

HFNC Excursion to Anglesea and Lorne, 17-18 Sept. 2022

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Friday

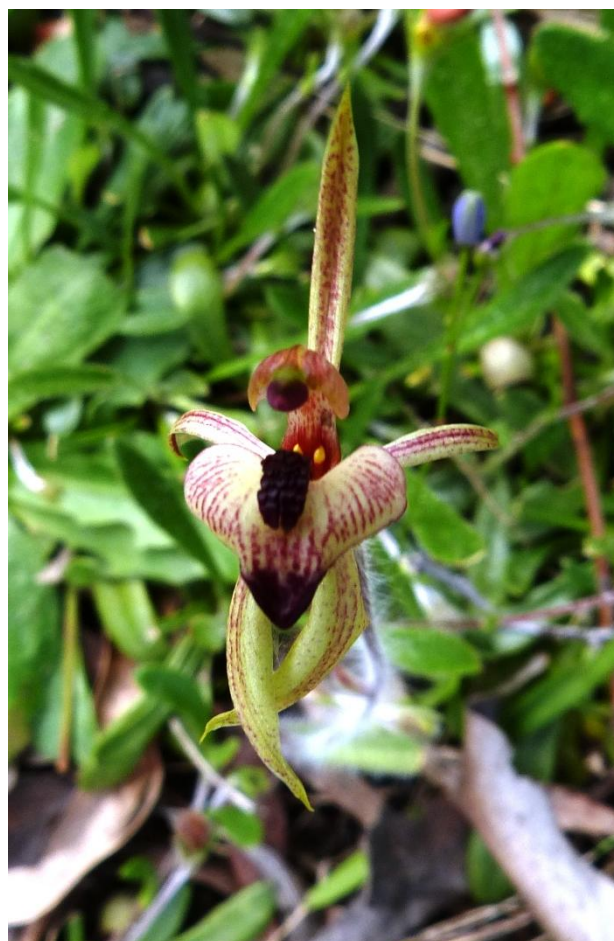
We left Hamilton at various stages on Friday, some arriving at our Lorne accommodation at mid-day and others by 6.30 pm on Friday. The weekend weather promised storms and rain and the outlook was not that pleasant. However, we found that the conditions were not taxing and we avoided any showers.

Saturday

On Saturday morning we left Lorne at 9.15 am to drive along the Great Ocean Rd through Aireys Inlet to Anglesea. Our first stop was at the AngAir Wildflower Show. There were dozens of flowers displayed as well as other stands (weeds, potted orchids, insects, plant sales, book sellers etc). We waited there for Rani (friend and DELWP colleague of Yvonne, our guide for the day) and then drove off to our first stop for the day: the Harvey St/O'Donahue St heathland adjacent to houses on the west side of Anglesea. This area and other park blocks are now considered part of the Great Otway National Park.

The weather this year has been such that we were perhaps a little early for the best showing of spring wildflowers, especially orchids. No sun-orchid flowers were open due to cloudy conditions. However we saw several orchids, including the beautiful Heart-lip Spider Orchid (*Caladenia cardiochila*), Leopard Orchid (*Diuris pardina*), Large Bearded Greenhood (*Pterostylis plumosa*) and a single flowering plant of Red Beaks (*Pyrorchis nigricans*) among the hundreds that were merely leaves on the ground.

This heathland/woodland was bristling with perhaps two or three hundred species, making a very colourful display even at this early stage in Spring. A few of the flowering plants seen are shown in the photos below and there is a list of those noted by RB (#) and WM (+) in the table.



Heart-lip Spider-orchid



Heart-lip Orchid



Plain-lip Spider-orchid



Red Beaks Orchid



Prickly Cryptandra



Silky Guinea-flower



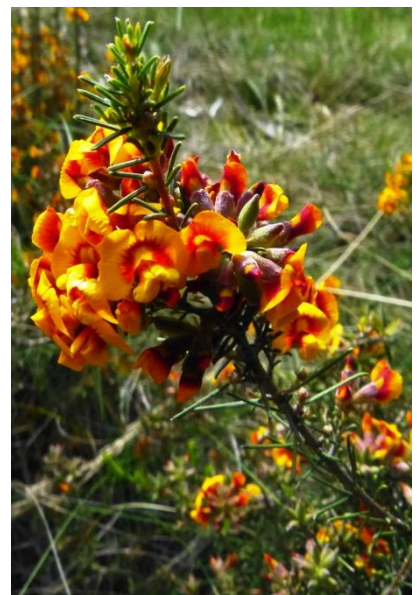
Leopard Orchid



Common Beard-heath



Large-leaf Bush-pea



Grey Parrot-pea

Note: photos other than from RB are shown with members initials in the captions.



