

Little Desert, Victoria 2019: Bush Blitz expedition report





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Summary

From 21 October to 1 November 2019, Bush Blitz led an expedition to Little Desert National Park in the Wimmera region of western Victoria.

Surveys and collections filled knowledge gaps, provided important material for future genetic and taxonomic studies, and extended the known ranges of species.

At least 905 species were recorded during the Bush Blitz and 17 of those may be completely new to science (2 bees, 1 moth, 8 true bugs, 6 spiders). Many unnamed or informal invertebrate taxa were collected. These may assist scientists to revise, compare and describe species in the future.

Three threatened vertebrates and 27 threatened vascular plant species were recorded. See the Threatened Species section for more detail.

Nineteen introduced and pest animal species were recorded, along with 41 introduced plant species.

Highlights of the expedition include:

- collecting 5 specimens (representing both sexes) of *Euryglossa pammicta*, a native bee species that had not been seen or collected anywhere since 1969
- recording 5 moth species that are new records for Victoria, including one Erebidae species that may be new to science
- a higher than expected abundance and diversity of peacock spiders (*Maratus* sp.)
- notable range extensions for 6 plant and fungal species, including a a common smut-fungus (*Tilletia ehrhartae*) previously known in Victoria from only 3 collections
- a high diversity of small moss species in soil crusts at Lake Hindmarsh Lake Reserve and Birdcage Nature Conservation Reserve
- identifying areas of high conservation value outside Little Desert National Park, in particular a block of vegetation continuous with Foresters Spring Bushland Reserve and the north-west portion of Tallageira Nature Conservation Reserve which contained high plant diversity and localised species.

Introduction

About Bush Blitz

The Bush Blitz program documents plants and animals in selected properties across Australia to support the discovery of new species, complement and complete existing collections, and provide information to support land management and conservation.

Bush Blitz is an initiative of the Australian Government, through Parks Australia, in partnership with BHP and Earthwatch Australia. This innovative partnership harnesses the expertise of many of Australia's top scientists from museums, herbaria, universities, and other institutions and organisations across the country.

An estimated 580,000–680,000 species are found in Australia (Chapman 2009), but threequarters of this biodiversity is yet to be identified. Around 45% of continental Australia and over 90% of our marine area have never been comprehensively surveyed by scientists. Increasing our understanding of Australia's biodiversity is critical for conservation, biosecurity, agriculture, human and animal health and many other activities.

Since the Bush Blitz program began in 2010, more than 1,700 species have been discovered during Bush Blitz expeditions across Australia.

In addition to species discovery, Bush Blitz objectives include raising public awareness of biodiversity, and improving environmental, social and educational outcomes for local and Indigenous communities. While some of these objectives are met during expeditions – through Bush Blitz TeachLive, teacher workshops and community days – they are out of scope for this report.

About this report

This report summarises the initial scientific findings of an expedition to Little Desert National Park in Victoria. Information in this report has been extracted from the <u>scientific reports</u> provided by expedition members. Locational data for all flora and fauna records are provided to reserve managers and are publicly available through the <u>Atlas of Living Australia</u> (ALA).

Little Desert Bush Blitz

Bush Blitz led an expedition to Little Desert National Park, in the Wimmera region of western Victoria, from 21 October to 1 November 2019.

The Traditional Owners of the region are the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk (WJJWJ or collectively Wotjobaluk) Peoples, who maintain a strong connection to country.

Little Desert National Park was first gazetted in 1968 to preserve the 'eastern block' of the desert. The 'central' and 'western' blocks were added in 1988. The park now covers approximately 132,647 hectares and extends from the Wimmera River in the east to the South Australian border in the west. The park is currently managed by Parks Victoria under a cooperative agreement with the Wotjobaluk Peoples, represented by the Barengi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation.

The park forms a large remnant of native vegetation – an 'island' in a largely cleared landscape. This makes it a refuge for flora and fauna and a snapshot of the regional biodiversity before European settlement. With Neds Corner Station, Murray-Sunset National Park, Big Desert Wilderness Park and Grampians National Park, Little Desert National Park forms an important network protecting the wide biodiversity of western Victoria.

The park consists mainly of deep sandy soils with very low fertility, interspersed with small pockets of clay soils. There are occasional rocky, sandstone outcrops and buckshot rises. It's called a 'desert' because of the sand dunes and relatively low rainfall, however it supports a diverse vegetation ranging from woodlands of Yellow Gum (*Eucalyptus leucoxylon*), River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) and Black Box (*Eucalyptus largiflorens*) through open woodlands of Desert Stringybark (*Eucalyptus arenacea*) to expansive Desert Banksia (*Banksia ornata*) and Sheoak heathlands. Significant vegetation and habitats include Malleefowl habitats, Yellow Gum woodlands in the western block and the Wimmera Heritage River corridor (Victorian Government, 1996).

The Western Desert region of Victoria is a unique environment, with a number of herpetofauna found nowhere else in the state, and extremely high reptile diversity for Victoria. The herpetologists aimed to add tissue samples and recent voucher specimens to Museums Victoria's collection, and to investigate the impact of a recent change in fire management policy on populations.

Previous surveys extensively studied the vertebrate fauna of the park, however very little is known about the invertebrates. A number of small-scale surveys, conducted by Museums Victoria staff and affiliated researchers, have focused on terrestrial invertebrates over the years. Past large-scale survey efforts have concentrated on the Mallee region north of Little Desert National Park during the 1970s, and the Grampians region to the south-east in a 2012 Bioscan, rather than Little Desert National Park itself. It was expected that terrestrial invertebrates would be abundant and diverse throughout the park.

Prior to the expedition, a search on the ALA revealed only 10 records of bees for the park, including 5 records for the European Honeybee (*Apis mellifera*).

There was also relatively little information on the moths of the park. The moth team used existing records to produce a list of 234 species for the park. During the expedition, they hoped to extend the species list and identify species of particular interest.

The Bush Blitz expedition was the third survey of the park for true bugs (Heteroptera) by a member of the Cassis Laboratory, after Prof. Cassis conducted sampling in 1995 and 2002.

Odonata (dragonflies and damselflies) were not known to have been sampled in the park prior to this expedition however, as little permanent freshwater other than the Wimmera River exists in the park, a high diversity of these insects was not expected.

There are very few records of molluscs from the region in state collections, so one aim for the mollusc team was to reveal whether this is due to the lack of survey effort or that the environment simply harbours low diversity and/or densities, due either to ecological constraints or biogeographic history.

Little Desert National Park has a moderate diversity of plant species, compared with other reserves in Victoria, and has been well collected from and reasonably thoroughly surveyed for flora in the past. Some plant and fungi species distributions in this region are largely based on old records with imprecise location and habitat details, and this expedition aimed to better document their distribution.

The park is important for protecting large tracts of mallee, heathland and woodland on deep sand. Several smaller reserves exist around the park that protect similar vegetation.

Reserves to the north of the park represent small islands of remnant vegetation in a sea of agricultural land in the Wimmera region. This area has largely been cleared due to its more fertile soils, so vegetation is quite different to that of the nearby park. These small remnants are therefore of high conservation value, and, compared with the park, are generally poorly surveyed and under collected.

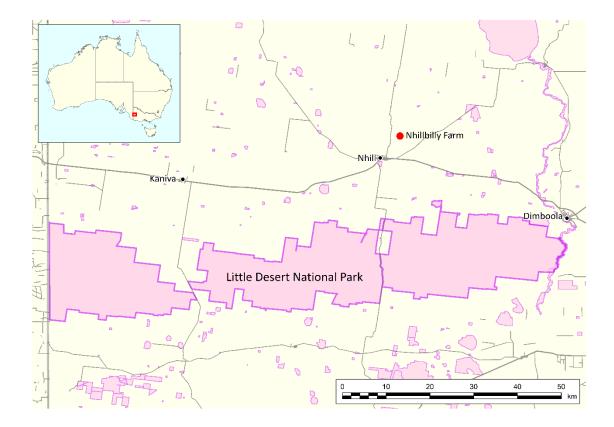
Reserves south of the park occur in an area of relatively higher rainfall, and often consist of large ephemeral swamps, both fresh and saline. This vegetation is also quite distinct from the park. These areas are often quite inaccessible and are also relatively under collected.

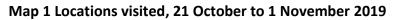
Based on the extensive history of botanical collection in this region and the degradation of the vegetation surrounding the park, it was considered unlikely that any new native plant records for Victoria would be made. There was a greater likelihood of new fungi species being discovered in the region, because fungi are far less thoroughly collected, however the dry conditions around the time of the expedition were not favourable for fungal discoveries. It was expected that range extensions might be recorded for some plants, especially introduced species.

Study area

In addition to Little Desert National Park, some expedition members, particularly the botanists, visited protected areas to the north and south of the park. Specimens were also collected opportunistically, including at Nhillbilly Farm which was base camp for the duration of the expedition.

Map 1 shows the location of Little Desert National Park and Nhillbilly Farm. Protected areas are indicated with pink shading but not all were visited. The towns of Kaniva, Nhill and Dimboola are also shown.





Note: For a map of collection sites see <u>Appendix B</u>.

Expedition team

Logistics

Bush Blitz provided the logistical coordination and overall leadership for the expedition. The Bush Blitz team consisted of Kate Grarock, Jo Harding, Haylee Weaver and Helen Cross.

Scientific

Museums Victoria (MV) and the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria (RBGV) were the host institutions for this Bush Blitz, providing the core group of personnel and accessioning the specimens into their collections. Experts from Wimmera Catchment Management Authority (Wimmera CMA), Wildlife Profiles Pty Ltd, the University of New South Wales (UNSW) and Queensland Museum (QM) also conducted field and laboratory work and are included in Table 1.

Bush Blitz TeachLive

Five teachers from around Australia participated in Bush Blitz TeachLive, a collaborative program between the Bush Blitz partners and the Australian Science Teachers Association. Working alongside scientists, the teachers reinvigorated their love for science, generated new ideas and learned new skills to take back to their schools. Teachers taught 'live' to their classrooms via the TeachLive website and video conferencing sessions. Sandra McCullough and Maria Garcia Rojas from Earthwatch Australia coordinated the TeachLive activities. TeachLive participants were Jeff Scott (WA), Lynne Nadebaum (VIC), Michael Duffy (TAS), Todd Rogers (QLD) and Catarina Murphy (QLD).

Photography

Heath Warwick and Ben Healley, from Museums Victoria, were the scientific photographers.

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Figure 1 Some members of the expedition team at the Nhill community day

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Methods

Taxonomic groups studied and personnel

A number of taxonomic groups were selected as targets for study. Table 1 lists the groups surveyed and the personnel who undertook the fieldwork, made identifications and reported on the findings.

Group	Common name	Personnel and affiliation	
Mammalia Mammals		Ben Holmes (Wimmera CMA)	
Reptilia and Amphibia	Reptiles and amphibians	Joanna Sumner (MV)	
		Peter Robertson (Wildlife Profiles Pty Ltd)	
		Ricky-Lee Erickson (MV)	
		Maik Fiedel (MV)	
		Till Ramm (MV)	
		Sam Botting (MV)	
Apoidea	Native Australian bees	Ken Walker (MV)	
Lepidoptera	Moths	Cathy Powers (MV)	
		Peter Marriott (MV)	
		Nish Mohamed Nizar (MV)	
General invertebrates	General invertebrates	Simon Hinkley (MV)	
		Claire Keely (MV)	
Heteroptera	True bugs	Arlee McMah (UNSW)	
Odonata	Dragonflies and damselflies	Richard Marchant (MV)	
Mollusca	Terrestrial and freshwater snails	Adnan Moussalli (MV)	
		Melanie Mackenzie (MV)	
		Chris Rowley (MV)	
Arachnida	Spiders	Barbara Baehr (QM)	
		Joseph Schubert (MV)	
Vascular flora and	Flowering plants, liverworts, mosses and	Andre Messina (RBGV)	
cryptogams	fungi	Val Stajsic (RBGV)	
		Daniel Ohlsen (RBGV)	

Table 1 Taxonomic groups surveyed and personnel

Parks Victoria staff Laurie Norman and Gavin Read assisted scientists with site selection and specimen collection. Di Bray (MV) coordinated the Museums Victoria staff in the field.

Other personnel, including but not limited to Gerry Cassis (UNSW), Marilyn Hewish (MV) and Ted Edwards (CSIRO), assisted with making identifications and reporting. These personnel and their roles are mentioned in the scientific reports.

Site selection and collection methods

All scientists surveyed 2 standard survey sites selected by Bush Blitz. Each standard survey site was centred on a point (permanently marked), but the actual area surveyed varied between taxa. Standard methodologies were used to sample these sites.

The use of standard survey sites provides a unique opportunity to examine broad-spectrum biodiversity. Among other benefits, it allows land managers to use these sites for ongoing monitoring and generates a national dataset that can be used to underpin conservation and land management decisions.

Apart from standard survey sites, site selection and collection methods were left to the discretion of the individual scientist. When selecting sites, scientists prioritised areas that were under-surveyed and had high potential for new or significant discoveries. They also considered the suitability of the site based on access, collection technique, habitat type and time available. Site locations were recorded using global positioning systems. Specific details about site selection and collection methods can be found in the scientific reports.



Figure 2 Barbara Baehr and Helen Cross collecting spiders

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Identification and curation

The specimens taken were identified using the holdings of museums and herbaria and available literature (references are provided in the scientific reports).

Fauna specimens were deposited with Museums Victoria, with duplicates of Heteroptera specimens deposited in the UNSW entomology collection. Flora specimens were deposited at the National Herbarium of Victoria.

