

The Kabi Group's orchid amble, on Sunday 15 September 2019, was to parts of the Goomburra section of the Main Range National Park. The orchid amble starting point was the parking adjacent to the Kurrajong picnic area. The orchid amble commenced just after 9:05 am and was attended by three Kabi Group members.

The *Dendrobium linguiforme* var. *linguiforme* (or what I am going to call this) in the riverine vegetation on the drive to the amble starting point were in bud (had no flowers).

The initial part of the amble could not locate any flowering geophytic orchids. Withered leaves and dried off inflorescences that had only achieved a third to a half of their typical height was all that could be located. These inflorescences did not show evidence of having flowered. To the contrary they appeared to have dried off while in bud. It had been too dry. This and the *Dendrobium linguiforme* var. *linguiforme* only being in bud were not a good omen for the remainder of the orchid amble.

No flowering plants of *Dendrobium aemulum* could be located on the drive to the rainforest.

The rainforest was dry with most of the understorey being withered however this was where the orchid amble picked up with respect to flowering orchids.

Three epiphytic orchid species were found mainly in bud and three species with flowers in an area of rainforest. One open flower of one of the mainly in bud species was located so this makes a total of five different species. The species with flowers were (or what I am going to call them) *Dendrobium teretifolium* var. *aureum*, *Sarcochilus falcatus* and *Dendrobium pugioniforme*. The species in bud were *Sarcochilus spathulatus* and *Dendrobium mortii*.



Dendrobium teretifolium var. *aureum*
Image taken by Jonathan Cara



Sarcochilus falcatus



Dendrobium pugioniforme

Images taken by David James

After the rainforest the orchid amblers drove to an area of riverine vegetation. Before starting the walk into this area the amblers had an early lunch.

The riverine vegetation yielded *Plectorrhiza tridentata* and more *Sarcochilus spathulatus* in bud together with more flowering plants of *Sarcochilus falcatus* plus flowering plants of *Dendrobium speciosum* var. *hillii* and *Papillilabium beckleri*.



Dendrobium speciosum var. *hillii*

Image taken by David James



One of the flowering *Sarcochilus falcatus* was interesting because the first flower on the inflorescence had a notch in the centre of the labellum chin. This did not appear to be damage. The flower appeared to have formed this way.

Sarcochilus falcatus with notch in centre of labellum chin
Image taken by David James

On the return to Brisbane a stop was made at Cunninghams Gap because there was some question raised about one of the amblers having seen *Dendrobium gracilicaule* in flower from the moving vehicle. Flowering plants of *Dendrobium gracilicaule* were located that were visible from the highway.



Papillilabium beckleri
Image taken by David James



Dendrobium gracilicaule
Image taken by Jonathan Cara