

Royal National Park
Week 1: 2023

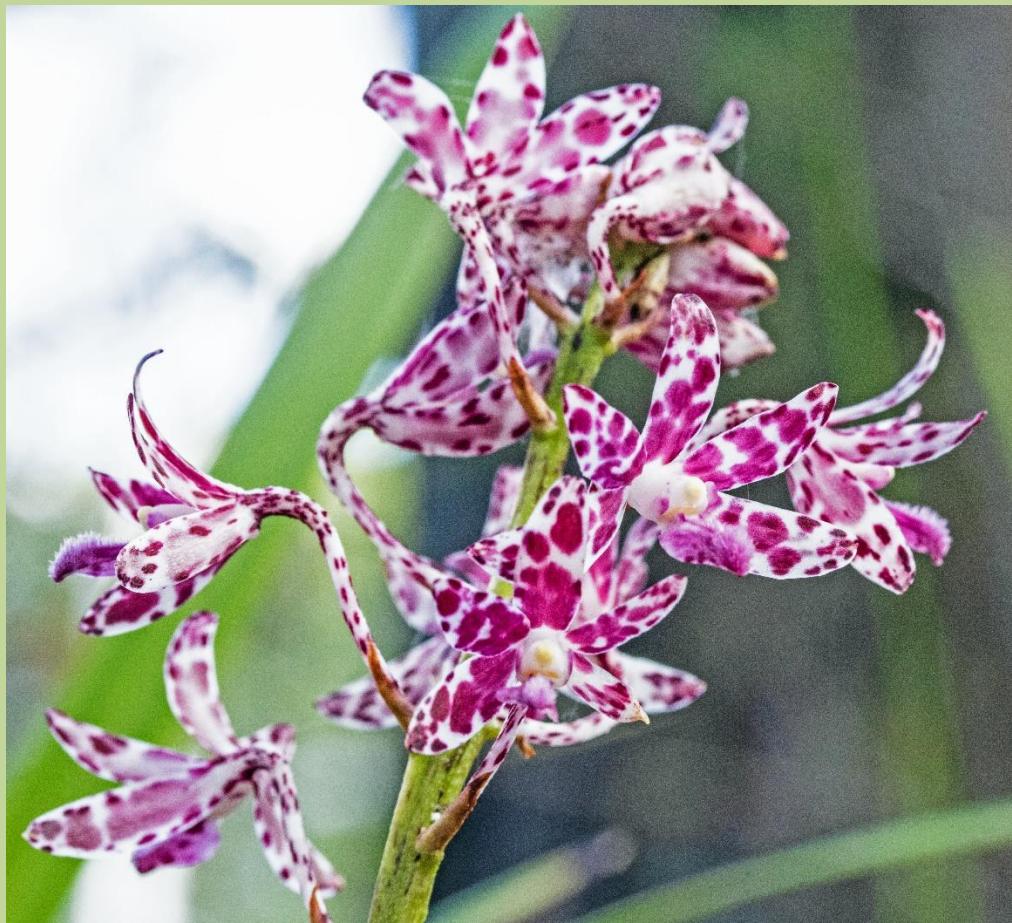
Engadine Sector: Royal National Park – January 2

this morning, prior to the heat hitting, I went walking in Royal National Park, alone, except for my 7D Mark 11 and my trusty 60mm macro lens. I covered 3km of the Engadine sector of Royal National Park, covering the tracks given over to mountain cyclists. I faced four in the hour I was in the park. There were considerate. The oldest, well into middle-age, was most aggressive in his riding style. And least responsive to others. I also wonder if he saw the bush.

I did!