Large Bearded Greenhood PL



Mayfly Orchid DL



Gnat Orchid



Candles PL



Hybrid *C. cardiochila* x *C. clavigera*? DL

Stop 2 was Coogoorah Park (lunch in the picnic area by the water). We walked from there into the heathland.



Some of the HFNC members at the Coogoorah heathland DL

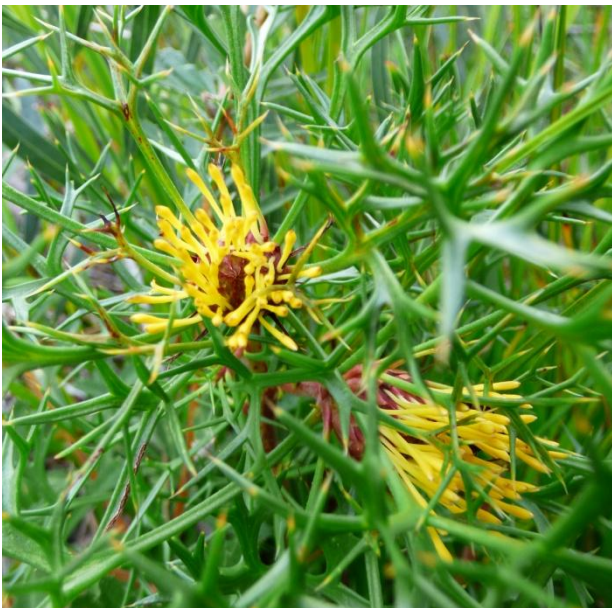
Stop 3 was at Purnell St – this wet heathland had several greenhood species in flower (*P. nana*, *P. nutans*, *P. melagramma*) and a single flowering Rosy Baeckea (*Euryomyrtus ramosissima*).



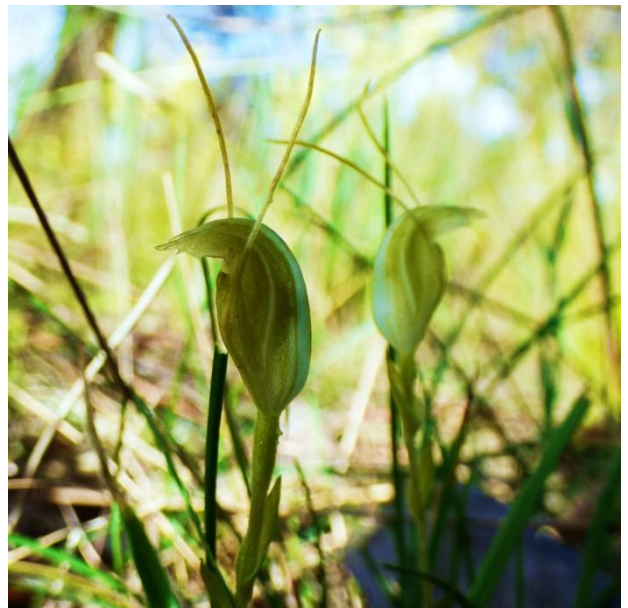
Small Sheoak fem. DL



Leafless Bitter-pea DL



Horny Cone-bush DL



Dwarf Greenhood DL



Wax-lip Orchid DL



Wattle Mat-rush DL



Twining Fringe-lily DL

Stop 4 was the **Cliff Heathland/boardwalk**. Walking along the boardwalk we saw many colourful Red Parrot-peas (*Dillwynia hispida*) among the mass of flowering heath plants.

Several plants of the Great Sun-orchid (*Thelymitra aristata*) were in bud and we saw one or two Rabbit Ears (*Thelymitra antennifer*) that were flowering nearby. This walk was a highlight of our day.