Results

Summary of records

Preliminary results indicate that at least 905 species were recorded during the expedition, including approximately 17 putative new species – these await formal identification. Three threatened animal species, 27 threatened plant species, 19 introduced and pest animal species and 41 weed species were also recorded.

Table 2 provides a summary of the flora and fauna records made on the expedition.

Group	recorded		Putative new species	Threatened species	Introduced and pest species
Mammalia			0	0	0
Aves	Birds	1	0	1	0
Reptilia	Reptiles	18	0	2	0
Amphibia	Frogs	2	0	0	0
Hymenoptera	Ants	33	0	0	0
	Bees	24	2	0	1
	Wasps	2	0	0	0
Lepidoptera	Moths	188	1	0	9
Trichoptera	Caddisflies	2	0	0	0
Diptera	Flies	1	0	0	0
Coleoptera	Beetles	52	0	0	С
Heteroptera	True bugs	62	8	0	2
Auchenorryncha	Planthoppers and froghoppers	3	0	0	C
Neuroptera	Lacewings	2	0	0	C
Psocoptera	Booklice	1	0	0	С
Dermaptera	otera Earwigs		0	0	1
Orthoptera	Grasshoppers, crickets, katydids	3	0	0	0
Blattodea	dea Cockroaches		0	0	С
Odonata	Dragonflies and damselflies	7	0	0	0
Mantodea	Mantids	2	0	0	0
Thysanoptera	Thrips	1	0	0	0
Zygentoma	Silverfish	1	0	0	C
Collembola	Springtails	2	0	0	0
Myriapoda	Centipedes and millipedes	4	0	0	1
Arachnida	Spiders	132	6	0	C
	Scorpions	3	0	0	C
	Pseudoscorpions	1	0	0	(
	Mites	1	0	0	1

Table 2 Summary of flora and fauna records

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Group	Common name	Total species recorded	Putative new species	Threatened species	Introduced and pest species
Isopoda	Woodlice	1	0	0	1
Gastropoda	Snails and slugs	11	0	0	3
Vascular flora	Flowering plants	313	0	27	41
Bryophytes	Liverworts	2	0	0	0
	Mosses	16	0	0	0
Fungi	Fungi	5	0	0	0
Total		905	17	30	60

Note: Threatened species include those listed as threatened under the Commonwealth EPBC Act or an equivalent listing under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 (Victoria). Introduced and pest species may include species that are native to Australia.

Species lists

Lists of all species recorded during the expedition (<u>Appendix A</u>) were compiled using data from participating institutions.

Some specimens were only able to be identified to family or genus level. This is partly because identification of specimens is very time-consuming, with detailed microscopic examination needed in many cases. Some groups are also 'orphans' – currently no experts are working on them or are available to work on them and the taxonomic literature is out of date. Species-level identification is therefore not possible for these groups.

Unidentified Bush Blitz specimens are held in institutional collections where they are available for future study. Collections hold many such specimens, among them species not yet described (that is, unnamed species) as well as described species that have not yet been identified. For example, the Australian National Insect Collection holds tens of thousands of unidentified specimens. Specimens often wait decades before the resources become available for their study. A key component of Bush Blitz is the funding of taxonomic work on specimens collected during Bush Blitz expeditions.

Nomenclature and taxonomic concepts used in this report are consistent with the Australian Faunal Directory (AFD), Australian Plant Name Index and Australian Plant Census, AusMoss, and the Catalogue of Australian Liverworts and Hornworts.

Discussion

Putative new species

Here we use the term 'putative new species' to mean an unnamed species that, as far as can be ascertained, was identified as a new species as a direct result of this Bush Blitz. A putative new species is confirmed as a new species once it is named and its description is published.

Approximately 17 putative new species were discovered during the expedition. Further research may reveal additional new species in the material collected. Many invertebrate specimens have not yet been identified to species and taxonomic work on these specimens will continue for many years.

Bees

There were 2 species of *Lasioglossum* collected that are thought to be new to science. *Lasioglossum (Chilalictus)* sp. nov. is in a subgenus represented by 3 species that have lateral hair tufts on the first metasomal (abdominal) segment. This new species has such lateral hair tufts but is not one of those 3 known species. *Lasioglossum (Ctenonomia)* sp. nov. is in a subgenus that has not been revised, however the mesoscutal (thorax) sculpture pattern is different from that found in the described species.

Moths

There are probably a number of moth species new to science among the 40 unidentified taxa collected. One unidentified species, from the Erebidae family, is certainly a new record for Victoria and, if it cannot be matched to a specimen found interstate, it may be new to science.

True bugs

Australian Heteroptera (true bugs) comprise approximately 2,500 described species (AFD). Bush Blitz Phase 1 surveys revealed 1,391 Heteropteran species, 391 of which are new to science. In their report to the ABRS on Bush Blitz Phase 1, Prof. Cassis and Prof. Laffan indicated the species taxonomic accumulation curve of Australian Heteroptera is not levelling and predicated there are approximately 6,500 species in total.

Of the 62 species of true bugs collected during the expedition, 8 are recognised as putatively new to science – 6 Miridae, 1 Tingidae and 1 Rhyparochromidae. Four of these new species are only represented by a single specimen.



Figure 3 New species of true bug discovered on the expedition

Austromiris sp_BBLDORTHO001_msp.013 Photograph: © Copyright, University of New South Wales

Myrtlemiris sp_BBLDMYRT002_msp.048

Spiders

At least 6 species of spider were collected that were previously unknown to science. The 2 new miturgid species are likely sister species to one currently being described by Robert Raven. Salticidae gen. nov. sp. nov. cf. *Saitis* sp. is a relative of *Saitis virgatus*, which itself is likely misplaced, and both species may require a new genus. There were also 2 new euophryine species, belonging to an undescribed genus of about 5 striped species which is widespread in Australia. The new peacock spider, *Maratus inaquosus*, was subsequently described by Joseph Schubert in 2020. Further investigation into the unidentified material will likely produce several more new species.

Threatened species

Approximately 92% of Australian plants, 87% of mammals, 93% of reptiles and 45% of birds are endemic (Chapman 2009). Changes to the landscape resulting from human activity have put many of these unique species at risk. Over the last 200 years, many species have gone extinct; many others are considered to be threatened – that is, at risk of extinction.

In this report, the term 'threatened species' refers to species listed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Commonwealth) (EPBC Act) or the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 (Victoria) (FFG Act).

At the time of the expedition Victoria had multiple lists of threatened species, however, recent amendments to the FFG Act have established a single comprehensive list of threatened flora and fauna species. This has resulted in a change to the conservation status of several species since the scientific reports were submitted. The conservation status given in this report is based on the new single <u>FFG Act Threatened List</u> (October 2021).

During the expedition, 30 threatened species were recorded – all 30 are listed under the FFG Act and 3 are also listed under the EPBC Act – Malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellata*), Hairy-pod Wattle (*Acacia glandulicarpa*) and Colourful Spider-orchid (*Caladenia colorata*).

Fauna

The vertebrate team recorded 2 threatened reptile species during the expedition – Lined Worm-Lizard (*Aprasia striolata*) and Heath Monitor (*Varanus rosenbergi*). Five individuals of Lined Worm-Lizard (*Aprasia striolata*) were found in the pit trapping lines – one in the park and 4 on Urimbirra Cooperative land directly to the north of the park. These slender burrowing lizards are found in a variety of dry and sandy soils. The Victorian Western Desert region is at the eastern extent of their distribution. Much of the burrowing lizard's habitat has been cleared for farming or tree plantation.

In addition, the botanical team identified Malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellata*) and several inactive Malleefowl nests in the high quality remnant mallee and woodland of Foresters Spring Bushland Reserve and the adjoining unreserved block of vegetation.

Very few invertebrates are listed as threatened because there is limited information on their status and distribution, factors on which listings could be based.

Family	Species	Common name	Status
Megapodiidae	Leipoa ocellata	Malleefowl	Vulnerable (EPBC Act & FFG Act)
Pygopodidae	Aprasia striolata	Lined Worm-lizard, Striped Worm-lizard	Endangered (FFG Act)
Varanidae	Varanus rosenbergi	Heath Monitor, Rosenberg's Goanna	Critically Endangered (FFG Act)

Table 3 Threatened fauna

Plants

There were 27 threatened plant species recorded during the expedition.

Two large populations of *Levenhookia pusilla* were observed near Mount Moffat in Little Desert National Park. This species had been recorded only twice before in Victoria, over 20 years ago, with both occasions being near Mount Moffat. Populations appeared in burnt vegetation patches and have responded positively to the frequency and severity of fire that has occurred in this area.

Family	Species	Status	Comments
Asteraceae	Brachyscome readeri	Endangered (FFG Act)	Tallageira Nature Conservation Reserve; common at the site, hundreds of plants
Asteraceae	Centipeda crateriformis subsp. compacta	Endangered (FFG Act)	Morea State Forest and Tallageira Nature Conservation Reserve; common
Asteraceae	Senecio hispidissimus	Endangered (FFG Act)	Tallageira Nature Conservation Reserve; common
Asteraceae	Vittadinia cuneata var. morrisii	Endangered (FFG Act)	Miram; scattered
Asteraceae	Vittadinia megacephala	Endangered (FFG Act)	Mitre Lake Nature Conservation Reserve; very rare, only scattered plants
Chenopodiaceae	Tecticornia syncarpa	Endangered (FFG Act)	Lake Wyn Wyn, southern end; common at the site, hundreds of plants
Ericaceae	Leucopogon virgatus var. brevifolius	Endangered (FFG Act)	Little Desert NP, central block; uncommon

Table 4 Threatened vascular plants

Family	Species	Status	Comments
Fabaceae	Acacia glandulicarpa	Vulnerable (EPBC Act) & Endangered (FFG Act)	Foresters Spring Bushland Reserve; scattered plants in reserve
Fabaceae	Acacia simmonsiana	Endangered (FFG Act)	Foresters Spring Bushland Reserve; about 20 plants
Fabaceae	Daviesia pectinata	Critically Endangered (FFG Act)	Kiata South Rd, on southern edge of Kiata Lowan Sanctuary; locally common, hundreds of plants in area
Fabaceae	Phyllota remota	Endangered (FFG Act)	Foresters Spring Bushland Reserve; 1 plant seen, but area not searched
Goodeniaceae	Goodenia benthamiana	Endangered (FFG Act)	Kiata South Rd, on southern edge of Kiata Lowan Sanctuary; scattered plants
Malvaceae	Thomasia petalocalyx	Endangered (FFG Act)	Morea Bushland Reserve; common at site
Myrtaceae	<i>Eucalyptus wimmerensis</i> subsp. grata	Critically Endangered (FFG Act)	Lawloit 150 Bushland Reserve; co-dominant
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca halmaturorum	Endangered (FFG Act)	Lake Wyn Wyn Wildlife Reserve; dominant, forming a woodland
Orchidaceae	Caladenia colorata	Endangered (EPBC Act) & Critically Endangered (FFG Act)	Tallageira Nature Conservation Reserve; occasional
Orchidaceae	Prasophyllum sp. aff. occidentale C	Endangered (FFG Act)	Miram Piram 138 Bushland Reserve; very rare, 6 plants
Orchidaceae	Prasophyllum spadiceum	Critically Endangered (FFG Act)	Tallageira Nature Conservation Reserve; widely scattered in the area
Rubiaceae	Asperula wimmerana	Endangered (FFG Act)	Birdcage Nature Conservation Reserve; forming extensive cover over several square metres
Rutaceae	Boronia filifolia	Endangered (FFG Act)	Little Desert NP; only 1 plant seen
Rutaceae	Phebalium stenophyllum	Endangered (FFG Act)	Miram South Rd; scattered plants
Rutaceae	Zieria veronicea subsp. veronicea	Endangered (FFG Act)	Little Desert NP; common at 2 sites
Santalaceae	Choretrum glomeratum var. chrysanthum	Endangered (FFG Act)	Foresters Spring Bushland Reserve; 1 plant
Santalaceae	Choretrum glomeratum var. glomeratum	Endangered (FFG Act)	Kiata South Rd, on southern edge of Kiata Lowan Sanctuary; 1 plant seen
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila gibbifolia	Vulnerable (FFG Act)	10 m north of Kiata South Road; 1 plant seen
Solanaceae	Nicotiana suaveolens	Endangered (FFG Act)	Lake Hindmarsh; restricted to narrow sand dune, ~50 plants seen
Stylidiaceae	Levenhookia pusilla	Critically Endangered (FFG Act)	Little Desert NP, 2 sites; locally common following ecological burn

Introduced and pest species

Conservation reserves help to protect Australia's rare and threatened ecosystems and provide refuge for species at risk. Invasive species can have a major impact on already vulnerable species and ecosystems, as well as economic, environmental and social impacts. The inclusion of introduced and pest species records as part of this report is designed to provide land managers with baseline information to assist with further pest management programs.



Figure 4 European Honey Bees drinking at Broughtons Waterhole

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Invertebrates

The European Honey Bee (*Apis mellifera*) was observed at all study sites, mostly in low numbers on flowers, except where a feral hive was found in the base of eucalypt tree at Broughtons Waterhole. The European Honey Bee was introduced to Australia for honey production by early European settlers in about 1822. Managed hives are kept commercially for honey production, but feral bees have become an increasing threat and are now found throughout Australia. They are generally aggressive, have a tendency to swarm and pose a future health risk to managed hives. Feral European Honey Bees may outcompete native fauna for floral resources or tree hollows for nesting and may disrupt natural pollination processes. However, there is insufficient research on interactions between European Honey Bees and Australian biota to fully describe their impacts. Eradication is not feasible on a broad scale, but swarm traps or baiting could be used at localised sites frequently visited by the public.