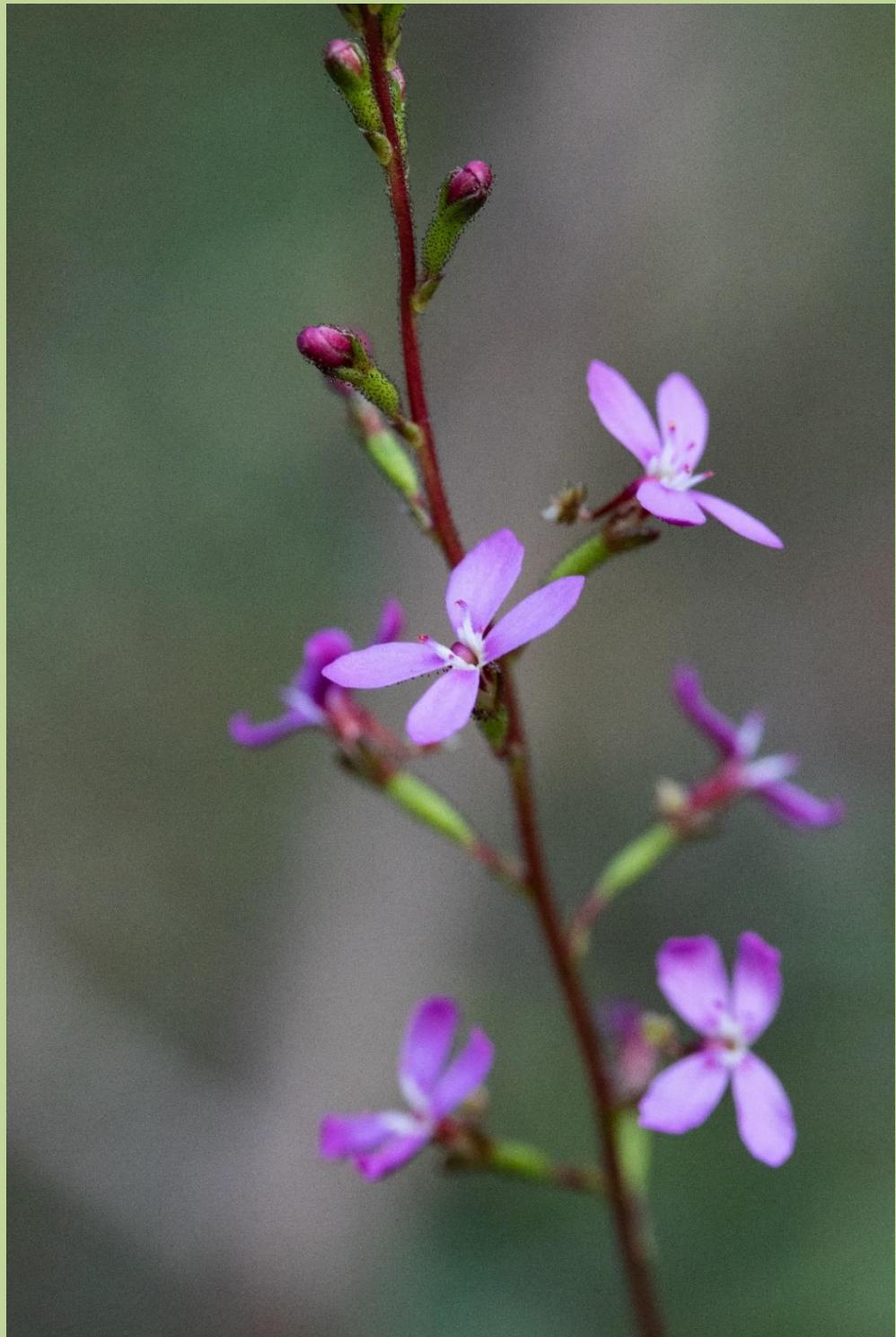
Well, it's that time of the year!!!!



