

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*, *Baekkea 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*, *Leptorhynchus 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



Leptorhynchus 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

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| Acacia melanoxydon | 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 rutidolepis | Stylidium armeria |
| Hemarthria uncinata | Stylidium graminifolium |
| Hibbertia obtusifolia | Tetratheca 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