

Wednesday Walk – Mt Bollard – 7 March 2018

The disused fire-trail to Mt Bollard runs off Wild Cattle Flat Road through Tallaganda National Park. It is an easy walk on a fire trail for about two kilometres and then it continues steeply uphill for another half kilometre. (ascends 140m over 0.5km, thank you Martin)

The walk starts in sclerophyll forest dominated by *Eucalyptus rubida* and *E. dives*, and in the understory by *Daviesia mimosoides* and *Persoonia sylvatica*, many of the latter covered in fruit. We were surprised by how similar this last one was to *Tasmannia lanceolata* (which we did not see) when looking at the leaves and stems. Less tall plants were *Bossiaea foliosa*, *Choretrum pauciflorum*, *Comesperma ericinum* (one with a couple of flowers), *Monotoca scoparia* (in full flower) and *Persoonia chamaepeuce* (a few flowers). We also found both species of low-growing Bossiaeas – *B. buxifolia* and *B. prostrata*.

The start of the steep ascent marks the boundary between the low forest and the upland wet sclerophyll forest dominated by large specimens of brown barrel, *Eucalyptus fastigata*, narrow-leaved peppermint, *E. radiata*, mountain gum, *E. dalrympleana* and manna gum, *E. viminalis*. Also present was silver wattle, *Acacia dealbata*

We had lunch among the rocks at the summit of Mt Bollard among snow gum, *E. pauciflora* ssp. *pauciflora* covered in scribbles. Here we also spotted *Cassinia longifolia*, *Billardiera mutabilis* and *Asplenium flabellifolium*. The swarms of black insects hovering while we sat were identified by Roger Farrow as “love bugs” (no joke!), *Plecia* sp (Diptera: Bibionidae) and when not swarming are busy mating.

We found no sign of the Elbow Orchid, (*Thynninorchis huntianus*) or any of the others seen at this time in February 2011 and late January 2012. It was suggested that this was probably because the rain was too late for them (they needed rain in January).

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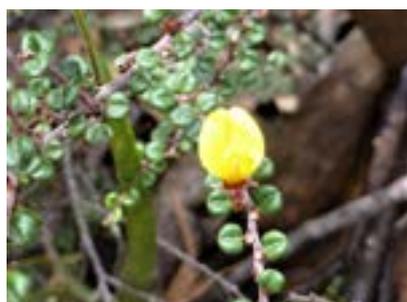
Arrhenechthites mixtus



Asplenium flabellifolium



Billardiera mutabilis



Bossiaea foliosa



Leucopogon fletcheri



Leucopogon lanceolatum



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Lomandra longifolia female



Monotoca scoparia



The group at the top of Mt Bollard



Persoonia chamaepeuce flowers



Persoonia chamaepeuce fruit

Plant List

? indicates that those present were unsure of the plant name

Acacia dealbata	Dianella tasmanica	Lomandra longifolia
Acacia gunnii	Dichondra repens	Microlaena stipoides
Acaena novae-zelandiae	Eucalyptus dalrympleana	Monotoca scoparia
Ajuga australis	Eucalyptus dives	Oreomyrrhis eriopoda
Arrhenechthites mixtus	Eucalyptus fastigata	Persoonia chamaepeuce
Asplenium flabellifolium	Eucalyptus pauciflora ssp. pauciflora	Persoonia silvatica
Billardiera mutabilis	Eucalyptus radiata	Poa meionectes
Bossiaea buxifolia	Eucalyptus rubida	Poa sp.
Bossiaea foliosa	Eucalyptus viminalis	Polyscias sambucifolia
Bossiaea prostrata	Eucalyptus viminalis	Poranthera microphylla
Brachyloma daphnoides	Exocarpos strictus	Pteridium esculentum
Cassinia longifolia	Geranium potentilloides?	Pultenaea subspicata
Cassytha pubescens	Geranium sp.	Ranunculus lappaceus ?
Choretrum pauciflorum	Glycine clandestina	Scleranthus sp
Clematis aristata	Gonocarpus tetragynus	Stellaria pungens
Comesperma ericinum	Hibbertia obtusifolia	Stylidium graminifolium
Coprosma hirtella	Hydrocotyle laxiflora	Tetratheca bauerifolia
Coprosma quadrifida	Lagenophora stipitata	Veronica calycina
Cymbonotus lawsonianus	Leucopogon fletcheri ssp. brevisepalus	Viola betonicifolia
Daviesia mimosoides	Leucopogon lanceolatus	Viola hederacea
Daviesia ulicifolia	Lomandra filiformis	