Woolly Rice-flower



Button Everlasting



Sweet Wattle



Blunt Everlasting



Nodding Greenhood



Small Sheoak



Red Parrot-pea



Propeller Plant



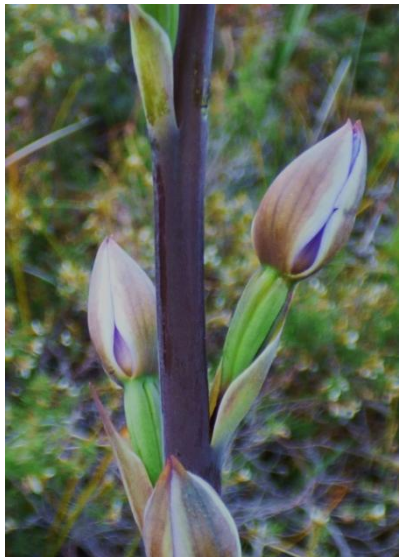
Blunt Everlasting & Love Creeper DL



Common Correa DL



Great Sun-orchid DL



Blunt Everlasting



At about 4 pm we drove back to Lorne, having avoided rain during our walks, and relaxed before organising dinner.

Some of us watched on TV the Australian Rules Football semi-final between Collingwood and Sydney Swans.



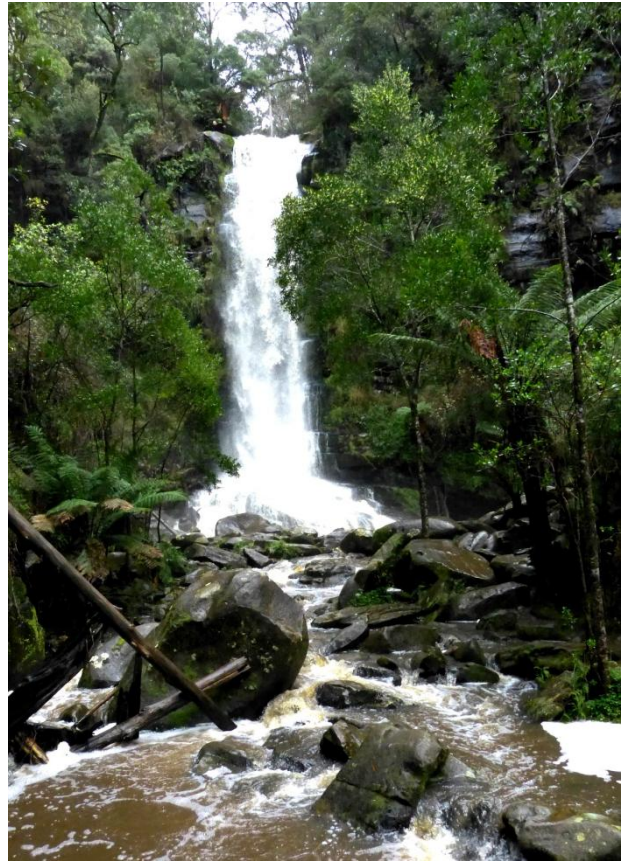
Sunday

Our first task this morning was to pack up our belongings, clean up the premises, load up the vehicles and then depart. The latter was not quite so easy because most of our vehicles were parked 100 m up the very steep drive. After some difficulty with one vehicle stuck for a while in mud at the house we managed the exit and proceeded to **Erskine Falls** at about 10 am.

The morning was overcast but there were bursts of sunshine at times. The falls were looking grand, with plenty of water flow. A feature of the area is the display of Soft Tree-ferns (*Dicksonia antarctica*) and there were also some interesting fungi on display.



Erskine Falls from top lookout



Erskine Falls from base lookout



Stereum sp. on a log



Giant eucalypt



Soft Tree-fern



Looking downstream from the base of Erskine Falls

The tree in the car park at Erskine Falls shows the cut marks where boards were placed to enable the tree fallers to stand and use their axes and crosscut saw to cut down the tree. The cut was made at a much reduced diameter than would have been required when working from the ground.

Logged tree at Erskine Falls



Our next stop was the **Sheoaks Picnic Ground**. The road to this site was in rather poor condition, with many potholes and corrugations.

We took the **Sheoak River Nature Walk** over the creek and through Manna Gum (*Eucalyptus viminalis*), Southern Blue Gum (*E. globulus globulus*) and Messmate (*E. obliqua*) forest, sprinkled with Blackwood (*Acacia melanoxylon*), Satinwood (*Phebalium squameum*) and Myrtle Beech (*Nothofagus cunninghamii*). *Pimelea axiflora* (Bootlace Bush) was an interesting tall flowering shrub.

