

ANGLESEA LOOKOUT NATURE RESERVE

SPRING WALK



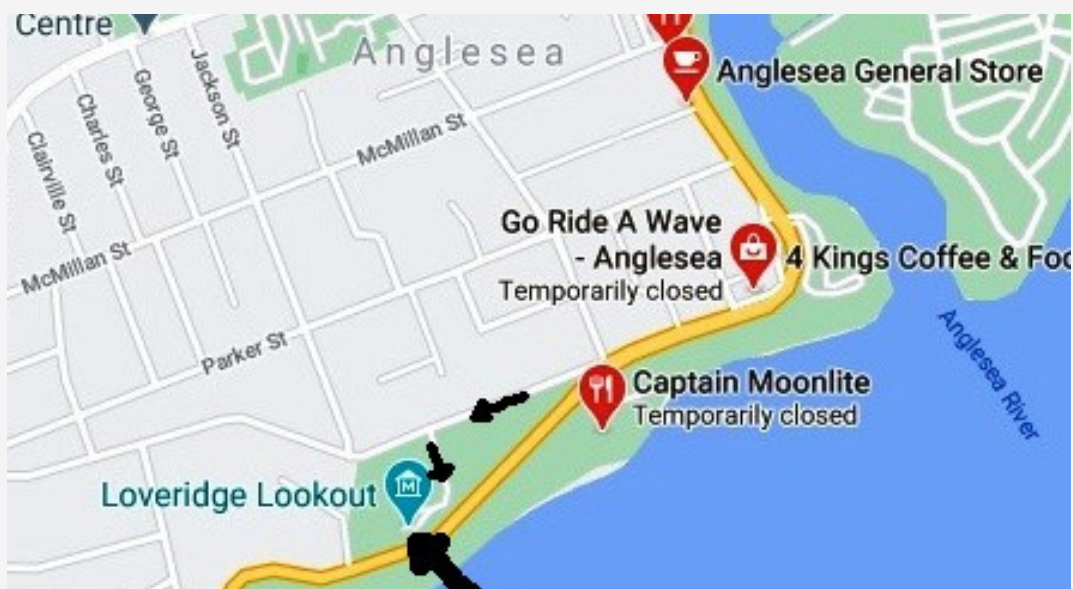
From the historic Loveridge Lookout site off Harvey Street, which has been recently added to the Victorian Heritage Register, enjoy panoramic views from Pt. Addis to Pt. Roadknight and beyond. Looking across the interpretive signage and Inverlochy Mosaic you may see Ingoldsby Reef where the steel Barque, Inverlochy sank in 1902. Follow this with a walk which showcases the extremely rich plant species of this remnant Coastal Heathland, and the habitat and food sources it provides for so many living things.

An illustrated listing of bird species enjoying such a habitat has been included.

Length - approx. 450m

Time - approx. 30mins

Grade - easy, gravel and asphalt surfaces



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Take care

By keeping to the tracks we are protecting what we came to enjoy.
Keep to the right hand side of Lookout Driveway as you complete the circuit.



Area 1. Gravel Path to Harvey Street

After taking in the spectacular views both east and west, proceed to the gravel path, where the first section of this botanical discovery begins. The many shades of yellow will become obvious as you recognise Silky Guinea-flower, Silver Banksia, Creamy Candles and the Everlastings, both Common and Button.



Hibbertia sericea
Silky Guinea-flower

The bright yellow guinea-shaped flowers of this plant really stand out against the soft, dark green hairy leaves.



Coronidium scorpioides
Button Everlasting

Held on single stems, these yellow, button-like everlasting flowers cannot be missed. The flowers form from clumps of grey-green, hairy, basal leaves.



Banksia marginata
Silver Banksia



Stackhousia monogyna
Creamy Candles

The flowers of this small plant are cream and candle-like, with a dark tip like the wick of the candle.



Chrysocephalum apiculatum
Common Everlasting

Area 1. Gravel Path to Harvey Street

The yellow and orange flowers of the Grey Parrot-pea cannot be missed as you continue along this path. Early Nancy is a favourite of the area, these small herbs have white single sexed-flowers. The abundance of Silky Tea-tree guarantees a spectacular display of white flowers throughout spring. Before turning right into the track along the side of the reserve, stop to appreciate our Australian floral emblem, the Golden Wattle.



