the story of the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater (FoHH) have their roots deeply embedded in citizen science.

In 1952, in response to community members recognising that Helmeted Honeyeater numbers were in decline, a systematic survey of Helmeted Honeyeaters called *Survey Cassidix* was commenced by the Bird Observer's Club (BOC, subsequently named Bird Observation & Conservation Australia, BOCA) and the Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union. It lasted for ten years and was followed by further Victorian Ornithological Research Group surveys. The data from these long-term surveys provided the evidence to persuade the Government to act. In 1967, the first declaration of land set aside to conserve Helmeted Honeyeater habitat was announced, at what is now known as Yellingbo Nature Conservation Area (YNCA). BOC was also at the head of the push to have the Helmeted Honeyeater recognised as Victoria's avifaunal (bird) emblem. This was achieved in 1972.

We were saddened to hear of the recent death of Alma Mitchell, one of the organisers and members of *Survey Cassidix*, and a life-long friend of the FoHH. Alma was very generous to FoHH, always being available to share information and stories of the joys and challenges of those early days of community action. Bob Anderson, past FoHH President, recalls the astounding dedication of Alma and the *Survey Cassidix* team, who travelled from the city by train to Woori Yallock, arranged car pick-ups, drove to Yellingbo, spent the day surveying from their base of the 'BOC hut' (which they built and still stands today), then travelled home – every month for ten years. Critically, they followed up on their observations with reporting and lobbying. BOCA also arranged some early plantings within YNCA, the legacy of which we see today. As Bob says, "We owe so much to people like Alma and BOCA." Vale Alma Mitchell.

Fast forward to 2024 and my thoughts routinely wander back to the many people whose footsteps we follow in as we venture out on our citizen science events (flora and fauna surveys). We utilise free, readily accessible technologies of today, that Alma and the *Survey Cassidix* team could never have imagined possible in 1952. In real time, we are able to learn about the species we are seeing, share our observations widely and connect with other naturalists and researchers world-wide.

The messages below, and how we responded to them, are examples of this in action:



G'day Sue,

I am working my way through observations of a number of plants in Victoria, bringing them up to subspecies. However very few are following up and bringing them to Research Grade like you have. So, thank you and keep up your top work.

Ian Castle

iNaturalist identifier

Further conversations with Ian are seeing us tweak the way our survey team records our observations to benefit the flora species mapping project that Ian is working on with a government researcher.



Hi,

I am one of the co-ordinators of citizen science studies of Gang-gang (Cockatoo) nesting ecology and diet... the behaviour you describe in your recent sighting is consistent with the behaviour observed at nest trees when chicks are about 3-5 weeks away from fledging... I am hoping that you may be able to visit the hollow twice a week over the next month or until chicks are visible or after three visits you are seeing no more activity...

Dr. Michael Mulvaney

former Govt ecologist and now citizen science researcher

We did return for follow-up surveys of the Gang-gang Cockatoos *Callocephalon fimbriatum*. This bird is listed nationally as an endangered species. What appeared to be two adult pairs were observed, however no young were seen. We are now in communication with Michael about monitoring this site across the upcoming breeding season (Aug-Jan). Understanding where potential, or actual, breeding sites are located allows us to work with Parks Victoria on protecting these areas from disturbance.

It was all smiles at our January flora survey when we found at least twelve Small Tongue-orchids, *Cryptostylis leptochila*, in only the second known location in YNCA. This species is uncommon in Victoria and known from few sites in our area. The first known YNCA record of this species was made by our survey team at a different location in August 2023. We will return to protect this latest patch of orchids from potential browsers such as deer, which eat the tender flower spikes of a number of orchid species we see in YNCA. Groan!

As people like Alma showed us, it is only with knowledge and broad community support that we can advocate effectively for a healthy ecosystem into the future. Together with Amy Gregorovich, FoHH Committee Member and Youth Reference Group Convenor, we are delivering a program of both combined events (citizen science & youth) and youth specific events that enable cross-generational learning, friendship, skill development, connection to FoHH members and the broader conservation community.

Will you join us?

For those who can't get out to Yellingbo with us, there are ways to follow what we're doing or contribute to what's known about YNCA from the comfort of home! Your help in verifying the ID of some of our iNaturalist observations would be greatly appreciated.

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Help verifying iNaturalist
observations go to –
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observations go to –
www.frogid.net.au/p/group/yellingbo-and-surrounds-vic

Lastly, but certainly not least, it was a joy to welcome Amy G on day 1 of her volunteering journey at FoHH and to have worked closely with her since. Five years later, she is heading to Government House at the end of February as a finalist for the Victorian Young Volunteer award. Wow! Read about Amy's volunteering story here: <https://rangestrader.mailcommunity.com.au/news/2024-02-12/fohhs-amy-gregorovich-nominated-as-finalist-for-victorian-young-volunteer-award/>



Citizen Science
volunteers surveying
birds along Woori Yallock
Creek, YNCA (left), male
Gang Gang Cockatoo,
Cryptostylis leptochila
(right).

