

## Wednesday Walk on Black Mountain from Caswell Drive Car Park - 20 October 2010

After a morning walk on The Pinnacle, we had a short walk on the lower slopes of Black Mountain to look for orchids flowering. We saw 12 species of orchids in flower, some in massed displays - *Arachnorchis atrovespa* (many patches), *Glossodia major* (amazing masses), *Hymenochilus* sp. (just a couple), *Diuris nigromontana* (everywhere), *D. sulphurea* (masses just starting), *Petalochilus fuscatus* (lots), the first few *P. carneus*, *Stegostyla cucullata* (the last), *S. ustulata* (one huge patch), *S. moschata* (good displays just starting) - and after all that we found the bearded orchids, *Calochilus ? platytilus* (many) then *Pterostylis nutans* (many, just finishing). Apart from the orchids there were fantastic displays of *Hibbertia ? riparia*, *Pimelea linifolia*, hillsides of *Brachyloma daphnoides* smelling of honey, *Dillwynia sericea*, *D. phyllicoides*, *Grevillea alpina*, *Pultenaea procumbens*, *Acacia buxifolia*, *Leptospermum multicaule* and a number of other things. We didn't make a plant list.

All images by Graeme Kruse.



*Drosera peltata*



*Arachnorchis atrovespa*



*Diuris sulphurea*



*Petalochilus carneus*



*Petalochilus fuscatus*



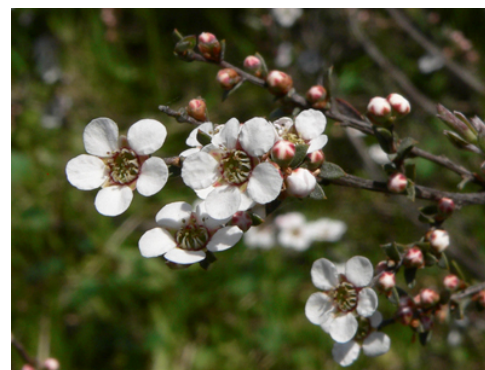
*Stegostyla ustulata*



*Calochilus ? platytilus*



*Pterostylis nutans*



*Leptospermum multicaule*