The larvae of some native moth species may feed on crops, pastures or plantations, generally related to their native hosts. Most of the species listed in Table 5 generally frequent open country and all but one was observed at Nhillbilly Farm. Noctuids are strong fliers and some species are mobile, for example, migratory Bogong Moths (*Agrotis infusa*). The adults may visit or invade nearby woodlands for nectar or in migration events. Apple Looper (*Phrissogonus laticostata*) inhabits woodlands and forests.

The European Earwig (*Forficula auricularia*) was probably introduced to Australia from Europe prior to the 1900s. It is now an invasive pest found widely throughout southern Australia. The species eats a variety of broadacre and horticultural crops, however there are no known natural enemies that can effectively control it in Australia. The impact of the European Earwig on Australia's fauna has not yet been studied, however the earwig has been implicated in the decline of several threatened and endangered invertebrate species in America. Soil tillage (mechanical agitation of soil, such as digging, stirring or overturning) may help control numbers. One specimen was collected during the survey period, from Nhillbilly Farm via direct searching.

The Portuguese Millipede (*Ommatoiulus moreletii*) is native to south-western Europe and was accidentally introduced to Australia in 1953. It has become a common pest found in South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania, ACT, New South Wales and Western Australia. The millipede's distribution in Australia is increasing and the species is expected to continue to spread much further. The species is generally found in grassland, woodland and suburban gardens and invades houses in large numbers in autumn and spring. The Portuguese Millipede is most problematic to emerging crop seedlings, however biological control agents have been trialled with limited success. The species was observed at almost all study sites throughout the survey period.

Porcellionides pruinosus is a cosmopolitan woodlouse (or slater), introduced from Europe and now widespread throughout warmer parts of the world. While terrestrial isopods are often mistaken for insects, it is in fact a crustacean. Two specimens were collected during the survey period, from Nhillbilly Farm and Horseshoe Bend via direct searching.

During the expedition, 3 introduced snail species were recorded – 2 terrestrial and 1 freshwater. While the 2 terrestrial species, *Microxeromagna lowei* and *Cernuella virgata*, were not recorded in the park, it is highly likely they are established at sites along the eastern boundary, particularly in riparian habitat along Wimmera River. Additional surveys would be needed to confirm this. *M. lowei* was only recorded in riparian habitat at Jeparit, and *C. virgata* at Nhillbilly Farm and Loch lel (Pink Lake) Lake Reserve, both at very high abundance. Both species are regarded as serious agricultural pests, especially for grain crops. The freshwater snail, *Physa acuta* is well established in most Victorian waterways, as is the case in the Wimmera River. The species is highly invasive, tolerates a wide spectrum of environmental conditions and is typically found at very high densities. This species competitively suppresses the growth rate of native species.

Table 5 lists the introduced and pest invertebrate species recorded during the expedition.

Group	Family	Species	Common name	Comments
Bees	Apidae	Apis mellifera	European Honey Bee	Recorded at most sites; mostly low numbers
Crustacea	Philosciidae	Porcellionides pruinosus	na	Collected from 2 sites
Earwigs	Forficulidae	Forficula auricularia	European Earwig	1 specimen collected
Millipedes	Julidae	Ommatoiulus moreleti	Portuguese Millipede	Seen at most sites
Mites	Erythraeidae	Rainbowia sp.	na	na
Moths	Geometridae	Phrissogonus laticostata	Apple Looper	Common; minor pest
	Noctuidae	Agrotis infusa	Bogong Moth	Moderately common; of major economic importance
	Noctuidae	Agrotis munda	Brown Cutworm	Moderately common; minor pest

Table 5 Introduced and pest invertebrate species

Group	Family	Species	Common name	Comments
	Noctuidae	Agrotis porphyricollis	na	Common; minor pest
	Noctuidae	Chrysodeixis argentifera	Tobacco Looper	Moderately common; minor pest
	Noctuidae	Helicoverpa punctigera	Native budworm	Common; of major economic importance
	Noctuidae	Mythimna (Pseudaletia) convecta	na	Moderately common; of major economic importance
	Plutellidae	Plutella xylostella	Cabbage Moth	Uncommon; of major economic importance
	Pyralidae	Etiella behrii	Etiella Web Moth	Common; minor pest
Snails and slugs	Hygromiidae	Cernuella virgata	Vineyard Snail	Nhillbilly Farm, Loch Iel; very high abundance
	Hygromiidae	Microxeromagna lowei	Citrus Snail	Jeparit; very high abundance
	Physidae	Physa acuta	Acute Bladder Snail	Little Desert NP, eastern boundary, Wimmera River; very high abundance
True bugs	Lygaeidae	Nysius vinitor	Rutherglen Bug	Nhillbilly Farm; high hundreds to thousands; observed at light sheet, higher abundance on warmer nights
	Miridae	Creontiades dilutus	Green Mirid	Nhillbilly Farm; <100, low abundance at light sheet

na Not available.

Vascular plants

During the expedition, 41 introduced plant species were recorded. Several of these occurred in low numbers and could potentially be eradicated before they become too common. The botanical report includes additional detail on these species and recommendations for land managers.

Table 6 lists 3 species that are declared weeds in Victoria.

African Boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera* subsp. *monilifera*) is a serious environmental weed in parts of Victoria and a Weed of National Significance. At the time of the expedition, it was an infrequent weed in Birdcage Nature Conservation Reserve and Lake Hindmarsh Lake Reserve. In other parts of Victoria, this species has become highly invasive to the extent that it has become the dominant species within the vegetation and has displaced many native species. This species has the potential to form similarly extensive populations at the sites where it was recorded.

Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*) is a widespread and troublesome weed in Victoria, particularly on alkaline soils and degraded or overgrazed pasture, sometimes colonizing bare, eroded ground.

African Lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*) was formerly known from a few scattered localities in Victoria but the species has become an abundant weed along roadsides in many areas. It is particularly troublesome in pasture, due to its ability to form a dense cover to the exclusion of other more desirable cropping or grazing species.

Family	Species	Common name	Location and comments
Asteraceae	Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. monilifera	African Boneseed	Scattered plants at Birdcage Nature Conservation Reserve and 10 plants at Lake Hindmarsh
Lamiaceae	Marrubium vulgare	Horehound	Birdcage Nature Conservation Reserve; 1 plant, but area not searched
Poaceae	Eragrostis curvula	African Lovegrass	Birdcage Nature Conservation Reserve; common along road and abundant in paddock on east side of road

Table 6 Gazetted weeds

An additional 38 introduced plant species are listed in Table 7.

In Tallageira Nature Conservation Reserve, the botanical team were particularly concerned about an invasion of Orange Wattle (*Acacia saligna*) near an area with high plant diversity, notably 11 orchid species, including threatened species. *Acacia* species have the potential to produce thickets and outcompete many smaller species that contribute much of the diversity in the reserve, including orchids.

Acacia trineura is not listed here because it is indigenous to the region, however, it appears to have been originally planted at Lake Hindmarsh. This species self-seeds and suckers extensively and is now well established at the site, where millions of plants were observed.

Family	Species	Common name	Location and comments
Aizoaceae	Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum	Small Ice-plant	Lake Hindmarsh; common, thousands of plants; previously uncollected in the Wimmera
Asteraceae	Centaurea melitensis	Malta Thistle	Birdcage Nature Conservation Reserve; rare at site
Asteraceae	Cotula coronopifolia	Water-buttons	Near Jeparit (at mouth of river inlet) and at a dry billabong in Little Desert NP; common at both sites
Asteraceae	Scorzonera laciniata var. calcitrapifolia	na	Mitre Lake Nature Conservation Reserve; scattered plants
Boraginaceae	Amsinckia calycina	Hairy Fiddle-neck	Nhillbilly Farm; localised, ~20 plants
Boraginaceae	Buglossoides arvensis	Sheepweed	Birdcage Nature Conservation Reserve; ~20 plants
Caryophyllaceae	Petrorhagia dubia	Hairy Pink	West Wail Nature Conservation Reserve and Tallageira Nature Conservation Reserve; common at both sites
Crassulaceae	Crassula natans var. minor	Floating Pigmyweed	Mallee Dam Bushland Reserve; common at the site
Cyperaceae	Isolepis hystrix	Awned Club-rush	Lawloit 150 Bushland Reserve; hundreds of plants
Fabaceae	Acacia iteaphylla	Flinders Range Wattle	Goroke; hundreds of plants of various age classes, spread over several hundred metres, on both sides of the road; appear to have been originally planted, now naturalised; a serious environmental weed at the site
Fabaceae	Acacia saligna	Orange Wattle	Tallageira Nature Conservation Reserve; common; a very serious environmental weed in the reserve; poses a threat to habitat of

Table 7 Non-gazetted weeds

Family	Species	Common name	Location and comments	
			several threatened orchids including Prasophyllum spadiceum	
Fabaceae	Medicago minima	Little Medic	Lake Hindmarsh; very common at site	
Fabaceae	Medicago polymorpha	Burr Medic	Lake Hindmarsh; 2 plants, but area not searched	
Fabaceae	Medicago truncatula	Barrel Medic	Lake Hindmarsh; common at site	
Fabaceae	Trifolium glomeratum	Clustered Clover	Birdcage Nature Conservation Reserve; common at site	
Fabaceae	Trifolium hirtum	Hairy Clover	Lake Hindmarsh; common at site	
Fabaceae	Trifolium scabrum	Rough Clover	Miram; common at site	
Gentianaceae	Cicendia filiformis	Slender Cicendia	Tallageira Nature Conservation Reserve; rare at site	
Juncaceae	Juncus capitatus	na	Mallee Dam Bushland Reserve; only a few plants seen	
Orchidaceae	Disa bracteata	na	Tallageira Nature Conservation Reserve, common at site; Morea State Forest, scattered plants	
Orobanchaceae	Parentucellia latifolia ^a	na	Mallee Dam Bushland Reserve; scattered	
Plantaginaceae	Plantago bellardii	Silky Plantain	Morea State Park and Goroke; common at both sites	
Plumbaginaceae	Limonium lobatum	Winged Sea- lavender	Lake Hindmarsh; several patches up to 10 m x 10 m across	
Poaceae	Avellinia festucoides	na	Mallee Dam Bushland Reserve; scattered plants	
Poaceae	Brachypodium distachyon	False Brome	Lake Hindmarsh; common at site	
Poaceae	Briza maxima	Large Quaking Grass	Tallageira Nature Conservation Reserve; common	
Poaceae	Briza minor	Lesser Quaking Grass	Mallee Dam Bushland Reserve; scattered in the channels	
Poaceae	Ehrharta calycina	Perennial Veldt- grass	Lake Hindmarsh Lake Reserve; observed at almost all sites and often the most abundant species; probably the most common weed species in the Wimmera	
Poaceae	Hordeum marinum	na	Lake Hindmarsh; common at site	
Poaceae	Lagurus ovatus	Hares-tail Grass	Tallageira Nature Conservation Reserve and Morea State Forest; common in some areas at both sites	
Poaceae	Lolium rigidum	Wimmera Rye-grass	Horsham area, Wimmera River; common at site	
Poaceae	Parapholis incurva	Coast Barb-grass	Lake Hindmarsh; abundant at site	
Poaceae	Pentameris airoides subsp. airoides	na	Lawloit 150 Bushland Reserve; scattered	
Poaceae	Phalaris paradoxa	Paradoxical Canary- grass	Wail State Forest; vast stands over lake bed	
Poaceae	Rostraria cristata	Annual Cat's-tail	Lake Hindmarsh; scattered at site	
Poaceae	Tribolium acutiflorum	na	Jeparit area, Wimmera River; locally common but restricted to saline areas	

Family	Species	Common name	Location and comments
Ranunculaceae	Adonis microcarpa	Pheasants-eye Adonis	Lake Hindmarsh; 6 plants at one site and ~50 plants at a second; in Victoria previously known from 5 collections
Solanaceae	Nicotiana glauca	Tree Tobacco	Wimmera River; scattered along a billabong

a Bellardia latifolia in <u>VICFLORA</u>. na Not available.

Range extensions

The known ranges of many species were extended, including new records for Victoria. The most notable range extensions are listed in Table 8.

The collection of 5 specimens of *Euryglossa pammicta* was significant, as this native bee had not been seen or collected since 1969, and there are only 12 known records for this species.

It is likely that 16 of the moth species recorded during the expedition had not been previously recorded in Little Desert National Park or its surrounds. Most of these records represent extensions of known ranges within Victoria, but 5 species appear to be new for Victoria. Of the species new for the state, *Pedois amaurophanes* and *Machaeritis aegrella* were recorded at all 3 sites surveyed within the park. They are therefore probably in widespread, established populations in the region. *Euphiltra angustior* was found only in agricultural land at Nhillbilly Farm. It was not detected in the denser, indigenous vegetation within the park.

Although there were no new state records in the flora collected, there were notable range extensions for 6 species. The grass *Anthosachne kingiana* subsp. *multiflora* was collected around 200 km from its closest previous collection. The moss *Bryobartramia novae-valesiae* is seldom collected and was around 120 km from its closest previous collection and the moss *Tayloria octoblepharum* was around 100 km from its closest previous collection and was in a much drier environment than is usually observed for this species.

