

RECORDINGS OF BIRD SOUNDS

NEAR CAVE

AUSTRALIA

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Lyrebirds at Abercrombie Caves *

Lyrebird – Nature Sounds – Cave Pic Label

Prod. Co: Barry Cubitt; Eglinton, New South Wales

Rec. Eng: Barry Cubitt

Time: (Tk 1) 30:00 & (Tk 2) 14:34 – Total 44:34

CD: LYREBIRDS AT ABERCROMBIE CAVES

(No Label or Catalog No.) (Tks 1 & 2)

Notes: A CD recording of the song of the Australian lyrebird around the Abercrombie Caves. There are two species of lyrebirds: the superb lyrebird (shown here) and Albert's lyrebird. It is not stated which lyrebird is heard on this recording, but most likely it is the superb lyrebird.



The nest of the Albert's lyrebird are "often located in rocky areas, usually on ledges, in clefts or between rocks, or occasionally in caves, on rock or cliff-faces, or in deep rocky ravines." (Anon. 2015) However, the range of the Albert's lyrebird is restricted to mountainous areas between the Nightcap Range in northeast New South Wales and the Mistake Range, southeast Queensland, thus nowhere near the Abercrombie Caves. No information could be found about superb

lyrebirds building their nest in caves. However, the vignette photo on this CD label shows a lyrebird in its stick nest resting on a small rock ledge possibly inside the cave entrance (see under Cave Picture Covers – Real Caves – Picture Discs – Australia).

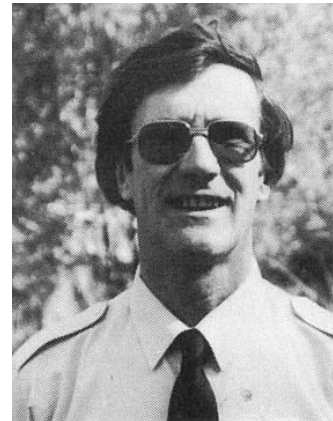
The huge entrances at either end of the Grand Arch at Abercrombie Caves could well have seen the occasional visit of a superb lyrebird. The total length of the Grand Arch is 720 feet (220 meters); the northern entrance measures 130 ft. (40m) wide by 55 ft. (17m) high; and the southern entrance (shown here) is 117 ft. (36m) wide and 72 ft. (22m) high. (Cubitt & Keck 1991)

This recording was made by Barry Cubitt, a former manager of Abercrombie Caves, who did extensive research on the history of the cave, published a book, and set up a [Website](#) about it.

On the CD the bird's song can sometimes be heard echoing, presumably a reverberation from inside the cave arch. Some extraneous sounds can be heard on the CD recording, such as a car (?) going by and a few fluttering sounds, which may be the bird's wings.

The beautiful and intriguing song of the superb lyrebird can be heard on [YouTube](#), with that characteristic rapid ticking sound plus where the bird will mimic other sounds and even sound like the sawing of wood.

Ref: Abercrombie Caves, Data, [Wikipedia](#)



Barry Cubitt



Anon. 2015, Albert's Lyrebird, Data, [Wikipedia](#)

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