



The Whistler

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From a socially distant Editor

Normally in the April edition of The Whistler I'd write about late summer rains or autumn orchids, or perhaps about wondering when the fungi season will start, or how well the spring orchids might flower. But this Easter I won't be wondering how many Easter eggs I might find in the garden - I'll be more wondering if there will be toilet paper at the local IGA!

The coronavirus has changed the shape of our daily lives practically overnight. In March we held our general meeting like normal - now that meeting would get us all fined! **The Club has cancelled all activities indefinitely. We will not be publishing a new Programme, and activities will only recommence once social restrictions have been lifted.** We can only guess when that will be. We will continue to publish The Whistler (I think), although the next edition might be light on for excursion reports.

As an active Club where our members are regularly out and about enjoying nature, it's very challenging to be restricted to staying at home and practicing "social distancing". Stay safe, stay healthy, and stay at home as much as possible. Importantly - stay connected. Keep in touch with family and friends - video calls are all the rage now.

Our meetings and excursions may be taking a break, but our Club is still here, and we'll be back to normal when we can.

Jack Airey
Editor



Several members enjoying the sunshine at our Anglesea weekend away last October, giving close inspection to the orchid found in the heathland.

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Member News

Vale - Reg Falkingham

The Club was saddened to hear of the passing of long-time member Reg Falkingham. A member of the Club for over 41 years, he was a friend to all and a mate to a lucky few.

Although unable to come to meetings in the last few years, he was able to attend some outings and weekends away with the Club. He was Cecily's "right hand man", finding orchids, fungi and flowers for her to look at and identify. Their love of nature took them on many trips, exploring the country and seeing new and exciting things. Cecily and Reg led many excursions together, and they were always very popular with members.

Reg was a true gentleman; clever, jovial and well respected by those who knew him.

Reg passed away in October 2019

Our sympathies go to Cecily, Dale, Caroline and their families.

Vale - Ian Grant

When Jennifer Grant joined the Club in 2015/16, Ian was unable to attend because of his own commitments. However, Ian became a regular visitor on monthly excursions. In 2017/18 he became a member and attended as many meetings and excursions as he could.

Ian was passionate about astronomy and in 2018, he gave a presentation at a monthly meeting on "Backyard Astronomy". This was a fascinating talk and for many members, it was their first detailed look at astronomy.

Even though Ian was very unwell at the time, he and Jennifer attended our 2019 spring weekend away to Anglesea. Members were invited to spend an evening with him and his telescope in an open area of the park where his enthusiasm was infectious. Apart from showing us all manner of stars, constellations and planets, including a clear view of Saturn and its rings, he talked at length and in detail about what we were observing. It was very much an education to all who attended.

Ian was a very well-respected man with friends and colleagues from all over the world.

Ian Grant passed away in November 2019.

Our sympathies go to Jennifer and her family.

Vale - Murray Couper

Long-time members will be saddened to hear of the passing of Murray Couper. Murray was a Foundation Member of the Club.

A regular member of the Club for many years, he joined the Committee in the late 1960's. Murray's interests were his orchards (in Wantirna and then in Wonga Park), nature, especially birds, and his paintings.



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Although Murray had been a member for 53 years, in recent years he was restricted from attending meetings or outings by poor health. As a result, he let his membership lapse a few years ago.

Murray passed away in early December 2019.

Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

Vale - Christine Gray

Long-time members will be saddened to hear of the death of Christine Gray. Christine joined the Club in 1962 and held many positions, chiefly being Librarian for many years, running the RFNC Juniors with Bruce Fuhrer and being a Committee member.

A local teacher, she gave a love of nature and the bush to many children both at school and in Ringwood's Junior Field Naturalist Club.

Her special love was orchids which she wrote a book on, covering orchids of Victoria. Our Club Honoured her with a Life Membership in 1978. On retirement she moved to Grovedale near Geelong. Christine was an only child who remained single, caring for her mother for many years.

Our thoughts are with her friends.

By Peter Rogers

700th meeting

Our December meeting was a very special one - it was the celebration of The Ringwood Field Naturalists Club's 700th meeting.

The RINGWOOD FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB Inc was formed in 1961, 59 years ago by writer and Naturalist Jack Hyett and fellow Naturalist Bill King. The group was formed and quickly grew to a large gathering of "like-minded" people. They all shared the love of nature, the bush and what was in it, whether it was an interest in birds, flowers, orchids, butterflies or insects, or any other exciting area of interest.