Group	Family	Species	Comments
Bees	Colletidae	Euryglossa pammicta	First record since 1969; known from NW Victoria
Moths	Crambidae	Scoparia meyrickii	350 km range extension from subalpine areas east of Melbourne
	Crambidae	Tipanaea patulella	200 km range extension from central Victoria; closest record Scarsdale
	Depressariidae	Pedois amaurophanes	New record for Victoria; known from NSW, closest record SW of Sydney 820 km
	Erebidae	Arrade leucocosmalis	80 km range extension from Grampians and central Victoria
	Erebidae	Erebidae sp.	New record for Victoria; needs further investigation and may be a new species
	Erebidae	Halone servilis	80 km range extension; previously known from Melbourne area to Grampians
	Gelechiidae	Ardozyga desmatra	Infill in range, Brisbane Ranges, Vic. (140 km) to Mt Gambier, SA (130 km)

Table 8 Range extensions

Group	Family	Species	Comments
	Hypertrophidae	Eupselia axiepaena	230 km range extension from central Victoria; closest record Eppalock
	Oecophoridae	Catadoceta xanthostephana	320 km range extension; previously known east of Otway Ranges
	Oecophoridae	Cryptophasa tetrazona	New record for Victoria; known from Qld, NSW, ACT, SA, WA; closest record Lyrup, SA 250 km
	Oecophoridae	Euchaetis incarnatella	600 km range extension from Mallacoota in far-eastern Victoria
	Oecophoridae	Euphiltra angustior	New record for Victoria; recorded at Nhillbilly Farm; known from NSW, Qld; closest record Tinonee, NSW
	Oecophoridae	Machaeritis aegrella	New record for Victoria; known from NSW, ACT; closest record Namadgi National Park, ACT (600 km)
	Oecophoridae	Tanyzancla marionella	Infill in range from Wilsons Promontory (510 km) to Vivonne Bay, SA (350 km)
	Oecophoridae	Wingia psittacodes	650 km range extension from Mallacoota in far-eastern Victoria
	Tortricidae	Thrincophora lignigerana	250 km range extension; known from central and eastern Victoria; closest record Campaspe
Spiders	Salticidae	Maratus robinsoni	New record for Victoria; previously known from eastern NSW
	Salticidae	Maratus vultus	New record for Victoria; previously known from southwestern Australia
Vascular plants	Aizoaceae	Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum	Lake Hindmarsh; ~100 km from nearest collection; previously uncollected in the Wimmera
	Chenopodiaceae	Maireana appressa	Lake Hindmarsh; ~100 km from nearest collection; 1 plant only; not seen elsewhere; previously unrecorded in the Wimmera
	Poaceae	Anthosachne kingiana subsp. multiflora	About 7.1 km WSW (by road) from Horsham; ~200 km from nearest collection; scattered and rather uncommon
-	Bryobartramiaceae	Bryobartramia novae- valesiae	Lake Hindmarsh Lake Reserve; ~120 km from nearest collection; a small and rarely collected moss species of soil crusts mostly in north west Victoria; most collections are old (only one othe collection in Victoria in the last 20 years); closest collection was near Wycheproof in 1918
	Splachnaceae	Tayloria octoblepharum	Lawloit 150 Bushland Reserve; ~100 km from nearest collection; previously unrecorded in Victoria north west of the Grampians; an unusually dry environment for this species
	Tilletiaceae	Tilletia ehrhartae	Tallageira Nature Conservation Reserve, Lake Hindmarsh and Birdcage Nature Conservation Reserve; a common smut-fungus; previously known in Victoria from 3 collections

Other significant findings

Although drought and suboptimal conditions during the expedition impacted the diversity and abundance of many groups, a number of other significant findings were made. The expedition

provided an opportunity for scientists to collect data and obtain images, specimens and tissue samples important for future taxonomic research and even other fields of research. For example, a number of jewel beetle (Buprestidae) specimens were collected for Associate Professor Devi Stuart-Fox (University of Melbourne), for studies on animal colour and behaviour.

Vertebrates

The high diversity of reptile species caught in a short time frame indicates the extraordinary diversity of this region, however only a few individuals were recorded for many of the species recorded. Only a single individual was caught for 5 skink species (*Lampropholis delicata, Morethia obscura, Ctenotus orientalis, Cryptoblepharus pannosus,* and *Lerista bougainvilli*) and for the agamid lizards, one *Amphibolurus muricatus* was recorded and 2 *Amphibolurus norrisi.* The skink *Morethia obscura* was by far the most common species, with 56 individuals caught.

The majority of common reptile and frog species were found in both the recently burned and the long unburned sites sampled within Little Desert National Park and the Urimbirra Cooperative land. This bodes well for the reestablishment of species following fires, however, more detailed sampling and analysis of the genetic diversity of species following fires will better detail the responses of the herpetofauna to fires in this region.

The Dark-flecked Garden Sunskink (*Lampropholis delicata*) is a common widespread species down the eastern seaboard of Australia and is usually found in warm temperature areas. However, the individual collected during the expedition is part of a discrete, genetically distinct population found in western Victoria and South Australia.

Bees

There was a significantly lower bee diversity and lower number of specimens collected than expected. This may be due to the sustained drought, but may also be due to the surrounding areas being primarily grain-based agriculture. As grain-based plants are wind rather than bee pollinated, large areas of land surrounding the park are not suitable for high diversity and numbers of native bees.

Despite an abundance of flowering eucalypts, which are considered to be a major food resource for native bees, no native bees were attracted to these flowers. Usually, flowering eucalypts attract a wide variety of native bees, especially the very common Colletidae – Euryglossinae bees. Only 2 samples of Euryglossinae bees were collected on non-eucalypt flowers. There were even few European Honey Bees at these flowers. The almost complete absence of bees on the flowering eucalypts suggests that these flowers were not producing nectar. The best bee collection was made on a stand of flowering Chocolate Lily (*Arthropodium strictum*). Although these lilies do not produce nectar, bees were visiting them in abundance.

Moths

While the expedition extended the moth species list for the park, diversity was lower than expected – 185 species were recorded during the expedition, compared to 234 recorded in the park during surveys undertaken in 2015. Lower diversity was also found at Broughtons Waterhole (a standard survey site), which was surveyed in both years – 71 species were recorded compared to 84 species during the 2015 surveys. Peter Marriott, who was present on both occasions, noted there were generally fewer individual moths on the light sheets during the Bush Blitz expedition. It is possible that dry conditions affected moth populations, but further work is needed to assess the effect of drought on moth populations. The Bush Blitz standard survey sites established during the expedition can be used to monitor changes in moth populations caused by wetter and drier seasons, drought and warming trends in climate.

Another significant finding was the high diversity of the Geometridae genus *Dichromodes* – 17 species. *Dichromodes* species were also well represented in the previous 2015 surveys, with 20 species in total. In both years there was an association with stands of *Melaleuca uncinata*. The park would be an appropriate place for a detailed study of the genus *Dichromodes*, as at least 12 undescribed dry-country species have been recorded.

As expected, the range of species recorded from the park included several species known from dry-country reserves in north-western Victoria. The overlap in species almost certainly derives from the dry climate, poor soils and the predominantly mallee vegetation they share. Some species also occur in the Grampians National Park, in areas lacking mallee vegetation. Further surveys at Neds Corner Station, the Murray-Sunset National Park, the Big Desert National Park and the Grampians National Park would clarify the interconnecting roles these reserves play in protecting the moth fauna of western Victoria as a whole, and would show the gradation in populations from north to south.

Spiders

Before the expedition, it was expected that the diversity of spiders in the tribe Euophryini, in particular the genus *Maratus*, would be low due to the dry habitat in the park and the low abundance of previous records from the area. However, the time of year and conditions were favourable to *Maratus* species, which were found in high abundance and diversity despite the dry, mallee habitat.



Figure 5 Peacock spider, Maratus tasmanicus

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Terrestrial and freshwater molluscs

Overall, there is a low diversity of molluscs within the park. Only 2 species of native punctids were found during the expedition. While additional survey effort would likely find the Southern Ambersnail (*Succinea australis*) along drain-lines and in riparian habitat, all 3 species are common and widely distributed across Victoria. Of the 23 sites surveyed, either live snails or post-mortem shells were found only at 8 sites. Such low diversity and abundance cannot be attributed to the semi-arid climate as notably higher diversity has been recorded in other regions with a comparable climate. The most likely explanation is the lack of topographic relief, together with the region being geologically relatively young.

In contrast, the rocky outcrops centred on Mount Arapiles represent an important long term refugium for the broader region, harbouring either relictual populations or local endemics. For example, an undescribed charopid *Scelidoropa* was recorded at Mount Arapiles-Tooan State Park. The few records held for this taxa are from sites at, or in close proximity to, Mount Arapiles, with the most recent collected in 1975. Closely related *Scelidoropa* species are generally found in relatively wetter forests in southern parts of Victoria. Hence, this undescribed species represents both a geographic and environmental outlier, most likely relictual. It is believed this species can survive in the semi-arid environment because of the favourable microclimate afforded by the rocky outcrops. It seems this species is highly restricted to the Mount Arapiles region and the southern facing rocky slopes at Mount Arapiles represent a critical habitat. Damage to vegetation was observed at both sites surveyed, primarily due to rock climbing activity.

Flora

Soil crusts in the Lake Hindmarsh Lake Reserve and Birdcage Nature Conservation Reserve were diverse in small moss species. At the site where the rarely collected *Bryobartramia* was collected, at least 10 species of moss were regularly present in small portions of the soil crust.

Areas of high conservation value, containing high plant diversity and localised species, were identified outside of Little Desert National Park. This included a block of vegetation continuous with Foresters Spring Bushland Reserve and the north-west portion of Tallageira Nature Conservation Reserve. The botanical report recommends protection and management actions to maintain the high conservation value of these sites.

Appendix A: Species lists

Group	Family	Species	Common name
Mammals	Burramyidae	Cercartetus concinnus	Western Pygmy-possum
	Dasyuridae	Sminthopsis crassicaudata	Fat-tailed Dunnart
	Muridae	Pseudomys apodemoides	Silky Mouse
Birds	Megapodiidae	Leipoa ocellata ^{c d}	Malleefowl
Reptiles	Agamidae	Amphibolurus muricatus	Jacky Lizard
	Agamidae	Amphibolurus norrisi	Mallee Tree Dragon
	Agamidae	Ctenophorus pictus	Painted Dragon
	Agamidae	Pogona barbata	Bearded Dragon
	Diplodactylidae	Diplodactylus vittatus	Eastern Stone Gecko
	Elapidae	Parasuta nigriceps	Mitchell's Short-tailed Snake
	Elapidae	Pseudonaja textilis	Common Brown Snake, Eastern Brown Snake
	Gekkonidae	Christinus marmoratus	Marbled Gecko
	Pygopodidae	Aprasia striolata ^d	Lined Worm-lizard, Striped Worm-lizard
	Pygopodidae	Pygopus lepidopodus	Common Scaly-foot
	Scincidae	Cryptoblepharus pannosus	Ragged Snake-eyed Skink
	Scincidae	Ctenotus orientalis	Eastern Ctenotus, Eastern Striped Skink
	Scincidae	Ctenotus spaldingi	Spalding's Ctenotus
	Scincidae	Lampropholis delicata	Dark-flecked Garden Sunskink
	Scincidae	Lerista bougainvillii	South-Eastern Slider
	Scincidae	Morethia obscura	Shrubland Morethia Skink
	Scincidae	Tiliqua rugosa	Shingle-back
	Varanidae	Varanus rosenbergi ^d	Heath Monitor, Rosenberg's Goanna
Frogs	Limnodynastidae	Limnodynastes dumerilii	Eastern Banjo Frog
	Limnodynastidae	Neobatrachus sudellae	Sudell's Frog
Ants	Formicidae	Anonychomyrma sp.	na
	Formicidae	Camponotus BBLD sp.1	na
	Formicidae	Camponotus BBLD sp.2	na
	Formicidae	Camponotus BBLD sp.3	na
	Formicidae	Crematogaster BBLD sp.1	na
	Formicidae	Crematogaster BBLD sp.2	na
	Formicidae	Dolichoderus BBLD sp.1	na

Table A1 List of fauna species recorded

Group	Family	Species	Common name
	Formicidae	Dolichoderus BBLD sp.2	na
	Formicidae	Frogatella sp.	na
	Formicidae	Hypoponera sp.	na
	Formicidae	Iridomyrmex BBLD sp.1	na
	Formicidae	Iridomyrmex purpureus	Meat Ant
	Formicidae	Meranoplus BBLD sp.1	na
	Formicidae	Meranoplus BBLD sp.2	na
	Formicidae	Monomorium BBLD sp.1	na
	Formicidae	Monomorium BBLD sp.2	na
	Formicidae	Myrmecia BBLD sp.1	na
	Formicidae	Myrmecia BBLD sp.2	na
	Formicidae	Myrmecia BBLD sp.3	na
	Formicidae	Notoncus sp.	na
	Formicidae	Ochetellus sp.	na
	Formicidae	Papyrius sp.	na
	Formicidae	Paratrechina sp.	na
	Formicidae	Pheidole sp.	na
	Formicidae	Podomyrma adelaidae	na
	Formicidae	Podomyrma BBLD sp.1	na
	Formicidae	Podomyrma BBLD sp.2	na
	Formicidae	Podomyrma BBLD sp.3	na
	Formicidae	Polyrhachis sp.	na
	Formicidae	Ponera sp.	na
	Formicidae	Rhytidoponera mayri	na
	Formicidae	Rhytidoponera metallica	Green-head Ant
	Formicidae	Tapinoma sp.	na
Bees	Apidae	Apis mellifera ^b	European Honey Bee
	Colletidae	Euhesma sp.	na
	Colletidae	Euryglossa pammicta	na
	Colletidae	Hylaeus (Gnathoprosopis) amiculus	na
	Colletidae	Hylaeus (Rhodohylaeus) sp.	na
	Colletidae	Hylaeus honestus	na
	Colletidae	<i>Hylaeus</i> sp. 1	na
	Colletidae	Hylaeus sp. 2	na
	Colletidae	Leioproctus sp.	na
	Halictidae	Homalictus urbanus	na
	Halictidae	Lasioglossum (Chilalictus) sp. nov. ^a	na
	Halictidae	Lasioglossum (Ctenonomia) sp. nov. ^a	na
	Halictidae	Lasioglossum aspratulum	na
	Halictidae	Lasioglossum clelandi	na

