

## 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