It was lovely to see former members who can't usually attend come along to help celebrate in December. Two of our foundation members, Marion King and Bruce Fuhrer, cut the cake which was brought along to be shared on this special occasion.

President Peter Rogers gave a short talk on the history of the Club. Further details of our history are on our website.

By Alison Rogers (photo by Jack Airey)





Out and About

Brisbane Ranges

Sunday 29th September 2019

Leaders: Alison & Peter Rogers

Eleven members and one visitor met at 10.30am in the Steiglitz Courthouse carpark. From here we drove down the South Steiglitz Road for about 1km to see what was flowering in the bush. Highlights in this area included carpets of *Glossodia major* (Waxlip orchids) with numerous other orchids interspersed, good specimens of *Grevillea chrysophaea* (Golden Grevillea) and stands of Austral grass-trees.

Moving further into the southern part of the Park, we travelled Saw Pit Gully Road, again stopping at various points to investigate the bush for flowers and orchids. Lunch was held at the Stony Creek Picnic Area where we were entertained by Yellow-tufted honeyeaters.

Following lunch, we moved back along Switch Back Road stopping briefly at a patch of pea flowers including *Dillwynia sericea* (Showy Parrot-pea), *Pultenaea scabra* (Rough Bush-pea) and *Pultenaea daphnoides* (Large-leaf Bush-pea).

Out on the Geelong-Ballan Road, we again made a couple of stops to look for orchids. Of particular interest was finding a number of plants of the threatened *Caladenia* sp aff *concolor* (Brisbane Ranges Spider Orchid).



Grevillea chrysophaea

Pultenaea daphnoides



Caladenia sp aff *concolor*

Turning off the main road, we pulled up the cars to cast our binoculars over the Reservoir for waterbirds, of which there were very few. Along Yankee Gully Road we had the opportunity to look at huge stands of both *Cyrtostylis reniformis* (Small Gnat Orchid) and *Pterostylis nana* (Dwarf Greenhood).

The afternoon concluded with afternoon tea back at the Steiglitz Courthouse carpark.

There were 14 different orchids seen during the outing. Five different species of wattles were in flower as well as numerous pea flowers.

By Alison & Peter Rogers



Spring Weekend Away to Anglesea

Friday 18th to Sunday 20th October 2019

Leader: Jack Airey

The weekend away kicked off with 15 members meeting at Anglesea in warm but windy conditions. The Friday afternoon walk was through Fairylands and along the Anglesea River, out to the beach. We saw a couple of Caspian Terns on the river mudflats and Alison found a colony of *Microtis arenaria* (Notched Onion Orchids) beside the boardwalk. Looking out over the ocean, we saw a couple of Australasian Gannets flying past, which you'd expect, but also a number of Shy Albatross gracefully floating over the waves. Normally only appearing as white specks in the distance, we were very fortunate that a couple were relatively close to shore, likely because it was so windy, which let us get good enough views to identify them. Heading back, the wind picked up and it started to drizzle. We had dinner together at Jack's cabin.

The weather stayed grey and drizzly for Saturday morning, meaning that any sun orchids we found were not likely to be open. Our first walk was at Harvey St which is one of the best spots in Anglesea for orchids - there are clear but narrow trails through the bush, so we minimise our disruption to the orchids. Here we found lots of *Caladenia venusta* (Eastern White Spider Orchid) which were impressive, and good numbers of *Pterostylis unicornis* (Anglesea's Unicorn Greenhood). We also found *Calochilus robertsonii* (Purple Beard Orchid), *Caladenia cardiochila* (Heart-lipped Spider Orchid), a couple of *Pyrorchis nigricans* (Red Beaks) and two leek orchids - *Prasophyllum elatum* (Tall Leek Orchid) and *Prasophyllum odoratum* sp. (Dense or Otways Leek Orchid). We also found several *Thelymitra aristata* (Great Sun Orchid) but they unfortunately weren't open because of the weather.