Scaevola ramosissima



Xyris species



Stylidium species¹

¹ For those interested in how they pollinate, go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pg1k_mXes_E



Hakea species



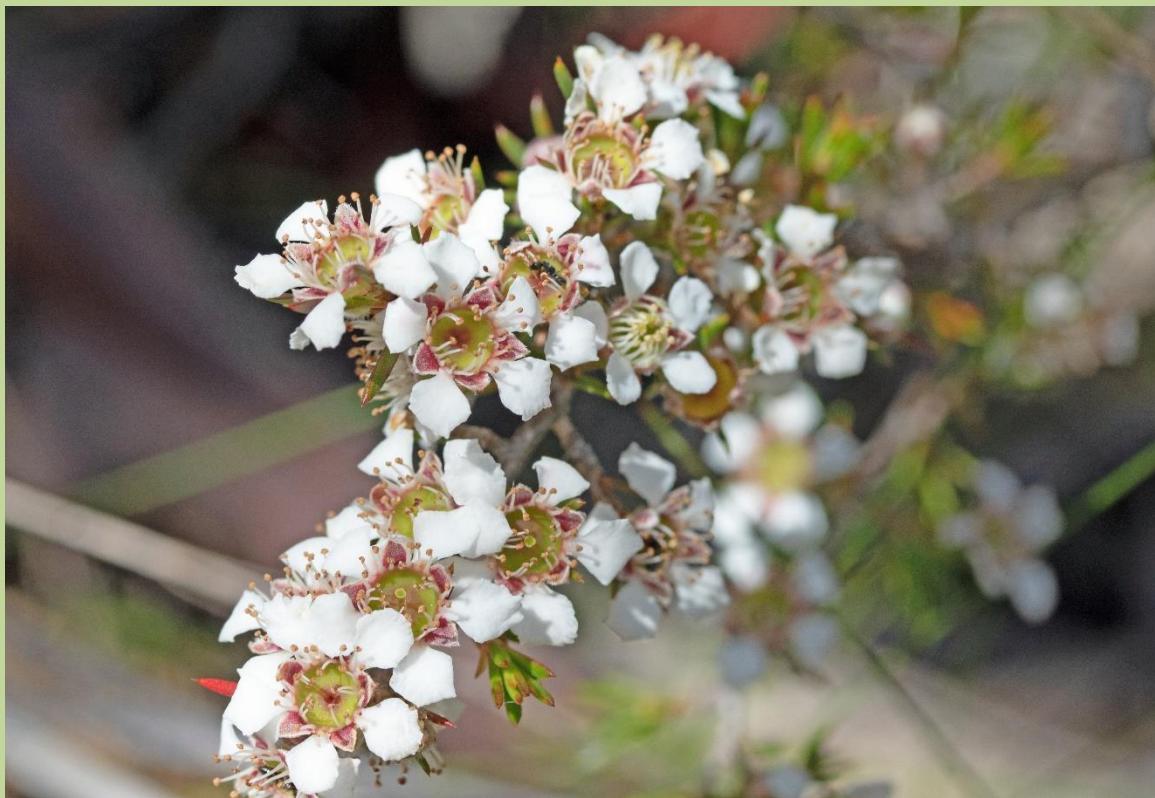
Patersonia sp



Cryptostylis erecta



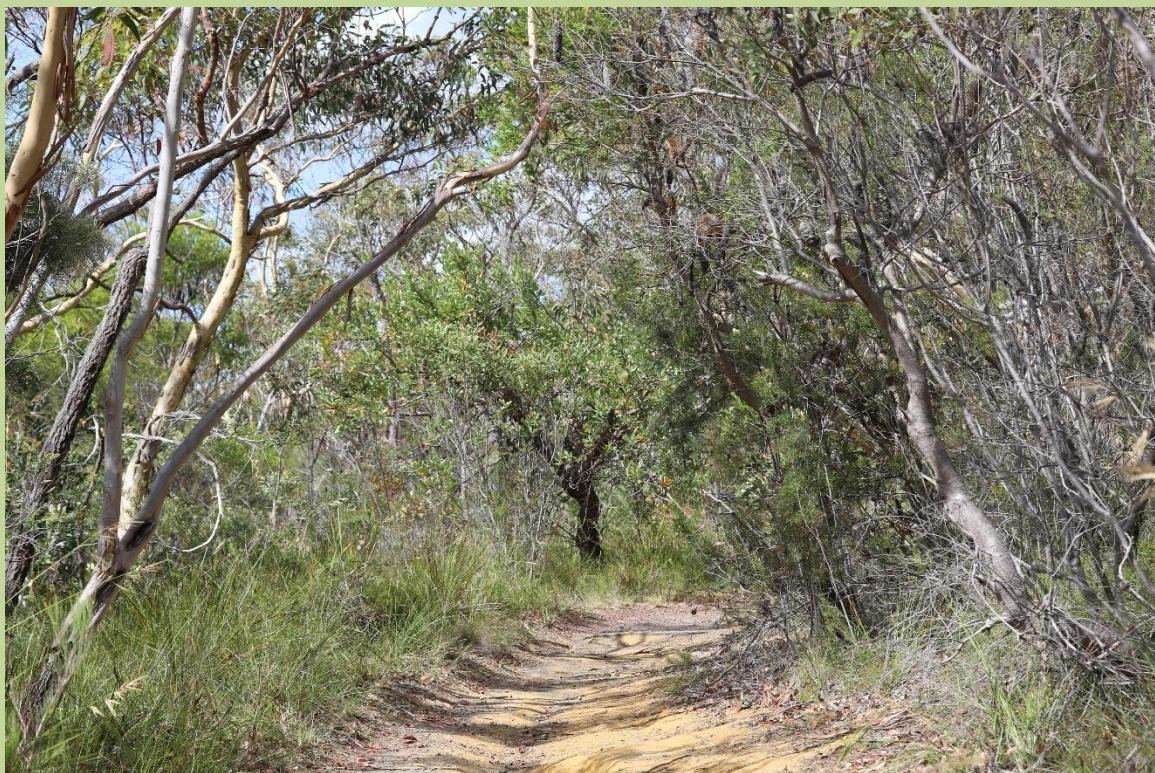






Dipodium variegatum





Carrington Drive Royal National Park – Jan 3

Bird list Lady Carrington Drive

1.	Little Black Cormorant	14.	Yellow-faced Honeyeater
2.	Brown Cuckoo Dove	15.	Eastern Spinebill
3.	Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo	16.	Eastern Whipbird
4.	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	17.	Eastern Yellow Robin
5.	Rainbow Lorikeet	18.	Grey Shrike-thrush
6.	Channel-billed Cuckoo	19.	Grey Fantail
7.	Laughing Kookaburra	20.	Rufous Fantail
8.	Superb Lyrebird	21.	Satin Flycatcher
9.	Superb Fairy-wren	22.	Black-faced Monarch
10.	Variegated Fairy-wren	23.	Satin Bowerbird
11.	Spotted Pardalote	24.	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
12.	White-browed Scrubwren	25.	Grey Butcherbird
13.	Lewin's Honeyeater	26	Red-browed Finch

And that is not a bad list indeed!



