Wednesday Walk on Isaacs Ridge – 11 September 2013

Isaacs Ridge runs behind the suburbs of East O'Malley and Isaacs and is part of Canberra Nature Park. We began the walk from Callemonda Rise near the water tank, heading to the top of the ridge then walking south before looping back. There are many areas covered in weeds but there are some patches of good bushland. There were some wonderful trees, with many saplings - *Eucalyptus blakelyi*, *E. bridgesiana*, *E. melliodora*, *E. polyanthemos*, *E. rossii* and *E. nortonii*. We were interested to find quite a few mistletoes - *Muellerina eucalyptoides*. Another surprise was *Lomandra bracteata* - quite obvious with its ground level, yellow flowers. There were quite a lot of *Wurmbea dioica* flowering. Other interesting plants were *Allocasuarina verticillata*, *Acacia implexa* (some very old ones), *Isoetopsis graminifolia* (a daisy which looks like grass), one *Cryptandra amara*, several *Indigofera adesmiifolia*, *Cheilanthes distans* (as well as the usual *C. austrotenuifolia*) and a big patch of *Goodenia pinnatifida*. The views were stunning and well worth the trek up the hills.



Walkers on Isaacs Ridge Image by Dave Herald



Allocasuarina verticillata Image by Masumi Robertson



Morning tea Image by Jean Geue



Wurmbea dioica (male) Image by Martin Butterfield



*Triptilodiscus pygmaeus*Image by Masumi Robertson



Crassula sieberiana Image by Masumi Robertson



Eucalyptus rossii Image by Dave Herald



Lomandra bracteata Image by Jean Geue



Clematis leptophylla Image by Jean Geue



Solanum cinereum Image by Masumi Robertson



Acrotriche serrulata Image by Masumi Robertson



Wahlenbergia communis Image by Masumi Robertson



Convolvulus angustissimus Image by Masumi Robertson



Rosettes of Goodenia pinnatifida Image by Masumi Robertson



Isoetopsis graminifolium Image by Dave Herald



Cymbonotus sp. Image by Martin Butterfield

Plant List for Isaacs Ridge - 11 September 2013

? indicates that those present were unsure of the plant name; sp. indicates that those present were unsure of the species name

Acacia dealbata

Acacia implexa

Acacia melanoxylon

Acacia rubida

Acaena ovina

Acrotriche serrulata

Allocasuarina verticillata

Amyema miquelii

Arthropodium minus

Asperula conferta

Austrostipa scabra ssp. falcata

Bothriochloa macra

Brachychiton populneus

Brachyloma daphnoides

Bulbine bulbosa

Bursaria spinosa

Carex appressa

Cassinia longifolia

Cassinia quinquefaria

Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia

Cheilanthes distans

Chrysocephalum apiculatum

Chrysocephalum semipapposum

Clematis leptophylla

Convolvulus angustissimus

Crassula sieberiana

Cryptandra amara

Cymbonotus lawsonianus

Cynoglossum sp.

Daucus glochidiatus

Desmodium varians

Dichondra repens

Einadia nutans

Eucalyptus blakelyi

Eucalyptus bridgesiana

Eucalyptus melliodora

Eucalyptus nortonii

Eucalyptus polyanthemos

Eucalyptus rossii

Exocarpos cupressiformis

Geranium sp.

Glycine clandestina

Gonocarpus tetragynus

Goodenia hederacea

Goodenia pinnatifida

Haloragis heterophylla

Hardenbergia violacea

Hibbertia obtusifolia

Hovea heterophylla

Hydrocotyle laxiflora

Hypericum gramineum

Indigofera adesmiifolia

Isoetopsis graminifolia

Isotoma fluviatilis Juncus sp.

Lepidosperma laterale

Lomandra bracteata

Lomandra filiformis ssp. filiformis

Lomandra longifolia

Lomandra multiflora

Melichrus urceolatus

Microlaena stipoides

Microtis sp.

Muellerina eucalyptoides

Rubus parvifolius

Rytidosperma pallidum

Rytidosperma sp.

Senecio quadridentatus

Solanum cinereum

Solenogyne dominii

Stellaria pungens

Tricoryne elatior

Triptilodiscus pygmaeus

Vittadinia gracilis

Vittadinia muelleri

Wahlenbergia communis

Wahlenbergia sp. Wahlenbergia stricta Wurmbea dioica Xerochrysum viscosum

Bird List

Wedge-tailed Eagle Nankeen kestrel Sulphur-crested cockatoo Galah

Crimson Rosella

Eastern Rosella

Tree Martin

Grey fantail

Black-faced cuckoo-shrike

Weebill

Southern whiteface

Buff-rumped thornbill

Yellow-rumped thornbill

Superb Fairy-wren

Yellow-faced honeyeater

Noisy Miner

Red wattlebird

Noisy friarbird

Olive-backed oriole

White-winged chough

Pied Currawong

Australian Magpie

Australian Raven

Striated pardalote

European goldfinch

Common starling