Caladenia venusta



Calochilus robertsonii

We had lunch at Point Roadknight in beautiful sunshine which warmed everyone up, then we headed back up to O'Donohue Rd for the afternoon walk. Another excellent spot for orchids, we easily found lots of sun orchids including *Thelymitra ixioides* (Spotted Sun Orchid), *Thelymitra flexuosa* (Twisted Sun Orchid) and *Thelymitra antennifera* (Rabbit Ears), however none were open to show us their columns. Along the walk we found a patch of *Caladenia maritima* (Angahook Caladenia), which is endemic to Anglesea, and then several other orchids as we looped back towards the cars, stopping momentarily as it started to rain and we all got a little damp. We did manage to find one *Thelymitra ixioides* brave enough to open in the patchy sunshine, much to everyone's delight. We headed a little way up O'Donohue Rd to a great patch of spider orchids - *Caladenia parva* (Small Spider Orchid), *Caladenia tentaculata* (Mantis Orchid), and *Caladenia venusta* (Eastern White Spider Orchid) all growing in close proximity, resulting in a lot of hybrids in all sorts of shapes and sizes.



Leptoceras menziesii

Seeing that we had some spare time, we headed up to Fraser Avenue to see what was there - it turned out to be mostly mozzies! We had a quick walk to check on a possible patch of duck orchids, which looked like the council had decided to slash for unknown reasons, dodged a Tiger Snake, saw some *Chiloglottis valida* (Common Bird Orchid) leaves and then decided to call it a day as it started to drizzle and the mozzies came out in clouds.

Sunday morning the weather was a bit more promising, with the hint of sunshine! Our first stop was east of Anglesea at Ironbark Rd, and after a slight hiccup with convoy directions, we all made it to the picnic area safely. We walked the nature trail loop track. There was not much of interest by the way of orchids with only a few leaves found here and there, however we saw White-winged Trillers, Blue-winged Parrots and a family of three Powerful Owls, which were spotted by Alan "would anybody like to see an owl?" Veevers.

Prasophyllum odoratum sp.



Pterostylis unicornis

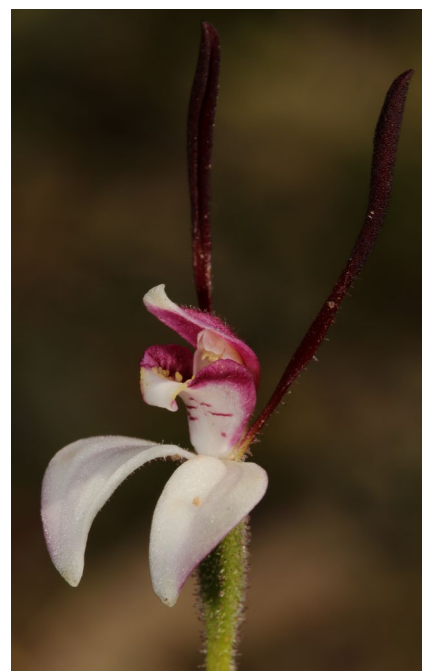


We then drove further along Ironbark Rd for the second walk. This was another loop walk with a nice lookout over the cliffs, and we saw several orchids including *Caladenia transitoria* (Eastern Bronze Caladenia). There was also a massive grasstree with a flower spike almost 4m tall!

After lunch we headed out along Forest Rd which is a well-known area for good orchiding. The area had had a controlled burn which meant that post-fire orchids were really flourishing. We stopped at a couple of spots and saw great diversity and numbers of orchids, including *Leptoceras menziesii* (Hare Orchid), *Pyrorchis nigricans* (Red Beaks), *Caladenia pusilla* (Tiny Caladenia), *Prasophyllum elatum* (Tall Leek Orchid) and a couple of *Pterostylis sanguinea* (Striped Greenhood). We headed along Portreath Rd for afternoon tea where we found a large patch of *Pterostylis nutans* (Nodding Greenhood) and a few *Glossodia major* (Waxlip Orchid) under some pine trees. The final stop for the day and weekend was at the end of Portreath Rd to see a large colony of *Chiloglottis valida* (Common Bird Orchid).

By Jack Airey

Leptoceras menziesii





Morwell National Park

Saturday 16th November 2019

Leaders: Sandra & Don Redman

The weather looked promising as 17 members met at the Kerry Road picnic ground. As we walked from the car park to the Fosters Gully Nature walk, an astute member observed a Koala with joey high in a Manna Gum. A delight indeed! Further along, *Chiloglottis valida* (Common Bird Orchid) were seen beside the walking track. Then another Koala with joey was sighted.



Koala with its
large joey

Fosters Gully is described as a warm temperate rainforest, home to the epiphytic orchid, *Sarcochilus australis*, the Butterfly Orchid. It wasn't far along the Fosters Gully Nature walk track that plants were seen. A first for some members. Some lucky members observed two Lyrebirds before they scurried away into the undergrowth. More *Sarcochilus australis* were discovered along the track as far as Lyndons clearing. We returned to the picnic ground for lunch. During lunch, we were entertained by an inquisitive Lewin's Honeyeater and Superb Fairy-wrens, together with an Eastern Yellow Robin.