Pseuderanthemum variabile





Callicoma serratifolia



Notelaea longifolia – Native Olive



Dipodium variegatum



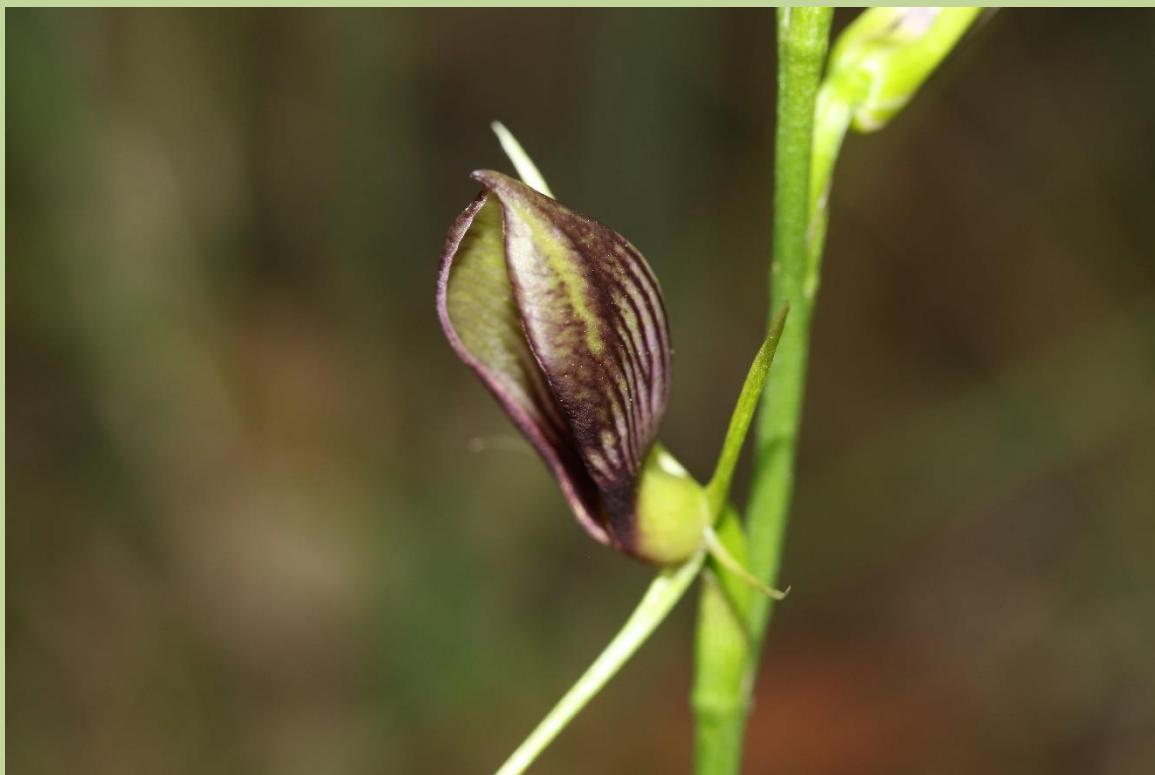


Cassinia sp





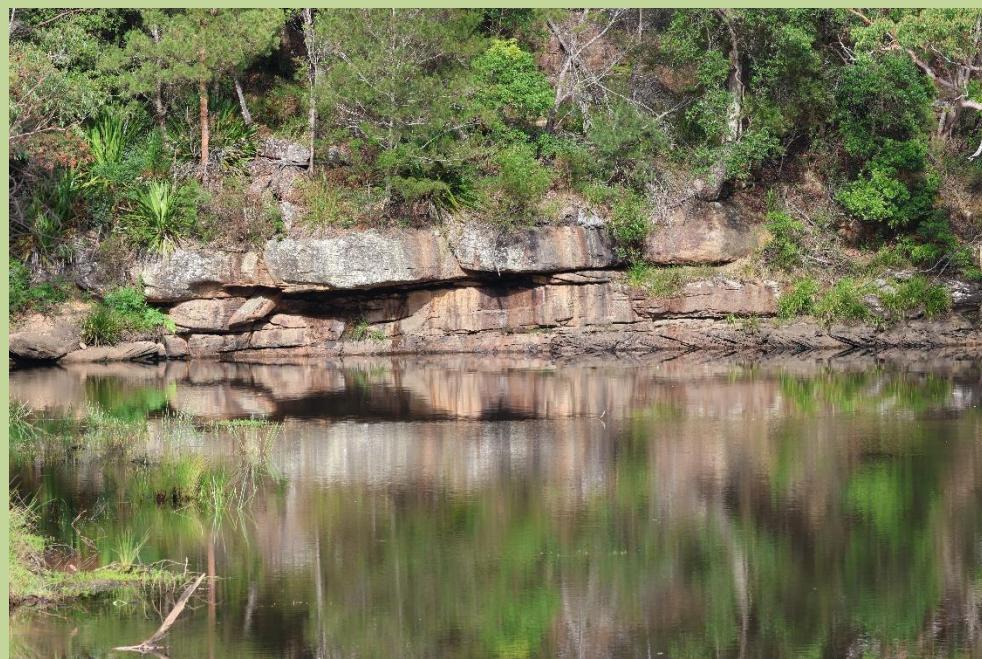
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Birding/Photography Wattle Flat/Audley: Royal National Park - Jan 4

This was a late minute activity for the National Parks Association of NSW. And as distance is immaterial when searching for birds in a confined space, let us begin at Wattle Flat and chase reflections!