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	Halictidae	Lasioglossum cognatum	na
	Halictidae	Lasioglossum convexum	na
	Halictidae	Lasioglossum erythrurum	na
	Halictidae	Lasioglossum globosum	na
	Halictidae	Lasioglossum hilactum	na
	Halictidae	Lasioglossum instabilis	na
	Halictidae	Lasioglossum lanarium	na
	Halictidae	Lasioglossum littleri	na
	Halictidae	Lasioglossum pachycephalum	na
	Halictidae	Lipotriches gracilipes	na
Vasps	Mutillidae	Mutillidae sp.	na
	Pteromalidae	Pteromalidae sp.	na
loths	[Order: Lepidoptera]	Lepidoptera sp.	na
	Anthelidae	Munychryia senicula	na
	Cosmopterigidae	Cosmopterigidae sp.	na
	Cosmopterigidae	Leptozestis sp. 1	na
	Cosmopterigidae	Leptozestis sp. 2	na
	Cosmopterigidae	Limnaecia sp. 1	na
	Cosmopterigidae	Limnaecia sp. 2	na
	Cosmopterigidae	Macrobathra melanomitra	na
	Cosmopterigidae	Macrobathra sp.	na
	Cossidae	Endoxyla edwardsorum	na
	Crambidae	Hygraula nitens	na
	Crambidae	Nomophila corticalis	na
	Crambidae	Scoparia meyrickii	na
	Crambidae	Tipanaea patulella	na
	Depressariidae	Pedois amaurophanes	na
	Elachistidae	Elachista (Atachia) carcharota	na
	Epermendiidae	Epermenia exilis	na
	Erebidae	Acyphas pelodes	na
	Erebidae	<i>Acyphas</i> sp.	na
	Erebidae	Anestia ombrophanes	Clouded Footman
	Erebidae	Arrade leucocosmalis	Garden Snout
	Erebidae	Erebidae sp. ª	na
	Erebidae	Eublemma inconspicua	Inconspicuous Eublemma
	Erebidae	Halone servilis	Grey Halone
	Erebidae	Termessa nivosa	Snowy Footman
	Erebidae	Termessa zonophanes	Double Yellow-patched Footman

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	Erebidae	Thallarcha rhaptophora	Desert Footman
	Gelechiidae	Ardozyga desmatra	na
	Geometridae	(Boarmia) zaloschema	Shaded Bark Moth
	Geometridae	Anachloris tofocolorata	Tofu Carpet
	Geometridae	Arhodia sp.	na
	Geometridae	Boarmiini MoV sp.(3)	na
	Geometridae	Chlenomorpha sciogramma	Bent-wing Geometrid
	Geometridae	Chlorocoma cadmaria	Spectacular Emerald
	Geometridae	Chlorocoma vertumnaria	Red-fringed Emerald
	Geometridae	Corula geometroides	Ash-grey Geometrid
	Geometridae	Crypsiphona ocultaria	Red-lined Geometrid
	Geometridae	Cyneoterpna MoV sp.(1)	na
	Geometridae	Dichromodes aff. anelictis	na
	Geometridae	Dichromodes atrosignata	Black-signed Heath Moth
	Geometridae	Dichromodes cirrhoplaca	Orange-barred Heath Moth
	Geometridae	Dichromodes consignata	Singed Heath Moth
	Geometridae	Dichromodes diffusaria	Disbursed Heath Moth
	Geometridae	Dichromodes explanata	Fine-lined Moth
	Geometridae	Dichromodes fulvida	Fulvida Heath Moth
	Geometridae	Dichromodes indicataria	Variable Heath Moth
	Geometridae	Dichromodes longidens	Toothed Heath Moth
	Geometridae	Dichromodes lygrodes	na
	Geometridae	Dichromodes MoV sp.(4)	na
	Geometridae	Dichromodes sp.1	na
	Geometridae	Dichromodes sp.2	na
	Geometridae	Dichromodes sp.3	na
	Geometridae	Dichromodes sp.4	na
	Geometridae	Dichromodes sp.5	na
	Geometridae	Dichromodes sp.6	na
	Geometridae	Dinophalus MoV sp.(1)	na
	Geometridae	Dinophalus MoV sp.(3)	na
	Geometridae	Dithalama cosmospila	Grey Spotted Wave
	Geometridae	Dysbatus singularis	Dry-country Line-Moth
	Geometridae	Epyaxa subidaria	Subidaria Moth
	Geometridae	Euphronarcha leptodesma	Pale Desert Bark Moth
	Geometridae	Gastrinodes argoplaca	Cryptic Bark Moth
	Geometridae	Gastrinodes MoV sp.(1)	na
	Geometridae	Hypobapta diffundens	Diffundens Grey

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	Geometridae	Idaea costaria	White-edged Wave
	Geometridae	Idaea inversata	Purple Wave
	Geometridae	Idaea philocosma	Flecked Wave
	Geometridae	Lipogya leucoprosopa	Dash Bark Moth
	Geometridae	Lipogya MoV sp.(1)	na
	Geometridae	Nacophorini MoV sp.(3)	na
	Geometridae	Oenochroma cycnoptera	Dry-country Wine Mot
	Geometridae	Oenochroma MoV sp.(2)	na
	Geometridae	Oenochroma vinaria	Hakea Wine Moth
	Geometridae	Pasiphilodes testulata	Pome Looper
	Geometridae	Phrissogonus laticostata ^b	Apple Looper
	Geometridae	Phrixocomes hedrasticha	Saw-tooth Heath Moth
	Geometridae	Phrixocomes MoV sp.(1)	na
	Geometridae	Phrixocomes sp.1	na
	Geometridae	Phrixocomes sp.2	na
	Geometridae	Prasinocyma semicrocea	Common Gum Emerald
	Geometridae	Psilosticha absorpta	Fine-waved Bark Moth
	Geometridae	Psilosticha pristis	Little Brown Bark Mot
	Geometridae	Rhuma MoV sp.(3)	na
	Geometridae	Scopula rubraria	Reddish Wave/Plantai Moth
	Geometridae	Syneora MoV sp.(1)	na
	Geometridae	Taxeotis cf. celidora	na
	Geometridae	Taxeotis didymosticha	Twins' Taxeotis
	Geometridae	Taxeotis exsectaria	Ochre-headed Taxeotis
	Geometridae	Taxeotis intermixtaria	Dark-edged Taxeotis
	Geometridae	<i>Taxeotis</i> sp.	na
	Geometridae	Zermizinga sinuata	Lucerne Looper Moth
	Hypertrophidae	Eupselia axiepaena	na
	Hypertrophidae	Eupselia beatella	na
	Hypertrophidae	Thudaca campylota	na
	Hypertrophidae	Thudaca haplonota	na
	Lasiocampidae	Porela MoV sp.(1)	na
	Lasiocampidae	Porela MoV sp.(2)	na
	Limacodidae	Pseudanapaea sp.	na
	Noctuidae	Agrotis emboloma	na
	Noctuidae	Agrotis infusa ^b	Bogong Moth
	Noctuidae	Agrotis munda b	Brown Cutworm
	Noctuidae	Agrotis porphyricollis ^b	na
	Noctuidae	Chrysodeixis argentifera ^b	Tobacco Looper

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	Noctuidae	Dasygaster padockina	na
	Noctuidae	Hecatesia thyridion	Southern Whistling Moth
	Noctuidae	Helicoverpa punctigera ^b	Native Budworm
	Noctuidae	Leucania diatrecta	na
	Noctuidae	Leucania stenographa	na
	Noctuidae	Mythimna (Pseudaletia) convecta b	na
	Noctuidae	Persectania dyscrita	na
	Noctuidae	Persectania ewingii	Southern Armyworm
	Noctuidae	Spodoptera exigua	na
	Noctuidae	Thoracolopha verecunda Group	na
	Nolidae	Aquita tactalis	Tactile Tuft-moth
	Nolidae	Earias chlorodes	Pale Earias
	Nolidae	Nola eurrhyncha	Well-beaked Tuft-moth
	Nolidae	Nola MoV sp. (12)	na
	Nolidae	Nola niphostena	Desert Tuft-moth
	Nolidae	Nola pleurosema	Plain Tuft-moth
	Nolidae	<i>Nola</i> sp. 1	na
	Nolidae	Nola sp. 2	na
	Nolidae	Nola sp. 3	na
	Nolidae	Nola sp. 4	na
	Notodontidae	Commonia hesychima	na
	Notodontidae	Destolmia lineata	Streaked Notodontid
	Notodontidae	Hobartina sp.	na
	Notodontidae	Ochrogaster lunifer	Bag Shelter Moth
	Notodontidae	Psalidostetha banksiae	Banksia Moth
	Oecophoridae	Antipterna sp.	na
	Oecophoridae	Catadoceta xanthostephana	na
	Oecophoridae	Catoryctis tricrena	na
	Oecophoridae	Cryptophasa tetrazona	na
	Oecophoridae	Deigmoesta sp.	na
	Oecophoridae	Euchaetis incarnatella	na
	Oecophoridae	Euchaetis inceptella	na
	Oecophoridae	Euchaetis metallota	na
	Oecophoridae	Euphiltra angustior	na
	Oecophoridae	Gelechioid sp.	na
	Oecophoridae	Heteroteucha sp.	na
	Oecophoridae	Heterozyga coppatias	na
	Oecophoridae	Leucorhabda macrosticha	na
	Oecophoridae	Linosticha orthogramma	na

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	Oecophoridae	Machaeritis aegrella	na
	Oecophoridae	Microbela epicona	na
	Oecophoridae	Microbela sp.	na
	Oecophoridae	Mimobrachyoma hilaropa	na
	Oecophoridae	<i>Myrascia</i> sp.	na
	Oecophoridae	Ocystola paulinella	na
	Oecophoridae	Philobota ancylotoxa	na
	Oecophoridae	Philobota eremosema	na
	Oecophoridae	Philobota sp.	na
	Oecophoridae	Phytotrypa brochosema	na
	Oecophoridae	Phytotrypa pretiosella	na
	Oecophoridae	Plectobela zanclotoma	na
	Oecophoridae	Protomacha notia	na
	Oecophoridae	Stathmopoda sp.	na
	Oecophoridae	Tanyzancla argutella	na
	Oecophoridae	Tanyzancla marionella	na
	Oecophoridae	Telecrates laetiorella	na
	Oecophoridae	Wingia psittacodes	na
	Oecophoridae	Zelotechna sp.	na
	Opostegidae	<i>Opostega</i> sp.	na
	Plutellidae	Plutella xylostella ^b	Cabbage Moth
	Pterophoridae	Trichoptilus ceramodes	na
	Pterophoridae	Wheeleria spilodactylus	na
	Pyralidae	Assara subarcuella	na
	Pyralidae	Austropaschia porrigens	na
	Pyralidae	Callionyma sarcodes	na
	Pyralidae	Etiella behrii ^b	Etiella Web Moth
	Pyralidae	Hednotodes callichroa	na
	Pyralidae	Hellula hydralis	Cabbage-centre Moth
	Pyralidae	Meyriccia latro	na
	Pyralidae	Mimaglossa habitalis	na
	Pyralidae	Persicoptera pulchrinalis	na
	Saturnidae	Opodiphthera eucalypti	Emperor Gum Moth
	Saturnidae	Opodiphthera helena	Helena Gum Moth
	Tineidae	Moerarchis australasiella	na
	Tineidae	Tineid sp. 1	na
	Tineidae	Tineid sp. 2	na
	Tineidae	Tineid sp. 3	na
	Tortricidae	Ancylis sp. 1	na
	Tortricidae	Ancylis sp. 2	na

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	Tortricidae	Arotrophora arcuatalis	na
	Tortricidae	Holocola sp.	na
	Tortricidae	Thrincophora lignigerana	na
	Yponomeutidae	Zelleria proterospila	na
	Zygaenidae	Pollanisus viridipulverulenta	Satin-green Forester
	Zygaenidae	Zygaenidae sp.	na
Caddisflies	Ecnomidae	Ecnomus sp.	na
	Leptoceridae	<i>Oecetis</i> sp.	na
Flies	[Order Diptera]	Diptera sp.	na
Beetles	Anthicidae	Anthicidae sp.	na
	Belidae	Belidae sp.	na
	Buprestidae	Castiarina indistincta	na
	Buprestidae	Melobasis sp.	na
	Buprestidae	Stanwatkinsius sp.	na
	Cantharidae	Cantharidae sp.	na
	Carabidae	Adelotopus dytiscides	na
	Carabidae	Anomotarus sp.	na
	Carabidae	Anomotarus (Anomotarus) unimaculatus	na
	Carabidae	Anomotarus crudelis	na
	Carabidae	Calosoma schayeri	Green Carabid Beetle
	Carabidae	Carabidae sp.	na
	Carabidae	<i>Epelyx</i> sp.	na
	Carabidae	Haplaner sp.?	na
	Carabidae	Harpalinae sp.	na
	Carabidae	Hypharpax sp.	na
	Carabidae	Microlestodes (Microlestodes) macleayi	na
	Carabidae	Philophlaeus sp.	na
	Carabidae	Promecoderus sp.	na
	Cerambycidae	Phoracantha recurva	Lesser Eucalyptus Longhorn
	Chrysomelidae	Chrysomelidae sp.	na
	Cleridae	Cleridae sp.	na
	Cleridae	Eleale cribrata	na
	Cleridae	Phlogistus grandjeani	na
	Coccinellidae	Coccinellidae sp.	na
	Curculionidae	Aterpini sp.	na
	Curculionidae	Catasarcus sp.	na
	Curculionidae	Cryptoplini sp.	na
	Curculionidae	Curculionidae sp.	na
	Curculionidae	Entiminae sp.	na