The track was wet, with many pools and mud. Fungi were much in evidence here



The Sheoak Nature Trail PL



Brown Thornbill DL



Rainbow Fungus (*Trametes versicolor*) DL



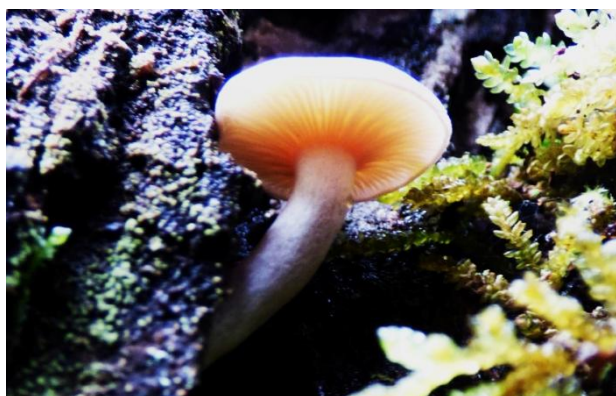
Lichen DL



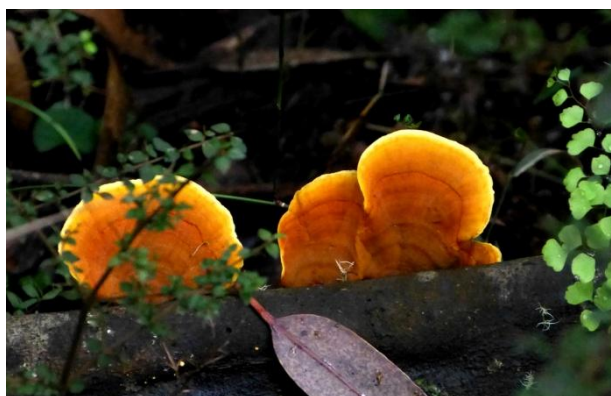
Gold Lip Stereum (*S. ostrea*) DL



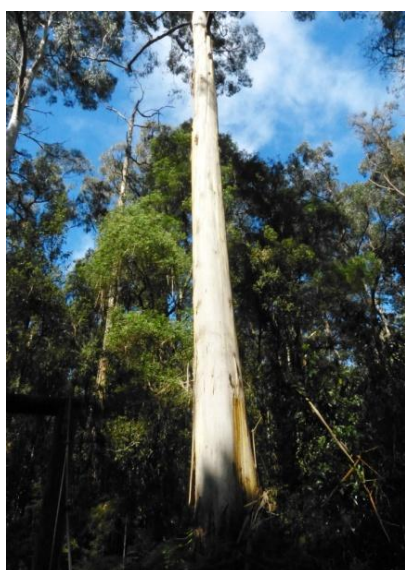
Cramp Balls (*Daldinia concentrica*) cut in half DL



Fungus DL



Stereum sp.



Manna Gum



Southern Blue Gum



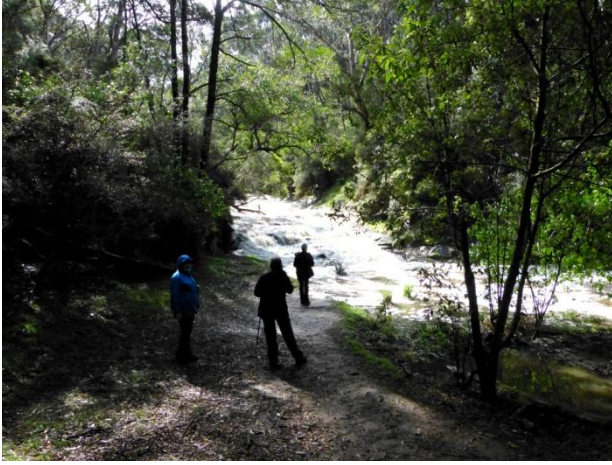
Bootlace Bush

An echidna was seen on the path. We had lunch under the roof of the Sheoaks picnic shed, as a shower of rain hit as we arrived back from our walk. Some who were a bit slower got a little damp. Dave cut open a Cramp Ball that was seen on the walk – it revealed a trametes-like pattern of growth rings.

