

Wednesday Walk in Kama Nature Reserve – 20 February 2013

Kama Nature Reserve is off William Hovell Drive, opposite the suburb of Hawker. It is a 155 hectare reserve and includes patches of Yellow Box-Red Gum woodland - an endangered community. It has been modified by many years of grazing and will take some time to recover. There are many weeds but signs of good displays of forbs and orchids in spring. The walk was mainly in the area near the dam, noting the lovely old trees with hollows (*Eucalyptus melliodora* and *E. blakelyi*, as well as some *E. dives*). There were not many understory plants but *Zornia dyctiocarpa* was an interesting find - we don't see it very often. Also, there was quite a lot of *Desmodium varians*, *Einadia nutans*, some daisies - *Xerochrysum viscosum*, *Chrysocephalum apiculatum*, *Leptorhynchos squamatus* - and *Bursaria spinosa*. There was some colour from *Convolvulus angustissima* and *Tricoryne elatior* with flowers out on the way back. There were many grasses but unfortunately a lot of exotics. Spring will be a better time to visit when more of the forbs and orchids are prominent.



Great views Image by Jean Geue



Grand old trees Image by Jean Geue



Regeneration Image by Jean Geue



Eucalyptus blakelyi Image by Jean Geue



Around the dam Image by Jean Geue



Carex appressa & *Pericaria prostrata*
image by Jean Geue



Zornia dyctiocarpa Image by Dave Herald



Convolvulus angustissimus Image by Dave Herald



Desmodium varians seed Image by Dave Herald



Colourful trunk Image by Janelle Chalker



Tricoryne elatior image by Jean Geue



Einadia nutans Image by Jean Geue



Bursaria spinosa seed forming
Image by Jean Geue

Plant List for Kama Nature - 20 February 2013

? indicates that those present were unsure of the plant name

Acaena ovina
Alternanthera sp.
Austrodanthonia laevis
Austrostipa bigeniculata
Austrostipa densiflora
Austrostipa scabra ssp. falcata
Bossiaea buxifolia
Bothriochloa macra
Carex appressa
Carex inversa
Chloris truncata
Centipeda cunninghamii
Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia
Chamaesyce drummondii
Chrysocephalum apiculatum
Convolvulus angustissimus
Crassula sieberiana
Cymbonotus lawsonianus
Desmodium varians
Dianella revoluta
Dillwynia sericea
Einadia nutans
Eleocharis sp.
Elymus scaber
Enneapogon nigricans
Epilobium sp.
Eragrostis sp.
Eryngium ovinum
Eucalyptus blakelyi
Eucalyptus dives
Eucalyptus melliodora
Eucalyptus rossii
Geranium sp.
Glossostigma sp.
Glycine tabacina
Gonocarpus tetragynus
Goodenia hederacea
Haloragis heterophylla
Hydrocotyle laxiflora
Hypericum gramineum
Juncus sp.
Leptorhynchos squamatus
Lomandra filiformis ssp. coriacea
Lomandra filiformis ssp. filiformis
Lomandra multiflora
Melichrus urceolatus
Microlaena stipoides
Ottelia ovalifolia
Panicum effusum
Paspalum distichum
Persicaria prostrata
Plantago varians
Poa labillardieri
Poa sieberiana
Rumex brownii
Senecio quadridentatus
Solenogyne dominii
Themeda triandra
Tricoryne elatior
Vittadinia gracilis
Vittadinia muelleri
Wahlenbergia communis
Zornia dyctiocarpa