

## 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 understorey 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*



*Pomaderris 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

*Acacia dealbata*  
*Acacia gunnii*  
*Acacia mearnsii*  
*Acacia paradoxa*  
*Acacia rubida*  
*Acaena novae-zelandiae*  
*Ajuga australis*  
*Arthropodium minus*  
*Astrotricha ledifolia*  
*Bossiaea buxifolia*  
*Bothriochloa macra*  
*Brachyloma daphnoides*  
*Bursaria spinosa*  
*Callitris endlicheri*  
*Carex appressa*  
*Carex breviculmis*  
*Cassinia longifolia*  
*Cassinia quinquefaria*  
*Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia*  
*Chrysocephalum semipapposum*  
*Clematis microphylla*  
*Crassula* sp.  
*Cryptandra amara* var. *longiflora*  
*Cymbonotus lawsonianus*  
*Dianella revoluta*

*Dichelachne micrantha*  
*Dichondra repens*  
*Dillwynia glaucula*  
*Dillwynia phyllicoides*  
*Dillwynia sericea*  
*Einadia hastata*  
*Eucalyptus bridgesiana*  
*Eucalyptus dives*  
*Eucalyptus macrorhyncha*  
*Eucalyptus mannifera*  
*Eucalyptus melliodora*  
*Eucalyptus polyanthemus*  
*Eucalyptus rossii*  
*Eucalyptus rubida*  
*Eucalyptus stellulata*  
*Galium gaudichaudii*  
*Glycine clandestina*  
*Glycine tabacina*  
*Gonocarpus tetragynus*  
*Hardenbergia violacea*  
*Hibbertia calycina*  
*Hibbertia obtusifolia*  
*Hovea heterophylla*  
*Hydrocotyle laxiflora*  
*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