

Mt Wycheproof Plant List

Plants recorded in the Mt Wycheproof Reserve Nov 6, 2007.

* indicates an alien species i.e. Not native to Australia

+ indicates a non-local native species

“herb” means a non-woody plant, e.g. Cape Weed.

Acacia implexa	Lightwood	Small tree.
+Acacia retinodes	Wirilda.	Small tree. Planted.
+Acacia saligna (planted)	Willow Wattle	Large shrub/small tree. Phyllodes.
Allocasuarina luehmannii	Buloke	Possibly planted.
*Amsinckia calycina	Hairy Fiddleneck	Herb with yellow flowers.
*Arctotheca calendula	Cape Weed	Widespread weed.
Aristida behriana	Brush Wire-grass	Fairly common on the slopes.
*Asparagus asparagoides	Bridal Creeper	Also known as Smilax.
Atriplex semibaccata	Berry Saltbush	Prostrate saltbush.
Austrodanthonia eriantha	Hill Wallaby-grass	Small grass.
Austrostipa blackii	Crested Spear-grass	Erect grass.
Austrostipa elegantissima	Feather Spear-grass	Ornamental grass with feathery flowerheads.
Austrostipa scabra ssp falcata	Rough Spear-grass	Medium grass with open flower clusters. Thick in patches.
*Avena barbata	Bearded Oat	Widespread weed.
+Brachychiton populneus	Kurrajong	Planted.
*Bromus diandrus	Great Brome	Widespread weed.
*Bromus rubens	Red Brome	Low grass with reddish flower clusters.
Cheilanthes asutrotenuifolia	Rock Fern	Dies down in summer.
Chenopodium desertorum ssp microphyllum	Frosted Goosefoot	Prostrate saltbush.
Correa glabra	Rock Correa	Shrub, growing beside granite rocks.
*Ehium plantagineum	Paterson's Curse	Patches near old quarry.
*Ehrharta calycina	Perennial Veldt-grass	Widespread weed,
Einadia nutans ssp nutans	Nodding Saltbush	Prostrate saltbush.
Enchylaena tomentosa	Ruby Saltbush	Low-growing saltbush with succulent leaves and stems.
Enneapogon nigricans	Niggerheads	Native grass with dark compact flower clusters.
Enteropogon acicularis	Spider Grass	Native windmill grass.
Epilobium billardierianum ssp cinereum	Grey Willow-herb	Herb with greyish leaves.
Eriochloa pseudoatricha	Early Spring Grass	Native grass.
+Eucalyptus camaldulensis	River Red Gum	Planted. Were unable to find buds to confirm identity.
+Eucalyptus cladocalyx	Sugar Gum	Planted. SA native.
+Eucalyptus eremophila	Sand Mallee	Planted. WA native.
+Eucalyptus leucoxylon	Yellow Gum	Planted. This form a SA native.
+Eucalyptus occidentalis	Swamp Gum	Planted. WA native.
+Eucalyptus steedmanii	Steedman's Mallet	Planted. WA native.
+Eucalyptus torquata	Coral Gum	Planted. WA native.
+Eucalyptus viridis	Green Mallee	Planted. Vic native.
+Eucalyptus woodwardii	Lemon-flowered Mallee	Planted. WA native.
*Freesia sp	Freesia	Widespread weed.
*Fumaria sp	Fumitory	Sprawling herb with carrot-like leaves.
*Gazania linearis	Gazania	Widespread weedy daisy.
Gonocarpus elatus	Tall Raspwort	Herb on granite areas.
Hakea tephrosperma	Hooked Needlewood	Shrub with spiny leaves and yellow flowers.
*Hypochoeris glabra	Smooth Cat's-ear	Small dandelion-like weed.
Isotoma axillaris	Rock Isotome	Blue-flowered herb, usually on granite.
*Juncus acutus ssp acutus	Sharp Rush	Spiny, noxious weed.
Juncus flavidus	Yellow Rush	Native rush.
Lepidosperma sp	Sword-sedge	Dry-area sedge.
*Limonium lobatum	Winged Sea-lavender	Widespread weed of dry area.
*Marrubium vulgare	Horehound	Noxious weed.
+Melaleuca species	Paperbark	Planted. Large shrub/small tree.
*Plantago lanceolata	Flat-weed	Widespread weed.
Ptilotus exatatus	Pink Mulla Mulla	Showy pink-flowered Pussetails.
*Romulea rosea var australis	Onion-grass	Widespread weed.
Rumex brownii	Slender Dock	A slender native dock.
*Rumex crispus	Curled Dock	Dense flower clusters.
Rumex dumosus	Wiry Dock	A native dock with usually tangled stems.

Salsola tragus ssp tragus	Buck-bush	A tumbleweed.
Sclerolaena muricata	Five-spined Saltbush	Spines are in groups of five.
Sida corrugata	Variable Sida	Small yellow-flowered herb
Solanum esuriale	Quena	Herb with blue flowers.
*Solanum nigrum	Black Nightshade	Widespread weed.
*Sonchus oleraceus	Common Sow-thistle	A milk-thistle.
*Trifolium angustifolium	Narrow-leaf Clover	Clover with long narrow leaves.
*Trifolium arvense var arvense	Hare's-foot Clover	Widespread clover.
Typha sp	Bulrush	Cumbungi.
Vittadinia gracilis	Woolly New Holland Daisy	Herb with small blue daisy-flowers.
*Vulpia myuros forma megalura	Fox-tail Fescue	Widespread weed.
Wahlenbergia sp.	Bluebell	Herb with blue bell-shaped flowers.

Notes.

Lightwood is much more common in higher rainfall areas. On Mt Wycheproof it is stressed, and some trees have died. It will struggle to survive with lower rainfall and higher temperatures. Lightwood extends northward to NSW (where it is known as Hickory Wattle) and Queensland. In NSW it is mostly a coastal species but extends westward to the Malthoura area.

Rock Correa is most common in rocky areas and is a common shrub of rocky granite hilltops.

Hooked Needlewood is fairly widespread in north-west Victoria.

Planted Eucalypts. Some of these are flourishing. They are examples of what can grow in the district. Consideration could be given to a pathway through the plantation, with identification plaques, or a descriptive leaflet.

Weed Control. Weeds can be classified into two types: those that can be eradicated, and those for which eradication is very difficult or impossible. The latter include Onion Grass, Cape Weed etc.

It is a good idea to tackle weeds which are in small numbers, such as Gazanias.

Weeds that could be eliminated probably include Horehound, Spiny Rush and possibly the Crassula. Bridal Creeper is difficult to eradicate when well established, but it could be dealt with effectively while still in small infestations.

The grassy weeds near the summit will be difficult to remove. Herbicide is likely to kill any native species present. Many of the grassy weeds grow strongly in late winter and early spring. Many of the native grasses do not grow strongly until late spring/early summer. Slashing/mowing or light grazing of grasslands at the appropriate time can help control weeds without harming native grasses. Close mowing/slashing should be avoided.

The plant list is provisional. Many of the plants at the time of visit had died off. In some cases only remnants remained, which made identification difficult. We look forward to coming again and making a more comprehensive list.

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