

WARWICK YABBA

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Day 1

The weekend started with a walk through a local members Garden followed by Rosenthal Scrub.



Eremophila species were the flavour of the month in all of the gardens we visited. Colours varied through the spectrum, and the size and shape of the plants were just as changeable! A very drought tolerant plant it seems as they were grown extensively and very well known.



Day 2

We visited more local gardens followed by a bus trip to the Girraween National Park.



Acacia pruinosa - Frosty Wattle.



Santalaceae, probably *Choretrum candollei*.



Epacris microphylla.

Above are some of the small flowering plants we saw in Girraween National Park. It was very dry and the locals were disappointed at the lack of wild flowers about. There were a number of wattles in full flower in the car park and picnic areas.

A lecture by Liz Bourne from the Rare Wildflower Consortium, and a local this area, was very helpful in helping us to appreciate the flora and even find a few rare specimens. A copy of “Wildflowers of the Granite Belt” was given to us and used to identify the flowers we discovered on our walks. Having a few local experts walk with us also helped.



Acacia neriifolia – Granite Silver Wattle.

More garden tours and the opportunity to see a garden of contrasts. A range of grafted Grevilleas dominated the yard and there was also an enclosed tropical garden! Some very talented gardeners.



Day 3

Started with a visit to a Farm Garden. Don and Pauline went missing!





But not for long. They hitched a ride and we found them at the farm.



After the farm it was off to...





Like most walks to falls there is a dry side and a moist side, well usually. The shaded side was also very dry and the ferns and mosses were curling up and no sign of the wildflowers.





Then it was Goodbyes and Happy Travels.





Travelling back into the Scenic Rim via the Main Range. What a beautiful drive. 😊