

Green Ants

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If it's good enough to Kylie, then it's good enough for me.

I'm not talking about Kylie Minogue and her 'gold hot-pants' which her stylist bought for £5.00 in London. No, I'm talking about Kylie Kwong and her Green Ants.

Apparently those of us who have been lucky enough to visit the Kimberleys or Kakadu have been missing out on a gourmet delight.

Instead of bashing up the Green Ants and ourselves at the same time or crying out, "Oh for God's sake!", or shouting in warning to fellow bushwalkers, "Green Ants' nest ahead", we should have been swooping up the little blighters, bagging them up and smuggling them out of Western Australia and the Northern Territory back to New South Wales.

It appears that Kylie Kwong serves in her restaurant in Surry Hills various 'cooked insects' such as Wood Cockroaches, Indian House Crickets and Roasted Mealworms, to name but a few. However, it's the Green Ants that steal the show in her restaurant – they are served live with poached pears for dessert. When dessert is served, it's up to the gourmet diner to decapitate the little fellers and pop the headless little bodies into their mouths for the 'delightful sweet taste sensation'.

I haven't been able to ascertain the price one would pay for this culinary delight, but I would imagine that it wouldn't be cheap. Think about it – the ants would have to be caught in WA or the NT, packaged, kept warm and fed, flown down to Sydney, driven out to Surry Hills (that is where Ms Kwong's restaurant is located, by the way), then nursed and fed until summoned to the table by some gourmand.



As you know, I when I put a restaurant night on, it's usually in Cleveland Street in **Surry Hills**. Beware, perhaps I may put Ms Kwong's restaurant on the list next time.

Photo of yummy green [hmmm . . . they look more like a mostly yellowish-orange to me – Editor] ants attached – photo taken in Kakadu by me before being eaten alive [Barbara or the ants?!]

Bon appétit, or should I say, "Bon antétit".

- The Editor was unsure whether to categorise this article under 'Animal Corner' or 'Recipes'.
- Also, would having a restaurant night at KK's restaurant be classified as a 'precedent' for the Club, or more correctly (getting in on the act), an 'ant-ecedent'?
- Barbara originally had 'Kwong' as 'Wong' until it was pointed out that "four Wongs don't make a Wright".

"A synonym is a word you use if you can't spell the other one."
Anonymous.