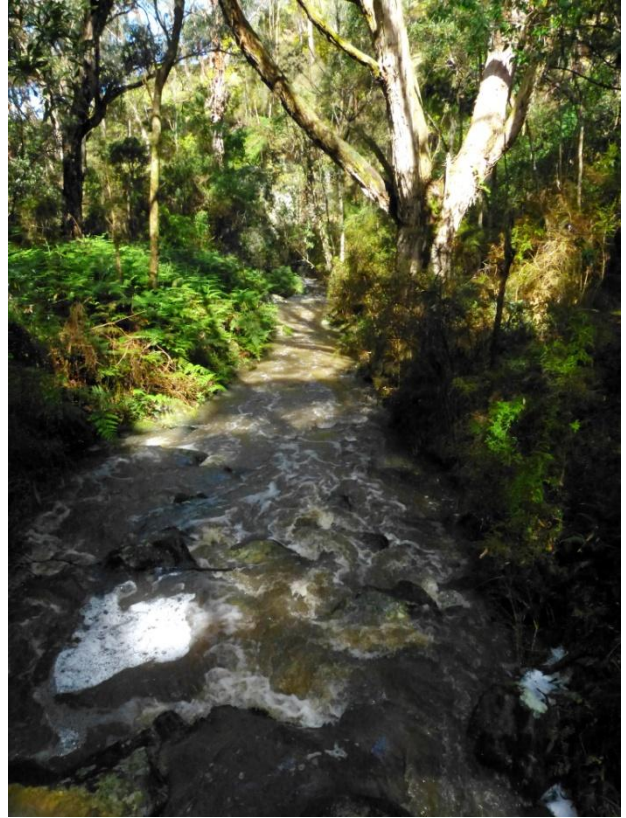
Peter Hocking, Dave & Glenys, Peter & Wendy left to return home after lunch.

Those who remained continued on to **Stony Creek** on the eastern edge of Lorne. The path follows the creek, between cliffs. The main attraction there was supposed to be a lily pond but that was completely swamped by the flood over the rapids at the head of the creek.

On our return to the parking area we first hear the calls of the Rufous Bristlebird, then saw a pair in the open but near shrubbery. There were a number of other birds at this site, too, including Red-browed Finches and several thornbills.



Stony Ck Rapids & pool



Stony Creek



Red-browed Finch DL



Striated Thornbill DL



Rufous Bristlebird



Rufous Bristlebird at Stony Creek

Reto and Yvonne continued on to look at another couple of attractions but Sarah, Rod & Diane departed for home after the Stony Creek walk.

We had intermittent rain on the way to Hamilton and a hail storm that forced us to stop for a few minutes.

Despite a prognosis of very bad weather over the weekend we were exceptionally lucky and were scarcely affected. All who attended enjoyed the weekend activities and company.

Some plants recorded by RB (#) & WM (+) at the first Anglesea site (Stop 1), with some sightings (mostly 'new') for other sites:

Stop 1 (O'Donahue/Harvey St in Anglesea)

Stop 2 (Goongoorah area)

Stop 3 (Purnell St area)

Stop 4 (Cliff area heathland boardwalk)

(F = flowering, B = Buds, N = no flowers, * = one or two plants in flower)