Sarcochilus australis

After lunch, we travelled to Billys Creek track car park. Our leisurely walk along the track followed the creek. Further along the bank of the creek, fern species including *Blechnum wattsii*, *Blechnum cartilagineum*, *Dicksonia antarctica* and *Pteridium esculentum* were seen. The flora here, being different to what we had experienced on the morning's walk. Along the track, another Koala was seen in the distance, in a reclining position, high up in a Eucalypt. An additional eight birds were seen here, bringing our total for the day to 38 species. Thank you to those who attended and to Judith for compiling the plant list.

By Sandra & Don Redman (additional photo by Roger Needham)

Superb Fairy-wren





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Pound Bend

Saturday 11th January 2020

Leaders: Lynn & Neal Smith



We were lucky with the weather as the days before were very hot and smoky due to bush fires burning across the State, but a cool change and rain occurred Friday night. Saturday was cool and cloudy with lovely bush smells after rain.

A Tawny Frogmouth was found in the tree above the cars parked near the toilet block. This was a good start to the day. 21 people then headed off along the walking track beside the Yarra River. This track follows the river for about 1km. Good sightings of Little Pied Cormorant, 3 Tawny Frogmouths and small bush birds like Fairy-wrens and Thornbills, and lots of Noisy Miners. The Sweet Bursaria (*Bursaria spinosa*) and *Goodenia ovata* were in flower with some butterflies and dragonflies seen. We then left the river and walked uphill past a grassy area with mobs of Eastern Grey Kangaroos, Welcome Swallows, Eastern Rosellas, Galahs and Common Bronzewing.

Tawny Frogmouth

The FOWSP (Friends of Warrandyte State Park) have a nursery here and have revegetated and fenced the Frogland. This was converted from a weed infested bog in 1992 into an indigenous plant garden. It was fenced in 2017 to keep out deer, rabbits and the kangaroos. It has large, easy to read signs with plant names on the indigenous plants. We walked around Frogland enjoying the layout and reading the plant names.

There is a dam near the nursery with a tiny amount of water in it and stopped here for a break.

We returned to the carpark via the Tank Track which follows the ridgeline then downhill to the Tunnel. This tunnel was dug by the Gold Miners to divert the river in order to extend their mining operations. Numerous King Parrots were seen around a large hollow in the tree nearby then back to cars for lunch at noon with the Magpies joining us.



More Tawny Frogmouths

By Lynn and Neal Smith (photos - David Hewitt, Eleanor Dilley, Jack Airey)



A very colourful Blowfly



A large beetle



Australian King Parrots



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Arthur's Seat

Sunday 16th February 2020

Leaders: Eleanor & Warwick Dilley

Twenty-two members arrived at the Seawinds car park on a fine but very windy day. We drove in convoy to the end of Seamists Drive for our morning walk. This took us on the Kings Falls Track through good bushland to the Kings Falls Circuit Walk. We saw a group of Eastern Grey Kangaroos near the beginning of the walk, numerous butterflies, some fresh-looking fungi, and quite a lot of *Dipodium roseum* (Rosy Hyacinth Orchid), but very few birds.

Most members did the circuit of the Gully and were rewarded with seeing some water coming down the Kings Falls, as well as various plants including grass trees and large areas of Coral fern.



Cryptostylis subulata

After lunch back at Seawinds, we did a shorter and more level walk, the T C McKellar Circuit Walk. We did see a few more birds during this walk and managed a total of 17 for the day (including an unidentified raptor). There was a lovely specimen of a *Cryptostylis subulata* (Large Tongue Orchid) beside the track. We also had an excellent look at a Copperhead snake which crossed the path between two groups of those walking up the hill, plus another smaller unidentified "brown" snake.

By Eleanor & Warwick Dilley



Dipodium roseum



Eastern Copperhead



Members enjoying the walk



Autumn Weekend Away to Bellarine Peninsula

Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd March 2020

Report by Hazel & Alan Veevers

Inta and Roger Needham had planned this weekend as our Autumn Campout and issued a program at the March meeting. Unfortunately, the Coronavirus Pandemic was just beginning in Australia and so the official weekend away had to be cancelled. However, several couples, with cabins booked months ahead, decided to go to Ocean Grove whilst still respecting the Government's current restrictions. The idea for most couples was to loosely follow the Needham's itinerary, but to travel separately and maintain a safe distance if we encountered each other at any venue. This arrangement worked out extremely well and we all enjoyed visiting the recommended locations and "doing our own thing". Several of the sites were new to us and, no doubt, to others.



