

Wednesday Walk – Punch Bowl Swamp – 25 February 2015

Punch Bowl Swamp is formed by Punch Bowl Creek. Access to it was from Corin Dam Road not far from the Gibraltar Creek crossing. Logging trails criss-cross the area but we found a loop walk which took us around the swamp. We also walked down a side track for a short distance and had good views back to Mt Stromlo and beyond. The main vegetation was *Eucalyptus dalrympleana*, *E. pauciflora*, *E. stellulata*, *E. dives*, *Daviesia mimosoides*, *Leptospermum myrtifolium*, *Baeckea utilis*, *Epacris breviflora* (a few flowers), *Olearia erubescens* and many herbaceous plants including (flowering) *Helichrysum rutidolepis*, *Wahlenbergia gloriosa*, *Geranium neglectum* and *Lobelia pedunculata*. When we went down the side track we found the first of many *Spiranthes alticola* flowering. There were a number of interesting sedges and grasses here too, including *Juncus falcatus* and masses of *Gonocarpus micranthus* ssp. *micranthus* interspersed with *Hypericum japonicum*. The swamp had a lot of interesting things in it including many *Brachyscome scapigera* - mauve flowers - *Velleia montana* (a few flowers), *Nymphoides montana* flowering, a few *Craspedia variabilis*, *Isotoma fluviatilis*, *Geranium neglectum*, *Leptorhynchos squamatus* ssp. *alpinus* and an uncommon fern - *Botrychium australe* (Parsley Fern). For the images below: MB = Martin Butterfield, RF = Roger Farrow



Carex gaudichaudiana RF



Olearia erubescens RF



Spiranthes alticola MB



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Eriochilus magenteus MB



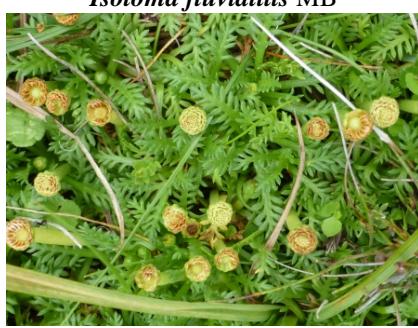
Isotoma fluviatilis MB



Brachyscome scapigera RF



Centipeda cunninghamii RF



Cotula alpina RF



Botrychium australe



Velleia montana RF



Leptorhynchos squamatus ssp. *alpinus*
RF



Nymphoides montana MB



Baeckea utilis MB



Leptospermum myrtifolium RF



Hypericum japonicum RF

Plant List for Punch Bowl Swamp Loop Walk – 25 February 2015

? indicates that those present were unsure of the plant name

Acacia melanoxylon	Hypericum japonicum
Acacia rubida	Hypoxis hygrometrica
Acaena novae-zelandiae	Isotoma fluviatilis
Acrothamnus hookeri	Juncus falcatus
Acrotriche serrulata	Leptorhynchus squamatus ssp. alpinus
Anthosachne scabra	Leptospermum myrtifolium
Arthropodium milleflorum	Lobelia pedunculata
Asperula scoparia	Lomandra filiformis ssp. filiformis
Baeckea utilis	Lomandra longifolia
Baloskion australe	Lomandra multiflora
Botrychium australe	Lythrum hyssopifolia
Brachyscome scapigera	Microlaena stipoides
Carex breviculmis	Monotoca scoparia
Carex gaudichaudiana	Nymphoides montana
Cassinia aculeata	Olearia erubescens
Centipeda cunninghamii	Olearia lirata
Clematis aristata	Olearia megalophylla
Cotula australis	Oreomyrrhis eriopoda
Craspedia variabilis	Persicaria prostrata
Cymbonotus lawsonianus	Persoonia chamaepeuce
Daviesia mimosoides	Pimelea ? treyvaudii
Dianella revoluta	Poa helmsii
Dianella tasmanica	Poa induta
Dichondra repens	Poa labillardierei
Epacris breviflora	Poa sp. (blue)
Eucalyptus dalrympleana	Polystichum proliferum
Eucalyptus pauciflora	Ranunculus lappaceus
Eucalyptus stellulata	Ranunculus sp.
Euchiton sp.	Rubus parvifolius
Exocarpos strictus	Scleranthus biflorus
Geranium neglectum	Senecio quadridentatus
Geranium sp.	Spiranthes alticola
Glycine clandestina	Stackhousia monogyna
Gonocarpus micranthus ssp. micranthus	Stellaria pungens
Hakea microcarpa	Stylidium ? montana
Helichrysum rutilolepis	Stylidium armeria
Hemarthria uncinata	Stylidium graminifolium
Hibbertia obtusifolia	Tetragone bauerifolia
Hovea heterophylla	Velleia montana
Hydrocotyle tripartita	Veronica derwentiana
Hypericum gramineum	Viola betonicifolia

Wahlenbergia ceracea
Wahlenbergia gloriosa

Bird List

Laughing Kookaburra
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo
Crimson Rosella
White-throated Treecreeper

White-eared Honeyeater
Red Wattlebird
Brown Thornbill
Pied Currawong
Grey Shrike-Thrush
Grey Fantail
Leaden Flycatcher