No.	Botanical name	Common Name	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4
01 F	<i>Acacia longifolia</i>	Sallow Wattle		#		
02 N	<i>Acacia mearnsii</i>	Black Wattle	#			
03 F	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Blackwood	#			
04 F	<i>Acacia myrtifolia</i>	Myrtle Wattle	# +		+	
05 F	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i>	Hedge Wattle		+		#
06 N	<i>Acacia pycnantha</i>	Golden Wattle		# +	+	
07 F	<i>Acacia suaveolens</i>	Sweet Wattle	#	+		
08 F	<i>Acacia verticillata</i>	Prickly Moses	+		+	#
09 F	<i>Acianthus caudatus</i>	Mayfly Orchid	+		#	
10 N	<i>Allocasuarina (littoralis?)</i>	Black Sheoak		+		
11 F	<i>Allocasuarina misera</i>	Small Sheoak	+	+	# +	
12 F	<i>Allitia uliginosa</i>	Heath Daisy	+	#		
13 F	<i>Argentipallium obtusifolium</i>	Blunt Everlasting	+			#
14 N	<i>Arthropodium strictum</i>	Chocolate Lily	# +			
15 F	<i>Banksia marginata</i>	Silver Banksia	# +		+	
16 F	<i>Brachyscome multifida</i>	Cut-leaf Daisy	# +			
17 N	<i>Brunonia australis</i>	Blue Pincushions	#			
18 N	<i>Burchardia umbellata</i>	Milk-maid	#			
19 N	<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	Sweet Bursaria	#			
20 F	<i>Caladenia cardiochila</i>	Heart-lip Orchid	# +	+		
21 F*	<i>Caladenia carnea</i>	Pink Fingers	#			
22 N	<i>Caladenia clavigera</i>	Plain-lip Spider-orchid	#	+		
23 F*	<i>Caladenia tentaculata</i>	Mantis Orchid			#	
24 F	<i>Carpobrotus rossii</i>	Karkalla				#
25 F	<i>Chamaescilla corymbosa</i>	Blue Squill	# +			
26 N	<i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i>	Common Everlasting	# +			
27 F	<i>Comesperma volubile</i>	Love Creeper	# +			#
28 F	<i>Cyrtostylis reniformis</i>	Gnat Orchid			#	
29 F	<i>Cyrtostylis robusta</i>	Large Gnat Orchid			+	
30 F	<i>Coronidium scorpioides</i>	Button Everlasting	#	+		
31 F	<i>Correa reflexa</i>	Common Correa				#
32 F	<i>Cryptandra tomentosa</i>	Prickly Cryptandra	#			
33 F	<i>Daviesia brevifolia</i>	Leafless Bitter-pea	+		#	
34 B	<i>Dianella revoluta</i>	Black-anther Flax-lily	#			
35 F	<i>Dillwynia cinerascens</i>	Grey Parrot-pea	#	+		
36 F	<i>Dillwynia hispida</i>	Red Parrot-pea				#
37 F	<i>Dillwynia sericea</i>	Showy Parrot-pea				#
38 F	<i>Diuris pardina</i>	Leopard Orchid	# +			
39 F	<i>Drosera auriculata</i>	Tall Sundew		+	+	
40 F	<i>Drosera macrantha</i>	Climbing Sundew	+			
41 F	<i>Drosera sp.</i>	Sundew	#			
42 F	<i>Epacris impressa</i>	Common Heath	# +		+	
43 N	<i>Eucalyptus baxteri</i>	Brown Stringybark	#			
44 N	<i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>	Messmate	#			
45 F	<i>Euryomyrtus ramosissima</i>	Rosy Baeckea			#	
46 F	<i>Gahnia radula</i>	Thatch Saw-sedge	+		# +	
47 F	<i>Glossodia major</i>	Was-lip Orchid	# +		+	
48 F	<i>Goodenia geniculata</i>	Bent Goodenia	+		# +	
49 F	<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	Hop Goodenia	#			#
50 F	<i>Hakea sp.</i>	Hakea			#	
51 F	<i>Hakea decurrens</i>	Bushy Needlewood	+			
52 F	<i>Hakea ulicina</i>	Furze Hakea			+	
53 F	<i>Hibbertia fasciculata</i>	Bundled Guinea-flower		+		
54 F	<i>Hibbertia riparia</i>	Erect Guinea-flower			+	

