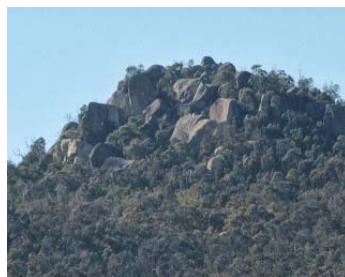


Wednesday Walk to Gibraltar Peak – 9 October 2013

We tried the new route to Gibraltar Peak in Tidbinbilla and found it to be a very pleasant, moderate one. It meanders through some great country with lots to see and some outstanding views. It was not particularly difficult until near the end (after the viewing platform) where there are some steepish steps and one slab of rock to get up but there is a convenient handrail. We got to the saddle by lunch time and some had lunch a little closer to the peak and a few went to the peak. The views were fantastic. The return on the fire trail, while providing a few extra species for our list, was a bit hazardous as we were on "ball-bearing" granite and it was quite steep in parts. However we all made it without. Those that stuck to the fire trail rather than taking the short cut were rewarded with seeing hundreds of grass trees, many in full flower and sporting some unusual shapes. Some would have been hundreds of years old. We had very good displays of *Pomaderris andromedifolia* ssp. *andromedifolia* in full flower nearly the whole way. We also found *P. betulina* ssp. *actensis*. Also putting on a good show was *Olearia lirata* - many shrubs in full flower. Other flowers, but not particularly in profusion were *Wurmbea dioica*, *Craspedia variabilis*, *Indigofera australis*, *Glossodia major*, *Petalochilus carneus*, *Ranunculus lappaceus*, *Pimelea pauciflora* (we hardly ever see this), *Viola betonicifolia*, *Hakea microcarpa*, *Amyema miquelii* to name a few. We won't leave it so long for a return visit but next time we'll return on the new track rather than the fire trail.



Start of walk Image by Jean Geue



Gibraltar Rocks Image by Martin Butterfield



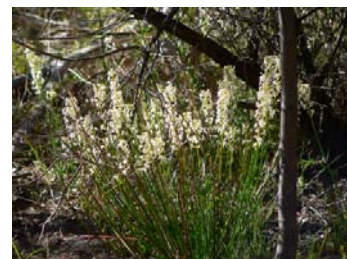
Track view Image by Jean Geue



Hakea microcarpa Image by Roger Farrow



Leucopogon virgatus Image by Roger Farrow



Stackhousia monogyna Image by Jean Geue



Pomaderris andromedifolia ssp. *andromedifolia* Image by Linda Spinaze



Kunzea parvifolia Image by Martin Butterfield



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View from the top Image by Dave Herald



Glossodia major Image by Roger Farrow



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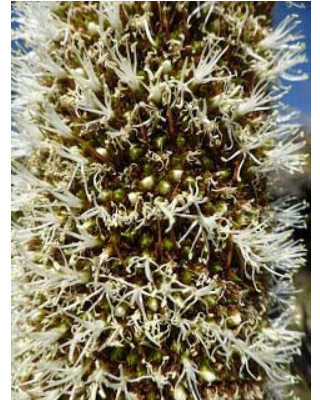
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Plant List for Gibraltar Peak – 9 October 2013

? indicates that those present were unsure of the plant name

Acacia dealbata
Acacia falciformis
Acacia melanoxylon
Acacia obliquinervia
Acacia siculiformis
Acaena sp.
Acrotriche serrulata
Amyema miquelii
Anthosachne scabra
Asperula conferta
Astroloma humifusum
Austrostipa densiflora
Banksia marginata
Bossiaea buxifolia
Bossiaea prostrata
Brachychiton populneus
Brachyloma daphnoides
Bulbine bulbosa
Bursaria spinosa
Calotis scabiosifolia var. *integrifolia*
Carex appressa
Carex breviculmis
Cassinia aculeata
Cassinia longifolia

Cassinia quinquefaria
Chrysocephalum apiculatum
Chrysocephalum semipapposum
Clematis aristata
Clematis leptophylla
Comesperma volubile
Convolvulus angustissimus
Coprosma hirtella
Coronidium scorpioides
Cotula sp.
Craspedia variabilis
Crassula sieberiana
Cryptandra amara
Cymbonotus lawsonianus
Cynoglossum sp.
Daviesia mimosoides
Dianella revoluta
Dianella tasmanica
Dichelachne sp.
Dichondra repens
Diuris sp.
Dodonaea viscosa ssp. *angustissima*
Drosera peltata
Echinopogon sp.

Eucalyptus bridgesiana
Eucalyptus dalrympleana
Eucalyptus dives
Eucalyptus pauciflora
Eucalyptus radiata
Eucalyptus rubida
Exocarpos cupressiformis
Exocarpos strictus
Galium gaudichaudii
Geranium sp.
Glossodia major
Glycine clandestina
Gompholobium huegelii
Gonocarpus tetragynus
Hakea microcarpa
Haloragis heterophylla
Hardenbergia violacea
Hibbertia obtusifolia
Hovea heterophylla
Hydrocotyle laxiflora
Hypericum gramineum
Indigofera australis
Isotoma fluviatilis
Juncus sp.
Kunzea ericoides
Kunzea parvifolia
Lepidosperma laterale
Leptospermum brevipes
Leptospermum continentale
Leptospermum lanigerum
Leptospermum myrtifolium
Leucopogon attenuatus
Leucopogon virgatus
Lomandra filiformis ssp. *filiformis*
Lomandra longifolia
Lomandra multiflora
Luzula densiflora
Luzula flaccida
Melichrus urceolatus
Microtis sp.
Olearia lirata
Olearia tenuifolia
Petalochilus carneus
Phragmites australis
Pimelea linifolia
Pimelea pauciflora
Poa induta
Poa labillardierei
Poa sieberiana
Pomaderris andromedifolia ssp. *andromedifolia*
Pomaderris betulina ssp. *actensis*
Poranthera microphylla
Pteridium esculentum
Pultenaea procumbens

Ranunculus lappaceus
Rubus parvifolius
Rytidosperma pallidum
Schoenus apogon
Senecio hispidulus
Senecio linearifolius
Senecio quadridentatus
Stackhousia monogyna
Stellaria pungens
Tetratheca bauerifolia
Themeda triandra
Triptilodiscus pygmaeus
Velleia paradoxa
Viola betonicifolia
Wahlenbergia communis
Wahlenbergia multicaulis
Wahlenbergia stricta
Wurmbea dioica
Xanthorrhoea australis

Bird List

Emu
 Crested Pigeon
 Wedge-tailed Eagle
 Nankeen Kestrel
 Masked Lapwing
 Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo
 Galah
 Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
 Crimson Rosella
 Eastern Rosella
 Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo
 Pallid Cuckoo
 Fan-tailed Cuckoo
 Laughing Kookaburra
 Superb Lyrebird
 White-throated Treecreeper
 Superb Fairy-wren
 White-browed Scrubwren
 White-throated Gerygone
 Buff-rumped Thornbill
 Brown Thornbill
 Spotted Pardalote
 Striated Pardalote
 Eastern Spinebill
 Yellow-faced Honeyeater
 Little Wattlebird
 Noisy Miner
 Red Wattlebird
 New Holland Honeyeater
 Rufous Whistler
 Grey Shrike-thrush
 Dusky Woodswallow
 Australian Magpie

Pied Currawong
Grey Fantail
Willie Wagtail
Australian Raven
Little Raven
Leaden Flycatcher
Magpie-lark
Eurasian Skylark
Silvereye
Welcome Swallow