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	Curculionidae	Melanterius sp.	na
	Curculionidae	Storeini sp.	na
	Dermestidae	Dermestidae sp.	na
	Elateridae	Agrypnus sp.	na
	Elateridae	Elateridae sp.	na
	Elateridae	Melanoxanthus sp.	na
	Elateridae	Monocrepidus sp.	na
	Hydrophilidae	Pseudohydrobius sp.?	na
	Latridiidae	Latridiidae sp.	na
	Lycidae	Porrostoma (Porrostoma) rhipidium	na
	Mordellidae	Mordellidae sp.	na
	Oedemeridae	Oedemeridae sp.	na
	Scarabaeidae	Phyllotocus sp.	na
	Scarabaeidae	Scarabaeidae sp.	na
	Scirtidae	Scirtidae sp.	na
	Silvanidae	Cryptamorpha delicatula	na
	Silvanidae	Cryptamorpha lata	na
	Staphylinidae	Staphylinidae sp.	na
	Tenebrionidae	Adelium sp.	na
	Tenebrionidae	Isopteron sp.	na
	Tenebrionidae	Pterohelaeus sp.	na
	Trogidae	Omorgus sp.	na
True bugs	Acanthosomatidae	Duadicus sp_BBLDDUAD001_msp.023	na
	Acanthosomatidae	Eupolemus sp_BBLDEUP001_msp.035	na
	Coreidae	Agriopocoris sp_BBLDAGRI001_msp.045	na
	Lygaeidae	Crompus sp_BBLDCROM001_msp.020	na
	Lygaeidae	Eurynysius sp_BBLDORTH0001_msp.015	na
	Lygaeidae	Nysius vinitor ^b	Rutherglen Bug
	Miridae	Austromiris sp_BBLDAUST003_msp.041 a	na
	Miridae	Austromiris sp_BBLDORTHO001_msp.013 a	na
	Miridae	Austromiris viridissimus	na
	Miridae	Campylomma sp_BBLDCAMP001_msp.032	na
	Miridae	Creontiades dilutus ^b	Green Mirid
	Miridae	Gn_Exaeretini _LD001 sp_BBLDEXAE001_msp.018	na
	Miridae	Gn_ <i>Melaleucoides</i> _LD001 sp_BBLDMELA002_msp.042	na
	Miridae	Gn_nr. <i>Melaleucoides</i> _LD001 sp_BBLDMELA001_msp.027	na
	Miridae	Gn_nr. <i>Palassocoris</i> _LD001 sp_BBLDPALAS001_msp.026 ª	na

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	Miridae	Gn_Orthotylinae_LD001 sp_BBLDORTHO002_ msp.021	na
	Miridae	Gn_Orthotylini_LD001 sp_BBLDORTHO001_msp.009	na
	Miridae	Gn_Orthotylini_LD001 sp_BBLDORTHO003_msp.028	na
	Miridae	Gn_Orthotylini_LD001 sp_BBLDORTHO003_msp.128 ª	na
	Miridae	Gn_Orthotylini_LD002 sp_BBLDORTHO004_msp.31	na
	Miridae	Gn_Orthotylini_LD005 sp_BBLDORTH005_msp.032	na
	Miridae	Gn_Orthotylini_LD0056 sp_BBLDORTH006_msp.033	na
	Miridae	Gn_Orthotylini_LD007 sp_BBLDORTH007_msp.034	na
	Miridae	Gn_Phylinae_LD002 sp_BBLDPHYL002_msp.037	na
	Miridae	Gn_Phylinae_LD003 sp_BBLADPHYL003_msp.039	na
	Miridae	Gn_Phylinae_LD004 sp_BBLADPHYL004_msp.049	na
	Miridae	Gn_Zanchiini_LD001 sp_BBLDZANC001_msp.030	na
	Miridae	Kirkaldyella sp_BBLDKIRK001_msp.038	na
	Miridae	Myrtlemiris sp_BBLDMYRT002_msp.040	na
	Miridae	Myrtlemiris sp_BBLDMYRT002_msp.048 ª	na
	Miridae	Myrtlemiris sp_BBLDORTH007_msp.037	na
	Miridae	Phyllofulvius sp_BBLDCYLAP001_msp.008	na
	Miridae	Pseudopantilius sp_BBLDMIRI002_msp.047	na
	Miridae	Zanessa sp_BBLDZANE001_msp.025 a	na
	Nabidae	Nabis kinbergii	na
	Pentatomidae	Aglaophon sp_BBLDAGLA0001_msp.010	na
	Pentatomidae	Cuspicona simplex	na
	Pentatomidae	Cuspicona sp_BBLDCUSP001_msp.022	na
	Pentatomidae	Cuspicona sp_BBLDCUSP002_msp.044	na
	Pentatomidae	Dictyotus sp_BBLDDICT001_msp.015	na
	Pentatomidae	Poecilometis sp.	na
	Pentatomidae	Poecilotoma sp_BBLDPOEC001_msp.029	na
	Pyrrhocoridae	Australodindymus sp.	na
	Reduviidae	Gn_Harpactorinae_LD001 sp_BBLADHARP001_msp.001	na
	Reduviidae	Gn_Harpactorinae_LD001 sp_BBLADHARP001_msp.002	na

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	Reduviidae	Gn_Harpactorinae_LD001 sp_BBLADHARP001_msp.003	na
	Reduviidae	Gn_Harpactorinae_LD002 sp_BBLDREDU002_msp.043	na
	Reduviidae	Gn_Harpactorinae_LD003 sp_BBLDHARP003_msp.046	na
	Reduviidae	Gn_Stenopodainae_LD001 sp_BBLDSTEN0001_msp.033	na
	Reduviidae	Gn_Stenopodainae_LD001 sp_BBLDSTEN001_msp.092	na
	Reduviidae	Oncocephalus sp_BBLDONCO001_msp.011	na
	Reduviidae	Peirates sp_BBLDREDU002_msp.012	na
	Rhyparochromidae	Gn_Cleradini_LD001 sp_BBLDCLER001_msp.007	na
	Rhyparochromidae	Gn_Myodochini_LD001 sp_BBLDMYOD001_msp.014 ª	na
	Rhyparochromidae	Gn_Myodochini_LD002 sp_BBLDMYOD002_msp.036	na
	Rhyparochromidae	Gn_Rhyparochromidae_LD001 sp_BBLDRHYP001_msp.002	na
	Rhyparochromidae	Gn_Udeocorini_LD001 sp_BBLDUDE001_msp.001	na
	Rhyparochromidae	Remaudiereana sp_BBLDMYOD001_msp.006	na
	Scutelleridae	Choerocoris paganus	na
	Tingidae	Eritingis sp_BBLDERIT001_msp.024	na
	Tingidae	Malandiola sp.	na
	Tingidae	Nethersia sp_BBLDNETH001_msp.016 ^a	na
Planthoppers	Cercopidae	Bathyllus albicinctus	na
and froghoppers	Cixiidae	Cixiidae sp.	na
	Issidae	Issidae sp.	na
Lacewings	Myrmeleontidae	Myrmeleontidae sp.	na
	[Order Neuroptera]	Neuroptera sp.	na
Booklice	[Order Psocoptera]	Psocoptera sp.	na
Earwigs	Forficulidae	Forficula auricularia ^b	European Earwig
	[Order Dermaptera]	Dermaptera sp.	na
Grasshoppers,	Acrididae	Acrididae sp.	na
crickets, katydids	Acrididae	Coryphistes ruricola	Bark-mimicking Grasshopper
	Acrididae	Goniaea sp.	na
Cockroaches	[Order: Blattodea]	Blattodea sp.	na
	Kalotermitidae	Kalotermes sp.	na
	Rhinotermitidae	Coptotermes sp.	na
	Termitidae	Nasutitermes sp.	na

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Dragonflies and	Aeshnidae	Anax papuensis	Australian Emperor
amselflies	Coenagrionidae	Xanthagrion erythroneurum	Red and Blue Damselfly
	Corduliidae	Hemicordulia tau	Tau Emerald
	Lestidae	Austrolestes annulosus	Blue Ringtail
	Libellulidae	Diplacodes bipunctata	Wandering Percher
	Libellulidae	Diplacodes haematodes	Scarlet Percher
	Libellulidae	Orthetrum caledonicum	Blue Skimmer
lantids	Mantidae	Coenomantis kraussiana	na
	Mantidae	Trachymantis dentifrons	na
hrips	[Order Thysanoptera]	Thysanoptera sp.	na
ilverfish	[Order Zygentoma]	Zygentoma sp.	na
pringtails	Entomobryidae	Entomobryidae sp.	na
	Isotomidae	Isotomidae sp.	na
entipedes and	Geophilidae	Geophilidae sp.	na
nillipedes	Julidae	Ommatoiulus moreleti ^b	Portuguese Millipede
	Scolopendridae	Scolopendridae sp.	na
	[Order Polydesmida]	Polydesmida sp.	na
piders	Ammoxenidae	Austrammo sp.	na
	Araneidae	Araneidae sp.	na
	Araneidae	Araneus sp. BBLD 1	na
	Araneidae	Araneus sp. BBLD 2	na
	Araneidae	Araneus sp. BBLD 3	na
	Araneidae	Argiope protensa	Long-tailed Argiope
	Araneidae	Backobourkia heroine	na
	Araneidae	Carepalxis sp. BBLD 1	na
	Araneidae	Carepalxis sp. BBLD 2	na
	Araneidae	Dolophones sp.	na
	Araneidae	Larinia sp.	na
	Barychelidae	Idiommata sp.	na
	Cheiracanthiidae	Cheiracanthium sp.	na
	Clubionidae	Clubiona sp. BBLD 1	na
	Clubionidae	Clubiona sp. BBLD 2	na
	Corinnidae	Nyssus albopunctatus	White-spotted Swift Spider
	Desidae	Badumna longinqua	Grey House Spider
	Desidae	Badumna sp.	na
	Desidae	Corasoides australis	na
	Desidae	Desidae sp.	na
	Filistatidae	Wandella sp.	na

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	Gnaphosidae	Gnaphosidae BBLD 1	na
	Gnaphosidae	Gnaphosidae BBLD 2	na
	Gnaphosidae	Gnaphosidae BBLD 3	na
	Lamponidae	Lampona cylindrata	na
	Lamponidae	Lampona sp. BBLD 1	na
	Lamponidae	Lampona sp. BBLD 2	na
	Lycosidae	Artoria sp. BBLD 1	na
	Lycosidae	Artoria sp. BBLD 2	na
	Lycosidae	Artoriopsis sp. BBLD 1	na
	Lycosidae	cf. Artoria sp.	na
	Lycosidae	Lycosidae BBLD 1	na
	Lycosidae	Lycosidae BBLD 2	na
	Lycosidae	Lycosidae BBLD 3	na
	Lycosidae	Lycosidae BBLD 4	na
	Lycosidae	Lycosidae gen. nov. BBLD sp. 1	na
	Lycosidae	Tasmanicosa cf. harmsi	na
	Lycosidae	Tasmanicosa fulgor	na
	Lycosidae	Tasmanicosa hughjackmani	na
	Lycosidae	Tasmanicosa leuckartii	na
	Lycosidae	Tasmanicosa sp.	na
	Miturgidae	Argoctenus sp.	na
	Miturgidae	Miturga sp. BBLD 1	na
	Miturgidae	Miturga sp. BBLD 2	na
	Miturgidae	Miturga sp. BBLD 3	na
	Miturgidae	Miturgidae BBLD 1	na
	Miturgidae	Miturgidae BBLD 2	na
	Miturgidae	Miturgidae BBLD 3	na
	Miturgidae	Miturgidae BBLD 4	na
	Miturgidae	Miturgidae gen. nov. sp. nov. BBLD 2019 2 ª	na
	Miturgidae	Miturgidae gen. nov. sp. nov. BBLD 2019 3 a	na
	Oonopidae	<i>Grymeus</i> sp.	na
	Oonopidae	Opopaea sp. BBLD 1	na
	Oonopidae	Opopaea sp. BBLD 2	na
	Oxyopidae	Oxyopes sp. BBLD 1	na
	Oxyopidae	Oxyopes sp. BBLD 2	na
	Oxyopidae	Oxyopes sp. BBLD 3	na
	Philodromidae	Philodromidae sp.	na
	Salticidae	Afraflacilla sp.	na
	Salticidae	Afraflacilla yeni	na
	Salticidae	Bianor sp.	na

