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In 1961, after graduating with a degree in Chemical Engineering, I obtained a job in the raw sugar industry with the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd. (CSR). In 1962, when I was working at Broadwater Sugar Mill in Northern NSW, my manager introduced me to the wonderful world of bird watching.

After living for eight years in Fiji, involved with the manufacture of raw sugar, Jan and I settled in Sydney and lived in Lindfield for the next 37 years. I was still working for CSR but retired early and in 2009 moved to South Curl Curl.

While living in Lindfield, we made friends with people who had an interest in native plants. On walks with them, I would be looking for birds, they identifying plants. Gradually our interests merged – they became bird watchers, I absorbed the interest in native plants, an interest I have pursued enthusiastically since our move to Curl Curl. I have always enjoyed photography and I get great satisfaction from taking photographs of the native flowers in our area.