

Report on Foray to Greater Glider Conservation Area, Alexandra Hills Sunday 25 Nov 2012.

This is a 52 hectare bushland in the Redland Coolnwynpin Ck catchment area, with low hills and gentle slopes. The vegetation is open eucalypt forest, dominated by *Eucalyptus racemosa* (Scribbly gum) with a grassy under storey.

There are several patches of heath land, mainly banksias, paperbarks, leptospermum and sedges.

Various mammals including bandicoots, planigales and dunnarts as well as rodents may feast on the fungi, as evidenced by gnawings.

It was the first time QMS has surveyed this site, and 10 people carefully examined the many fallen trees, branches etc. along the path and creek before we reached the GGCA.

There was an abundance of *Polyporus* and allies.

Despite recent good rain, there were no pretty mycorrhizal fungi in the main forest, though I have seen Agarics, Puffballs, Boletes, Stinkhorns during wetter times. It will be useful to survey this area in a different season.

Two of the group are arborists and gave us interesting observations on the trees.

A list of fungi seen:

Amauroderma rude
Cyathus striatus
Daedaleopsis confragosa
Fomitopsis lilacinogilva
Hexagonia tenuis ?
Hymenochaete villosa
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Inonotus lloydii
Phaeotrametes decipiens
Phellinus badius
Phellinus sp.
Phellinus sp.
Phellinus sp. no 3
Polyporus arcularius
Pycnoporus coccineus
Stereum ?

I visited the site 2 days later after some rain, saw the remains of a fungus, and spied a plump animal lying nearby in the sun.

A rodent was feeling replete
He'd eaten a whole Bolete
Was it tasty I asked
He burped as he basked
It was delicious, nutritious and sweet.

Susan Nelles