Dillwynia cinerascens
Grey Parrot-pea

The grey-green foliage of this plant is brightened by the yellow and orange pea shaped flowers in clusters on the ends of the branches.



Acacia pycnantha
Golden Wattle



Acacia paradoxa
Hedge Wattle



Wurmbea dioica subsp. *dioica*
Early Nancy

Known as the 'harbinger of spring', this delightful tiny lily has white flowers. You may notice the flowers are not the same on different plants. This is because the male and female flowers are on separate plants.



Leptospermum myrsinoides
Silky Teatree

This low, spreading shrub has small leaves that turn inwards. The flowers are generally white but sometimes they appear in varying shades of pink.

Area 1. Gravel Path to Harvey St.

On the corner you will notice the rather prickly but useful bird-attracting Hedge Wattle. As you walk downhill you will notice the yellow flowers of Silky Guinea-flower, keep an eye out for the flowers of Thatch Saw-sedge whose raspy leaves have cut many a hand. The bright flowers of Varnish Wattle cannot be missed, as with the tubular yellowish - green flowers of the scrambling Common Apple-berry. The nodding, creamy flowers of the Woolly Rice-flower will also be obvious.



Acacia verniciflua
Varnish Wattle



Gahnia radula
Thatch Saw-sedge

A tufted butterfly attracting sedge whose strappy and rather raspy leaves have been used for roof thatching in the past. The spectacular black flowerheads can reach 70cm.



Pimelea octophylla
Woolly Rice-flower

A delightful small shrub with distinctive creamy - yellow flowers arranged in nodding heads. The choice of common name is easy to appreciate when observing this plant. Rice-flowers are an important source of nectar for butterflies.



Billardiera mutabilis
Common Apple-berry

A dainty climbing plant which twines its way through the surrounding plants. Look out for the solitary, tubular yellowish-green flowers and green oblong berries. These berries may not taste like apples but they are edible.

Area 1. Gravel Path to Harvey St.

Keep an eye out for both female and male Small Sheoaks as you continue down Harvey St. the female having cones, the male tan pollen spikes. Low to the ground the white flowers of Common Rice-flower will be noticeable. As you approach the corner of Lookout Driveway enjoy the stunning flowers of Furze Hakea.



Allocasuarina misera
Small Sheoak - female

Most Sheoaks are either male or female. Mature female plants have cones which develop from reddish-purple female flowers. The size of this shrub, the distinctive dark green needle-like leaves and the cones identify this plant as a Female Small Sheoak.



Hakea repullulans
Western Furze Hakea

Not the friendliest plant to encounter unless you are a bird, in this case, providing both food and protection from predators. Take care when you feel those stiff, narrow, pointed leaves. The clusters of white flowers along the stem are quite stunning.



Allocasuarina misera
Small Sheoak - male



Pimelea humilis
Common Rice-flower

This small plant has a cluster of white flowers on the end of a short, erect stem.

Area 3. Lookout Driveway

If it is sunny, the white to pink flowers of the Tall Sundew are certainly worth looking for. Further along Lookout Driveway you will notice the slightly larger flowers of Climbing Sundew. Another climbing plant to observe is the Slender Dodder-laurel which has sinister intent. Propeller Plants provide a highlight of white flowers against the dark green of the many Prickly Tea-trees which line the driveway.



Drosera auriculata
Tall Sundew

A group of plants with a secret, all sundews are carnivorous, small insects are trapped by the sticky plant hairs, their nutrients slowly absorbed by the leaves. The terminal clusters of white to pale pink flowers on short upright stems make the Tall Sundew an herb easy to spot in the heath.



Cassytha glabella forma dispar
Slender Dodder-laurel

Scrambling plants with a sinister intent, on maturity the Dodder-laurels lose their roots, obtaining water and nutrients from their host, hence semi-parasitic plants. Slender Dodder-laurel has fine smooth stems which are often a green-brown colour.