55 F	<i>Hibbertia sericea</i>	Silky Guinea-flower	# +			
56 F	<i>Hovea heterophylla</i>	Common Hovea	# +			
57 F	<i>Isopogon ceratophylus</i>	Horny Cone-bush	#	+		
58 F	<i>Kennedia prostrata</i>	Running Postman	# +		+	
59 F	<i>Lepidosperma canescens</i>	Hoary Rapier-sedge		+		
60 F	<i>Leptocarpos tenax</i>	Twine-rush			#	
61 F	<i>Leptorhynchos squamatus</i>	Scaly Buttons		+		
62 L	<i>Leptoceras menziesii</i>	Hare Orchid	#			
63 F	<i>Leptospermum continentale</i>	Prickly Tea-tree	#			
64 N	<i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>	Coast Tea-tree				#
65 N	<i>Leptospermum myrsinoides</i>	Heath Tea-tree				#
66 F	<i>Leucopogon parviflorus</i>	Coast Beard-heath				#
67 F	<i>Leucopogon virgatus</i>	Common Beard-heath	#	+	+	
68 F	<i>Lomandra filiformis</i>	Wattle Mat-rush		+		
69 N	<i>Lomatia ilicifolia</i>	Holly Lomatia	# +			
70 F	<i>Olearia myrsinoides</i>	Silky Daisy-bush		+		
71 F	<i>Olearia teretifolia</i>	Cypress Daisy-bush				#
72 F	<i>Pimelea linifolia</i>	Slender Rice-flower		+		
73 F	<i>Pimelea octophylla</i>	Woolly Rice-flower		#		
74 F	<i>Platylobium obtusangulum</i>	Common Flat-pea	# +			
75 F	<i>Pomaderris ferruginea</i>	Rusty Pomaderris		#		
76 F	<i>Pterostylis nana</i>	Dwarf Greenhood			#	
77 F	<i>Pterostylis nutans</i>	Nodding Greenhood		+	#	
78 F	<i>Pterostylis plumosa</i>	Large Bearded Greenhood	# +			
79 B	<i>Pterostylis melagramma</i>	Tall Greenhood			#	
80 F	<i>Pultenaea daphnoides</i>	Large-leaf Bush-pea	#			
81 F*	<i>Pyrorchis nigricans</i>	Red Beaks	#			
82 F	<i>Spyridium vexilliferum</i>	Propeller Plant				#
83 F	<i>Stackhousia monogyna</i>	Creamy Candles	# +			
84 F	<i>Stylidium gramminifolium</i>	Grass Trigger-plant	# +			
85 F	<i>Styphelia humifusa</i>	Cranberry Heath	#			
86 F	<i>Tetratheca ciliata</i>	Pink Bells	# +			
87 B	<i>Thelymitra aristata</i>	Great Sun-orchid				#
88 F*	<i>Thelymitra antennifera</i>	Rabbit Ears				
89 F	<i>Thysanotus pattersonii</i>	Twining Fringe-lily	# +	+		
90 F	<i>Viola hederacea</i>	Ivy-leaf Violet	#			
91 N	<i>Xanthorrhoea minor</i>	Small Grass-tree	#			
92 N	<i>Xanthorrhoea</i> sp.	Grass Tree	+			

Some plants recorded by WM & RB on Sunday at Erskine Falls and the Sheoaks Nature Walk

Botanical Name	Common Name	Erskine Falls	Sheoaks walk
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Blackwood	*	*
<i>Bedfordia aborescens</i>	Blanket Leaf	*	*
<i>Blechnum nudum</i>	Fishbone Water-fern	*	*
<i>Coprosma quadrifida</i>	Prickly Current Bush	*	*
<i>Correa reflexa?</i>	Large-leaved Correa	*	
<i>Dicksonia antarctica</i>	Soft Tree-fern	*	*
<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i>	Southern Blue Gum	*	*
<i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>	Messmate	*	*
<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i>	Manna Gum		*
<i>Nothofagus cunninghamii</i>	Myrtle Beech		*
<i>Phebalium squameum</i>	Satinwood		*
<i>Pimelea axiflora</i>	Bootlace Bush		*
<i>Pomaderris aspera</i>	Hazel Pomaderris	*	*
<i>Senecio</i> sp.	Fireweed	*	

Hamilton Field Naturalists – Bird Lists – September Camp – Anglesea/Lorne
(compiled by WM & DL)

Friday 16-18/9/2022 – Around our accommodation & foreshore
Australian King Parrot
Australian Magpie
Common Starling*
Galah
Gang-gang Cockatoo
House Sparrow
Little Black Cormorant
Long-billed Corella
New Holland Honeyeater
Silver Gull
Silvereye (Tasmanian form?)
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Superb Fairy-wren
Welcome Swallow
White-browed Scrubwren
Yellow-faced Honeyeater
Saturday 17/9/2022 – Stop 1: ‘O’Donohue’s’, Harvey Street, Anglesea
Scarlet Robin (male)
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Saturday 17/9/2022 – Stop 2: ‘Coogoorah Park’
Australian Magpie (nesting!)
Crimson Rosella
Grey Fantail
Little Grassbird (heard)
Long-billed Corella
Red Wattlebird
Spotted Pardalote

Striated Thornbill
Superb Fairy-wren
Welcome Swallow
Willie Wagtail
Sunday 18/9/2022 – Erskine Falls, Lorne
Bassian Thrush
Eastern Yellow Robin
Pied Currawong
Sunday 18/9/2022 – Allenvale: Sheoak Picnic Area & Nature Walk Loop
Brown Thornbill
Gang-gang Cockatoo
Whistler (heard, not seen)
Sunday 18/9/2022 – Stony Creek walk, Lorne
Australian King Parrot
Buff-rumped Thornbill
Common Blackbird
Crimson Rosella
Galah
Grey Fantail
Laughing Kookaburra
Pied Currawong
Red-browed Finch
Rufous Bristlebird (2)
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
White-throated Treecreeper