

Dhurrawarri Buranya Walk, Googong Foreshores — 2016-06-29

A baker's dozen of Wednesday Walkers enjoyed the glorious sunshine and the trails of the Dhurrawarri Buranya Walk (means 'water creek'), at the southern end of Googong Foreshores. We started with a brisk but short walk to the top of London Bridge, where we basked like lizards in the morning sun and enjoyed our morning tea. It didn't really matter that the site was overly grazed and weedy because we could look towards the more interesting forested areas where we were to go. *Arthropodium minus* was added to our list (thanks Jo).

The walk is about four kilometres long and starts by crossing a small floodplain (careful footfalls to avoid wet feet), then follows an undulating fire trail to Washpan Crossing on the Queanbeyan River. The understory vegetation varied between dense thickets of *Kunzea ericoides* and less dense thickets where *Lomandra longifolia* was dominant, interspersed with smaller shrubs most commonly *Pultenaea microphylla* and *P. procumbens*. There were interesting patches of *Acacia paradoxa*, *Astrotricha ledifolia* and *Pomaderris betulina*, with a large patch of *Dillwynia phyllicoides* looking very ethereal (thanks Cathy) in the sunlight. *Persoonia rigida*, *Einadia hastata* and *Schoenoplectus validus* deserve a mention. Above us were a variety of eucalypts including bright white *E. mannifera*, yellow trunked *E. rossii*, broad old *E. bridgesiana* (some quite magnificent), *E. melliodora* and *E. dives*.

The scent of eucalypts and *Cassinia* (*longifolia*, *quinquefaria*) followed us, particularly down towards the river where the *Cassinias* and *Acacia mearnsii* stretched upwards towards the sun. Which is what we all really wanted to do. Which we did for lunch, climbing to the top and along the spur and sitting amongst the rocks, some walking down to the confluence for their repast. The light glinting off the water was well, glinting.

Back along the trail following an old boundary fence (thanks for the lesson on fence building Peter), searching but not finding *Boronia nana* var. *hyssopifolia* (maybe next time) but finding stringy looking *Dillwynia glauca*, before descending to the weedy banks of Burra Creek and back to London Bridge. We disturbed a few wombats, mistook a branch for a lizard, took photos of tiny yellow mushrooms, admired the one and only flower (*Cymbonotus lawsonianus*) and a few buds on *Cryptandra amara*, ticked *E. stellulata* off the list and hopefully found lost keys — are you back yet Gail (and car load)? All images by Gail Ritchie Knight



On top of London Bridge



Walkers dwarfed by magnificent *Eucalyptus bridgesiana*



Acacia paradoxa



Eucalyptus bridgesiana, juvenile leaves



Galerina autumnalis ?



Cymbonotus lawsonianus



Arriving at Washpan Crossing



Phragmites australis



Moss in reproductive mode



Along the fire trail



Acacia rubida



Eucalyptus rossii



Pomederris betulina ssp. *betulina*



Bill photographing *Eucalyptus stellulata*



On the way back up London Bridge

Plant List for Dhurrawarri Buranya Walk — Googong Foreshores — 2016-06-29

? indicates that those present were unsure of the plant name

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| Acacia dealbata | Dichelachne micrantha |
| Acacia gunnii | Dichondra repens |
| Acacia mearnsii | Dillwynia glaucula |
| Acacia paradoxa | Dillwynia phyllicoides |
| Acacia rubida | Dillwynia sericea |
| Acaena novae-zelandiae | Einadia hastata |
| Ajuga australis | Eucalyptus bridgesiana |
| Arthropodium minus | Eucalyptus dives |
| Astrotricha ledifolia | Eucalyptus macrorhyncha |
| Bossiaea buxifolia | Eucalyptus mannifera |
| Bothriochloa macra | Eucalyptus melliodora |
| Brachyloma daphnoides | Eucalyptus polyanthemos |
| Bursaria spinosa | Eucalyptus rossii |
| Callitris endlicheri | Eucalyptus rubida |
| Carex appressa | Eucalyptus stellulata |
| Carex breviculmis | Galium gaudichaudii |
| Cassinia longifolia | Glycine clandestina |
| Cassinia quinquefaria | Glycine tabacina |
| Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia | Gonocarpus tetragynus |
| Chrysocephalum semipapposum | Hardenbergia violacea |
| Clematis microphylla | Hibbertia calycina |
| Crassula sp. | Hibbertia obtusifolia |
| Cryptandra amara var. longiflora | Hovea heterophylla |
| Cymbonotus lawsonianus | Hydrocotyle laxiflora |
| Dianella revoluta | Hydrocotyle tripartita |

Hypericum gramineum
Joycea pallida
Juncus sp.
Kunzea ericoides
Leptospermum multicaule
Leucopogon fletcheri ssp. brevisepalus
Lomandra filiformis ssp. coriacea
Lomandra filiformis ssp. filiformis
Lomandra longifolia
Luzula densiflora
Melichrus urceolatus
Microlaena stipoides
Monotoca scoparia
Persoonia rigida
Phragmites australis
Poa labillardieri
Poa meionectes
Pomaderris angustifolia
Pomaderris betulina ssp. betulina
Pomaderris eriocephala
Poranthera microphylla
Pultenaea microphylla

Pultenaea procumbens
Ranunculus sp.
Rytidopserma sp.
Senecio quadridentatus
Shoenoplectus validus
Stellaria pungens
Stylidium graminifolium
Themeda triandra
Typha ? domingensis
Veronica calycina
Vittadinia muelleri
Xerochrysum viscosum

Bird List

Grey Butcherbird
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Eurasian Coot
Little Black Cormorant
Little Pied Cormorant
Australian Wood Duck
Wedge-tailed Eagle
Australasian Grebe
White-eared Honeyeater
Azure Kingfisher — seen at a point where the walking track comes down to the edge of the water.
Laughing Kookaburra
Australian Magpie
Magpie-lark
Noisy Miner
Spotted Pardalote
Australian Raven
Eastern Yellow Robin
Flame Robin
Scarlet Robin
Crimson Rosella
Eastern Rosella
White-throated Treecreeper
Superb Fairy-wren
Brown Thornbill
Striated Thornbill
Weebill