Members practising good social distancing

Here are three of the highlights for us:

Tait Point Picnic Area - There were spectacular views from the lookouts over Lake Connemara. Thousands of waterbirds could be seen; mostly Swans and Coots along with Spoonbills, Cormorants, Egrets and Herons.

Lake Victoria, Point Lonsdale - This place was a real gem. It provided close-up views of several small waders including Red-capped Plovers, Red-necked Stints, Curlew Sandpipers and a lone Double-banded Plover. Two Little Egrets kept us well entertained as they dashed around in the shallows spearing small fish. Just before we left, a flock of over 100 Banded Stilts arrived and landed on the water nearby. We decided to have a cuppa by the carpark and to our delight a female Mistletoebird flew into an adjacent tree, picked a berry from a mistletoe clump, and ate it in front of us.

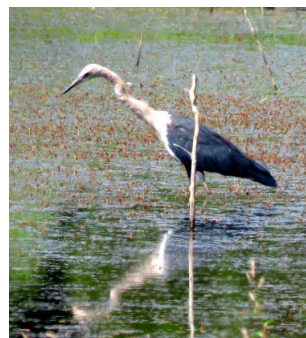


Banded Stilts (not very good at social distancing)

Lake Lorne, Drysdale - This was another excellent venue for birdwatchers. There were several of the less common duck species here including Freckled Ducks and Blue-billed Ducks as well as White-necked and White-faced Herons. There were also some colourful bush-birds such as Red-rumped Parrots, Eastern Rosellas and Superb Fairy-wrens.

It was unfortunate that the weekend away could not be held in its usual sociable fashion. Nonetheless, the participants all enjoyed being out in the bush and visiting places on the itinerary. We were very sorry that Roger and Inta were unable to attend and would like to thank them enormously for organising it all for those who were.

By Hazel & Alan Veevers



White-necked Heron



Mistletoebird (f)

Member's Articles

Australian King Parrots

It was once the case that to see King Parrots we would need to be in Kinglake, Healesville, Marysville or Warburton. Now, many people living in the Eastern suburbs have regular sightings of these lovely birds. Once when camping at Kinglake National Park, we had one land on the side mirror of the car and another time I had one land on one of the stakes holding up the tomatoes in my vegetable patch.

Some years ago, the council planted *Pyrus assuriensis* (Manchurian Pear) in the family of *Rosaceae* as a street tree. When it displayed its beautiful Autumn foliage, I decided I had to have one in my garden. I planted it outside the lounge window where it was visible whilst having morning tea, a welcome pause in the day's activities to do some bird watching. The round cherry-like fruit were soon discovered by the King Parrots and we now have the parrots two metres from our window. The Manchurian Pear is native to Korea, Japan and Russia, the fruit not so tasty to humans but is eaten by deer, mice, rabbits and birds.



I think sometimes Australians take our wonderful variety of parrots for granted. My British penfriends respond with envy when I send them photos of Crimson and Eastern Rosella, or Rainbow and Musk Lorikeets that visit our garden. As I write, a King Parrot is just outside the window calling its typical metallic "kweek, kweek" call. If I should appear outside, it becomes a screech "karrark, karrark" call, reminding me I am too close to its territory in the *Eucalyptus rosea* - we are indeed lucky to live "in the land of the parrots".

If you would like these beautiful visitors to your garden, there is no better tree to plant than a Manchurian Pear. And another bonus is the riot of colour from the leaves in Autumn.

By Cecily Falkingham (photos by Jack Airey)



Great Places for Naturalists to Visit - Burrendong Arboretum

Burrendong Arboretum is located in central New South Wales approximately 30km south east of Wellington. Near the locality of Mumbil, it overlooks the shores of Lake Burrendong. The Arboretum and Botanic Gardens were set up in 1964 by two amateur botanists George and Peter Althofer, who from the 1930's, were despairing of the loss of native vegetation due to land clearance for crops and livestock and the widening of roads. They lobbied the NSW Soil Conservation Body and were granted 167 hectares of eroded land on the shores of Lake Burrendong. The two brothers, Peter's wife Hazel and a band of volunteers set about restoring the land and planting out over 1500 species of Australian native plants.



