

Wednesday Walk – Nerriga (Bulee Gap, Touga Road) Trip – 13 March 2013

We drove straight to Bulee Gap for a quick exploration of the rock shelf across the road. We found a few flowers on *Stylidium lineare*, *Grevillea patulifolia*, *Platysace lanceolata*, *Leucopogon ericoides*, *Aotus ericoides*, *Phyllota phyllicoides*, *Goodenia bellidifolia* and *Grevillea baueri* ssp. *asperula*. We added *Hakea dactyloides* to our list. There were many other interesting plants - *Isopogon anethifolius*, *Petrophile sessilis*, *Epacris microphylla*, *Baeckea* sp., *Allocasuarina distyla* with new cones, *A. littoralis*, *Baloskion* sp. in full flower, and many other things. We then stopped at the beginning of Touga (Tolwong Rd on the map) where we found some orchids new to most of us - *Corunastylis superba*. There were also some good displays of *Goodenia heterophylla*, *Boronia algida*, *Aotus ericoides*, *Viola hederacea* and *Lagenophora stipitata*. We then continued along Touga Rd, up The Jumps to the rock shelves we'd been to last time. We had lunch here near some lovely *Banksia ericifolia* with new flowers. A good find was many *Speculantha glyphida* (again, new to most of us), mostly underneath *Calytrix tetragona* and other smallish shrubs on the rocks shelves. We also saw flowers on *Actinotus minor*, *Stylidium lineare* (many - and very bright, hot pink), *Olox stricta*, *Boronia rigens* and *Dillwynia ramosissima*. *Acacia terminalis* was in full flower in some spots. We then retraced our route and turned right just before crossing the Endrick River, parking immediately. We had been told that we might find some greenhoods but were out of luck. The vegetation here was completely different from what we'd already seen - quite a lot of *Grevillea arenaria* and *Olearia viscidula*, also *Kunzea ericoides*, *Melichrus urceolatus*, *Hibbertia obtusifolia*, *Desmodium varians*, *Glycine clandestina* (with flowers), *Xerochrysum bracteatum* (ditto) and many other things. It is certainly an interesting area east of Nerriga.



Acacia terminalis Image by Martin Butterfield



Lepyrodia muelleri Image by Roger Farrow



Baeckea breviflora Image by Roger Farrow



Goodenia bellidifolia Image by Roger Farrow



Grevillea patulifolia Image by Roger Farrow



Phyllota phyllicoides Image by Martin Butterfield



Dillwynia ramosissima Image by Martin Butterfield



Corunastylis superba Image by Martin Butterfield



Goodenia heterophylla ?ssp. *montana* Image by Roger Farrow



Speculantha glyphida Image by Martin Butterfield



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Boronia algida image by Roger Farrow



Boronia rigens image by Roger Farrow



Persoonia mollis Image by Roger Farrow



Banksia ericifolia Image by Martin Butterfield



Actinotus minor Image by Martin Butterfield



Hibbertia ?diffusa Image by Roger Farrow



Olax stricta Image by Roger Farrow

Plant List for Nerriga Area (Bulee Gap, Touga Road) Trip – 13 March 2013

? indicates that those present were unsure of the plant name

First stop – Bulee Gap

Acacia elongata
 Acacia terminalis
 Acacia ulicifolia
 Allocasuarina distyla
 Aotus ericoides
 Baeckea breviflora
 Banksia paludosa
 Calandrinia sp.
 Callistemon pityoides
 Calytrix tetragona
 Caustis flexuosa
 Dillwynia ramosissima
 Entolasia stricta
 Epacris microphylla
 Eucalyptus sieberi
 Goodenia bellidifolia
 Grevillea bauera ssp. asperula
 Grevillea patulifolia
 Hakea dactyloides
 Hakea laevipes
 Isopogon anethifolius
 Kunzea muelleri
 Kunzea parvifolia
 Leptospermum rotundifolium
 Lepyrodia muelleri
 Leucopogon ericoides

Patersonia sericea
 Persoonia mollis
 Petrophile sessilis
 Phyllota phyllicoides
 Platysace lanceolata
 Pomax umbellata
 Schoenus ericetorum
 Styliidium lineare

2nd stop Start Touga Road (in addition)

Acacia hamiltoniana
 Amperea xiphoclada
 Banksia ericifolia
 Banksia spinulosa
 Boronia algida
 Corunastylis superba
 Eragrostis ? leptostachya
 Goodenia heterophylla ? ssp. montana
 Hibbertia ? diffusa
 Isotoma sp.
 Lagenophora stipitata
 Laxmannia gracilis
 Lomandra obliqua
 Leptospermum arachnoides
 Persoonia levis
 Stypandra glauca
 Viola hederacea

Xanthorrhoea concava

3rd stop – rock shelf – lunch (in addition)

Acacia obtusifolia
Actinotus minor
Banksia ericifolia
Boronia rigens
Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia
Hakea sericea
Leptospermum trinervium
Lomandra glauca
Mirbelia platylobioides
Olax stricta
Patersonia glabrata
Schoenus melanostachys
Specularantha glyphida
Philothea scabra ssp. latifolia

Last stop near Endrick River

Acacia trachyphloia
Acaena novae-zelandiae
Ajuga australis
Brachyscome spathulata
Bursaria spinosa
Cassinia aculeata
Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia
Cymbonotus lawsonianus
Desmodium varians
Dichondra repens
Echinopogon sp.
Einadia nutans
Eucalyptus dives
Eucalyptus sieberi
Euchiton japonicus

Bird List

Striated pardalote
Origma (a sandstone specialist)
White-eared Honeyeater
White-throated Treecreeper
Eastern Spinebill
Yellow-faced Honeyeater
Brown-headed Honeyeater
Red-browed Finch
Grey Fantail
Eastern Spinebill
Lewin's Honeyeater

Exocarpos cupressiformis
Geranium sp.
Glycine clandestina
Glycine tabacina
Goodenia hederacea
Grevillea arenaria
Hardenbergia violacea
Hibbertia obtusifolia
Hydrocotyle laxiflora
Hypericum gramineum
Kunzea ericoides
Lagenophora stipitata
Lomandra filiformis ssp. filiformis
Lomandra longifolia
Lomandra multiflora
Luzula densiflora
Melichrus urceolatus
Microlaena stipoides
Olearia viscidula
Ozothamnus diosmifolius
Plantago ? debilis
Poa sp.
Poranthera microphylla
Ranunculus sp.
Rubus parvifolius
Senecio linearifolius
Senecio sp.
Tetratheca sp.
Urtica incisa
Veronica perfoliata
Viola betonicifolia
Viola hederacea
Wahlenbergia stricta
Xerochrysum bracteatum

Insects – information and images provided by Roger Farrow



A common heathland grasshopper, *Cirphula pyrrhocnemis*, female (Acrididae). The insides of the hind legs are bright red.



A wingless stick insect nymph, *Ctenomorpha marginipennis*. One of the commonest stick insects in our area with a wide range of food plants. The adult male is winged and can fly while the female is short winged and flightless.



Click beetles (Elateridae) found under dead bark where their larvae feed. They have a peg and socket underneath which can be flicked making a sharp click and throwing the beetle into the air when it is on its back.



Cockroach nymphs, *Laxta friedmannii*, (Blattodea). These extremely flattened cockroaches live under dead bark and can squeeze through narrow spaces. The adult male is fully winged while the female has short wings