Wednesday Walk - The Settlers Track - 23 February 2011

The Settlers Track is a new walk in Namadgi National Park. It is a moderate 6km return walk along a marked trail with interpretive signs. It begins from the Boboyan Road near Brayshaw's Homestead where it first passes through grassland then climbs through woodland before descending to the Grassy Creek valley. It then crosses Grassy Creek, joins Grassy Creek Fire Trail and comes to Westerman's Homestead where it turns off the fire trail to rise through woodland then down through grassland to the end. We have walked along the Grassy Creek Fire Trail in the past but enjoyed the addition of the woodland segments to make an interesting loop. The trees were *Eucalyptus pauciflora, E. stellulata* and *E. rubida*. There were many shrubs - *Acrothamnus hookeri, Mirbelia oxylobioides, Hymenanthera dentata, Lomatia myricoides, Exocarpos strictus, Discaria pubescens, Olearia megalophylla, Bossiaea foliosa, Daviesia ulicifolia, Hakea microcarpa, Pomaderris phylicifolia* var. *ericoides* to name a few and vast expanses of some grasses - *Themeda triandra, Bothriochloa macra* and *Poa labillardieri*. We saw a few orchids - *Eriochilus cucullatus* and *E. magenteus, Dipodium roseum* and some *Microtis* sp. - and some other flowers - *Brachyscome graminea, B. scapigera, Podolepis hieracioides*, large patches of *Helichrysum rutidolepis* and a patch of *Lobelia* sp. We were excited to find a small frog - the whistling tree frog, *Litoria verreauxii* - in the grass on the last part of the walk.

Brayshaw's Homestead Image by Jean Geue

Grassland at start Image by Jean Geue

***Eucalyptus viminalis* in the higher woodland area** Image by Jean Geue

Helichrysum rutidolepis Image by Graeme Kruse

Brachyscome graminea Image by Graeme Kruse

Brachyscome scapigera Image by Graeme Kruse

Eriochilus magenteus Image by Graeme Kruse

***Lobelia* sp.** Image by Jean Geue

Crossing Grassy Creek Image by Jean Geue

Westerman's Homestead Image by Jean Geue

Litoria verreauxii Image by Lucinda Royston

***Harpobitticus* sp. (Hanging Fly)** Image by Roger Farrow

Plant List for The Settlers Track - 23 February 2011

? indicates that those present were unsure of the plant name

Acacia dealbata
Acacia siculiformis
Acaena novae-zelandiae
Acaena ovina
Acrothamnus hookeri
Acrotriche serrulata
Ajuga australis
Arthropodium milleflorum
Asplenium flabellifolium
Austrodanthonia laevis
Baeckea utilis
Baloskion australe
Bossiaea foliosa
Bossiaea prostrata
Bossiaea riparia
Bothriochloa macra
Brachyscome graminea
Brachyscome scapigera
Bulbine bulbosa
Bulbine glauca
Calotis scabiosifolia var. integrifolia
Carex appressa
Carex incomitata
Carex inversa
Carex iynx
Cassinia longifolia
Chrysocephalum apiculatum
Chrysocephalum semipapposum (silver)
Clematis aristata
Cullen microcephalum
Cymbonotus lawsonianus
Cynoglossum australe
Cynoglossum suaveolens
Daucus glochidiatus
Daviesia ulicifolia
Desmodium varians
Dianella longifolia
Dianella revoluta
Dichelachne crinita
Dichondra repens
Dillwynia prostrata
Dipodium roseum
Discaria pubescens
Empodisma minor
Epacris breviflora
Epilobium billardiereanum ssp. hydrophilum
Eragrostis trachycarpa
Eriochilus cucullatus
Eriochilus magenteus
Eucalyptus pauciflora
Eucalyptus stellulata
Eucalyptus viminalis
Geranium sp.
Glycine clandestina
Hakea microcarpa
Helichrysum rutidolepis
Hemarthria uncinata
Hookerochloa eriopoda
Hovea heterophylla
Hymenanthera dentata
Hypericum gramineum
Hypericum japonicum
Hypoxis hygrometrica
Isotoma fluviatilis
Joycea pallida
Juncus alexandri
Juncus filicaulis
Juncus subsecundus
Leptorhynchos squamatus
Leptospermum myrtifolium
Linum marginale
Lomandra filiformis ssp. filiformis
Lomandra longifolia
Lomatia myricoides
Lotus australis
Luzula densiflora
Luzula sp.
Microseris lanceolata
Microtis sp.
Mirbelia oxylobioides
Myriophyllum sp.
Olearia megalophylla
Olearia phlogopappa
Oreomyrrhis eriopoda
Panicum effusum
Pimelea glauca
Plantago varia
Poa ? induta
Poa labillardieri
Poa meionectes
Poa sieberiana ? var. cyanophylla
Podolepis hieracioides
Polystichum proliferum
Pomaderris phylicifolia ssp. ericoides
Potamogeton sp.
Pratia pedunculata
Pultenaea polifolia
Rhodanthe anthemoides
Rubus parviflorus
Scleranthus biflorus
Solenogyne dominii
Solenogyne gunnii

Stackhousia monogyna
Stellaria pungens
Stylidium graminifolium
Themeda triandra
Trachymene humilis
Utricularia sp.
Velleia paradoxa
Veronica calycina
Veronica gracilis
Viola betonicifolia
Vittadinia muelleri
Wahlenbergia stricta

Bird List

Crimson Rosella
Pallid Cuckoo
Fan-tailed Cuckoo
Laughing Kookaburra
White-throated Treecreeper
Superb Fairy-wren
White-browed Scrubwren
Striated Thornbill
Buff-rumped Thornbill
Spotted Pardalote
Striated Pardalote
Yellow-faced Honeyeater
White-eared Honeyeater
Fuscous Honeyeater
Brown-headed Honeyeater
White-naped Honeyeater
Rufous Whistler
Dusky Woodswallow
Australian Magpie
Pied Currawong
Grey Fantail
Willie Wagtail
Australian Raven
Leaden Flycatcher
White-winged Chough
Scarlet Robin
Welcome Swallow
Fairy Martin
Red-browed Finch
Australasian Pipit