The property has a number of walking trails highlighting a particular genus, for example hakeas, acacias, prostantheras and eremophilas. There are also vehicular tracks, picnic areas, lookouts and a plant nursery where plants may be purchased. There is no entry fee, but a donation is requested.

Over 150 bird species have been seen in the area including Speckled Warblers, Hooded Robins, Diamond Firetails, Restless Flycatchers and Double-barred Finches.



Hooded Robin



Diamond Firetail



Restless Flycatcher



Double-barred Finch

It is quite easy to spend a very pleasant 3 to 4 hours or more in the Arboretum. So next time you head south from northern NSW or Queensland, take a detour via Wellington to the Burrendong Arboretum.

Accommodation is available in Wellington, at the Wellington Caves and at Lake Burrendong. Other attractions in the area include the Wellington caves themselves, the Osawano Japanese Garden near the caves and Mt Arthur Reserve near Wellington.

By Roger Needham





Appendix

Brisbane Ranges orchid and flowering plant list

Compiled by Alison & Peter Rogers

Orchids			
<i>Acianthus caudatus</i>	Mayfly Orchid	<i>Calochilus robertsonii</i>	Purple Beard Orchid
<i>Caladenia caerulea</i>	Blue Caladenia	<i>Cyrtostylis reniformis</i>	Small Gnat Orchid
<i>Caladenia carnea</i>	Pink Fingers	<i>Diuris pardina</i>	Leopard Orchid
<i>Caladenia clavifera</i>	Plain-lip Spider Orchid	<i>Diuris sulphurea</i>	Hornet Orchid
<i>Caladenia fuscata</i>	Dusky Caladenia	<i>Glossodia (Caladenia) major</i>	Waxlip Orchid
<i>Caladenia parva</i>	Small Spider Orchid	<i>Pterostylis nana</i>	Dwarf Greenhood
<i>Caladenia sp aff concolor</i>	Bris. Ranges Spider Orchid	<i>Pterostylis nutans</i>	Nodding Greenhood
Flowering Plants			
<i>Acacia aculeatissima</i>	Thin-leaf Wattle	<i>Grevillea chrysophaea</i>	Golden Grevillea
<i>Acacia aspera</i>	Rough Wattle	<i>Hakea decurrens ssp physocarpa</i>	
<i>Acacia myrtifolia</i>	Myrtle Wattle	<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>	Purple Coral-pea
<i>Acacia paradoxa</i>	Hedge Wattle	<i>Hibbertia riparia</i>	Upright Guinea-flower
<i>Acacia pycnantha</i>	Golden Wattle	<i>Isopogon ceratophyllum</i>	Horny Cone-bush
<i>Argentipallum obtusifolium</i>	Blunt Everlasting	<i>Kennedia prostrata</i>	Running Postman
<i>Brachyscome cardiocarpa</i>	Swamp Daisy	<i>Millotia tenuifolia</i>	Soft Millotia
<i>Brachyscome multifida</i>	Cut-leaf Daisy	<i>Platylobium obtusangulum</i>	Common Flat-pea
<i>Carpobrotus modestus</i>	Inland Pig-face	<i>Pultenaea daphnoides</i>	Large-leaf Bush-pea
<i>Chamaescilla corymbosa</i>	Blue Stars	<i>Pultenaea scabra</i>	Rough Bush-pea
<i>Comesperma voluble</i>	Love Creeper	<i>Stackhousia monogyna</i>	Creamy Candles
<i>Dillwynia sericea</i>	Showy Parrot-pea	<i>Tetratheca bauerifolia</i>	Heath Pink-bells
<i>Drosera peltata</i>	Tall Sundew	<i>Thysanotus patersonii</i>	Twining Fringe Lily
<i>Epacris impressa</i>	Common Heath		

Anglesea bird list

Compiled by Jack Airey

Australian Wood Duck	Powerful Owl	Rufous Whistler
Great Cormorant	Laughing Kookaburra	Grey Shrike-thrush
Australasian Gannet	White-throated Treecreeper	Grey Fantail
Shy Albatross	Superb Fairy-wren	White-winged Triller
Masked Lapwing	Spotted Pardalote	Magpie Lark
Silver Gull	White-browed Scrubwren	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
Pacific Gull	Striated Thornbill	Olive-backed Oriole
Caspian Tern	Brown Thornbill	Australian Magpie
Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo	Red Wattlebird	Pied Currawong
Gang-gang Cockatoo	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	Grey Currawong
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	White-eared Honeyeater	Little Raven
Galah	New Holland Honeyeater	House Sparrow
Crimson Rosella	White-naped Honeyeater	Welcome Swallow
Blue-winged Parrot	Brown-headed Honeyeater	Silvereye
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	Scarlet Robin	Common Starling
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	Eastern Yellow Robin	47 species