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	Salticidae	Salticidae gen. nov. sp. nov. cf <i>Saitis</i> sp. ^a	na
	Salticidae	cf. Tara sp.	na
	Salticidae	Clynotis severus	na
	Salticidae	Cytaea severa	na
	Salticidae	Damoetas sp.	na
	Salticidae	Salticidae gen. nov. sp. nov. BBLD 2019 1 $^{\rm a}$	na
	Salticidae	Salticidae gen. nov. sp. nov. BBLD 2019 2 $^{\rm a}$	na
	Salticidae	Salticidae gen. nov. sp. nov. BBLD 2019 3	na
	Salticidae	Euophryini?	na
	Salticidae	Helpis sp.	na
	Salticidae	Holoplatys sp. BBLD 1	na
	Salticidae	Holoplatys sp. BBLD 2	na
	Salticidae	Jotus auripes	na
	Salticidae	Jotus sp.	na
	Salticidae	Maratus calcitrans	na
	Salticidae	Maratus literatus	na
	Salticidae	Maratus nimbus	na
	Salticidae	Maratus robinsoni	na
	Salticidae	Maratus inaquosus ª	na
	Salticidae	Maratus tasmanicus	na
	Salticidae	Maratus vespertilio	na
	Salticidae	Maratus vultus	na
	Salticidae	Ocrisiona leucocomis	na
	Salticidae	Opisthoncus sp. BBLD 1	na
	Salticidae	Opisthoncus sp. BBLD 2	na
	Salticidae	Opisthoncus sp. BBLD 3	na
	Salticidae	Pungalina sp.	na
	Salticidae	Rhombonotus sp.	na
	Salticidae	Salticidae BBLD 1	na
	Salticidae	Salticidae BBLD 2	na
	Salticidae	Salticidae BBLD 3	na
	Salticidae	Servaea incana	na
	Salticidae	Servaea sp.	na
	Salticidae	Simaethula sp.	na
	Salticidae	Tara sp.	na
	Salticidae	Zebraplatys harveyi	na
	Sparassidae	Delena cancerides	na
	Sparassidae	Neosparassus sp. BBLD 1	na
	Sparassidae	Neosparassus sp. BBLD 2	na
	Sparassidae	Sparassidae (juv)	na

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	Tetragnathidae	Tetragnatha sp.	na
	Theridiidae	Latrodectus hasselti	Redback Spider
	Theridiidae	Theridiidae sp.	na
	Thomisidae	Stephanopis sp. BBLD 1	na
	Thomisidae	Australomisidia cruentata	na
	Thomisidae	Australomisidia sp. BBLD 1	na
	Thomisidae	Australomisidia sp. BBLD 2	na
	Thomisidae	Cymbacha sp. BBLD 1	na
	Thomisidae	Cymbacha sp. BBLD 2	na
	Thomisidae	Sidymella hirsuta	na
	Thomisidae	Stephanopis cambridgei	na
	Thomisidae	Stephanopis sp. BBLD 2	na
	Thomisidae	Tharpyna sp. BBLD 1	na
	Thomisidae	Tharrhalea sp. BBLD 1	na
	Thomisidae	Tharrhalea sp. BBLD 2	na
	Thomisidae	Tharrhalea sp. BBLD 3	na
	Thomisidae	Tmarus sp. BBLD 1	na
	Thomisidae	Tmarus sp. BBLD 2	na
	Thomisidae	Tmarus sp. BBLD 3	na
	Trochanteriidae	Pyrnus sp. BBLD 1	na
	Trochanteriidae	Pyrnus sp. BBLD 2	na
	Zodariidae	Masasteron mas	na
	Zodariidae	Masasteron sp.	na
	Zodariidae	Neostorena sp. BBLD 1	na
	Zodariidae	Neostorena sp. BBLD 2	na
	Zodariidae	Pentasteron intermedium	na
	Zodariidae	Pentasteron sp.	na
	Zodariidae	Zodariidae (juvenile) BBLD sp. 1	na
	Zodariidae	Zodariidae (juvenile) BBLD sp. 2	na
	Zodariidae	Zodariidae (juvenile) BBLD sp. 3	na
	Zodariidae	Zodariidae (juvenile) BBLD sp. 4	na
Scorpions	Bothriuridae	Cercophonius kershawi	Wood Scorpion, Forest Scorpion
	Buthidae	Lychas variatus	Marbled Scorpion
	Urodacidae	Urodacus manicatus	Black Rock Scorpion
Pseudoscorpions	[Order Pseudoscorpiones]	Pseudoscorpiones sp.	na
Mites	Erythraeidae	Rainbowia sp. ^b	na
Woodlice	Philosciidae	Porcellionides pruinosus ^b	na
Snails and slugs	Camaenidae	Chloritobadistes victoriae	Southern Hairy Red Snail

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	Charopidae	Scelidoropa sp.nov.'BBLD2019'	na
	Hygromiidae	Cernuella virgata ^b	Vineyard Snail
	Hygromiidae	Microxeromagna lowei ^b	Citrus Snail
	Physidae	Physa acuta ^b	Acute Bladder Snail
	Planorbidae	Glyptophysa aliciae	Alice's Pouch Snail
	Planorbidae	Glyptophysa gibbosa	Swollen Pouch Snail
	Planorbidae	Isidorella hainesii	Haine's Pouch Snail
	Punctidae	Magilaoma penolensis	Penola Pinhead Snail
	Punctidae	Paralaoma mucoides	Waxy Pinhead Snail
	Succineidae	Succinea australis	Southern Ambersnail

a Putative new species. **b** Introduced and/or pest species. **c** Listed as threatened under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Commonwealth). **d** Listed as threatened under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* (Victoria). **na** Not available.

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Vascular	Aizoaceae	Carpobrotus modestus	na
plants	Aizoaceae	Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum ^a	Small Ice-plant
	Amaranthaceae	Ptilotus semilanatus	na
	Amaranthaceae	Ptilotus spathulatus	na
	Apiaceae	Apium annuum	na
	Apiaceae	Daucus glochidiatus	na
	Araliaceae	Hydrocotyle hirta	na
	Araliaceae	Hydrocotyle medicaginoides	na
	Araliaceae	Trachymene pilosa	na
	Asparagaceae	Arthropodium strictum	Chocolate Lily
	Asparagaceae	Chamaescilla corymbosa var. corymbosa	na
	Asparagaceae	Laxmannia orientalis	na
	Asparagaceae	Lomandra collina	na
	Asteraceae	Actinobole uliginosum	na
	Asteraceae	Argentipallium obtusifolium	na
	Asteraceae	Blennospora drummondii	na
	Asteraceae	Brachyscome ciliaris	na
	Asteraceae	Brachyscome parvula	na
	Asteraceae	Brachyscome readeri c	Reader's Daisy
	Asteraceae	Calocephalus sonderi	na
	Asteraceae	Calotis scabiosifolia var. scabiosifolia	na
	Asteraceae	Centaurea melitensis ^a	Malta Thistle
	Asteraceae	Centipeda crateriformis subsp. compacta c	Compact Sneezeweed
	Asteraceae	Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. monilifera ^a	African Boneseed
	Asteraceae	Chrysocephalum apiculatum subsp. apiculatum	na
	Asteraceae	Chrysocephalum apiculatum subsp. congestum	na
	Asteraceae	Coronidium scorpioides	na
	Asteraceae	Cotula coronopifolia ª	Water-buttons
	Asteraceae	Helichrysum leucopsideum	na
	Asteraceae	Hyalosperma demissum	na
	Asteraceae	Lagenophora gunniana	na
	Asteraceae	Laphangium luteoalbum	na
	Asteraceae	Leptorhynchos squamatus subsp. squamatus	na
	Asteraceae	Leptorhynchos tetrachaetus	na
	Asteraceae	Microseris walteri	na
	Asteraceae	Millotia myosotidifolia	na
	Asteraceae	Minuria leptophylla	na
	Asteraceae	Myriocephalus rhizocephalus	na

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	Asteraceae	Olearia ciliata var. ciliata	na
	Asteraceae	Podolepis decipiens	na
	Asteraceae	Podotheca angustifolia	na
	Asteraceae	Pogonolepis muelleriana	na
	Asteraceae	Rhodanthe corymbiflora	na
	Asteraceae	Scorzonera laciniata var. calcitrapifolia ª	na
	Asteraceae	Senecio glossanthus	na
	Asteraceae	Senecio halophilus	na
	Asteraceae	Senecio hispidissimus °	Sand Fireweed
	Asteraceae	Senecio picridioides	na
	Asteraceae	Senecio prenanthoides	na
	Asteraceae	Senecio quadridentatus	na
	Asteraceae	Senecio spanomerus	na
	Asteraceae	Senecio squarrosus	na
	Asteraceae	Vittadinia cervicularis	na
	Asteraceae	Vittadinia cuneata var. cuneata	na
	Asteraceae	Vittadinia cuneata var. morrisii °	Fuzzy New Holland Daisy
	Asteraceae	Vittadinia dissecta var. hirta	na
	Asteraceae	Vittadinia gracilis	na
	Asteraceae	Vittadinia megacephala ^c	Giant New Holland Daisy
	Boraginaceae	Amsinckia calycina ^a	Hairy Fiddle-neck
	Boraginaceae	Buglossoides arvensis ^a	Sheepweed
	Boraginaceae	Cynoglossum australe	na
	Boraginaceae	Cynoglossum suaveolens	na
	Brassicaceae	Stenopetalum lineare	na
	Campanulaceae	Wahlenbergia gracilenta	na
	Campanulaceae	Wahlenbergia graniticola	na
	Campanulaceae	Wahlenbergia luteola	na
	Caryophyllaceae	Petrorhagia dubia ^a	Hairy Pink
	Caryophyllaceae	Spergularia brevifolia	na
	Caryophyllaceae	Spergularia tasmanica	na
	Casuarinaceae	Allocasuarina mackliniana subsp. xerophila	na
	Casuarinaceae	Allocasuarina muelleriana subsp. muelleriana	na
	Casuarinaceae	Allocasuarina pusilla	na
	Celastraceae	Stackhousia aspericocca subsp. One-sided inflorescence (W.R.Barker 697) W.R.Barker	na
	Celastraceae	Stackhousia subterranea	na
	Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex australasica	na
	Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex pseudocampanulata	na
	Chenopodiaceae	Chenopodium desertorum subsp. microphyllum	na

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	Chenopodiaceae	Dysphania glomulifera subsp. glomulifera	na
	Chenopodiaceae	Maireana appressa	na
	Chenopodiaceae	Maireana excavata	na
	Chenopodiaceae	Sarcocornia quinqueflora subsp. quinqueflora	na
	Chenopodiaceae	Sclerolaena diacantha	na
	Chenopodiaceae	Tecticornia halocnemoides subsp. halocnemoides	na
	Chenopodiaceae	Tecticornia pergranulata subsp. pergranulata	na
	Chenopodiaceae	Tecticornia syncarpa ^c	Fused Glasswort
	Colchicaceae	Burchardia umbellata	na
	Convolvulaceae	Convolvulus angustissimus subsp. angustissimus	na
	Convolvulaceae	Convolvulus angustissimus subsp. fililobus	na
	Convolvulaceae	Wilsonia rotundifolia	na
	Crassulaceae	Crassula colligata subsp. lamprosperma	na
	Crassulaceae	Crassula natans var. minus a	Floating Pigmyweed
	Cupressaceae	Callitris gracilis	na
	Cupressaceae	Callitris verrucosa	na
	Cyperaceae	Bolboschoenus caldwellii	na
	Cyperaceae	Carex inversa	na
	Cyperaceae	Chorizandra enodis	na
	Cyperaceae	Cyperus gymnocaulos	na
	Cyperaceae	Isolepis cernua	na
	Cyperaceae	Isolepis hystrix ^a	Awned Club-rush
	Cyperaceae	Lepidosperma laeve	na
	Cyperaceae	Lepidosperma viscidum	na
	Cyperaceae	Schoenoplectus pungens	na
	Dilleniaceae	Hibbertia fasciculata var. prostrata	na
	Dilleniaceae	Hibbertia riparia	na
	Dilleniaceae	Hibbertia sericea	na
	Dilleniaceae	Hibbertia virgata	na
	Droseraceae	Drosera glanduligera	na
	Droseraceae	Drosera hookeri	na
	Elaeocarpaceae	Tetratheca ciliata	na
	Ericaceae	Brachyloma daphnoides	na
	Ericaceae	Brachyloma ericoides subsp. ericoides	na
	Ericaceae	Leucopogon cordifolius	na
	Ericaceae	Leucopogon virgatus var. brevifolius ^c	Common Beard-heath
	Ericaceae	Leucopogon virgatus var. virgatus	na
	Fabaceae	Acacia brachybotrya	na
	Fabaceae	Acacia cupularis	na
	Fabaceae	Acacia dodonaeifolia	na

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	Fabaceae	Acacia euthycarpa subsp. euthycarpa	na
	Fabaceae	Acacia glandulicarpa ^{b c}	Hairy-pod Wattle
	Fabaceae	Acacia iteaphylla ª	Flinders Range Wattle
	Fabaceae	Acacia provincialis	na
	Fabaceae	Acacia pycnantha	na
	Fabaceae	Acacia saligna ª	Orange Wattle
	Fabaceae	Acacia simmonsiana ^c	Desert Manna Wattle
	Fabaceae	Acacia spinescens	na
	Fabaceae	Acacia trineura	na
	Fabaceae	Daviesia brevifolia	na
	Fabaceae	Daviesia genistifolia	na
	Fabaceae	Daviesia pectinata c	Thorny Bitter-pea
	Fabaceae	Dillwynia glaberrima	na
	Fabaceae	Dillwynia hispida	na
	Fabaceae	Dillwynia sericea	na
	Fabaceae	Dillwynia uncinata	na
	Fabaceae	Eutaxia microphylla var. diffusa	na
	Fabaceae	Eutaxia microphylla var. microphylla	na
	Fabaceae	Goodia medicaginea	na
	Fabaceae	Kennedia prostrata	na
	Fabaceae	Lotus cruentus	na
	Fabaceae	Medicago minima ª	Little Medic
	Fabaceae	Medicago polymorpha ª	Burr Medic
	Fabaceae	Medicago truncatula ^a	Barrel Medic
	Fabaceae	Phyllota remota °	Slender Phyllota
	Fabaceae	Pultenaea laxiflora	na
	Fabaceae	Pultenaea prostrata	na
	Fabaceae	Pultenaea tenuifolia	na
	Fabaceae	Senna artemisioides subsp. zygophylla	na
	Fabaceae	Swainsona procumbens	na
	Fabaceae	Templetonia stenophylla	na
	Fabaceae	Trifolium glomeratum ^a	Clustered Clover
	Fabaceae	Trifolium hirtum ^a	Hairy Clover
	Fabaceae	Trifolium scabrum a	Rough Clover
	Fabaceae	Viminaria juncea	na
	Gentianaceae	Cicendia filiformis ^a	Slender Cicendia
	Geraniaceae	<i>Geranium</i> sp. Pale pink flowers (M.Gray 5847) Vic. Herbarium	na
	Geraniaceae	Pelargonium australe	na
	Geraniaceae	Pelargonium littorale	na