Before the wildlife discovered us!



Pacific Black Duck - *Anas superciliosa*



I am not sure I had ever noticed this fig growing high up in the branches of a rather large eucalyptus (Bangalay?) tree.



Tristaniopsis laurina – Water Gum



Australasian swamphen- *Porphyrio melanotus*
A large rail!!!!



Sacred Kingfisher - *Todiramphus sanctus*



Eastern Yellow Robin - *Eopsaltria australis*





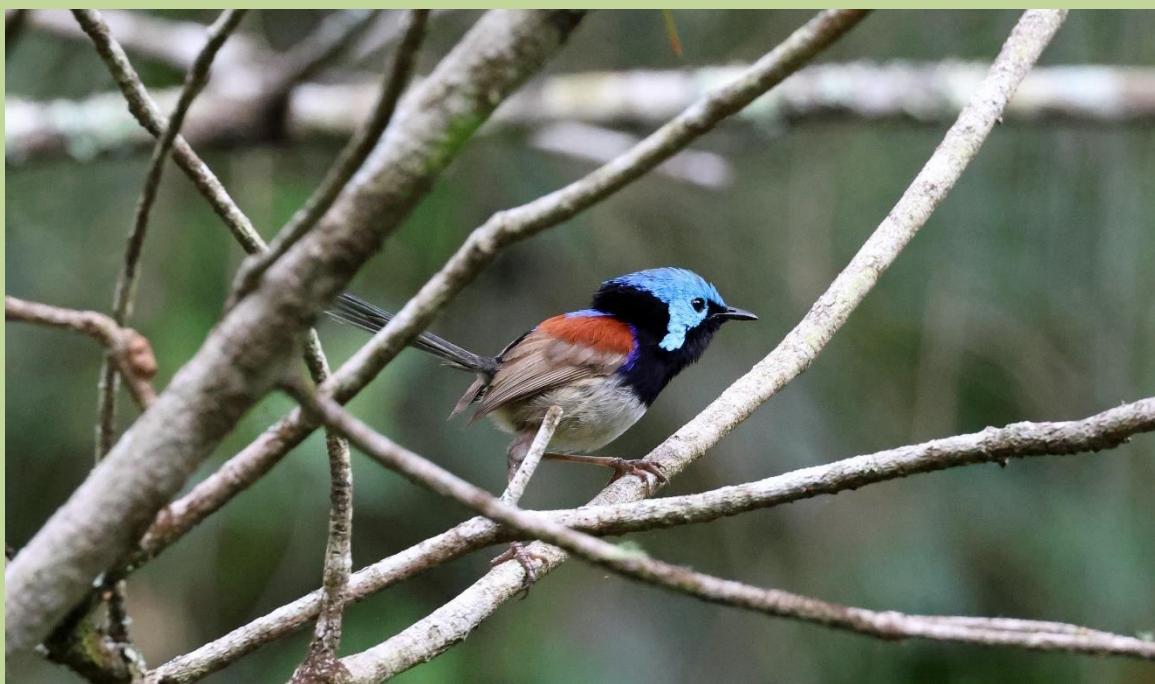
Brown Cuckoo-dove - *Macropygia phasianella*



Lewin's Honeyeater - *Meliphaga lewinii*



Male Superb Fairywren - *Malurus cyaneus*



Male Variegated Fairywren - *Malurus lamberti*



Dollarbird - *Eurystomus orientalis*



And that is as good as I could do with that bird at that height and in silhouette
But its call does give it away! It's a Roller

We then headed down to Audley, on the southern shoreline of the junction of the Hacking River and Kangaroo Creek. We failed to get good views of Azure Kingfishers for both locations so we were stuck with.... naughty birds!!!!







Little Pied Cormorant - *Microcarbo melanoleucos*



Xanthosia pilosa



With thanks for coming out and joining me on my first walk for 2023, my 46th year of leading walks for NPA

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