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Anglesea orchid list

Compiled by Jack Airey

Orchid	Common Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<i>Acianthus caudatus</i>	Mayfly Orchid	L	L	L	L	L	L	
<i>Acianthus pusillus</i>	Small Mosquito Orchid	L						
<i>Caladenia cardiochila</i>	Heart-lipped Spider Orchid	X				X		
<i>Caladenia carnea</i>	Pink Fingers	X				X		
<i>Caladenia catenata</i>	White Fingers	X	X		X	X		
<i>Caladenia clavigera</i>	Plain-lipped Spider Orchid					X		
<i>Caladenia maritima</i>	Angahook Caladenia		X					
<i>Caladenia oenochila</i>	Wine-lipped Spider Orchid	L						
<i>Caladenia parva</i>	Small Spider Orchid	X	X		X			
<i>Caladenia pusilla</i>	Tiny Caladenia	X		X		X	X	
<i>Caladenia tentaculata</i>	Mantis Orchid	X	X			X		
<i>Caladenia transitoria</i>	Eastern Bronze Caladenia				X	X		
<i>Caladenia venusta</i>	Eastern White Spider Orchid	X	X			X	X	
<i>Calochilus robertsonii</i>	Purple Beard Orchid	X						
<i>Chiloglottis valida</i>	Common Bird Orchid			X				X
<i>Corybas incurvus</i>	Slaty Helmet Orchid	L						
<i>Cyrtostylis reniformis</i>	Small Gnat Orchid		L			L		
<i>Diuris pardina</i>	Leopard Orchid	L		L				
<i>Diuris orientis</i>	Donkey Orchid	X	X		X	X	X	X
<i>Glossodia major</i>	Waxlip Orchid	X		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leptoceras menziesii</i>	Hare Orchid	X				X	X	
<i>Microtis arenaria</i>	Notched Onion Orchid	X				X	X	
<i>Prasophyllum elatum</i>	Tall Leek Orchid	L				X	X	
<i>Prasophyllum odoratum</i> sp	Dense/Otways Leek Orchid	X						
<i>Pterostylis melagramma</i>	Tall Greenhood	L						
<i>Pterostylis nana</i>	Dwarf Greenhood						L	
<i>Pterostylis nutans</i>	Nodding Greenhood			X				X
<i>Pterostylis sanguinea</i>	Banded Greenhood				X			
<i>Pterostylis tasmanica</i>	Southern Bearded Greenhood					X		
<i>Pterostylis unicornis</i>	Large Plumed Greenhood	X						
<i>Pyrorchis nigricans</i>	Red Beaks					X	X	
<i>Thelymitra antennifera</i>	Rabbit Ears	X	X		X	X		
<i>Thelymitra aristata</i>	Great Sun Orchid	X	X					
<i>Thelymitra brevifolia</i>	Peppertop Sun Orchid	L	L		L	L		
<i>Thelymitra flexuosa</i>	Twisted Sun Orchid	X	X			X		
<i>Thelymitra ixioides</i>	Spotted Sun Orchid	X	X		X	X		X
<i>Thelymitra rubra</i>	Salmon Sun Orchid	X	X		X	X	X	X

X – orchid in flower

L – leaves or pre-flowering/post-flowering buds

Saturday

#1 Harvey Street

#2 Odonohue Rd

#3 Fraser Avenue

Sunday

#4 Ironbark Rd

#5 Forest Rd

#6 Forest Rd/Gum Flats Rd

#7 Portreath Rd



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Morwell National Park bird list

