

Wednesday Walk - Monga Forest Loop - 24 February 2010

Our trips to Monga Forest are mainly drives with various random stops on the loop from the western side via Granite Bluff Forest Road, Saddleback Road, Milo Road to River Forest. There are maps at both the eastern and western entrances to Monga National Park, as well as at the picnic area. There is wet sclerophyll forest as well as some rainforest. Our first stop was at the creek after we entered the National Park from the west. We found a few things flowering including *Gahnia sieberiana*, *Leptopsernum lanigerum*, *Spiranthes alticola*, *Persoonia linearis* and *Helichrysum rutidolepis*. We then drove to the top of the ridge, turning onto Saddle Back Rd. We had a little ramble, finding *Tylophora barbata* with a flower, *Acacia obtusifolia* with spent flowers, *Arrhenechthites mixta*, *Helichrysum leucopsideum*, *Pratia purpurascens* and *Veronica plebeia* all flowering. We then stopped to see the correas (*C. lawrenciana* var. *cordifolia*) - masses of them in bud. We then descended through fantastic tree ferns to Penance Grove, stopping to see some *Eucryphia moorei* flowering - more again at Penance Grove, where we did a quick walk of the boardwalk.



Gahnia sieberiana Image by Jean Geue



Cyathea australis Image by Jean Geue



Xerochrysum bracteatum Image by Jean Geue



Clematis aristata seed Image by Martin Butterfield



Arrhenechthites mixta flower Image by Martin Butterfield



Spiranthes alticola Image by Bill Willis



Helichrysum leucopsideum Image by Jean Geue



Correa lawrenciana var. *cordifolia*
Image by Jean Geue



Eucryphia moorei Image by Jean Geue



Pratia purpurascens Image by Jean Geue



Seedling of *E. moorei* in base of tree fern Image by Martin Butterfield



Southern Water-skink Image by Cindy Royston

Plant List for Monga Forest Loop - 24 February 2010

? indicates that those present were unsure of the plant name

1st Stop (near creek)

Acacia dealbata
Acacia falciformis
Acacia melanoxylon
Blechnum sp.
Bursaria spinosa
Cassinia longifolia
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Cassytha sp.
Clematis aristata
Daviesia ulicifolia
Dianella caerulea
Dianella tasmanica
Dichelachne sp.
Echinopogon sp.
Entolasia stricta?
Gahnia sieberiana
Geranium sp.
Goodenia hederacea
Goodia lotifolia
Gratiola peruviana
Hakea eriantha
Hardenbergia violacea
Helichrysum rutidolepis
Hypericum gramineum
Indigofera australis
Leptospermum lanigera
Leptospermum polygalifolium
Leptospermum trinerva
Leucopogon lanceolatus
Lindsaea sp.
Lomandra longifolia
Lomatia myricoides
Persoonia linearis

Plantago debilis
Podolobium ilicifolium
Pomaderris betulina ssp. *betulina*
Prostanthera lasianthos
Ranunculus sp.
Schoenus melanostachys
Senecio linearifolius
Smilax australis
Spiranthes alticola
Stylidium armeria
Tetratheca bauerifolia
Viola betonicifolia
Xerochrysum bracteatum

2nd Stop (lunch)

Acacia obtusifolia
Acacia sp.
Asperula scoparia
Billardiera scandens
Clematis aristata
Cyathea australis
Daviesia ulicifolia
Dianella caerulea
Eucalyptus fastigata
Eucalyptus sieberi
Eucalyptus viminalis
Exocarpos strictus
Helichrysum leucopsidium
Hydrocotyle laxiflora
Lagenophora stipitata
Leucopogon lanceolatus
Lomandra longifolia
Persoonia linearis
Platysace lanceolata

Poranthera microphylla
Pratia purpurescens
Pteridium esculentum
Tylophora barbata
Viola hederacea

3rd Stop

Amperea xiphoclada
Correa lawrenciana var.cor
Cyathea australis
Gleichenia sp.
Stylidium armeria

4th Stop

Euchryphia moorei

Bird List

Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo
Gang-gang Cockatoo
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Crimson Rosella
Laughing Kookaburra
Grey Fantail
Black-faced Monarch
Scarlet Robin
Olive Whistler
White-browed Scrubwren
White-throated Treecreeper
Striated Pardalote
Lewin's Honeyeater
Yellow-faced Honeyeater
Red Wattlebird
Australian Magpie
Pied Currawong
Grey Currawong