

Wednesday Walk – Bungonia Gorge – 15 June 2016

After a very foggy start driving to the Visitors Centre of the Bungonia Gorge the day luckily did brighten up. At the beginning of the walk we were greeted by a monoculture of *Olearia viscidula* as understorey that at first glance could be mistaken for straggly *Cassinias*. Another spot worth coming back when they are in flower? As expected there weren't many plants in flower but we were compensated by lovely views from the Bungonia Lookdown over the mountain ranges with the fog lifting and down steep slopes to Bungonia Creek. In many parts on the ridges there was a dry-looking, extremely sparse understory under a fairly low eucalyptus canopy.

We then walked on the Green Track and out to the Jerrara Lookout where we encountered different vegetation like *Lissanthe strugosa* in bud, velvety grey *Acacia binervia* (a special find), *Zieria cytisoides*, *Beyeria viscosa* and some *Persoonia linearis* flowering. We saw some *Lasiopetalum*, possibly *L. macrophyllum* with fat terminal buds, rusty brown and hairy. Looking across the deep gorge from this lookout we could also see quite clearly some *Xanthorrhoeas* clinging to the vertical rock face opposite. Only the view of the limestone quarry, to the north and outside the state recreation area, affected somewhat the feeling of being in the isolated wilderness.

We returned via the Adams Lookout Road back to the Visitors Centre to join part of the group who had turned back earlier.

Some in our group were captivated by seeing a lyrebird scratching about, seemingly oblivious of its audience. Another one was clearly heard down in the gully. The people in the group who had decided not to follow the steep slope down towards the Jerrara Lookout also saw lots of yellow robins at their lunch spot and had seen sitellas in the trees near the cars.

All photos by Brigitta Wimmer



Beyeria viscosa



Lissanthe strugosa



Pomax umbellata



Persoonia linearis

Plant List for Wanniassa Hills - 27 July 2016

? indicates that those present were unsure of the plant name

Car park to Lookouts (Lookdown & Jerrara)

Acacia decurrens
Acacia parramattensis
Allocasuarina verticillata
Astroloma humifusum
Brachychiton populneus
Bursaria spinosa
Cassinia quinquefaria
Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia
Clematis aristata
Clematis microphylla
Correa reflexa
Cymbonotus lawsonianus
Cymbopogon refractus
Dianella revoluta
Dichondra repens
Dodonaea viscosa
Einadia hastata
Eucalyptus amplifolia
Eucalyptus bridgesiana
Eucalyptus macrorhyncha
Eucalyptus melliodora
Eucalyptus mollucana
Exocarpos cupressiformis
Exocarpos strictus
Glycine tabacina
Grevillea arenaria
Hydrocotyle laxiflora
Lepidosperma sp.
Lissanthe strigosa
Lomandra filiformis
Lomandra longifolia
Muellerina eucalyptoides
Olearia viscidula
Pandorea pandorana
Poa ? siebriana
Pomax umbellata
Pultenaea microphylla
Scutellaria humilis
Solanum prinophyllum
Xanthorrhoea concava

White Track-Green Track loop

Acacia binervia
Acacia ? brownii
Acacia parramattensis
Allocasuarina littoralis
Asperula conferta
Astroloma humifusum
Beyeria viscosa
Billardiera scandens
Brachychiton populneus
Bossiaea buxifolia
Bursaria spinosa
Cassinia quinquefaria
Cassinia aculeate
Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia
Clematis microphylla
Cymbonotus lawsonianus
Dianella revoluta
Dichelachne sp
Dodonaea viscosa
Einadia hastata
Eucalyptus cinerea
Goodenia hederacea
Hibbertia obtusifolia
Hydrocotyle laxiflora
Jacksonia scoparia
Lasiopetalum ? macrophyllum
Lomandra filiformis
Melichrus urceolatus
Olearia viscidula
Omphacomeria acerba
Ozothamnus diosmifolius
Persoonia linearis
Pomax umbellata
Pterostylis sp rosettes
Rytidosperma pallidum
Solenogyne gunnii
Scutellaria humilis
Stypantra glauca
Vernonia cinerea
Vittadinia cuneata
Xanthorrhoea australis
Zieria cytisoides