Compiled by Sandra & Don Redman

Common Bronzewing	Superb Lyrebird	Striated Pardalote	Australian Raven
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	White-throated Treecreeper	White-browed Scrubwren	Eastern Yellow Robin
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	Superb Fairy-wren	Brown Thornbill	Welcome Swallow
Wedge-tailed Eagle	Lewin's Honeyeater	Brown Gerygone	Silvereye
Laughing Kookaburra	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	Eastern Whipbird	Common Starling
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Red Wattlebird	Grey Shrike-thrush	Common Blackbird
Gang-gang Cockatoo	New Holland Honeyeater	Golden Whistler	Red-browed Finch
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	White-eared Honeyeater	Grey Butcherbird	European Goldfinch
Australian King-Parrot	White-naped Honeyeater	Australian Magpie	
Crimson Rosella	Spotted Pardalote	Grey Fantail	38 species

Morwell National Park plant list

Compiled by Judith Cooke

Acacia dealbata	Silver Wattle	Juncus sp.	
Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood	Lagenipha stipitata	Bottle Daisy
Acacia verniciflua	Varnish Wattle	Lepidosperma continentale	Prickly Tea tree
Amyema pendulum	Drooping Mistletoe	Lobelia rhombifolia	Tufted Lobelia?
Anserinifolia novae-zelandiae	Bidgee widgee	Lobelia sp.?	
Cassinia aculeate	Common Cassinia	Muellerina eucalyptoides	Creeping Mistletoe
Cassinia longifolia	Shiny Cassinia	Olearia argophylla	Musk Daisy Bush
Cassytha sp.	Dodder Laurel	Olearia lirata	Snow Daisy Bush
Clematis aristata	Mountain Clematis	Pandorea pandorana	Wonga Vine
Coprosma quadrifida	Prickly Coprosma	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
Dichondra repens	Kidney Weed	Poa sp.	Tussock grass
Eucalyptus cypellocarpa	Mountain Grey Gum	Polyscias sambucifolia	Elderberry Panax
Eucalyptus globules	Blue Gum	Pomaderris aspera	Hazel Pomaderris
Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate	Senecio linearifolius	Fireweed Groundsel
Eucalyptus viminalis	Manna Gum	Senecio quadridentata	Cotton Fireweed?
Exocarpus cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart	Solanum laciniatum	Kangaroo Apple
Tetrarrhena juncea	Forest Wire Grass	Stellaria flaccida	Forest Starwort
Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge	Urtica incise?	Native Nettle
Geranium/Pelargonium sp.		Viola hederacea	Ivy-leaf Violet
Goodenia ovata	Hop Goodenia		
Ferns		Orchids	
Adiantum aethiopicum	Maidenhair Fern	Chiloglottis valida	Common Bird Orchid
Asplenium flabellifolium	Necklace Fern	Corybas sp.	Helmet orchid leaves
Blechnum cartilagineum	Gristle Fern	Sarcochilus australis	Butterfly Orchid
Blechnum minus	Soft Water Fern	Mosses	
Blechnum nudum	Fishbone Water-Fern	Campylopus sp.?	
Blechnum wattsi	Hard Water Fern	Dawsonia	
Culcita dubia or?	Ground Fern	Hypnum cupressiforme?	
Dicksonia Antarctica	Soft Tree Fern	Thuidiopsis sparsa	
Pellaea falcate	Sickle Fern	Liverwort/Lichen	
Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken	Marchantia?	
		Usnea?	



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Pound Bend bird list

Compiled by Lynn Smith

Australasian Darter	Rainbow Lorikeet	Grey Currawong
Little Pied Cormorant	Little Corella	Red Wattlebird
White-faced Heron	Laughing Kookaburra	White-naped Honeyeater
Dusky Moorhen	Superb Fairy-wren	Yellow-faced Honeyeater
Pacific Black Duck	Brown Thornbill	Common Bronzewing
Australian Wood Duck	White-browed Scrubwren	Spotted Pardalote
Australian King Parrot	Silvereye	Welcome Swallow
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Magpie Lark	Tawny Frogmouth
Galah	Australian Magpie	Noisy Miner
Eastern Rosella	Little Raven	Grey Fantail
Crimson Rosella	Grey Butcherbird	34 species
Musk Lorikeet	Pied Currawong	+ Sacred Kingfisher (seen post-outing on the Yarra River near the other tunnel entrance)

Arthur's Seat bird list

Compiled by Eleanor & Warwick Dilley

Whistling Kite	White-eared Honeyeater
Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo	Eastern Yellow Robin
Rainbow Lorikeet	Golden Whistler (M)
Crimson Rosella	Grey Shrike-thrush
Laughing Kookaburra	Grey Fantail
Brown Treecreeper	Australian Magpie
Brown Thornbill	Little Raven
Red Wattlebird	Common Blackbird