Spyridium vexilliferum var. *vexilliferum*
Propeller Plant

Descriptively named, this small shrub has tiny flowers surrounded by obvious white wings. You cannot miss this common heathland plant.

Area 3. Lookout Driveway

Although this common heathland plant grows throughout the reserve, the right-hand side of the driveway offers an opportunity to observe the white fluffy flowers of Common Beard-heath as well as masses of Common Flat-pea. Finish the walk by crossing to the Inverloch Mosaic where you can appreciate the white flowers of both Common Boobialla and Coast Beard-heath.



Leptospermum continentale
Prickly Teatree



Drosera macrantha subsp. *planchonii*
Climbing Sundew



Leucopogon virgatus var. *virgatus*
Common Beard-heath

A close encounter with this small heathland plant will reveal the densely bearded, scented flowers.



Platylobium obtusangulum
Common Flat-pea

Common, it tends to be flat, and its yellow and red flowers are pea shaped. The pairs of triangular leaves also provide an obvious identification tool.



Myriophorum insulare
Common Boobialla



Leucopogon parviflorus
Coast Beard-heath



King Parrot



Australian Magpie



Eastern Spinebill



Grey Fantail



Grey Shrike Thrush



Little Raven



Masked Lapwing



New Holland Honey-eater



Blue-winged Parrot



Crimson Rosella



Galah



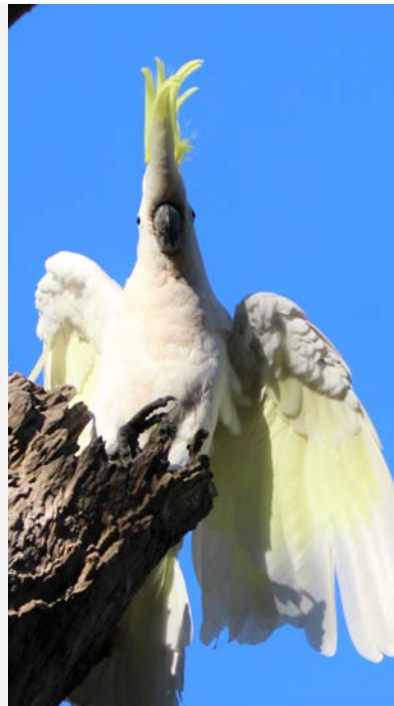
Brown-headed Honeyeater



Laughing Kookaburra



Pied Currawong



Sulphur-crested Cockatoo



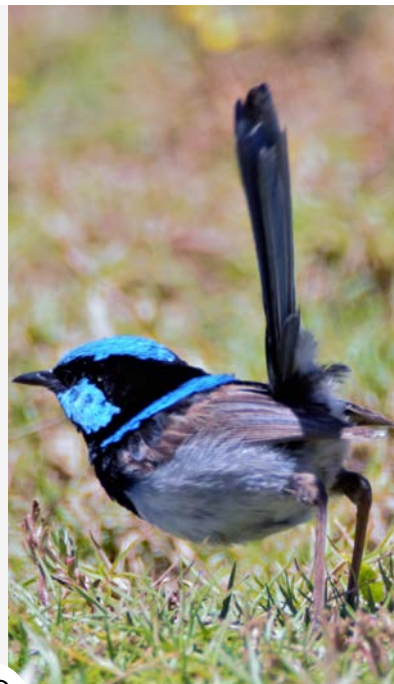
Gang-gang Cockatoo



White-browed Scrubwren



Yellow-rumped Thornbill



Superb Fairy Wren



Little Cormorant



Red Wattle Bird



Scarlet Robin



White-faced Heron



Willie Wagtail



Little Wattlebird



Rufous Bristlebird



Spotted Pardalote



Red-browed Finch

Notes

Credits

Gail Slykhuis
Ellinor Campbell
Margaret MacDonald
Chris Morrissey
Neil Tucker
Yvonne Coventry
Margaret Lacey
Jordan Ayton
John Lenagan
Trevor Pescott
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Mandy Mitchell-Taverner
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