

Wednesday Walk on Urambi Hills – 31 July 2013

Urambi Hills is part of Canberra Nature Park and is in the suburb of Kambah. We began the walk from an entry point on Meredith Circuit. We walked south on a track part way up the hills, exploring a gully along the way. It was very weedy but there were some good patches of grassland and the gully was very rewarding. Among other things it contained a patch of a pea which we believe to be *Dillwynia* sp. Yetholme – a species we don't see very often. Some of the bushes were in flower. At the southern end we climbed to a saddle for our lunch stop and were surprised by a large population of *Correa reflexa*. We then climbed steeply to the trig point on the southern hill. The view was spectacular – in fact the views all day were spectacular. We followed the track to the other hill before descending steeply and finishing the loop. Apart from the pea, the only other flowers were the first *Hovea heterophylla* for the season, some *Correa reflexa* and *Xerochrysum viscosum* and some *Cryptandra amara* and *Acacia melanoxylon* in bud. Other interesting plants were *Pomaderris angustifolia*, *Kunzea parvifolia*, *Casuarina cunninghamiana* unexpectedly high up on a hillside, *Allocasuarina verticillata*, *Pellaea falcata* and lots of *Brachychiton populneus*.



Panorama from the summit Image by Di Mortimer



Route marked in yellow Recorded and mapped by Dave Herald



Buds of *Dillwynia* ? sp. Yetholme Image by Masumi Robertson



Flowers of *Dillwynia* ?sp. Yetholme Image by Masumi Robertson



Melichrus urceolatus Image by Jean Geue



Indigofera adesmiifolia buds Image by Masumi Robertson



Hovea heterophylla Image by Masumi Robertson



Cryptandra amara buds Image by Dave Herald



Correa reflexa Image by Di Mortimer



Dodonaea viscosa ssp. *angustissima* buds Image by Masumi Robertson



Eucalyptus pauciflora Image by Masumi Robertson



Made it! Image by Dave Herald



Seedlings of *Brachychiton populneus* under *Eucalyptus polyanthemus* Image by Jean Geue



Some locals Image by Dave Herald



Distant view of Red Rocks Gorge (centre) Image by Jean Geue



Pomaderris angustifolia Image by Jean Geue

Plant List for Walk on Urambi Hills – 31 July 2013

? indicates that those present were unsure of the plant name

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| Acacia dealbata | Cymbonotus lawsonianus |
| Acacia implexa | Dianella longifolia |
| Acacia melanoxylon | Dillwynia ? sp. Yetholme |
| Acacia rubida | Dodonaea viscosa ssp. angustissima |
| Acaena ovina | Einadia nutans |
| Acrotriche serrulata | Eragrostis sp. |
| Allocasuarina verticillata | Eryngium ovinum |
| Amyema miquelii | Eucalyptus blakelyi |
| Anthosachne scaber | Eucalyptus bridgesiana |
| Aristida ramosa | Eucalyptus dives |
| Austrostipa bigeniculata | Eucalyptus melliodora |
| Austrostipa scabra ssp. falcata | Eucalyptus nortonii |
| Bothriochloa macra | Eucalyptus pauciflora |
| Brachychiton populneus | Eucalyptus polyanthemus |
| Bulbine bulbosa | Eucalyptus stellulata |
| Bursaria spinosa | Exocarpos cupressiformis |
| Carex appressa | Galium gaudichaudii |
| Carex breviculmis | Geranium sp. |
| Cassinia aculeata | Glycine clandestina |
| Cassinia longifolia | Gonocarpus tetragynus |
| Cassinia quinquefaria | Haloragis heterophylla |
| Casuarina cunninghamiana | Hardenbergia violacea |
| Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia | Hovea heterophylla |
| Chrysocephalum apiculatum | Hydrocotyle laxiflora |
| Correa reflexa | Indigofera adesmiifolia |
| Cryptandra amara | Juncus sp. |

Kunzea parvifolia
Lepidosperma laterale
Leptorhynchos squamatus
Lomandra filiformis ssp. coriacea
Lomandra filiformis ssp. filiformis
Lomandra multiflora
Luzula densiflora
Melichrus urceolatus
Microlaena stipoides
Panicum effusum
Pellaea falcata
Plantago varia
Poa labillardierei
Poa sieberiana
Pomaderris angustifolia
Pteridium esculentum
Rubus parvifolius
Rytidosperma laeve
Rytidosperma sp.
Senecio quadridentatus
Solanum cinereum
Sorghum leiocladum
Sporobolus sp.
Themeda triandra
Vittadinia muelleri
Xerochrysum viscosum