

## Cypress Pine Lookout Walk — 2016-06-01

Today's walk began and finished at the Namadgi Visitors Centre. We followed the Australian Alps Walking Track to Cypress Pine Lookout, taking meandering side trails on occasion when enticed by plants that looked just that bit different. The woodland at the start of the walk was somewhat ignored, being weedy and in winter, but once across the road the woodland was in better condition. Woodland on the flats and gentle slopes gives way to open forest with a dense shrubby understorey on steeper slopes with granite outcrops. There was comment on how well the shrubs were recovering after the 2003 fires. The lookout didn't disappoint, with long views to Canberra's southern suburbs and 'lovely emerald green fertile fields' (says Murray 'lots of super-phosphate of course').

'Green' was the theme of the day — blue green waxy leaves of *Eucalyptus nortonii* and *E. polyanthemos*, grey-green *Acacia penninervis*, mid-green *A. melanoxylon*, pine green young upright *Callitris endlicheri*, yellow green droopy, warty, heart-shaped leaved *Correa reflexa* var. *reflexa* with lime green pendent flowers, an unusual form of *Micromyrtus ciliata* with lime green tips, *Calytrix tetragona* with variable green colours depending on location, and the paddle shaped partly downturned leaves of *Persoonia rigida* with chartreuse tips on new growth. Downy leaved *Pomaderris angustifolia* crowded the narrow walkways, forming avenues closing into tunnels where overshadowed by taller trees, including dark green shaggy male *Allocasuarina verticillata* with brownly green tips. Flowering white *Cryptandra amara* and *Leucopogon attenuatus*, surprisingly red-stemmed pale cream flowering *Hakea decurrens*, creamy *Melichrus urceolatus*, pale yellow *Callistemon pallidus*, and blue *Olearia tenuifolia*, *Isotoma fluviatilis* and *Wahlenbergia communis* added splashes of occasional colour.

Jo determinedly found *Ziera cytisoides* and we all observed a rather large remnant dropped proudly by a wombat who must have gorged itself silly on the abundant grasses — luckily no one trod on it despite its prominent location. We commiserated with Jo who compassionately euthanised a partly eaten ghost moth (*Trictina* sp., named properly thanks to Roger's new book), politely slurped our icecreams at the visitors centre and celebrated a great day, missing the rain which only fell as we departed. Photos by Jean Geue.



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? indicates that those present were unsure of the plant name

Acacia falciformis	Eucalyptus bridgesiana	Pomaderris angustifolia
Acacia melanoxylon	Eucalyptus dives	Pomaderris betulina ssp.
Acacia penninervis	Eucalyptus melliodora	actensis
Acacia rubida	Eucalyptus nortonii	Pomax umbellata
Acaena ovina	Eucalyptus polyanthemus	Pultenaea procumbens
Acrotriche serrulata	Euchiton sp.	Rubus parvifolia
Allocasuarina verticillata	Exocarpos cupressiformis	Schoenus apogon
Amphibromus nervosus	Galium gaudichaudii	Solenogyne dominii
Aristida ramosa	Geranium solanderi	Sorghum leiocladum
Astroloma humifusum	Glycine clandestina	Sporobolus creber
Austrodanthonia carphoides	Glycine tabacina	Stackhousia monogyna
Austrodanthonia laevis	Gonocarpus tetragynus	Styphandra glauca
Austrostipa densiflora	Gratiola peruviana	Themeda triandra
Austrostipa scabra var. falcata	Hakea decurrens	Tricoryne elatior
Bossiaea buxifolia	Hardenbergia violacea	Vittadinia cuneata
Bothriochloa macra	Hibbertia obtusifolia	Vittadinia gracilis
Brachychiton populneus	Hydrocotyle laxiflora	Vittadinia muelleri
Brachyloma daphnoides	Hydrocotyle tripartita	Wahlenbergia communis
Bursaria spinosa	Hypericum gramineum	Wahlenbergia stricta
Callistemon pallidus	Indigofera australis	Zieria cytisoides
Callitris endlicheri	Isoetopsis graminifolia	
Calytrix tetragona	Isotoma fluviatilis	
Carex appressa	Kunzea ericoides	
Carex inversa	Lachnagrostis filiformis	
Cassinia aculeata	Lepidosperma laterale	
Cassinia longifolia	Leptorhynchus squamatus	
Cassytha sp.	Leucopogon attenuatus	
Cheilanthes distans	Leucopogon fletcheri ssp.	
Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia	brevisepalus	
Chrysocephalum apiculatum	Lissanthe strigosa	
Correa reflexa var. reflexa	Lomandra filiformis ssp.	
Crassula sieberiana	coriacea	
Cryptandra amara var.	Lomandra filiformis ssp.	
floribunda	filiformis	
Cymbonotus lawsonianus	Lomandra longifolia	
Cymbopogon refractus	Lomandra multiflora	
Desmodium varians	Luzula densiflora	
Dianella longifolia	Melichrus urceolatus	
Dianella revoluta	Microlaena stipoides	
Dichelachne micrantha	Micromyrtus ciliata	
Dichondra repens	Mirbelia pungens	
Dillwynia sericea	Olearia tenuifolia	
Diplodinium reflexum	Opercularia hispida	
Dodonaea viscosa ssp.	Panicum effusum	
angustissima	Pellaea falcata	
Echinopogon sp.	Persoonia rigida	
Einadia nutans	Pimelea linifolia	
Enneapogon nigricans	Plantago hispida	
Eragrostis sp.	Poa meionectes	
Eucalyptus blakelyi	Poa sieberiana	
	Pomaderris andromedifolia	