

Wednesday Walk 28 August 2019 – Condor Creek area

Wednesday Walkers drove out along the Brindabella Road, turning into Curries Road and parking our cars before the locked gate on an unnamed fire trail, located to the east of Blundells Flat. Although we had been in the vicinity in 2010, we had not ventured down this trail before.

The area was previously a pine plantation but is now regenerating forest following the 2003 bushfire. We wandered north-eastwards down the acacia-lined trail (*A. dealbata* in flower but *A. melanoxylon* not far behind). The regenerating forest is dominated by *Eucalyptus viminalis* and has a *Poa* grass understorey. As well as the wattles, there were occasional flowers including *Leucopogon fraseri*, a *Pomaderris* (possibly *P. costata*, in bud) and *Hovea heterophylla*. Although not in flower the leggy *Pimelia pauciflora* and grass *Hemarthria uncinata* were of interest as they are species not often observed by us.

The trail descends to Condor Creek, a giant puddle lined with blackberries. We climbed steeply southwards to gain fantastic views towards Mount Coree (climb this one another time perhaps?) and admired *Acacia falciformis* with its dark red trunks and grey-green leaves. Returning back the way we came, we made forays into the forest, discovering that the ground was indeed far rougher and weedier than it appeared. Some interesting areas included outcrops and views towards Blundells Flat. We couldn't find our way into the wetland but may try entering from the west on another day.

It was lovely to walk in tall forest where there was groundcover – so different to the dry reserves closer to home.

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Leucopogon fraseri



Acacia dealbata



Pomaderris costata?



Hovea heterophylla



Starting the climb



Acacia falciformis – just making sure.



View towards Mt Coree



Acacia dealbata along the trail



Regenerating *Eucalyptus viminalis*

EMAIL REPORT Images by Kris Nash from top left to bottom right:
Leucopogon fraseri *Acacia dealbata*
 View towards Mt Coree
Pomaderris costata? *Hovea heterophylla*
Acacia dealbata along the trail Regenerating *Eucalyptus viminalis*