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	Goodeniaceae	Brunonia australis	na
	Goodeniaceae	Dampiera dysantha	na
	Goodeniaceae	Dampiera marifolia	na
	Goodeniaceae	Goodenia benthamiana ^c	Small-leaf Goodenia
	Goodeniaceae	Goodenia blackiana	na
	Goodeniaceae	Goodenia geniculata	na
	Goodeniaceae	Goodenia pinnatifida	na
	Goodeniaceae	Goodenia robusta	na
	Goodeniaceae	Goodenia varia	na
	Goodeniaceae	Velleia paradoxa	na
	Haloragaceae	Glischrocaryon behrii	na
	Haloragaceae	Gonocarpus elatus	na
	Haloragaceae	Haloragis aspera	na
	Haloragaceae	Myriophyllum verrucosum	na
	Hemerocallidaceae	Dianella revoluta var. revoluta	na
	Hemerocallidaceae	Tricoryne elatior	na
	Hemerocallidaceae	Tricoryne tenella	na
	Juncaceae	Juncus capitatus ^a	na
	Juncaceae	Luzula meridionalis var. meridionalis	na
	Juncaginaceae	Triglochin nana	na
	Lamiaceae	Ajuga australis	na
	Lamiaceae	Marrubium vulgare ª	Horehound
	Lamiaceae	Prostanthera aspalathoides	na
	Lamiaceae	Westringia eremicola	na
	Loganiaceae	Logania linifolia	na
	Lythraceae	Lythrum hyssopifolia	na
	Malvaceae	Lasiopetalum baueri	na
	Malvaceae	Lawrencia glomerata	na
	Malvaceae	Lawrencia squamata	na
	Malvaceae	Malva weinmanniana	na
	Malvaceae	Thomasia petalocalyx °	Paper Flower
	Marsileaceae	Marsilea drummondii	na
	Myrtaceae	Baeckea ericaea	na
	Myrtaceae	Calytrix alpestris	na
	Myrtaceae	Calytrix tetragona	na
	Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus behriana	na
	Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus calycogona subsp. trachybasis	na
	Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus costata subsp. murrayana	na
	Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus diversifolia subsp. diversifolia	na
	Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus dumosa	na

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	Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus leptophylla	na
	Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus leucoxylon subsp. stephaniae	Yellow Gum
	Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus wimmerensis subsp. grata ^c	Wimmera Mallee-box
	Myrtaceae	Leptospermum coriaceum	na
	Myrtaceae	Leptospermum myrsinoides	na
	Myrtaceae	Melaleuca acuminata subsp. acuminata	Salt Paperbark
	Myrtaceae	Melaleuca halmaturorum ^c	na
	Myrtaceae	Melaleuca wilsonii	na
	Myrtaceae	Micromyrtus ciliata	na
	Orchidaceae	Caladenia cardiochila	na
	Orchidaceae	Caladenia colorata ^{b c}	Colourful Spider-orchid
	Orchidaceae	Caladenia cucullata	Hooded Caladenia
	Orchidaceae	Caladenia tentaculata	na
	Orchidaceae	Calochilus robertsonii	na
	Orchidaceae	Disa bracteata ª	na
	Orchidaceae	Diuris sulphurea	na
	Orchidaceae	Prasophyllum nitidum	na
	Orchidaceae	Prasophyllum odoratum	na
	Orchidaceae	Prasophyllum sp. aff. occidentale C c	Western Leek-orchid
	Orchidaceae	Prasophyllum spadiceum ^c	Brown-lip Leek-orchid
	Orchidaceae	Pterostylis aciculiformis	na
	Orchidaceae	Pterostylis pusilla	na
	Orchidaceae	Thelymitra alcockiae	na
	Orchidaceae	Thelymitra antennifera	na
	Orchidaceae	Thelymitra rubra	na
	Orobanchaceae	Parentucellia latifolia ª	na
	Oxalidaceae	Oxalis perennans	na
	Phyllanthaceae	Poranthera microphylla	na
	Pittosporaceae	Billardiera cymosa subsp. cymosa	na
	Pittosporaceae	Pittosporum angustifolium	na
	Plantaginaceae	Plantago bellardii ª	Silky Plantain
	Plantaginaceae	Plantago gaudichaudii	na
	Plantaginaceae	Plantago hispida	na
	Plantaginaceae	Plantago varia	na
	Plantaginaceae	Stemodia florulenta	na
	Plantaginaceae	Stemodia sp.	na
	Plumbaginaceae	Limonium lobatum ^a	Winged Sea-lavender
	Poaceae	Anthosachne kingiana subsp. multiflora	na
	Poaceae	Anthosachne scabra	na
	Poaceae	Aristida behriana	na

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	Poaceae	Austrostipa curticoma	na
	Poaceae	Austrostipa elegantissima	na
	Poaceae	Austrostipa nodosa	na
	Poaceae	Avellinia festucoides ª	na
	Poaceae	Brachypodium distachyon ^a	False Brome
	Poaceae	Briza maxima ª	Large Quaking Grass
	Poaceae	Briza minor ª	Lesser Quaking Grass
	Poaceae	Ehrharta calycina ª	Perennial Veldt-grass
	Poaceae	Enteropogon acicularis	na
	Poaceae	Eragrostis curvula ª	African Lovegrass
	Poaceae	Eragrostis dielsii	na
	Poaceae	Hordeum marinum ª	na
	Poaceae	Lachnagrostis filiformis	na
	Poaceae	Lagurus ovatus ^a	Hares-tail Grass
	Poaceae	Lolium rigidum ª	Wimmera Rye-grass
	Poaceae	Neurachne alopecuroidea	na
	Poaceae	Parapholis incurva a	Coast Barb-grass
	Poaceae	Pentameris airoides subsp. airoides a	na
	Poaceae	Phalaris paradoxa ^a	Paradoxical Canary-grass
	Poaceae	Poa sieberiana var. hirtella	na
	Poaceae	Puccinellia perlaxa	na
	Poaceae	Puccinellia stricta	na
	Poaceae	Rostraria cristata ª	Annual Cat's-tail
	Poaceae	Rytidosperma geniculatum	na
	Poaceae	Rytidosperma setaceum	na
	Poaceae	Tribolium acutiflorum ^a	na
	Poaceae	Walwhalleya proluta	na
	Polygalaceae	Comesperma calymega	na
	Polygonaceae	Duma florulenta	na
	Polygonaceae	Rumex brownii	na
	Polygonaceae	Rumex dumosus	na
	Proteaceae	Adenanthos terminalis	na
	Proteaceae	Grevillea ilicifolia	na
	Proteaceae	Grevillea ilicifolia subsp. ilicifolia	na
	Proteaceae	Grevillea ilicifolia subsp. lobata	na
	Proteaceae	Grevillea lavandulacea subsp. lavandulacea	na
	Proteaceae	Hakea mitchellii	na
	Proteaceae	Hakea rostrata	na
	Proteaceae	Isopogon ceratophyllus	na
	Ranunculaceae	Adonis microcarpa ^a	Pheasants-eye Adonis

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	Ranunculaceae	Myosurus australis	na
	Ranunculaceae	Ranunculus pumilio var. pumilio	na
	Ranunculaceae	Ranunculus sessiliflorus var. pilulifer	na
	Restionaceae	Apodasmia brownii	na
	Rhamnaceae	Cryptandra tomentosa	na
	Rhamnaceae	Spyridium eriocephalum var. eriocephalum	na
	Rhamnaceae	Spyridium subochreatum	na
	Rosaceae	Aphanes australiana	na
	Rubiaceae	Asperula conferta	na
	Rubiaceae	Asperula wimmerana ^c	Wimmera Woodruff
	Rubiaceae	Galium gaudichaudii subsp. gaudichaudii	na
	Rutaceae	Boronia coerulescens subsp. coerulescens	na
	Rutaceae	Boronia filifolia c	Slender Boronia
	Rutaceae	Phebalium stenophyllum °	Narrow-leaf Phebalium
	Rutaceae	Philotheca angustifolia subsp. angustifolia	na
	Rutaceae	Philotheca pungens	na
	Rutaceae	Zieria veronicea subsp. veronicea ^c	Pink Zieria
	Santalaceae	Choretrum glomeratum var. chrysanthum °	Golden Sour-bush
	Santalaceae	Choretrum glomeratum var. glomeratum °	Common Sour-bush
	Santalaceae	Exocarpos strictus	na
	Santalaceae	Leptomeria aphylla	na
	Sapindaceae	Dodonaea bursariifolia	na
	Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila gibbifolia °	Coccid Emu-bush
	Scrophulariaceae	Limosella australis	na
	Scrophulariaceae	Myoporum parvifolium	na
	Solanaceae	Nicotiana glauca ª	Tree Tobacco
	Solanaceae	Nicotiana suaveolens ^c	Austral Tobacco
	Solanaceae	Solanum simile	na
	Stylidiaceae	Levenhookia dubia	na
	Stylidiaceae	Levenhookia pusilla ^c	Midget Stylewort
	Stylidiaceae	Stylidium graminifolium	na
	Thymelaeaceae	Pimelea curviflora var. subglabrata	na
	Thymelaeaceae	Pimelea glauca	na
	Thymelaeaceae	Pimelea humilis	na
	Thymelaeaceae	Pimelea octophylla	na
	Thymelaeaceae	Pimelea phylicoides	na
	Violaceae	Hybanthus floribundus subsp. floribundus	na
Liverworts	Cephaloziellaceae	Cephaloziella exiliflora	na
	Ricciaceae	Riccia sp.	na
Mosses	Bartramiaceae	Bartramia hampeana subsp. hampei	na

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	Bryaceae	Gemmabryum sp.	na
	Bryaceae	Rosulabryum billarderii	na
	Bryobartramiaceae	Bryobartramia novae-valesiae	na
	Ditrichaceae	Pleuridium nervosum	na
	Fissidentaceae	Fissidens megalotis	na
	Funariaceae	Funaria hygrometrica	na
	Funariaceae	Goniomitrium acuminatum subsp. enerve	na
	Gigaspermaceae	Gigaspermum repens	na
	Pottiaceae	Acaulon integrifolium	na
	Pottiaceae	Didymodon torquatus	na
	Pottiaceae	Pseudocrossidium crinitum	na
	Pottiaceae	Syntrichia antarctica	na
	Pottiaceae	Tetrapterum cylindricum	na
	Pottiaceae	Triquetrella papillata	na
	Splachnaceae	Tayloria octoblepharum	na
ungi	Albuginaceae	Albugo sp.	na
	Pileolariaceae	Uromycladium sp.	na
	Pucciniaceae	Puccinia saccardoi	na
	Ustilaginaceae	Ustilago comburens	na
	Tilletiaceae	Tilletia ehrhartae	na

a Introduced and/or pest species. **b** Listed as threatened under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Commonwealth). **c** Listed as threatened under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* (Victoria). **na** Not available.

Appendix B: Collection sites

Map B1 Map of collection sites



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Glossary

Term	Definition	
AFD	Australian Faunal Directory	
ALA	Atlas of Living Australia	
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	
EPBC Act	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth)	
FFG Act	Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 (Victoria)	
Introduced	Not indigenous; not native to the area in which it now occurs.	
Lineage	A sequence of species each of which is considered to have evolved from its predecessor.	
MV	Museums Victoria	
Pest species	A species that has the potential to have a negative environmental, social or economic impact.	
Putative new species	An unnamed species that, as far as can be ascertained, was identified as a new species as a direct result of this Bush Blitz.	
QM	Queensland Museum	
Range extension	Increase in the known distribution or area of occurrence of a species.	
RBGV	Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria	
Taxon (plural taxa)	A member of any particular taxonomic group (e.g. a species, genus, family).	
Taxonomy	The categorisation and naming of species. The science of identifying and naming species as well as grouping them based on their relatedness.	
Threatened	Fauna or flora that are listed under Section 178 of the EPBC Act (or equivalent State legislation) in any one of the following categories – extinct, extinct in the wild, critically endangered, endangered, vulnerable, conservation dependent.	
Undescribed taxon	A taxon (usually a species) that has not yet been formally described and named.	
UNSW	University of New South Wales	
Vascular plants	A lineage of plants that possess well-developed veins (vascular tissue) in their stems, roots and leaves. Vascular plants include the majority of familiar land plants: flowering plants, ferns, conifers, cycads and fern allies, but not mosses, liverworts or algae.	
Vouchers (voucher specimens)	Any specimen, usually a dead animal or preserved plant sample, that serves as a basis of study and is retained as a reference.	

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