

Wednesday Walk on part of the Orroral Heritage Walking Trail – 25 March 2009

The walk begins at the Orroral campground in Namadgi National Park. It follows the Orroral River for a while then climbs before descending to the river again, opening into grassland in the Orroral Valley. The weather was changing so we cut short the walk, returning to the road from the river, rather than continue on to the Nursery Swamp car park before returning by the road. The area was burnt in the 2003 fire so there were a lot of regenerating plants. Most of the eucalypts had juvenile foliage so we spent time recognising the differences between *Eucalyptus pauciflora*, *E. stellulata*, *E. rubida*, *E. bridgesiana*, *E. dives*, *E. viminalis* and *E. robertsonii*. Not many plants were flowering - the end of *Cassinia longifolia* and *C. aculeata*, *Chrysocephalum semipapposum*, *C. apiculatum*, an *Ozothamnus* sp., *Coronidium scorpioides* (formerly *Helichrysum rutidolepis*). We also saw a few interesting carex (*C. incomitata*, *C. iynx*), *Schoenoplectus validus* and some other water plants.



Image by Jean Geue



Track through regenerating *Oxylobium ellipticum* Image by Jean Geue



Juvenile foliage of *E. rubida* Image by Jean Geue



Emerging into Orroral Valley Image by Jean Geue



Seed pods of *Hakea microcarpa* Image by Roger Farrow



Eucalyptus rubida Image by Jean Geue



Cassinia longifolia Image by Jean Geue

Plant List for the Orroral Campground Loop – 5 July 2006 & 25 March 2009

? indicates that those present were unsure of the plant name

Acacia dealbata	Eucalyptus viminalis
Acacia melanoxydon	Exocarpus cupressiformis
Acacia pravissima	Exocarpus strictus
Acacia rubida	Galium gaudichaudii
Acacia siculiformis	Geranium antrorsum
Acaena novae-zelandiae	Glycine clandestina
Acrotriche serrulata	Gompholobium huegelii
Ajuga australis	Gonocarpus tetragynus
Aristida ramosa	Gratiola peruviana
Arthropodium minus	Gynatrix pulchella
Asperula conferta	Hakea microcarpa
Austrodanthonia sp.	Hemarthria uncinata
Banksia marginata	Hibbertia obtusifolia
Bossiaea buxifolia	Hovea heterophylla
Bothriochloa macra	Hydrocotyle laxiflora
Brachyloma daphnoides	Hypericum gramineum
Bulbine glauca	Joycea pallida
Bursaria spinosa	Juncus sp.
Carex appressa	Kunzea ericoides
Carex gaudichaudiana	Lepidosperma laterale
Carex inomitata	Leptorhynchus squamatus
Carex iynx	Leptospermum lanigerum
Cassinia aculeata	Leptospermum myrtifolium
Cassinia longifolia	Leptospermum obovatum
Cassinia quinquefaria	Leucopogon fletcheri ssp. brevisepalus
Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia	Leucopogon fraseri
Chrysocephalum apiculatum	Leucopogon hookeri
Chrysocephalum semipapposum	Leucopogon sp.
Clematis aristata	Lomandra filiformis ssp. coriacea
Coronidium scorpioides	Lomandra filiformis ssp. filiformis
Cullen microcephalum	Lomandra longifolia
Cymbonotus lawsonianus	Lomandra multiflora
Cymbopogon refractus	Lomatia myricoides
Cynoglossum australe	Luzula densiflora
Daviesia mimosoides	Lythrum salicaria
Derwentia derwentiana	Mentha diemenica
Desmodium varians	Microlaena stipoides
Dianella revoluta	Monotoca scoparia
Dichondra repens	Myriophyllum sp.
Discaria pubescens	Olearia erubescens
Echinopogon sp.	Oreomyrrhis eriopoda
Eleocharis sp.	Oxylobium ellipticum
Elymus scaber	Ozothamnus sp.
Enneapogon nigricans	Panicum effusum
Epilobium sp.	Persicaria prostrata
Eucalyptus bridgesiana	Persoonia chamaepeuce
Eucalyptus dives	Persoonia rigida
Eucalyptus pauciflora	Phragmites australis
Eucalyptus robertsonii	Pimelea curviflora
Eucalyptus rubida	Pimelea glauca
Eucalyptus stellulata	Pimelea linifolia

Plantago varia
Poa helmsii
Poa labillardieri
Poa meionectes
Polyscias sambucifolia
Poranthera microphylla
Potamogeton sp.
Pteridium esculentum
Pultenaea procumbens
Rubus parvifolius
Saga leiocladum
Schoenoplectus validus
Scleranthus biflorus
Senecio diaschides
Senecio hispidulus

Senecio linearifolius
Solenogyne dominii
Stackhousia monogyna
Stellaria pungens
Stylidium graminifolium
Stylidium armeria
Themeda triandra
Veronica calycina
Veronica plebeia
Viola betonicifolia
Vittadinia muelleri
Wahlenbergia gracilis
Wahlenbergia sp.

Bird List

Orroral Campground to track split

Wedge-tailed Eagle
Galah
Crimson Rosella
White-throated Treecreeper
Superb Fairy-wren
White-browed Scrubwren
Striated Thornbill
Spotted Pardalote
Striated Pardalote
Yellow-faced Honeyeater
White-eared Honeyeater
Fuscous Honeyeater
Red Wattlebird
Rufous Whistler
Dusky Woodswallow
Australian Magpie
Grey Fantail
Willie Wagtail
Little Raven
Scarlet Robin

Nursery Swamp car park area

Crimson Rosella
Eastern Rosella
White-throated Treecreeper
Superb Fairy-wren
White-browed Scrubwren
Yellow-rumped Thornbill
Southern Whiteface
Yellow-faced Honeyeater
Fuscous Honeyeater
Brown-headed Honeyeater
Grey Shrike-thrush
Dusky Woodswallow
Australian Magpie
Willie Wagtail
Flame Robin
Diamond Firetail