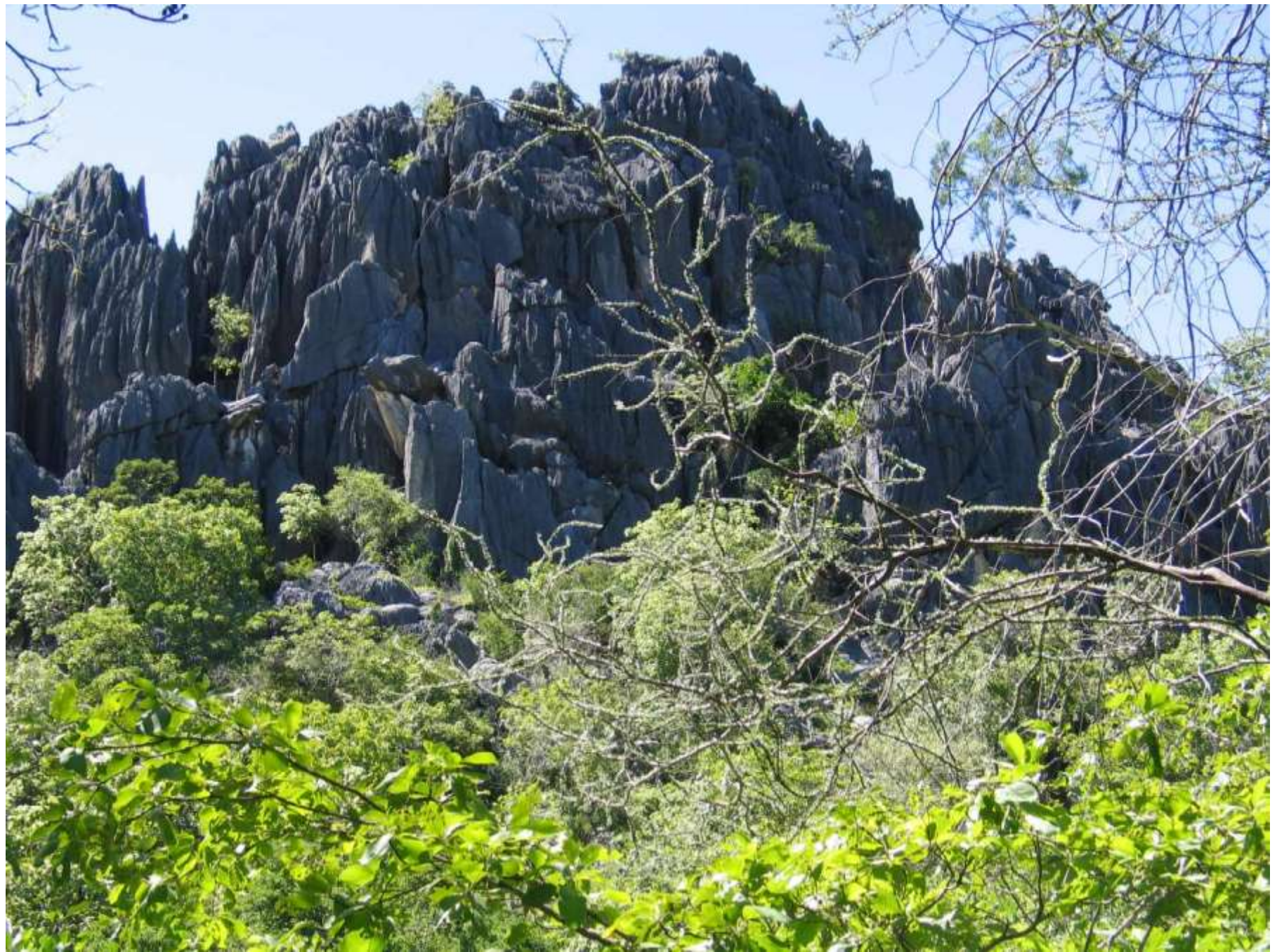


Bats and Swiftlets in the Chillagoe Caves

.....or how to have a good guess at what it
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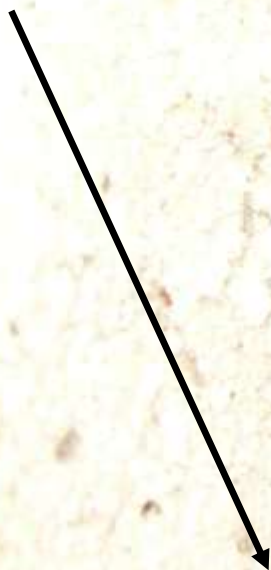


Eastern bentwing bat *Miniopterus orianae oceanensis*



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And friend



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A sheath-tail bat, showing the sheath tail.



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Distribution of Australian swiftlet (White-rumped swiftlet) in Queensland

