

Wednesday Walk – The Red Track, Red Hill – 17 September 2014

The Red Track is a signposted walk which starts from the top of Red Hill. There are wonderful views of Canberra at the start and finish of the walk. It first heads south to a saddle then steeply down to the east where it then runs parallel to Mugga Way, finally climbing steeply to the road, crossing it and ending along the western aspect. We saw plenty of *Wurmbea dioica* flowering, the first of *Bulbine bulbosa* - some large patches - many *Stackhousia monogyna* and a couple of *Hardenbergia violacea*. The highlight of the walk was a stunning hillside of *Cryptandra amara* var. *longiflora* in full flower. The perfume was lovely and the bushes were quite tall and upright. Nearby we found several large patches of *Rutidosia leptorhynchoides* with vigorous new growth and stumbled on some very colourful *Swainsona sericea* - hot pink/purple. An addition to our list was *Erodium crinitum* - some (blue) flowers out. One very large *Exocarpos strictus* was also flowering well. *Pimelea glauca* was in bud - just one flower - and the *Calotis lappulacea* were starting to get new growth. We saw many *Lomandra bracteata* in full flower and a couple of *Lomandra filiformis* ssp. *coriacea*, noticeably different from *L. bracteata* when flowering. There were some very big, old trees with parrots investigating hollows and there were many *Allocasuarina verticillata*.

For images below: JG = Jean Geue, LR = Lucinda Royston



Exocarpos strictus JG



Exocarpos strictus close-up LR



Cymbonotus sp. LR



Lomandra bracteata JG



Wurmbea dioica JG



Bulbine bulbosa bud JG



Swainsona sericea JG



Hillside of *Cryptandra amara* JG



Cryptandra amara close-up LR



Erodium crinitum LR



Stackhousia monogyna LR



Allocasuarina verticillata JG

Plant List for The Red Track, Red Hill - 17 September 2014

? indicates that those present were unsure of the plant name

Acacia dealbata	Geranium sp.
Acacia implexa	Glycine tabacina
Acacia mearnsii	Goodenia pinnatifida
Acacia parramattensis	Hardenbergia violacea
Acacia rubida	Hydrocotyle laxiflora
Acaena ovina	Hypericum gramineum
Allocasuarina verticillata	Indigofera adesmiifolia
Anthosachne scabra	Leptorhynchos squamatus
Aristida ramosa	Linum marginale
Asperula conferta	Lomandra bracteata
Austrostipa bigeniculata	Lomandra filiformis ssp. coriacea
Austrostipa scabra ssp. falcata	Lomandra filiformis ssp. filiformis
Bothriochloa macra	Lomandra multiflora
Brachychiton populneus	Microlaena stipoides
Bulbine bulbosa	Oreomyrrhis eriopoda
Bursaria spinosa	Pimelea glauca
Callitris endlicheri	Plantago varia
Calotis lappulacea	Rubus parvifolius
Carex breviculmis	Rutidosis leptorhynchoides
Cassinia longifolia	Rytidosperma laeve
Cassinia quinquefaria	Rytidosperma sp.
Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia	Senecio hispidulus
Chrysocephalum apiculatum	Senecio quadridentatus
Chrysocephalum semipapposum	Solanum cinereum
Convolvulus angustissimus	Solenogyne dominii
Crassula sieberiana	Stackhousia monogyna
Cryptandra amara var. longiflora	Swainsona sericea
Cymbonotus lawsonianus	Themeda triandra
Daucus glochidiatus	Tricoryne elatior
Desmodium varians	Veronica calycina
Dianella longifolia	Vittadinia cuneata
Einadia nutans	Vittadinia gracilis
Erodium crinitum	Vittadinia muelleri
Eucalyptus blakelyi	Wahlenbergia luteola
Eucalyptus bridgesiana	Wahlenbergia stricta
Eucalyptus melliodora	Wurmbea dioica
Exocarpos cupressiformis	Xerochrysum viscosum
Exocarpos strictus	