

Banyule Northern Grassland Reserve – Wildflowers

The 6 hectare Banyule Northern Grassland Reserve belongs to the ecological community 'Grassy Eucalypt Woodland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain' which is listed as endangered under the federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act.

The grasslands form part of the important wildlife corridor connecting the Darebin Creek to the Yarra River. This reserve is managed by the Banyule Bushland Management Unit, with assistance from local volunteers. If you would like to get involved with the management of this reserve, join the **Friends of Darebin Creek**: <http://friendsofdarebin creek.org.au/>

Flora and fauna

The bioregion for this area is the Victoria Volcanic Plain, which stretches west from Heidelberg to Warrnambool. Many floral species within the Banyule Northern Grassland Reserve are found nowhere else in Banyule due to the igneous rather than sedimentary bedrock. Examples are the Blue Devil (*Eryngium ovinum*) and Tough Scurf Pea (*Cullen tenax*). Three floral species are protected by the Victorian Flora Fauna Guarantee (FFG) Act 1988 due to their status as threatened: Slender Tick-trefoil (*Desmodium varians*), Matted Flax-lily (*Dianella ameona*) and Austral Crane's-bill (*Geranium solanderi*).

A diverse range of native Australian wildlife use the grasslands for habitat and as a food source including Spotted Pardalotes, Eastern Blue-tongue Lizards, Brown Goshawk, Eastern Grey Kangaroos, and Tiger and Eastern Brown snakes.



Arthropodium strictum - Chocolate Lily
September-December



Bossiaea prostrata - Creeping Bossiaea
October-November



Bulbine bulbosa - Bulbine Lily
September-January



Caesia calliantha - Blue Grass Lily
September- January



Calocephalus citreus – Lemon Beauty-heads
October-February



Calocephalus lacteus – Milky Beauty-heads
November-February



Convolvulus angustissimus –
Australian Bindweed
August-February



Cullen tenax - Tough Scurf Pea
August-March



Dianella amoena - Matted Flax-lily
November-January



Eryngium ovinum - Blue Devil
November-February



Geranium solanderi – Austral Crane's-bill
October-January



Kennedia prostrata – Running Postman
August-December



Pelargonium rodneyanum –
Magenta Storksbill
November-May



Goodenia paradoxa - Spur Goodenia
September-February



Pimelea humilis – Common Rice-flower
September-January



Pelargonium australe – Austral Stork's-Bill
October-February



Tricoryne elatior - Yellow Rush-lily
September-February



Wahlenbergia luteola - Bronze Bluebell
October-March