



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~~ ^{November}: 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.

