



## Wallum (Coastal Heathland) Study Group

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Due to lack of time at present to produce a full newsletter, and the need to provide members with an update now, this short newsheet is all I can manage just now, and a proper newsletter should follow in a few weeks' time.

This coming weekend - the 27th and 28th of August - will have the Wallum Study Group displays on show at the Sunshine Coast Wildflower Show at Coolum on the Saturday, at the Pine Rivers S.G.A.P. annual Mini Wildflower Spectacular, and the Bribie Island Wildflower Walks, on the Sunday. Preparing for these should have been less of a rush, but I lost 3-4 weeks due to a bad bout of 'flu which caught up with me mid-July. Now I'm madly trying to catch up on all the things I had planned to spread out over two months instead of one. Mainly I wanted to have some different photo "posters" for the displays, as I have been using the same ones for the past two years, and some of those Sunshine Coast people might recognize them.

Although it is going to be a very busy weekend, I wouldn't miss the Coolum Wildflower Show for anything, also it gives me a reason to have a whole day at the Coast on the Friday beforehand, to prepare and collect some wildflowers for use on both days. The Bribie Island Walks clash with the Pine Rivers SGAP Show this year, which will make that day a bit of a rush, mainly in the morning, when I'll have to finish off one display before going to the Island for the day.

Briefly, the weekend in June was a success although numbers were small. Everyone had a lovely time, saw quite a lot of wildflowers, maybe learned a bit more about them, and enjoyed themselves. The July outing to the Mt. Mee State Forest heath was also fairly well-attended, with several members of the Redcliffe & District SGAP joining the excursion. Some plants had already flowered, many were in bloom, while others were still to come out in the following months.

Two more dates have been made for the 1994 year, they are:

Sunday 25th September: Mt. Mee State Forest heath. Meet at the picnic area near the Forest Station between 9 and 9.30a.m. Permit to traverse needed, and obtainable from the Queensland Forest Service, beforehand. Bring morning tea and lunch, roads presently suitable for all vehicles.

A second excursion to Mt. Mee should find more flowers in bloom, and members of both Pine Rivers and Redcliffe SGAPs have been invited to join the Study Group this time.

Saturday 5th ~~December~~ <sup>November</sup>: Meet at 9.30a.m. at the home of Jan Glazebrook and Denis Cox, 87 Daintree Drive, Logan Village - bring your lunch.

The idea of this excursion is to give Study Group members on the southern side of the Brisbane region the opportunity to join a Group outing. So far all activities have been on the northern side of the region, or on the Sunshine Coast.

Members of the Study Group might like to help with the Bribie Island Wildflower Walks this coming Sunday, such help would be greatly appreciated by Study Group member, Val Yaxley of Bribie Island, who organises these walks each year. There will be a Study Group display, as well as a Butterfly display by Frank Jordan, who is also a member of the Group.

We have booked the Beerwah Field Study Centre, Roys Road, Beerwah, for the weekend of the 3rd and 4th of September. Saturday will be reserved for Study Group activities, while members will hopefully assist with the Centre's wildflower walks on the Sunday. Overnight accommodation is available, at a reduced cost for members guiding the walks.

Accommodation is bunkhouse-style, for around 20, camping is also available, there are 2 fully equipped kitchens, showers & toilets, bring your own bedding and food. On Saturday we will start at 9 a.m., with settling-in and morning tea, at 10a.m. we will check out the area to be used on Sunday for the walks. At lunch, there will be general discussion on Study Group doings, and during the afternoon any other work on the walks will be done - plant labelling, checking lists, etc. In the evening, after the meal, there will be slides and supper.

For anyone staying overnight, there is the chance of some early bird-watching on the Sunday, then we will help with the Centre's wildflower walks.

Please contact me - (07) 2899272 - as soon as possible if you wish to stay overnight, as a booking will have to be made.

Roys Road connects Beerwah township with the main Highway, through the State Forest, depending which road you use, turn off the Old Bruce Highway to the right at the Big Mower (look for National Parks sign), or left off the main Highway at the blue cross Hospital sign.

There will be a display by the Study Group at this year's S.G.A.P. (Qld. Region) Inc. Wildflower Spectacular at Redeemer Lutheran College, Rochedale, on the weekend of the 10th & 11th of September. I plan to be there both days, but if any members would like to help, they would be welcome.

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What's flowering in the Wallum "home" garden, in August?

From Ninghi, near Bribie:

Baeckea linearis  
Boronia falcifolia & saffrolifera  
Actus lanigera  
Chloanthes parviflora  
Hibbertia acicularis  
Pseudanthes orientalis  
Gompholobium virgatum  
Dillwynia floribunda  
Sowerbaea juncea  
Acacia baueri  
Leucopogon virgatum  
Mitrasacme polymorpha

Glass Mountain Creek area:

Goodenia bellidifolia or stelligera  
Pultenaea myrtoides

Emu Swamp "rescue":

Lomandra sp. (obliqua ?)  
Leucopogon lanceolatus var. gracilis  
Mirbelia rubrifolia  
Gompholobium pinnatum  
Boronia falcifolia  
Ricinocarpus pinifolius  
Acacia baueri                      Pultenaea paleacea  
Homoranthus virgatus  
Lobelia alata                      Velleia spathulata  
Dianella sp.                      Pimelea linifolia  
Leucopogon virgatum  
Xieria laxiflora                      Sowerbaea juncea  
Hibbertia acicularis  
Caladenia carnea - flowered July  
Acacia ulicifolia                      " & setting seed

Other (space permitting): Goodenia rotundifolia; Hakea sp. aff. gibbosa; Bauera capitata; Grevillea leiophylla (upright form); Hibbertia stricta ? from Marangba; Hibbertia obtusifolia ? from near Castaways Creek, S. Coast; Hovea acutifolia; Hakea florulenta (in bud); Leptospermum microcarpum (in bud).

From Marcoola, near Coolumb:

Conospermum taxifolium  
Sowerbaea juncea  
Boronia falcifolia  
Dillwynia floribunda  
Pultenaea paleacea  
Epacris obtusifolia (1 spike - 100+ individual flowers)  
Hibbertia linearis & vestita  
Homoranthus virgatus  
Mitrasacme polymorpha  
Olax retusa  
Patersonia sericea (Patersonia Days - 3rd, 12th, 18th, 22nd)  
Eriostemon myoporoides subsp. queenslandicus  
Mirbelia rubrifolia  
Baeckea imbricata  
Dianella sp.  
Pimelea linifolia  
Dillwynia glaberrima (pale & ordinary yellow)  
Platysace ericoides  
Laxmannia gracilis  
Acacia baueri  
Ricinocarpus pinifolius  
Gompholobium pinnatum  
Haemodorum tenuifolium - in bud  
Viminaria juncea                      "  
Callistemon pachyphyllus                      "  
Patersonia fragilis                      "  
Sprengelia sprengelioides                      "  
Leptospermum semibaccatum                      "  
Thelymitra ixoides                      "

With that bit of "Wallum Magic", I'll finish - till the newsletter proper,

Barbara H.