

# HFNC Excursion to Claude Austin State Forest on 21 September 1997

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A good turn up of members and a mild, sunny spring day which was spent exploring a wonderful array of flowering plants at the Claude Austin 'Reserve'.

We were particularly impressed by the profuse display of Pink Bells (*Tetratea ciliata*) and the range of heaths. The *Glossodia major* (Waxlips) also made a great show in a predominantly Yellow Box (*Eucalyptus melliodora*) woodland.

A few fungi were also identified: Orange Jelly Fungus (*Tremella mesenterica*) growing on a dead Silver Banksia (*Banksia marginata*), the Scarlet Bracket Fungus (*Pycnoporus coccineus*) again on a dead banksia, some little Yellow Belly Buttons (*Omphalina chromacea*) on algae on the ground. A single large bolete (*Boletus* sp.) with a reddish-brown cap was seen but not identified.

## Claude Austin Reserve Plants in Flower

*Acacia aculeatissima* Thin-leaf Wattle  
*Acacia myrtifolia* Myrtle Wattle  
*Acacia paradoxa* Hedge Wattle  
*Caladenia carnea* Pink Fingers  
*Corybas incurvus* Slaty Helmet-orchid  
*Daviesia brevifolia* Leafless Bitter-pea  
*Epacris impressa* Common Heath  
*Glossodia major* Waxlips  
*Hibbertia riparia* Erect Guinea-flower  
*Hibbertia prostrata* Bundled Guinea-flower

*Hypoxis vaginata* Yellow Stars  
*Leucopogon* sp. Beard Heath  
*Lissanthe strigosa* Peach Heath  
*Pterostylis nana* Dwarf Greenhood  
*Rutidosis multiflora* Small Wrinklewort  
*Stenanthera conostephioides* Flame Heath  
*Styphelia adscendens* Golden Heath  
*Tetratea ciliata* Pink Bells  
*Wurmbea dioica* Early Nancy



*Glossodia major*



*Tetratea ciliata*



*Eucalyptus melliodora*

Photos provided by Rod Bird.