Image: S Tardif



Beyond Yellingbo

By Eliza Lamb



Bruce and Charlie taking a walk through Charlie's fern filled property in Menzies Creek recently

Image: E Lamb

It was a busy few months in the lead up to Christmas with a number of participating Beyond Yellingbo landholders having weed control works with the support of a Macclesfield Landcare grant. Over 10 properties had weed works undertaken on their properties as part of this grant with more properties scheduled for works in the coming weeks. Weed control included Ragwort which has been prolific this season, along with other infestations of Spanish Heath and Blackberry.

I was fortunate to visit a local landholder in Menzies Creek recently with Bruce Quin, Senior Scientist (Ornithology) with the Helmeted Honeyeater Recovery Program. It was wonderful to get Bruce's perspective of the property's natural values and discuss the potential of sites such as

these to support Helmeted Honeyeaters and Leadbeater's Possum in the future.

If you would like to participate in the Beyond Yellingbo Program and be provided with support in your conservation effort through grant funding and local government programs, contact beyondyellingbo@fohh.org.au to arrange a property visit with our project officer.

Congratulations Amy!

Amy Gregorovich was one of 24 individuals nominated as a finalist in the 2023 Victorian Volunteering Awards. The awards function was held at Government House on 27 February. Nominated for the Young Volunteer Award, Amy was recognised for her volunteer roles as FoHH Youth Reference Group Convenor and FoHH Committee Member. Thank you from all of us at FoHH for your wonderful work and contributions Amy!



Amy with Sue at Government House awards function.

Image: A Gregorovich

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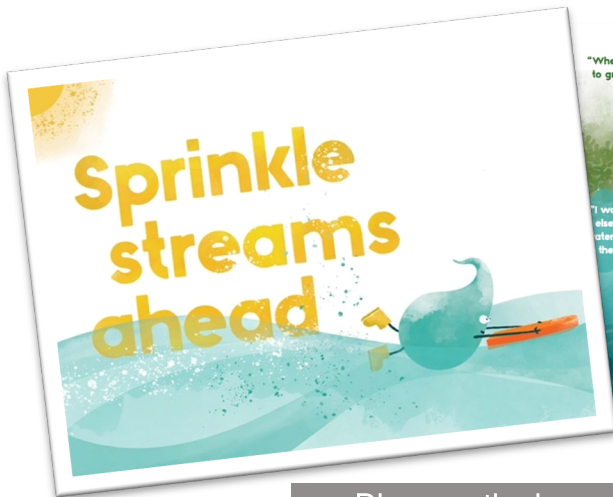


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Discover the journey of a raindrop, named Sprinkle, as they travel through the waterways and landscapes of Victoria, from the mountains to the sea.

Sprinkle floated across the mossy mountain pool, dreaming of the wide-open ocean.

What types of curious creatures loved their healthy watery homes along the way to the sea?

It was time for an adventure, but would Sprinkle see the salty, sparkly waves before their family called them back to the clouds?



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MOVEMENT OF WATER THROUGH THE LANDSCAPE

From mountain wetlands to tiny streams, to mighty rivers moving out to sea, waterways shape the landscape and make important homes for plants and wildlife. Just like in Sprinkle's story, water in Victoria follows a cycle from the clouds to the earth and back again. This cycle connects life on Earth and moves water through different ecosystems.

- 1 Mountains and as high water towers, storing water on high. Winter brings lots of rain and snow to the mountain peaks. In the alpine region, some of this water collects in wetlands. As the weather warms up, snow and ice melt and alpine wetlands begin to slowly release water, which trickles down the mountains in streams and creeks.
- 2 Along the downhill journey, streams and creeks join to form larger rivers and waterways. Moving water is powerful! It can carve a path through the earth as it makes its way across the landscape. It moves down hills, into plains and outflows from one place to another. Rivers and waterways support plants and animals all along their banks, as well as surrounding areas.
- 3 Eventually, rivers make their way to the ocean or large inland lakes. On the way to the ocean, water might travel through coastal habitats, which include the sandy and rocky areas where the land meets the ocean, before moving into marine habitats.
- 4 Marine habitats include all the underwater areas below the high tide mark and ocean surface. These habitats are home to many underwater plants and creatures.



What creatures do you
think Sprinkle might meet
along the way to the sea?
Download your copy and
find out!

www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/learning-in-nature/plan-your-learning/conservation-storytelling

Call out for Volunteers

Volunteers are required to provide supplementary feed to the Helmeted Honeyeaters within Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve, record observations, and assist with the capture of birds for banding.

Through working as a "supplementary feeder", volunteers have the opportunity to share and develop their skills, and the reward of knowing they are contributing to the conservation of Victoria's threatened species.

To participate in DELWP's supplementary feeding program for the Helmeted Honeyeater, please register your interest here:

www.environment.vic.gov.au/conserving-threatened-species/threatened-species/helmeted-honeyeater



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